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EDITORIAL

The appeal ance of our literary contemporary, the Asp, largely written some two years ago, dated last January and published in August-but none the less a triumph of admirable home-production in every detail - raises the whole issue of literature and chronicle. A cogent letter, published over the initials C.M.M. a year ago, proclaimed a challenge too important to be glozed over. The then-Editor had time to do no more than add a melancholy but justified foot-note that he had received virtually no support on the literary side, and he feared that we were enveloped by "mental lethargy." The time has come to define the present editorial policy. We favour a Literary Section in the Chronicle rather than a Supplement. We are sadly aware of the vicissitudes which have befallen Supplements and Section in the last ten years; and we know the perils of high hopes to begin with, followed by dismal falling short of attainment. As our contributor of a year ago deplored, "the forces of purely physical progress" have tended to oust the muse of spontaneous literary composition.

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This must not be. A balance can be achieved-the same happy balance that our magazine's felicitous but fortuitous title suggests; our domestic achievements in the bodily and factual sphere must be soberly and accurately recorded; but our "eponymous Archangel" is interested also in things of the mind and spirit. Therefore a Chronicle of St. Michael will blend record of fact with aspiration of spirit-in plain English, "what the XV did against Hilton" will still readily be found; but so will this Master's or that junior scholar's literary flight of fancy.

The standard will vary-perfection must not be demanded; after all, the Captain of the School XI does not always score a century and the Rugger team does not invariably play brilliantly. That we should try, in all departments of life, is what matters; and those who try with pencil, and attain a reasonable proficiency, will now obtain no less publicity than the House which won a Final.

It will be found, in the current number, that the Literary Section is larger than usual-and here and there a note of levity has crept in. The rugby football, though still a record of all essentials, no longer ends with a jejune list of names otherwise obscure. We hope we can preserve a standard we have tried to raise a little (this implies no criticism of previous Editors overweighed by athletic records too minutely trivial). Our hope may be in vain-but it rests with you, our Readers. If next number's literary efforts are to surpass the present ones, you must submit your attempts, be they articles, poems, letters; and, may we say it, do not be afraid to be flippant. A 44 Chronicle' does not have to be grimly serious throughout! Light relief is welcome these dark days. In passing, we would draw attention in the present number to an Afrikaans essay of merit, some witty light verse, a promising serious poem, and some contrasts in dramatic criticism.

In conclusion, let us make our relationship with the Asp clear. This publication of the Art School Press will not appear again till after the war, but was not intended to compete with the Literary Section-rather to supplement it when it prospered and spur it on when it flagged. Normally - assuming a live Literary Section-the Chronicle will have the first refusal of contributions, but space may be too limited to include all; the Asp saw birth, and will in post-war years find continuance, in order that young, budding men of letters may feel the pang of editorial "rejection slip" mitigated by the Asp's loud cry of welcome to its pages. (If biologists think our metaphors somewhat mixed, we crave indulgence!).

Meanwhile, if you want a Chronicle worthy of all sides of School Life, send us your contributions.

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SPEECH DAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

Michaelmas Day had been disappointingly wet, and the annual cricket match was played under dismal conditions, but the next day was all that could be desired. The number of visitors and parents was naturally smaller than in peace time, but a fairly large company assembled for tea on the terraces at 10.15, proceeding to the Hall at 11 o'clock. The Bishop of Natal presided, as Chairman of the Governors, and called on the Rector to give his report. The Rector said: -

My Lord, Your Honour, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I need scarcely say how warmly I welcome you here to-day. But I know well that for every one of you who is able to be present there are several others who, in the circumstances, would have been with us. Some of these will, in due course, read in "The Chronicle" what I say here to-day. I would tell them also how glad we should have been to have them with us.

I would add a special word of welcome to you, Mr. Heaton Nicholls. You are no stranger to Michaelhouse. But it is a peculiar pleasure to be able to welcome you both as Administrator of Natal, and as ~~A~~one whose connection with the School goes back many years. We hope that next year we may have you and Mrs. Heaton Nicholls among us again, and accompanied perhaps, by your son, who has already spent so long as a prisoner in Germany. The hope must, indeed, be lively in many of our minds that when this occasion comes round again the War, at least in Europe, may have come to an end. Speech Day next year will probably be held on St. Michael's Day. That is a circumstance which may create some difficulties of material organisation; also even if the guns have stopped firing, it will, by no means follow that the problems of transport will be much eased; but, nevertheless, it would be a joyful thing if we could assemble on our Patronal Festival to celebrate the first Speech Day of what we all hope and pray may be a new era of service for our School, our Country, and the family of nations to which we are proud to belong.

There has, perhaps, been rather less change on the Staff than I had to record last year. Of those who have served here in a temporary capacity to help us through the difficulties of the War years, Dr. Spencer and Mr. Thomas have left; Mr. Hurst and Mr. Organe have joined us, Mr. Dreyer and Mr. Botha of the younger staff have left, and Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Lombard and Mr. Le Butt have come.

I am very glad to be able to welcome Mr. Davis back after an absence of three years with the Army. He was with the 1st

Division through all their campaigns from 1940 to the end of 1942. His release from the Army is, at present, only temporary, but I hope we may be able to secure that it becomes permanent. His presence means a considerable relief to the staffing problem.

The other changes and departures are due to the activities of Cupid. It would seem, indeed, that there must be something in the air of Michaelhouse which makes the mischievous boy unusually successful in his designs. Mr. Lea Morgan left us to get married; Miss Hills has become Mrs. Robinson, but is still, I am glad to say, with us, and still instructing the young in Algebra, Geometry and the rest; my Secretary, Miss Greene, has captured the Art Master-or vice versa; I don't think anyone, even themselves, quite knows which-and in a few days now will be back with us established in the thatched cottage beyond the Sanatorium; and finally the infection has spread even to the august ranks of the housemasters to attack that erstwhile

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misogynist-Mr. Lyon. To all of them our congratulations and good wishes.

The juxtaposition may, perhaps, appear to be indiscreet, but, as I am myself as guilty as anyone, I may perhaps be allowed to add that it looks as though we shall soon be having to open a kindergarten department. The number of the Staff's children has increased during the year by no fewer than four. This may, perhaps, cheer some of us when reading the doleful prophecies of the population experts on the subject of race suicide!

Before I leave the subject of Staff, I have to tell you that Dr. McLelland is retiring at the end of the year from the position of School Medical Officer. Many boys in the years of his service to the School have had cause to be grateful for his interest and his skill. We shall hope that we may still see his cheerful face here sometimes. I am not yet in a position to announce the new appointment, but I hope to be able to do so in the near future.

From the Staff I would turn to the Old Boys of the School. Even if every Old Boy living is counted in the total, the proportion serving in the Forces is, to the best of my knowledge, over 50 per cent. Many of them have won distinction, and we are proud of them, though it would be invidious to mention any by name unless one were to enumerate all. It is a tragic thing that of the total of about 1,800 boys who have gone out from here in the whole history of the School, well over 100 have lost their lives while on service in War. In the years of 1914-1918 the total was 43, and their names stand engraved on the stone at the end of this Hall, which was erected as a memorial. In this War the number is already over 70, and will, I fear, grow larger yet. We hope that to them, too, there may stand in due course a permanent memorial in this place. A committee has been constituted to give careful consideration to the question as to what shape such a memorial should take. Meanwhile you will be interested to know that the initial steps are being taken, and that a War Memorial Fund has been officially opened by the Board of Governors with the Bursar as Hon. Treasurer.

Alike in the classrooms and on the playing fields this year has been one of satisfactory, if not exceptional results. In the Matriculation Examination last December 52 boys obtained the full Matriculation Certificate. Of these 26 were placed in the first division, 22 in the second, and three in the third. Nineteen boys obtained the School Leaving Certificate.

The unusually large number of First Classes, and also the large number of School Leaving Certificates were due to the operation of the new regulations. On the whole these regula-

tions had much the effect we had expected, and I personally think them an improvement on the old. It is, however, important that the general public should realise that they are deliberately framed to provide a test of fitness to enter the Universities. It is not very satisfactory that the same examination should have to serve the further purpose of a general school examination and test of general education. The School Leaving Certificate sets out to perform this latter function, but there are, obviously, still a great many people who bow down before the Matriculation idol without knowing either what it is or what the word means.

The School has recently received a most generous gift from Mr. C. R. Prance, of Port St. Johns. In memory of his wife Mr. Prance has endowed a series of prizes to be used for the encouragement of the clear and correct speaking of the English language. These prizes will be known as the Gabrielle Massey Prizes, and the first awards will be made in 1944. The fund created will suffice to provide a prize annually in every English set in the School. Slovenly speech is an evil against which we

have continually to fight. In this fight our hands will be much strengthened by the institution of these prizes.

In connection with the speaking and writing of English, I should like to state my conviction of the importance of parents reading aloud to their children when they are quite small. There is no lack of suitable books, well written. If a child is ever to write good English, or speak good English, he must grow up from his earliest years knowing what it sounds like. No teaching of grammar will ever take the place of this training of the ear. Also I would add the not very original remark that the major part of the Gospels, in the authorised version, are intelligible and attractive even to very young children, and unbeaten for the music and simplicity of their diction. The lamentable falling off in the ability to write and to speak good English is, I believe, due in large measure to the fact that many children no longer become familiar with the Gospels in their early years.

We do feel ourselves here to be in some degree custodian*, of the English language and culture, not merely for what they have meant in the past but more for the service they may give to the future of this land. But we also remember that South Africa is a bilingual country. The Provincial Council recently passed an Ordinance by the terms of which it will in time come about that in all the Government Schools, half-an-hour's instruction every day in some subject will be given through the

medium of Afrikaans. I believe that this is a sound policy,

and will help us to come nearer to achieving our plain duty to send every English-speaking South African boy out into life effectively bilingual. I am planning next year to make a start in some part of the School with the teaching of Geography through the medium of Afrikaans. The position is complicated by the presence of boys from far outside the borders of the Union, but I do not think that the problem of providing for them in English will prove insoluble.

I have spent more time than usual on matters connected with the classroom. Before I leave them, however, I want to say something about the Post-Matriculation, or VIth Form. Of the value of this to any boy matriculating by the time he is 17 to 17½ I have never had the faintest doubt. If he comes back determined to throw himself into the various activities, in School and out, which are open to him here, it is in this year pre-

eminently that he gathers the fruits of the earlier years in this

place. In this year, too, he can most effectively pay back the service he owes to the School.

But the organisation of the VIth Form's work presents considerable problems. We ought, I am sure, to address ourselves in that year to the task of education rather than instruction. We do not do that if we merely duplicate the first year's work at a South African University. Now that we may look forward within a reasonable time, to an ending of the War and a restoration of our normal Staff, we are trying to lay our plans in good time. The idea is to put more emphasis on those aspects of education which are concerned with man, his relation to his environment, his fellow men and so on. In this way we hope we may be able to draw together various subjects such as History, Economics, Politics, Geography, Biology, which are commonly treated in isolation from each other, and so lose much of their significance. Boys who are to go in for technical and science subjects would still spend a considerable proportion of their time on these; but on this side, also, we should try to link such subjects as Physics, Chemistry and Biology more closely together than we do at present. In this way I believe it will prove possible to devise a programme which will have more

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real educational value than our present scheme, and also give a solid basis on which specialist training may later be built.

I mention this new because although it may prove impossible to make much change in 1944 I want parents to be aware of the policy we have in mind. I hope they will support us in this effort to mitigate the evils that flow from a system of education overmuch dominated by syllabuses and examinations, and the artificial isolation of subjects that too often result. We are better placed, perhaps, than any other school in the Union to lead in such a matter. I believe it our duty to try to find the best way.

I hope it will always be a characteristic of Michaelhouse that there are many outlets for the activity of our boys outside those provided for in the classroom and the major school games. Certainly I think we may claim that it is so at the present. Arts, Crafts and Music are amongst these. You will be able to see for yourselves that the first two continue to flourish and expand. It was a notable achievement to have put on an Exhibition of Arts and Crafts in Durban in April all by ourselves. The boys learning carpentry under Mr. Byrne's able guidance are well maintaining the high standard we have learnt to expect, in spite of the great difficulty in getting wood for them. But the musicians, too, have something to the credit in that the choir was deemed fit to broadcast from Durban a week or so ago. I may add, also, that the services of the P.T. specialists were sought and given for a special display in Vryheid in May. I have independent evidence that they enhanced the high reputation our gymnasts have built up under Mr. Walshaw. Nor is that the end of the list that could be made up, though it must suffice for to-day.

Before I come to the final paragraph of my speech I have to tell you that the School has received during the year the very generous gift of a sum sufficient to endow a Bursary of £50. This Bursary is to be confined to the sons of members of the Old Boys Club. This is the kind of gift which I appreciate almost more than any other. It has always seemed to me a great pity that one of the major factors determining who can send his sons to schools such as this, with a definitely Christian foundation, should be the possession of worldly wealth. The boys whom I most desire to see here, and of whom we can make most, are those who come from homes where the Christian virtues are practised and the Christian ideals upheld. Whether they are rich or poor is a secondary matter.

That is why when we raised the fees in 1942 a large proportion of the increased revenue was earmarked to provide a fund which we could use to help those who need it. The

maintenance of that will not be easy in view of steadily increasing costs, and recently of the very heavy extra burden imposed on the School's finances by the astonishingly inequitable new cost of living regulations. Nevertheless we mean to maintain it. But I would ask your co-operation in helping us to get year by year the applications from the right people. Naturally we should prefer to help boys of ability. But that is very far from being the only, or even the chief, thing we look for. What I am chiefly interested in is the home from which the boy comes, and to find parents to help who want a definitely Christian School for their boy, who would like to send him here, but cannot do so without some assistance. To assist such is not charity but a privilege. And I would like to add that if anyone has money he can spare he could not make a more constructive use of it than to provide us with the endowments that would enable us to extend such

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help more widely. As yet we have very few such endowments. I should like to think that this appeal might result in their being added to.

Often in the last few years have I heard the fate of the English public schools discussed. It is from these schools that our tradition has sprung and their fortunes are naturally of interest to us. There have been many who have not hesitated confidently to prophesy their early demise. It seems now tolerably clear that these were false prophets. With all their faults these schools have nevertheless served the nation well, and, in so far as that is so, their survival is, I believe, assured as long as England remains a free country. That will be for a longer time than anyone here will see. South Africa has watched with admiration the demonstration that England has given of fortitude, tenacity and stability. In the case of some that admiration has been coupled with pride, in the case of others with surprise. But to all has come the realisation that England was not so decadent or so soft as her enemies would have had us believe.

On this occasion last year Lord Harlech spoke to us of the tradition of Public Service. It is to that tradition, and to the wealth of voluntary effort in the field of Social Service with which her national life abounds, that England owes her survival. In this the Public Schools of England have played a big part, and have been privileged to do so because at the centre of their inspiration there have always been men not only of broad vision, but also of deep Christian conviction.

Michaelhouse is a child of the English Public Schools. That is something of which we are justly proud. It does not mean that everything must be done here as it is there. This is a South African School, not an English one. Our duty and loyalty must be to South Africa, not to England. But the inspiration that has enabled them to serve can help us, too, in our different sphere. Our aim, like theirs, must be sound learning and true godliness. If we remember that, and teach our boys to remember it, we shall be able to play our part in producing the men who will build up South Africa on the only sure foundation.

The Administrator of Natal then presented the prizes, the awards being as follows: -

SPECIAL PRIZES.

The Tatham Memorial Essay Prize: P. J. P. Neall.

The Old Boys' Essay Prizes: Upper School, A. A. B. Williams; Lower School, not awarded.

The Bishop Baines Memorial Essay Prize: J. M. Pennington.

The William Robert Hindson Prizes for English Literature:

J. M. Pennington. S. N. Roberts.

The Rector's Prize for English Verse: Not awarded.

The Hutchinson Mathematical Prizes: Upper School, I. J. Ferguson; Lower School, J. E. Roxburgh.

The Hudson Bennett Prizes for Natural History: Upper School, P. J. P. Neall; Lower School, J. D. F. Niven.

John Allen Memorial Art Prize: S. N. Roberts.

The School Art Prizes: Upper School, M. V. Greene; Lower School, J. R. H. Blore.

The School Music Prizes: Upper School, H. F. Junod; Lower School, M. B. Cheales.

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The School General Knowledge Prizes: Upper School, P. R. Day; Lower School, C. H. Brookes.

The School Dramatics Prize: W. W. Pulford.

The School Carpentry Prizes: Upper School, R. C. C. Feetham; Lower School, E. M. Winter.

SUBJECT PRIZES.

The Sixth Form: Divinity, S. N. Roberts; Economics, S. N. Roberts; Mathematics, A. A. B. Williams; Physics and Chemistry,

I. J. Ferguson; Biology, J. M. Pennington.

A Block: English Subjects, C. F. Kinahan; English, J. B. Mackenzie; History, R. C. Ingoldby; Geography, J. P. Dandridge; Geography, B. R. Malcolmson; Afrikaans, J. M. Ratcliffe; Classics,

G. R. S. Bower; French, G. R. S. Bower; Zulu, M. B. Price-Moor; Mathematics, D. W. Camden Smith; Science, H. A. Campbell; Physics, D. W. Camden Smith; Chemistry, C. G. Austin; Biology..

J. C. Johnstone.

B Block English, J. v. M. Lister; History, D. C. Perkins; Geography, M. A. A. Dyer; Geography, S. Maske; Afrikaans, M. Cheadle; French, H. F. Junod; Latin, J. v. M. Lister; Zulu, T. G. Skinner; Mathematics, H. F. Junod; Science, H. F. Junod; Physics and Chemistry, S. Maske; Physics, R. H. Bailey; Biology, T. G. Lorentz.

C Block: English, J. R. H. Blore; History, C. E. M. Hoare; Geography: T. A. M. Gardner; Geography, B. D. D. McClung; Afrikaans: D. G. Austin; Classics, J. Murray; French, G. Delcoigne; Zulu, A. C. Fleischer; Mathematics, B. Clayton; Science, J. R. H. Blore; Biology, B. A. Beeming.

D Block: English and Geography, M. B. Cheales; History,

C. C. C. Cunliffe; Geography, B. J. Steere; Afrikaans, J. Whipp; French and Latin, M. B. Cheales; Mathematics, M. B. Cheales; Mathematics, R. M. Sheldon; Science, C. C. C. Cunliffe.

Invited to address the assembly (and here we quote the report of "The Natal Mercury") Mr. Heaton Nicholls said a child was only half-educated if he left school not bilingual. Only by being conversant in both languages could he play any part in the building of South Africa. The Provincial Council had realised that the Natal child must be thoroughly fitted to play its part

in the future of the country.

Michaelhouse, said the Administrator, had usefulness, freshness and virility, which was in consonancy with the youth of the country, and although it had not age it was modelled on the system of the English public schools.

"The English public school system is very much in the limelight to-day," continued the Administrator, "and there are forces which are marching for its destruction and others which are marching for its maintenance. The spirit which the public school system has generated is a very precious one, which has led England through the affliction of this terrible war. The spirit engendered in public schools has prevailed."

All the boys who had left the School were carrying the message of Michaelhouse. The Administrator said he could best define this by something his son had said to him in England: "I want to thank you for sending me to Michaelhouse. I took

something away with me that has been very valuable to me."

This was not thanks for scholastic excellence obtained at the School but rather, said the Administrator, thanks for something that was not taught in the curriculum nor set out in the syllabus,

but something which had enabled him to be a man.

14 The public school gives poise, a quality of sympathy, tolerance and understanding, and the ability to mix with all sorts and hold your own," continued Mr. Heaton Nicholls. "This illustrates the spiritual heritage which every boy takes away with him from Michaelhouse, and that which has made the British public school so famous throughout the world."

Michaelhouse was born in South Africa in the most formative period of the country's life. The School started in Maritzburg in 1896 and in 1900, during the Boer War, was moved to the hills. From the Boer War had emerged a modern state and Michaelhouse, imbibing the old English public school spirit, had been transplanted to South Africa to maintain its virtues.

"But you cannot transplant an environment; in maintaining the true essence of high ideals of the public school, this School looks out with vigour and freshness," said Mr. Nicholls. "We are going through a revolution in South Africa to-day and the future looks uncertain. In England there has been an adjustment among the population. We have had nothing of this. In England taxation has reduced the rich people to comparative poverty and to an equal state of society, without revolution. The old order has gone for ever. But in South Africa things will not change so easily. There is not a homogenous population and there is a highly educated society."

Touching on the country's problems-Native, Asiatic and Poor White - the Administrator said that the solution was one of adjustment to the changing system, a fitting-in without friction. If these problems were going to be solved the code of Michaelhouse would be needed. "The code which you are imbibing from Michaelhouse is going to be a sure foundation for guidance in the future. As long as you have understanding of other people, and can face problems with tolerance, sympathy and understanding, but with determination, the future will be much brighter," concluded the Administrator.

The gathering then adjourned to witness a display of Physical Training and gymnastic work on the Near Meadows. There were various Exhibitions (reported in detail below). Lunch was served in the Hall at 1.30 p.m., and in the early afternoon the School broke up, a special train taking boys for Durban and the south at about 2.0.

REPORTS OF EXHIBITIONS

ART

This Exhibition was the second to be held, the first being the one in Durban, details of which appeared in the last

Chronicle. At first it seemed almost impossible to have this

Exhibition on Speech Day without repeating the Durban one.

Such a considerable number of works were, however, completed during the interval that it was possible to have a large Exhibition

with practically no repeats.

During the hour between Prize-Giving and lunch the Art School was crowded with visitors. A number of the Printing Staff spent the time showing visitors the working of the press through all its different stages. The fact that most of the exhibits, were even during the short lapse of time, of a higher standard of workmanship, than those of the Durban Exhibition, which were acclaimed of a high standard by critics. was

most encouraging.

About 80 boys were represented by work on the exhibition.

Examples of painting, modelling, architecture, pen and ink

drawing, bird drawing, wood carving, glyptic carving, commer-

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cial art, pewter work, mechanical drawing were shown.

It was decided to give the winner of the John Allen Memorial Art Prize a section of one wall for a separate exhibit. S. N. Roberts, to whom the prize was awarded this year, put on a very creditable show of water colours which attracted a great deal of attention.

J. V. S.

SCIENCE

In spite of the fact that the war has led to great difficulty in obtaining both apparatus and chemicals, we again managed to produce a Science Exhibition, which although not so spectacular as in previous years, was nevertheless both interesting and instructive.

Among the numerous exhibits were a coal-gas plant; a wireless transmitting and receiving set; an hydraulic ram which pumped water to a rather remarkable height; an electrolyte "writer;" a "transparent" brick; a series of gels impregnated with Liesegang rings and numerous other small but intriguing displays.

Guarding the entrance door was Mr. Robinson's notorious photo-electric cell, while in the Lecture Theatre a series of experiments on the phenomenon of surface tension were shown.

I. J. F.

BIOLOGY

This year the Biology Exhibition, under Mrs. Symes' capable direction, assumed a much more interesting shape than in previous years, mainly because, the exhibits being easily understandable to everyone, interest was not confined to biologists only.

The Exhibition was divided up into blocks. The Sixth Form had charts drawn up, where one could find out one's characteristics by short psychological tests, and also a very good dissection of a guinea pig. displaying clearly all the internal organs in situ.

The A Block set up experiments under the main heading of "The Five Gateways to Knowledge"-the five senses of taste, smell, touch, sight and hearing.

There were drawings and models of the various sense

organs and also some interesting facts, such as eye-focus, explained by simple experiments.

Respiration and energy experiments were displayed by the B Block, showing the process of breathing both in animals and plants. Among these was set up a simple machine

showing the heart beat of a frog which had been killed a few hours previously.

C Block drew several charts on Evolution. These showed plainly the various steps in evolution from unicellular organisms through fish, reptiles, etc. to the present day man.

Two cages of snakes, one poisonous the other non-poisonous, and one of lizards were also on display, together with the School collection of stuffed birds.

T. G. L.

SCHOOL NOTES

On May 10th Dr. Van Rensburg gave a movingly eloquent lecture, illustrated by a colour film, on the subject of soil erosion. His scorn for the thriftless farmer-"a parasite on the land"-and his insistence upon putting back compost on to the laad will long be remembered. This was propaganda

of the most valuable kind.

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In a rugby match, XV versus Old Boys and Staff, on May 12, Mr. Barnard not only provided humorous relief, but played a very good game at fly-half.

Excellent weather favoured a whole holiday granted on May 29.

The prevalence of measles and mumps in early June necessitated the conversion of Pascoe Tower into temporary sick-rooms.

The prospective M.P. for Drakensberg, Mr. Abrahamson, held a meeting in the Library on June 9th. He was enabled to be somewhat complacent in the absence of effective opposition and was in due course elected as United Party Member of Parliament.

The Pu*nch-bowl has been ploughed up, in order to eliminate encroaching kikuyu grass. This will put the ground out of action for nearly a year, and is an unfortunate necessity.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. N. G. Lyon and Mrs. M. Rymer on their engagement.

We welcome to the Staff Mr. S. G. Organe, who comes to us from the Lemana Training Institution near Louis Trichardt; and in the Office, Mrs. Bennett replaces Mrs. Henry (who has returned to Cyprus), and Miss Bloomer has joined the Staff.

August was notable for bad weather: in the middle of

the month trees were blown down in a formidable gale, interfering with the electric lighting (since when others, liable to be dangerous, have been cut down at the back of the school, leaving our "less comely parts" rather stark and unshaded!); a heavy, cold rain afflicted two successive week-ends, made the more uncomfortable owing to a shortage of coal; and the fourth Quarter opened with a tremendous downpour.

On August 25th the Natal Carbineers, then stat'oned in P.M.B., brought up teams which played the school simultaneously at Rugby, tennis and squash. It was an enjoyable afternoon.

Tennis and squash balls are now very hard to come by.

The Rector granted a holiday on September 4th in celebration of the birth of his son; and a half-holiday on the 10th on the news of the capitulation of Italy.

The School has gratefully accepted a copy of the London Times of November 7th, 1805, kindly presented by Mr. Jager. It contains the first despatches describing the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Lord Nelson. It has been framed and hangs now in the School Prefects' room.

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Our illustrations are the work of F. Foaden-the frontispiece-a pen-and-ink sketch of the Quad., and reproductions

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of two water colours by the School Cricket Captain, S. N. Roberts, who won the John Allen Art Prize-the interior of the Chapel and an unusual glimpse of the School and Beacon from the lower slopes of St. Michael's Mount.

In September Mr. N. A. Davis returned to us from the Army.

The finalists in the Reading Competition were: (Senior)

J. M. Pennington, Neall, Holliday, Campbell (the winner) and J. v. M. Lister; (Junior) Blore, Brookes, J. B. Dixon, P. H. James and M. B. Cheales (joint winners).

Two students from the Adams Native Mission spent a week at the school in September.

The Choir Supper on September 4th was appreciated by all present.

The play presented on Michaelmas Day was notable in that the whole cast consisted of ladies of Michaelhouse, with one exception-the sole man in the play. This would have surprised our Founder!

We were interested to have the rival candidates for the Umvoti seat in the Provincial Council address us in the same week. Mr. Ingle, armed with tabulated statistics and possessed of a persuasive and energetic manner, won much approval, possibly the more because he doesn't believe in Party-politics being dragged into Provincial matters. Mr. van Rooyen (the sitting member, U.P.) seemed a little ruffled that any challenger should impugn his (?divine) right to continue to sit comfortably. His integrity was obvious, his will to be dynamic less apparent. However, he retained the seat.

PREFECTS

Prefectorial appointments during the winter: School Prefects: I. J. Ferguson (Head of East), P. A. M. Mostert (Head of Founders), J. A. Youngleson (Head of Tatham), P. J. P. Neall (Library Prefect). House Prefects: East: R. A. Bilsland,

B. J. McBride. Founder's: A. R. Cannon. Tatham: D. N. Pennington. Pascoe's: C. Il. Warne, J. B. Mackenzie, T. C. Meyer, J. M. Webster, J. D. Lea. Farfield: I. F. G. Gillatt, J. B. Harris. West: R. P. Holliday, M. B. Price-Moor, J. J. H. Rymer.

VALETE

June: F. B. Booth, G. M. G. Bradley, H M. Bull, W. C. Cooke, A. T. de Villiers, I. F. Garland, A. Gien, R. D. A. H. Holt, P. J. Lawton, P. R. Layzell, A. D. McIntosh, P. N. F. Niven, B. G. D. Raw, B. A. F. Read, I. D. Stoute, J. A. Stubbings, P. M. Tylden-Wright, D. I. Walters, D. G. T. Williams. (J. M. Kalmanson was wrongly reported in our last number to have left).

September: D. W. Bradford, P. R. Day, G. Delcoigne, M. V. Greene, P. H. Greenwood, I. N. McKenzie, G. A. St. G. Poole.

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SALVETE

August: I. A. Dixon and B. S. Drimie to Pascoe's. J. W. Field and J. R. D. Taylor to Farfield. S. M. Fletcher to West. P. T. Lawrie to Founder's.

MOBILE CANTEEN

At the beginning of the Trinity Quarter the School Council suggested that, as there was to be no War Fete on Ascension Day owing to the increased transport difficulties, Michaelhouse should make a special effort to raise the money necessary to give a Mobile Canteen to the U.D.F.I. The Staff lent its unanimous support provided that the necessary sum could be raised by the combined exertions of Staff and boys. The fund was opened, therefore, with the proviso that it should receive only money directly contributed or earned by members of the School.

It had been thought that the last three Quarters of the year might be -needed in which to complete the task set. This, however, proved to be an over-estimate. By the end of September the necessary total of £360 was passed by some £40. The surplus was carried forward to the War Fund Collection to be made in the Christmas Quarter.

The Canteen is now operating with the U.D.F.I. and carries the name of Michaelhouse.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

BIRTH.

On September 4th, to the Rector and Mrs. Snell, a son, Michael John.

MARRIAGES.

ROBINSON-HILLS. On July 4th, in Michaelhouse Chapel, John Lewin Robinson to Anne Hills, of East Rigton, Yorkshire.

VAN SCHAİK-GREENE. On October 2nd, at All Saints' Church, Nottingham Road, Johannes Van Schaik to Gwen Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. ft. Greene, of Dunira, Nottingham Road.

CONFIRMATION

The Lord Bishop of Natal held a Confirmation in the

School Chapel *n Sunday, May 23rd at 11 a.m. This was the first time for some years that the service was once more held indoors. Not all the school were able to attend, but this disadvantage was offset by the absence of distraction and hot sunshine inseparable from the service held on the lawns. A fair number of parents were present-petrol restrictions prevented several from coming.

The Bishop gave two impressive addresses to the boys, in the latter of which he urged them to realise their duty to help each other while at school, and after, when going out into the world, not to shirk their responsibility for helping forward the creation of a better South Africa by taking what part they could in the local and national government of the country. His text was: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." (John XX.21.).

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Lunch was served in the Hall for all candidates and visitors. There were forty-six candidates.

FOUNDATION EAST.

I. F. H. Badham, K. A. Gough, *J. M. Kalmanson, A D. Kimber, S. Maske, R. M. Sheldon, D. M. Taylor.

FOUNDER'S.

M. D. Cameron, J. R. Campling, S. L. Cheshire, C. C. C. Cunliffe, *A. R. Clulow, R C. Ingoldby, *C. D. G. Johnson,

B. D. Nelson, C. O. Ovendale, M. A. Richards, D. D. White.

TATHAM.

M. McN. Barrett, P. C. Cairns, A. C. Fleischer, H. B. Johnson, T. G. Lorentz, G. A. St. G. Poole, M. B. Renton, C. L. Spence, E. H. Thornton, D. C. Wright.

PASCOE'S.

C. H. Brookes, S. C. L. Clarke, R. W. Friend, D. R. Hull, A. W. Jeudwine.

FARFIELD.

D. J. M. Chastell, M. E. Coffey, A. L. Hoon, D. M. Onslow, J. F. Pool, J. C. Wood.

FOUNDATION WEST.

C. F. Braun, P. H. Dennison, J. H. Finlayson, T. P. J. Murphy, W. L. S. Nosworthy, *D. C. Perkins, J. V. A. Reeve.

^Confirmed in the Bishop's Private Chapel on Wednesday, June 16th.

CHAPEL NOTES

Special Preachers, Trinity Quarter: May 2, Revs. G. E. Reindorp and C. Montgomery, C.F.; May 16, Canon Larwill; June 6, Rev. H. P. Jeudwine; June 20, Rev. F. N. Ramsden.

Michaelmas Quarter: Aug. 8, Rev. A. S. K. Baker, C.F.; Aug. 15, Archdeacon L. Rogers; Aug. 29, Rev. Edgar Wilkinson; Sept. 5, Rev. G. E. Reindorp; Sept. 12, Rev. F. Stead; Sept. 26, Rev. C. T. Stanham.

The post of Sacristan has been taken over by R. Standing.
The Brass-Cleaners are T. Field and D. C. Wright, supervised
by A. R. Cannon.

Bloomfield, Scogings and Standing are now Servers.

A beautiful Credence Table replaces the former unsuitable
table. The workmanship is Mr. Byrne's, the design Mr. van
Schaik's.

Michaelmas was observed with the customary due cere-
mony. The Chaplain preached on Michaelmas Eve and there
were 219 communicants at the Sung Eucharist.

Collections during Trinity Quarter, 1943:

Date Object Amount

April 25: Chapel Building Fund £4 11 6

May 2: St. Martins Home 4 15 4

99 9: Dr. Barnado's Homes 4 19 1

99 16: Karkloof Native Mission 5 4 11

99 23: Natal Diocesan Society 8 15 4

99 30: Post-War Ordination Fund 6 11

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June 6: Holy Cross Mission..... 4 5 0

" 13: Red Cross..... 4 5 8

" 20: S.P.G....." 5 2 3

" 27: St. Hilda's..... 3 7 2

Collections for Michaelmas Quarter:

Aug. 8: Chapel Fund..... Â£4 6 0

15: Karkloof Native Mission 4 6 5

" 22: St. Cross Orphanage..... 4 1 1

29: S.P.C.K..... 3 16 7

Sept. 5: Amatikulu Leper Institution,4 6 4

" 12: St. Chads, Ladysmith..... 5 4 9

" 19: St. Martins Home..... 6 19 5

(In Chapel Box)..... 1 5 4

" 26: Natal Diocesan Fund..... 4 14 6

DRAMATICS

On the night of Old Boys' Day a thriller of the days when evacuees were much in the public mind in England, and the war was barely begun, was presented. We print two reviews, of varying literary merit. We have left the spelling of the second untouched, not wishing to offend our youthful contributor!

COTTAGE TO LET

A play that combines topical interest, humour, tense situations, and .the eventual triumph of right over wrong, is sure to please, and the efficient cast which presented this entertainment in no way detracted from that certainty.

Campling, bursting from his clothes, and with the enthusiasm of a budding mechanically minded detective, gave a clever performance as a Cockney evacuee. As the self-made inventor who had discarded both good manners and memory in the interests of science, Ferguson was very forceful on the stage and dominated it with his vigour and, at times, with his voice.

Lister, as Mrs. Barrington, and Stubbings as the "villain," Dimble, were both effective although the latter was so convincing in his portrayal of an English gentleman that it was pleasant to realise, in the hour of his undoing, that his heart was not as ruthless as his actions.

Of the minor parts, D. Pennington was a sinister "stooge" who did all he should have; D. Williams was quietly realistic; and Gould a very true-to-life English village spinster caught up in a whirl of war activities. The toughness of Webster and Youngleson was entirely in place and I liked Pulford as the bogus butler. It will be interesting to see whether this talented comedian is capable of serious drama.

A skilfully rendered battery of aeroplanes, depth-charges and motor vans, gave a realistic background to the play. In effect, it was worthy of the title, "A D.P. Production."

COTTIDGE TO LET

This play was super. It was soothing to hear Ferguson shout so lowd and smoak so many ciggerets - lucky chap! Also he kept saying bluddy just how I like to. Murray looked rather a cinch sort of dame & I thort those blank cartridges they fiered were real. I did think Campling was good the cleaver way he found things out. It grated Stubbings turning out a spy becorse he was a deasent geenial chap in plus fours That butteler was funny the way he walked. I wuold of liked to be Webster he looked so tuogh or Youngleson.

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LADIES IN RETIREMENT

(Performed by the Staff on Michaelmas Day).

A Play in 3 Acts by Edward Percy and Reginald Denham.

Dedicated by the authors "to the memory of the French prototypes, who wrote it with their lives," this play proves how possible it is to combine excitement and thrills with drama in the orthodox tradition. Briefly, it is about a house-keeper¹, who, entrusted with the care of two old sisters, cranky and crazy with the pathos of the incompetent rather than lunatic, murders her employer to gain her house and money. Her secret is discovered, both by an amoral cheapjack of a nephew, who has absconded from a bank, and by her own conscience, which finally suggests to her that a "death in life," not codified on legal parchment, is an infinitely worse punishment than the price payable to charted law.

This is a dramatic situation beloved by the Greeks: While the opportunity for dramatic irony, also invented by the Greek tragedians, of the words spoken on the stage having one meaning for the characters, and a fuller and far more sinister one for¹ the audience, is also admirably exploited. Even the set is used in this way. The bricked-up oven is a reminder to the audience of the awful crime committed, though to

many of the characters it signifies nothing.

While this has certainly been the most ambitious play attempted at Michaelhouse for a very long time, it is still not a great play, as some journalists have claimed for it. The tawdry love-making between Lucy and Albert, the low stature of their characters, and the lack of high dignity in

the play's language as a whole, would be enough to prevent

it being that. These are no doubt concessions to popular cultural standards, and, were the commercial demands of the modern theatre not involved, the authors might well have

produced a tragedy of real dignity and solemnity.

Of the present amateur production it is difficult to speak in measured terms. Mr. Douglas Pennington has been responsible for many good shows here; this was almost certainly his best. The designing and building up of the set, with its careful atmosphere of Catholicism, its bric-a-brac and its homely comfort mingled with eerie loneliness, might well have been one man's work. To have combined this with the train-

ing of the players in their never easy parts, and the training of the stage hands in the technique of "noises off" speaks of an earnest endeavour, which it was pleasant to see crowned with success.

Mrs. Traill was so effective as the victim, enamelled and 'berouged' with all the graces and gaiety of her glamorous past, that we were all the more horrified to see her strangled at the end of Act I. Her voice was as tunefully clear as a delicate clarion, and all her gestures queenly. Her house-keeper, Mrs. Barnard, had the most exacting part-in the restrained passages of Act I perhaps not a part entirely suited to her-but, as more and more scope was given her for the ^emotional distress and confliction, which she does so well, 'we felt again that here was Michaelhouse's first lady of the footlights: a strongly drawn portrait of what has been

described as in essence an Emily Bronte character.

Her two sisters, the one suspicious and resentful, the other twittering and timid, whose prattling is "as ceaseless and damnable as the nibbling of a mouse," were artistically and often brilliantly done by Mesdames Robinson and Symes. Mrs.

Robinson, one occasionally felt, would have been more at home in a more intimate atmosphere than a large hall offers, as she is gifted with a peculiarly delicate feeling for the nuances of a situation. Mrs. Symes scattered driftwood and shells about with carefree abandon, drank a little too much brandy with comic effect, and when occasion demanded was sullenly and sinisterly macabre.

Mrs. Walshaw gave a pertly polished performance as the maid Lucy, was coy and coquettish by turns, and with the help of her Albert gave gusto and zest to the love scenes. Albert himself, Mr. Le Butt, the only male among so many daughters of Eve, and many of them too past their prime—not that that deterred our Albert—gave a very convincing interpretation of a very difficult part. Despite his amorality he yet won our sympathy for one of Society's misfits.

In a small, ungrateful, but dramatically necessary part, Mrs. D. Pennington looked adequately sombre in her nun's attire, "Ful semely hir wympul pynched was," and as usual made her every word audible to the back benchers. She also contributed enormously to the success of the production by making the costumes, which were effectively designed by Mrs. Hebblethwaite. Mr. Robinson toiled and sweated without stint behind the scenes.

Altogether a fine piece of work which sent even the epicures into the night certain that they had supped off good fare well cooked. Thank you, D.P.

N.A.St.J.D.

MUSIC NOTES

During the second quarter a concert was given at which the school orchestra appeared. Although most of the performers had never held an instrument before this year, the orchestra gave a creditable performance and we hope to hear them again shortly. At the same concert D. Camden-Smith and Hamlyn appeared as solo pianists. Other items included "Hark, Hark, The Lark," sung by the trebles of the Choir and part of the Peer Gynt Suite, by Grieg, played as a pianoforte duet by D. Pennington and the Music Master.

Miss Moira Birks gave a pianoforte recital during the third quarter. The programme included works by Chopin, Grieg, Grainger and Chaminade. A particularly interesting and much appreciated item was an adaptation for the piano of "The Flight of the Bumble-Bee," by Rimsky-Karsakov. This composition showed off Moira Birks' amazing finger facility to splendid

advantage and she was re-called for several encores. Assisting at the recital was Miss Vivien Blamires, who sang several folk-songs and modern settings of nursery rhymes. We are very grateful to these two artistes from Durban for an enjoyable evening.

Mr. Lea Morgan also visited the school during the third quarter and gave a pianoforte recital at which he played mainly his own compositions. The following day he gave an organ recital in the chapel.

The House Singing Competition this year did not produce a very high standard of general singing-possibly due to the ban on outside coaching. However, West, the winning choir, did give a praiseworthy effort and was complimented by Miss Lynette James, the adjudicator. In the section for strings there were only two entries, West and Pascoes, and of these West won the Rector's cup by one mark.

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In September the choir had their first experience of giving a broadcast from the Durban studio of the South African Broadcasting Corporation. This effort entailed a great deal of work on the part of the choir (which was possibly not entirely appreciated by the rest of Michaelhouse). After various setbacks due to the lateness of trains, etc., the choir, very tired and hungry, arrived at the studio, and at 8.45 p.m. went "on the air." They presented a programme of Bach's choral music. The trebles sang "Prepare Thyself, Zion," from the Christmas Oratorio, and the full choir sang the chorale "O Sacred Head Sore Wounded," from the St. Matthew Passion, and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." Although this adventure needed a good deal of organisation, practice and patience, the choir was fully rewarded for its efforts by the complimentary letters received from listeners. The fee of £5 5s. Od. which the choir received was donated to the Michaelhouse Mobile Canteen Fund.

L.LeB.

THE ART SCHOOL

The Art School had a very busy and productive year with two exhibitions, described elsewhere. Both these and all subsequent exhibitions can be considered as periodic reports on the work.

The interest of the boys in the different branches of art remained more or less the same, with perhaps a little keener competition between modelling and painting for first place. On the average 215 boys a week work in the Art School during school hours. The work in the afternoons (during spare time) was satisfactory.

Modelling has moved into a large new studio, 18ft. by 30ft., with much better equipment. Work on a larger scale is now possible, but some of it at any rate will have to wait till after the war, owing to lack of certain equipment.

The Printing Press had an extremely busy quarter, in the middle of which it was moved, with great enthusiasm and excitement, to its new studio. It is now possible for the entire printing staff to work at the same time, where, in the past, five crowded the Press Room to a "sardine tin" condition.

The Printing Staff now numbers 15. The officers for the two years 1943-1944 are as follows: J. M. Benjamin, Chief Printer; D. M. Onslow, Second Printer; M. W. O. Raw, Head of Press Section; M. J. D. Elstob, Head of Compositors; K. Geeling, Secretary.

The Asp was completed and published at the end of August and was the last job in the old studio. Invitations, programmes and prize labels were printed for Speech Day. A large number of small printing jobs were done for the School.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

During last quarter we were only able to manage two meetings.

At the first of these, talks were given by members of the sixth form. D. T. Williams, who had had experience in an "Extract" laboratory, gave a very interesting lecture on "Wattle Extract and its uses." P. Day spoke on "Plastics and their uses"-a very important item in the manufacturing world of the future. D. Pennington told us much about the commonplace but complicated "A.C. Current."

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MICHAELHOUSE CHAPEL: AN IMPRESSION

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At our second meeting we were honoured with a very illuminating talk on "The History of Anaesthetics," delivered by the Rector. This was illustrated by J. Youngleson, who showed expert skill in the administration of such anaesthetics as nitrous oxide ("laughing gas"), chloroform and ether to hapless guinea-pigs and white mice. Youngleson also related the gruesome convulsions witnessed during the administration of the anaesthetic in a human operation.

Early this quarter we again had talks from members of the Vlth. A. A. Williams talked on the subject "Electro-war and other uses of electricity in the extermination of life." Morbid sounded the title, and even more morbid it proved to be, when we were given vivid accounts of half-electrocuted criminals rising out of their coffins and the sizzling of burning flesh in the "chair of death." R. Holliday talked on the very interesting subject, "The Theory of Flight," while D. Pennington unravelled "The History of Wireless."

We are now trying to persuade yet another member of the staff to talk to us.

I.J.F.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Mr. A. T. de Villiers was chairman during the first half of the session. There were only two meetings held during this quarter.

The first meeting was held on May 15th. The motion, "This house deplores the fact that a son should benefit by the labours of his father," was proposed by Mr. C. J. Isaac (member for City Deep), who was seconded by Mr. G. P. Hutcheson (member for Gonda), and opposed by Mr. A. D. Brunt (member for Mooi River), whose seconder was Mr. D. Letcher (member for Alexandra Township). The main trend of the debate was to discuss the advantages and the disadvantages of a son inheriting a large sum of money without having to work for it. The motion was won on the first vote by 21 votes to 17; and on the second vote by 17 votes to 16.

The next meeting was held on June 19th. The motion was "This House is of the opinion that the Government's treatment of minorities is in the best interest of South Africa." The motion was proposed by Mr. A. T. de Villiers (chairman, member for Stellenbosch), seconded by Mr. J. Lenz (member for Pietersburg). The opposers were Mr. S. N. Roberts (member for Maritzburg), who was seconded by Mr. H. Campbell (member for Umhlanga Lagoon). The main topic of debate was whether

the Native, Indian and Coloured sections of the population were receiving a "Square Deal" under the present system of legislature. The motion was lost on the first vote by 11 votes to 13, and on the second by 12 votes to 16.

As the chairman and vice-chairman both left school at the end of the Trinity Quarter, new officials were elected at the beginning of the Michaelmas Quarter. They were: Chairman, J. A. Youngleson; vice-chairman, J. H. K. Mackie; VI Form committee member, J. M. Pennington; ushers, H. A. Lorentz

and C. G. Austin.

The first meeting of this quarter was a "Hat Debate," held on August 21st, which was a success. Some of the better motions were: "There is no justification for the Labour Party in South African Politics," proposed by Mr. C. Isaac and opposed by Mr. I. McKenzie; and "The place of the female sex after the

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war," on which Mr. J. v. M. Lister addressed the house. There were other "lighter" motions. At this meeting it was decided that members of the "C" Block be admitted to the Society at the discretion of the Committee. The number which could be admitted was limited to ten.

The next meeting was held on 11th September. The vice-chairman was in the chair. The secretary, Mr. H. F. Junod, resigned on the grounds that he had been reprimanded for forgetfulness. He was succeeded by Mr. M. E. Kumleben and Mr. M. Cheadle was elected to the committee in his place. Mr. A. D. Brunt (member for Mooi River), seconded by Mr. J. R. Routledge (member for Dumbra), proposed the motion, "This house is of the opinion that South African Indians should be repatriated to India forthwith." Mr. C. G. Austin (member for Zoutpansberg), seconded by Mr. P. Harker (member for Estcourt), opposed the motion. The main lines of discussion were the early settlements with India, humanitarian principles involved in repatriation, and the economic competition between Europeans and Indians. On the first count the motion was lost by 15 votes to 23, and on the second by 13 votes to 26.

The last meeting of this Quarter was held on 18th of September. The motion, "This house is of the opinion that the Victorian Miss is more attractive to the modern male than the painted Glamour Girl," was proposed by Mr. P. D. Barnard, seconded by Miss M. Snell, and opposed by Mr. N. A. St. Davis, seconded by Mrs. G. Symes. The debate developed into an amusing discussion centred round the use of cosmetics, a comparison between the two girls as regards athletic ability and a comparison of their accomplishments. The motion was lost on the first count by 17 votes to 20 and won on the second by 26 votes to 14.

In the opinion of many of the staff the standard of debating which has been reached during the course of this year is higher than it has been for many years. This is in no small measure due to the energy, interest and efficiency of the retiring chairman, Mr. A. T. de Villiers.

J.A.Y.

LITERARY SECTION

A TRIP TO BECHUANALAND.

Lord Harlech, when he visited us last year, made a suggestion to the Rector that two boys from Michaelhouse should pay a visit to the British Protectorate of Bechuanaland. The suggestion materialised, and two of us were lucky enough to be

chosen from the many volunteers.

Never have I enjoyed a holiday so much. Every moment was packed with interest and excitement. The country was flat and thorny, remarkably reminiscent of the Sabi-so much so, in fact, that I was expecting to bump into a lion round every corner! This is not actually as foolish as it may sound, for the country abounds in wild life of every sort, including lion, elephant, giraffe, buffalo, koodoo and many other animals, though most of these are to be found further north than our travels took us. The birds, too, by reason of their quantity, beauty and rarity would have been enough to send any bird lover into ecstasies. And if we took the trouble to climb any of the koppies which were scattered over the plains, we were rewarded by a magnificent view, to which distance always lent enchantment.

But the main object of our visit was to look in to the Native life and self-government. The original plan had been to visit Chief Tsikedi, whose fame has rightly spread far beyond Bechuana borders, but, as luck would have it, he was away on tour. So we visited Chief Bathoea, Tsikedi's runner-up in intelligence and efficiency. For Bathoea, while he possesses a certain dignity and natural courtesy, is nothing if not intelligent and efficient. He governs his own people, the white man merely being there to give him help and advice where necessary and to administer the law in major matters. Under him the natives are peaceful and tractable. He organises his own tribunals and law courts-more democratic, if I may venture to say so, than anything Churchill or Roosevelt would ever permit-and the treasuries, finance and system of taxation all come under his care. His tribe, the Bangwaketse, is one of eleven similar tribes, each of which is ruled by a typical Colonial Service hierarchy-the High Commissioner, Lord Harlech; the Resident Commissioner; a district commissioner and the Chief. He proudly told us that in proportion to the population, more natives have joined up from Bechuanaland than from anywhere else in Africa. Several thousand of them are serving in the Middle East. I will not go into further details about the Government. Suffice it to say that its simplicity, efficiency, and acceptability open up new and compelling fields of thought to those of us who come from a land where natives are largely detribalised.

All the white people we met on our tour amazed us by their kindness, hospitality and eagerness to show us all there was to see. This may all sound a little too panegyric, but it cannot be doubted that great benefit results from such a visit, and it is to be hoped that in future other boys may be lucky enough to make similar visits. If so, I think I can guarantee them a holiday which for its educational value and sheer enjoyability, will never be forgotten.

J.M.P.

'N BESKRYWING VAN 'N MOOI DEEL VAN SUID-AFRIKA

Daardie deel van ons land wat as die Richtersveld bekend is, is een van die welvarendste streke in die wereld. In daardie verlate paradys, waar dit omtrent nooit reent nie, is die kristalhelder lug so versterkend dat'n mens uit skone vreugde en lewenslus nie kan stilbly nie. Om uiting aan jou gedagtes te gee is uiters moeilik. Dit is oorweldigend. Die eensaamheid en volkome vrede verwek die indruk dat die hele Richtersveld aan jou alleen behoort, en dat jou genot onmoontlik verstoort kan word.

Dit is meestal'n bergagtige streek. Reeks na reeks van berge verdwyn in die blou dynserigheid. Die grond is byna heeltemal met pragtige blomme, wat in geen ander plek aangetref word nie, bedek. Selfs die mees onnatuurlike mens kan nie verhinder dat hy die onbeskryllike blomme innig liefkiy nie.

In die uitermate woest en verlate omgewing sien'n mens nie 'n lewendige ding nie, behalwe af en toe'n gompou of miskien 'n trop bobbejane wat jou vanaf die top van 'n kians toeblof. Hoe dieper'n mens in die berge indring hoe woester en spookagtiger word dit. Party berge is so fantasties van fatsoen dat hulle gladnie na werklike berge lyk nie. Die klowe is met eienaardige vygies, kaktus en noorsdoring bedek. Die

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verbrokkelende, rotsbestrooide hellings weerkaats elke skakering van rooi, van baksteenrooi, van flikkerende vermiljoen en heldei oranje-rooi. In skel teostelling daarmee, is bree pikswart strepe dwarsoor hul vlamme kante afgeteken. Die strepe is skerp belyn en sigsagsgewyse afgeteken en lyk of hulle met'n reuse potlood oor die landskap getrek is. Droi* rivierbeddings dring in alle rigtings in die berge deur.

Namate 'n mens nader aan Grootrivier kom daal jy steeds af totdat jy skielik tussen die berge uitkom, slegs'n paar honderd tree van die pragtige uitgestrektheid water af. Hier fladder ontelbare voël-tjies tussen die takke van die bome. Die lug is vervul met die geluide van die wemelende insektelewe. Die rivier is met eilande bespikkel, en hier en daar steek'n groot klip sy kop uit die water uit. Anderkant die rivier is die berge netso kaal en verlate.

Nou en dan kom'n mens op'n hottentotstroois af, maar hulle is ver van mekaar verwyder.'n Eienaardige ding omtrent hierdie deel van ons land is dat daar'n paar verlate stede bestaan. Die huise, die winkels-alles staan netsoos die dag toe hulle opgerig is. Net buitekant die dorpie is die enigste oorblywende teken dat mense hier gewoon en gewerk het,'n kenteken van die koper waaraan hierdie deel van die land so ryk is.

Dit is 'n merkwaardige ondervinding om so'n dorpie in die maanlig te beskou. Die berge en die bowebou van die myne kan net as skaduweeagtige vorms herken word en die verlate huise en onheilspellende tekenings wat deur die bome op die grond gewerp word saam met die mismaakte figure van die bome, verleen'n spookagtige en tog wonderlike atmosfeer aan die plek. Dit is'n ideale plek om alleen met jou geliefde te wees.

Mense wat hartseer is, wat aan selfmoord dink, en wat ongelukkig of ontevrede in die lew'e is, raai ek aan om die Richtersveld te besoek.

J.M.R.

VERSE

ON HEARING THREE NATIVES SINGING

Along the winding path that breasts the hill,

Through mealie-fields, all stiff, and brown, and straight,
Past blackened stubble, through a creaking gate,

And on into the leafy wattles still,

Three Natives go.

A steady, endless banjo thrums; and soon

A high-pitched, wailing song their leader sings:

A wild, sad song that through the silence rings,

A song of senseless words, yet mystic tune,

A savage sound.

Some ancient tragedy the song relates-

Some tale of woe, some silent secret lies
Beneath this chant that upward to the skies

Rings out. But what it is and whence it dates,

God only knows.

And now the distant voices fade away,

And cool and sombre silence fills the vale;

The hills like noiseless spectres, still and pale,

Merge into night, while deep in thought I stay,

Held by that song.

J.R.H.B. (15 years).

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A STREAM

On and on they came, swarm upon swarm, thousand upon thousand.

Down on to the rich, fertile land which was one moment green, calm and peaceful, and the next, covered in a mantle of grey, green and brown life, swarming and seething, like water

in the Devil's Cauldron or in a fierce mountain torrent. Grass,

leaves, flowers-everything green and living-was turned as if by some invisible hand into a grey-brown lifeless desert.

Death! Yes, death to the grass; death to the cattle that fed on the grass; starvation even to man. Yet on and on they came, that terrible, death-dealing stream of locusts!

A.G. (14 years).

BONNY N.G.

(With apologies to Sir Walter Scott)

To the Balgowan bach'lors'twas Nero, who said:
"There's one thing, my cublets, you never must wed";

Yet now to a lady he's said, "Marry me,

And come to the altar with bonny N.G."

So slender and sylph-like he's getting, they say,

He's hardly the Nero we knew yesterday;

But it's all'cos of LOVE, so we hope that there'll be
Long life for his bride and for bonny N.G.

(Chorus): So

Fill up my cup and fill up my cans,

Up, Rebel and Spike, come and list to the banns;

Ye trout and ye guincafowl, now gae ye free,

For grown gentle and tamed is our Bonny N.G.

CATULUS LEONINUS.

THE STORY OF PETER WHO WAS BAD AND SUFFERED FOR IT

(With apologies to Il. Belloc)

Young Peter from his second day
At Michaelhouse was wont to say
That he cared nought for prefects who
Just strolled about for all to view,

With special badges on their pocket;

But when one day he tried to mock, it
Vexed the one who senior reigned:

Young Peter in a trice was caned.

From that day on he did his best
And easily surpassed the rest
At cleaning shoes, and fetching wash,

At watching games-especially squash-

And other ones like cricket. Yes!

Model he was of righteousness!

And everyone began to think

That he'd reformed from smoke and drink;

And his housemaster, fat and squat,

Congratulated Peter-NOT
The thing to rlo to little boys
Repented of their former joys-

Of wine and song and cigarette-

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(He did not deal with women yet!)

This nasty boy-for soon he knew
That all the Staff and Prefects, too,
Thought he was good-began to steal
(A thing that really makes one feel
That this is not a Public School!)

He stole a knife-the little fool
Did business on a lavish scale,

And every week he held a sale.

The masters-oddly wide awake-

Reported him one Monday break.

The Rector, thoroughly repelled,

Had Peter publicly expelled.

S.N.R.

SCHOOLBOY, REST!

(With apologies to Sir Walter Scott)

Schoolboy, rest! thy work is o'er,

Sleep the eight hours sleep unbroken,
Dream of History Tests no more,

Streams of sweat; of rest no token.

In our dormitory's hall,

Pillows crude thy couch are strewing,

Elfin strains of laughter fall;

Muscles taut to slumber wooing.

Schoolboy, rest! thy work is o'er,

Of Pythagoras dream no more;

Sleep the sleep that knows not grammar,
Morn of French, with verbs to stammer.

J.M.

POOR DAVID

(Poor Blake!)

David, David, turning white,

In the pantry of delight.

What an awful tummy-ache
Is making David so to shake!

In what distant deeps do lie
The remnants of that apple-pie!

David now is in despair:

Of Papa's hand he must beware!

Off which shelf, and with what art,

Did he steal that apple tart?

Then his heart full loud did beat
To hear his Daddy's slippered feet!

What a pasting! Oh, the pain!

Never will he do again

Things that make poor Nanny gasp;

Not another pie he'll grasp.

C. M. C-C. (C.

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VERS LIBRES ROUGES

Eyes back down the years
of futility,
of yellow fears

for security,
and anxious cares
for immunity;
and say, "Shall the future be
cloud and obscurity?
or shall reconstruction

have rights to proceed
(dreams of Utopia factual in deed),
robbed of obstruction
and predatory suction

by capitalist whales
engrossed in their sales."

Chorus:

We're the Gremlins from the Kremlin,
in our views there's no dissemblin',
and we'll have the Right a-tremblin'
all the way;
for they're on their seats reclinin'
till they're right down to the linin'
seven thousands bumphlets signin'
all the day.

Eyes on the weeks
of sweat on the cheeks
of Churchill,
lest you're left by the cliques,
like undeidone leeks,

in the lurch still.

Don't leave it to him and old Joe,
and the very few others with go;

For'isms a hatchet!

You want Freedom? Then snatch it!
Democracy? Catch it!

It's really your perishing show;

-or didn't you know???

Chorus:

We're the Gremlins, etc.

N.A.S.T.D.

CADET NOTES

Cadet training this year has followed the regular programme which was adopted a few years ago. The first Quarter was devoted to parade ground work, the second and third Quarters to field work, and the fourth Quarter to ceremonial work for the annual inspection, and general promotion parade to select Student Officers and N.C.O.'s for next year.

We are very grateful to the A.D.I.T., Pietermaritzburg, for sending Bren Gun and Signal instructors up to us every week. Two platoons have now a fairly good knowledge of the Bren and we hope that in future every boy passing through the Corps will be acquainted with this weapon.

Towards the end of 1943, the Signal Platoon entered a team for the Collins Shield Competition. The team is to be congratu-

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lated on coming third in Natal and on obtaining the greatest number of "Crossed Flags" in the Natal section. The following were successful in gaining this distinction: 2nd Lieut. (S.O.) J. G. Draper, Sgt. P. J. P. Neall, Cpl. A. M. Barrett, Cpl. W. D. Geerdts, Cpl. J. M. Pennington, Sgnlr. H. A. Hotson, Sgnlr. T. P. R. Scogings and Sgnlr. D. T. Williams.

In January this year various courses were held at the Cadets Training Centre, Pietermaritzburg. The following Cadets attended and qualified: -

Student Officers' Course: 2nd Lt. (S.O.) K. A. Gough, J. M. Harker. R. A. S. Barnes, D. J. Waller, M. B. Price-Moor, R. D. Holt, T. C. Meyer, B. J. McBride. Warrant Officers' Course: W.O. (II) B. G. D. Raw. Sergeants' Course: Sgt. R. G. Holliday, J. A. Routledge, C. G. Isaac, D. Giddy, H. G. Wallace, J. Nelson, J. J. Rymer. Signalling Course: 2nd Lt. (S.O.) P. J. P. Neall, Sgt. W. A. Hope. Ambulance Course: Sgt. G. C. Austin, Sgt. D. N. F. Pennington.

In addition, 2nd Lt. (S.O.) A. J. Stubbings and 2nd Lt. (S.O.)

A. H. Youngleson attended as P.T. Instructors and achieved a standard of efficiency which reflects very considerably to the admirable work being done by our P.T. Instructor, Lieut. A. R. Walshaw.

The annual Field Day was held on June 25th. C Company, with the Band, were given the task of defending the Beacon and denying it to the enemy (A and B Companies) until 13.30 hours to enable the remnants of Northland's battered armour and artillery to extricate themselves from Methley Valley on their retreat towards their headquarters at Greytown. The Southland forces attacked via lansfield and Glen Arum. The whole operation was conducted entirely by the Student Officers, the Cadet Officers acting solely as umpires. 2nd Lt. (S.O.) A. J. Stubbings is to be congratulated on the splendid way in which he organised the defence. The umpires decided that the Northland rearguard had carried out the task allocated, mainly because the Southland Commanders relied on a suicidal frontal attack rather than a flank attack which would have threatened the only route of retreat open to the defenders, thus compelling them to evacuate their positions before their task had been accomplished. Through the kindness of certain members of the staff, the action was more realistic than other war-time Field Days have been. The Student Officers, on the whole, showed a real appreciation of the various factors affecting the action, and carried out their tasks in a manner which showed they have a good knowledge of elementary tactics. A very useful addition to the equipment available was a contour map of the area, prepared by the Rector.

We are very grateful to him for making this available to us, and for all the energy he has put into its compilation.

Courses in A.F.V. Weapons and Signalling were organised by Fortress Command during the winter holidays, but the unfortunate epidemic which afflicted the School during the second Quarter prevented any of our Cadets attending.

The Natal Section of the 1943 Collins Shield Competition took place on 2nd September. Our team was greatly handicapped because of its compulsory non-attendance at the Winter Training Course, but, nevertheless, succeeded in again achieving third place. The hard work put in by Lt. J. Pridmore, 2nd Lt. (S.O.) P. J. P. Neall, Sgt. Ashworth S.A.C.S.* Sgt. J. M. Pennington, and all other N.C.O.'s and Signallers is much appreciated.

On September 24th we were privileged with a visit from a group of 50 officers from the transit camp in Pietermaritzburg. The visit was organised by Major Whitley, an Old Boy of the

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School. Twelve armoured cars were brought up and also a 3 inch mortar and Vickers machine gun. The visiting officers first explained to the various platoons the working and duties of A.F.V.'s, and then demonstrated their amazing performance on the high stony ridge opposite St. Michael's Mount. A demonstration was then given by a mortar crew, who planned to drop their bombs on the forward slope of St. Michael's Mount. They miscalculated the range, however, and the first bomb (it was discovered later) fell six feet in front of the Rector's stables.

Fortunately the horses were not at home at the time, but the groom was, and the story goes that he did a quarter-mile sprint to the Native barracks in world's record time. The V.M.G. made certain of their range, and gave a very interesting demonstration of firing the gun from one of the cars. Finally, all members of the Corps were taken for cross-country trips in the cars, an experience new to most and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our visitors rounded off the afternoon by a dip in the swimming bath, where the antics of Captain "Tank" and Lieut. "Archie," who both tip the scale near the 250lb. mark, provided abundant entertainment. All the officers slept in the Gym and returned to their camp early next morning. We were glad to see two other Old Boys, Lts. Newby-Fraser and John Sulin, among them. We are most grateful to Major Whitley and all his merry men for their interesting and valuable visit.

The Band, under Drum Majors Blaikie and Mostert, ably assisted by Drum Sergt. D. R. Lee, have worked hard throughout the year. Capt. Goldstone gave us a great deal of valuable help while he could, and we are very sorry indeed to hear of his severe illness and hope he will soon be on the active list once more. It is most unfortunate that the Band Contest this year had to be cancelled on account of transport difficulties.

We were very glad to welcome back to the ranks of Cadet Officers 2nd Lieut. N. A. Davis after his very interesting career in the 1st Division with the famous 1st Royal Natal Carbineers. We have already made use of his first-hand knowledge of Alamein and hope to encroach further upon his specialised knowledge and experience.

Unfortunately, shooting this year has been at a standstill. Headquarters found it necessary to recall all our efficient rifles, and, after a lapse of many months, to issue us with a hybrid conglomeration of obsolete weapons minus slings, and in many cases without sights. We are attempting to carry out some form of musketry practice, - but the results and value are going to be highly doubtful.

The following have held the rank of 2nd Lieutenant (Student Officer) during the year: A. J. Stubbings, I. D. Stoute, J. A.

Youngleson, P. J. P. Neall, J. M. Harker, T. C. Meyer, R. D. Holt, D. Giddy, J. A. V. Routledge, S. N. Roberts, K. A. Gough, R. A. S. Barnes, J. W. R. Chaplin. B. J. McBride, M. B. Price-Moor,

B. G. D. Raw, D. G. Waller, J. Nelson, C. J. Isaac, A. A. Williams, H G. Wallace, R. G. M. Holliday.

HOUSE PHYSICAL TRAINING COMPETITION

This year we were fortunate enough to obtain the services of E. Braham, Esq., who is P.T. Organiser for Natal Schools, as our adjudicator, and he was very impressed with the standard of performance and leadership.

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The majority of leaders had had experience at the Cadet camp in January, and consequently they handled their teams very well. West, and Isaac their leader, had obviously put in some very hard work and they were worthy winners. The general standard of the apparatus work was exceptionally high, but even so it is possible to choose the teams of Tatham, under Youngleson's leadership, and East under Stubbings, as being outstanding..

For the past two years Houses have been limited to three hours in which to practise, and as a result the interest has been greater.

Result: 1st, West (186 points); 2nd, Tatham (182 points); 3rd, East.

GYM CLUB NOTES

It is a considerable time since the Gym Club published any notes, but to our old members we would say that we are still a very active club and that interest is as great as ever it was.

To become a member of the Club, various simple apparatus tests have now to be passed, ensuring an adequate standard of performance. We also have instituted a series of harder tests working from "standard" up to 2nd and 1st Class. One has to be a sound gymnast to get "standard," good to get 2nd Class, and quite outstanding to achieve 1st Class. J. A. Youngleson is the only one so far to reach these dizzy heights, but there are others getting near!

In individual feats and tricks, past members will be interested to know that we have achieved the following: Grand Circles on the horizontal bar, Double Clip and Catch on the rings, Cartwheel Turn and Back Somersault on the ground, and Dive and Cut over the high horse.

During the Course of the last year displays have been given on single and double parallel bars, box horse, high horse and ground work. We took a team of 15 to Vryheid and gave a turn during a P.T. Rally held there early in the second Quarter. We much appreciated the hospitality shown to us.

The 1942 Individual Senior Champion was J. A. Youngleson, with A. J. Stubbings as the winner of the Handicap. Both the above, and several senior members, have put in a lot of time assisting and encouraging our younger members, consequently a really good spirit exists amongst all members. The 1943 Championship takes place in the Christmas Quarter.

RUGBY, 1943

At a meeting of the Natal Schools Rugby Committee, it was decided to revert to the Inter-District matches for the purpose of choosing a Natal School Rugby XV, after the scheme of nominating players had proved unsatisfactory. J. M. Pennington, J. A. Stubbings, H. Oberlin-Harris, M. B. Price-Moore, J. A. Youngleson and J. J. Rymer were selected to play for a combined Hilton-Michaelhouse XV, with Lee first reserve. J. J. Rymer unfortunately contracted measles and missed the golden opportunity of showing what he could do with a fast centre in support.

Walters replaced him in the match. We congratulate J. A. Youngelson on being chosen for the Natal Schools Rugby XV.

J. M. Pennington was elected Captain and D. R. Lee Vice-Captain. We are indebted to Mr. Lombard for giving us the benefit of his invaluable experience in Provincial Rugby in a practical as well as theoretical way. In addition, we owe Mr. K.. M. Pennington our thanks for some very instructive lectures on the rules of the game.

THE XV

Prospects at the beginning of the season seemed rather gloomy since the side had to be built up without the usual nucleus of experienced players, particularly at forward. As the season progressed, however, this lack of experience was more than compensated for by the keenness and the team spirit displayed. In this respect, both the Captain and Vice-Captain set a good example. The loss of nine first game players, six of whom had played for the first team, in the middle of the season dealt us a heavy blow and necessitated a complete reorganisation of the team for the second half. The forwards developed into a useful combination, able to hold their own against all opposing packs. The threequarters lacked the speed and dash to develop into a really dangerous line. The centres, lacking penetration, were seldom able to take full advantage of their opponents' mistakes.

CRITIQUE

J. M. Pennington (Colours). As a captain, his keenness and enthusiasm was an inspiration to the side and previous experience invaluable. A determined and reliable forward, but inclined to tackle high. Played in several positions in scrum during the season and showed distinct promise as a loose forward.

D. R. Lee (Colours). A full-back of considerable promise. Has a fine pair of hands, an accurate touch kick, and is excellent in defence. Must learn to kick with both feet. Positional play generally good.

J. A. Youngelson (Colours). Scrum half. Possesses a quick and accurate pass and always ready to take advantage of opportunities offered around the blind side. A hard-working, courageous player, deadly in defence. Rendered invaluable service to the side.

D. Oberlin-Harris (Colours). A powerful and speedy lock forward, excelling in tight and loose. A grim and determined runner and trojan in the scrums. Displayed initiative and good

sense of anticipation. Should go far in the future.

J. A. Stubbings (Colours). A solid, hard-working forward whose departure midway through the season was a serious loss to the side. A very effective tackler and constant thorn in the flesh of opposing three-quarters. Positional play good, but lacks that extra turn of speed which would make him a first rate 8th man. His scrummaging was an example to the rest of the School.

M. B. Price-Moor (Colours). Fly half. Has a safe pair of hands and powerful kick which he is inclined to use too frequently. Breaks well and hand-off effective, but must learn to pass at the right moment. Defence sound and positional play

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improved as the season progressed. Place-kicking at times brilliant, and resulted in many valuable points during the season. Should make an excellent full-back.

K. A. Gough (Colours). Invaluable in line-outs and controls ball well in dribbling rushes. A real battler who gets through a great deal of work.

J. J. Rymer (Team Blazer).. .Wing. Very fast and inclined to overrun centre. Lacked a speedy supporting centre, who would have made him a great scoring factor. Must learn to concentrate on run of play all the time and thus develop a sense of anticipation. Defence sound.

I. D. Stoute (Team Blazer). An energetic and effective loose forward, always on the ball and ready to take advantage of opponents' mistakes. Useful in line-outs.

I. J. Ferguson (Team Blazer). A hard-working and plucky loose forward who can always be relied upon to give of his best. Defence always deadly, but positional play can be improved.

R. Ferguson (Team Blazer). Hooker. Won a fair share of the ball throughout the season, but often handicapped by superior weight of opposing forwards. A young player with plenty of pluck and dash. Should be very useful in the future.

S. N. Roberts (Team Blazer). Improved considerably as the season progressed. A hard worker who is always to be found where the game is thickest.

D. N. Deavin (Team Blazer). Centre. Handling good and has a deceptive dummy. Has a good eye for the gap but lacks speed to take full advantage of opportunities made. Defence rather weak, and, at times, costly. Place-kicking good.

K. Trebble (Team Blazer). A short but sturdy front ranker. A plucky little fighter who has also shown promise as a loose forward.

M. L. Green (Team Blazer). Young and lacks experience. Is fast, with a good eye for a gap. Should prove very useful next year.

J. H. K. Mackie (Team Blazer). Played in several positions. A strong runner and tackling, at times, very effective. He did not fulfil expectations as a three-quarter.

C. K. Harsant (Team Blazer). His weight did much to lessen

the strain on a light pack. Lacks experience and determination, and does not make full use of his weight.

H. G. Wallace (2nd XV Badge). Played two outstanding games for the 1st XV. Showed that he was a full-back of more than average ability against St. Charles, and his sound defence at centre was in a large measure responsible for our victory over D.H.S. A promising player.

R. A. M. Mostert (2nd XV Badge). Wing. A fast wing who scored several good tries, but handling weak and defence shaky.

D. I. Walters (2nd XV Badge). Wing. Left midway through the season. A strong and determined runner with sound defence. Would have been a regular member of the side had he stayed.

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SCHOOL MATCHES

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1st XV v. Estcourt High School (Home). Won 22-3.

This match was played in pouring rain. The handling of the three-quarters was remarkably good despite adverse weather conditions. The forwards lacked combination and did not play as a pack. We succeeded, however, to splash our way to victory

quite comfortably. Youngleson was outstanding.

1st XV v. Glenwood High School (Home). Won 13-6.

The opposition experienced was much stronger and our

reorganised pack did well against heavy opponents.. A magnificent drop was kicked by D. R. Lee from near the half-way line, and Youngleson and Rymer scored tries. R. Ferguson showed promise as a hooker.

1st XV v. Maritzburg College (Away). Drawn 3-3.

The match was characterised by end-to-end play and sound tackling by both sides. Our forwards played magnificently against a heavier and more experienced pack and Gough's line-out work was a marked feature of the game. Oberlin-Harris

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staged a determined rush to score a good try, and College retaliated with a penalty kick. The threes lacked penetration. Price-Moor's well-placed touch kicking saved the side on occasions.

1st XV v. St. Charles College (Away). Lost 9-8.

This was a most disappointing match. The forwards did well and gave the threes every opportunity, but these were swiftly thrown away owing to the selfishness of the fly-half and centres. Too much individualism turned to defeat what should have been certain victory. Oberlin Harris scored another try after a thrustful run. Wallace played an outstanding game at full-back.

1st XV v. Hilton College (Away). Lost 24-12.

Hilton, with a fast and tricky three-quarter line, gained a well-deserved victory. A fatal mistake in our fly-half play, which we had been trying to rectify, was revealed and disastrously exploited. Faulty positional play made it almost impossible for Price-Moor to draw his man, and King therefore skilfully drew our inside centre and gave his fast line numerous overlaps which they used to full effect. Our forwards put up a hard struggle, but their heeling from the loose was not as quick as it might have been. Hilton led 9-6 at half-time, that is, two tries and a penalty against a try scored by Walters and a penalty-kick goaled by Price-Moor. Exploiting the overlap, the fast Hilton threes increased their lead to 24 points while we could only reply by a penalty kick and an unconverted try scored by Mackie who caught the defence unawares.

1st XV v. Estcourt High School (Away). Won 46-3.

As the score indicates, the game was rather one-sided. Our threes were on the top of their form and scored several spectacular tries. Price-Moor's place-kicking was brilliant. This performance, after a complete re-organisation of the side resulting from the departure of several prominent members, was very encouraging.

1st XV v| Maritzburg College (Home). Lost 3-9.

This match was a hard battle between two evenly matched sides and thus little spectacular rugby was seen. Straight-lining College threes and fast loose forwards gave our three-quarters little room to move. Price-Moor had corrected his positional play and was coming up well on defence. A rather ragged try scored by College gave them a lead which they held to the end. Kicking, when movements might have been more effective, spoilt our chances.

1st XV v. Hilton College (Home). Lost 16-8.

The match started at a terrific pace, and, despite rainy weather, a fast pace was maintained to the end. Adverse weather conditions spoilt what would have been a very spectacular game. We held a territorial advantage in both halves, and feel that the score was by no means a true reflection of the run of play, although it must be admitted that Hilton deserved to win. The first exchanges were fast and furious, both sides obviously realizing the importance of the day. The score was opened when Dinkleman, a dangerous Hilton centre, slipped through to score a fine try. Michaelhouse threes, coming up fast on defence, gave opposing threes little quarter. King, the Hilton fly-half, was

particularly conscious of this deadly tackling. A ding-dong struggle raged between the forward packs, both playing on top form. Oberlin-Harris put in one of his characteristic rushes, was well tackled, and a little later Price-Moor equalised with a penalty kick. Hilton then again took the lead by goaling an easy penalty kick. Deavin then broke smartly and passed to Rymer who was pulled down by the full-back. At half-time the score was 6-3. On the resumption of play, Hilton forwards, employing wheeling tactics with a wet ball, were responsible for some dangerous rushes. Bonelli kicked the ball, mishandled by Rymer, downfield, won the race to the line and scored in a good position. This try was converted. Price-Moor then scored off a penalty (11-6). Towards the end of play, the Hilton threes, starting a movement well in our half, scored a grand try, thus giving them a win by 16 points to 6.

1st XV v. St. Charles College (Home). Won 8-0.

This game was played under the most adverse weather conditions. Either rain or sleet fell continuously, and a slippery ball ended many a promising move. Our forwards gained the upper hand and St. Charles never looked like scoring.

1st XV v. Durban High School (Away). Won 15-12.

The season was brought to a truly grand finale by a victory of which we can be justly proud. This was an example of what it is possible to achieve through unflagging determination and keen team spirit. Faced with the heaviest of school packs and a three-quarter line composed almost without exception of players well-known for their ability in Natal Schools Rugby, the team never showed any signs of wilting, and left the issue an open question until the last few minutes. D.H.S. opened the score within the first five minutes by a try (converted), but it was not long before this lead was reduced by a try scored by Deavin, after Youngleson, Pennington, Gough and Cheadle had handled. A clever hand-to-hand movement by the D.H.S. forwards from a line-out increased their lead to 8-3 at half-time. A neat drop by Price-Moor assisted in making matters more even. Whitfield, the D.H.S. full-back, soon retaliated with a drop from far out (12-7). Deavin next brought the stand to its feet by selling a perfect dummy, darting through the defence and short kicking over the full-back's head. In the scramble that ensued a penalty was awarded, which Deavin goaled (12-10). Time had become a pressing factor when a sudden break by Youngleson started a sensational movement. Pennington received, made headway, and returned to Youngleson. Gough next handled, passed to

Treble, who in turn returned to Youngleson, and finally R.

Ferguson dived over the line for the try of the season. Deavin converted and the final whistle sounded.

The birth of Michael John Snell, followed by a triumph on

the rugby field has made September 4th a memorable day in Michaelhouse history. A much appreciated dinner was given to the Rugby XV by the Rector, during which toasts to the King, the Michaelhouse Rugby XV, and Michael John were proposed.

In addition to the School matches played, we received visits from a Naval team from the H.M.S. Assegai camp and a Carbineer side, captained by an ex-Head of the School, Rex Pennington. Both matches were thoroughly enjoyed, the former being won 16-3 and the latter lost 11 6.

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2nd XV

SCHOOL MATCHES

Points

P. W. L. D. F. A.

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The side during the first half of the season showed considerable promise. The threes displayed initiative and were penetrative, while the forwards played with much vigour. P. S. M. Taylor played consistently well and de Villiers was always a tower of strength in the forwards. St. Charles were easily-defeated 22-6 in a bright and open game. M. L. Green played a sound game at fly-half, Mackie tackled effectively, and Garland and de Villiers showed up well in the forwards. A strong Maritzburg College 2nd XV was beaten 13-0 after a hard struggle. Because of a measles epidemic the match against Hilton College unfortunately had to be cancelled.

The loss of ten stalwarts at the end of the first half of the season, due to casualties, departures from the School, and vacancies in the 1st XV, completely changed the nature of the team. The threes still remained a useful combination, but it took time for a new pack to settle down. A defeat of 19-0 was inflicted upon us by Maritzburg College, ineffectual forward play being mainly responsible. Although we were beaten 11-0 by Hilton, a distinct improvement was noticed. St. Charles were

beaten 12-6 in the final match of the season.

Second Team Badges were awarded to the following: H. W. Wallace, M. Cheadle, D. I. Walters, P. A. Mostert, A. T. de Villiers, I. F. Garland, P. N. F. Niven, W. C. Cooke, P. S. M. Taylor, P. J. Lawton.

2nd XV during first half of the season: H. G. Wallace, M. Cheadle, S. N. Roberts, A. T. de Villiers, I. F. Garland (Captain), P. N. F. Niven, P. J. Lawton, J. H. R. Mackie, M. L. Green, P. S. M. Taylor, K. Trebble, C. G. Austin, J. M. Harker, C. B. Brunskill, M. E. Kumleben, W. C. Cooke, P. J. Patchitt.

During the second half: H. G. Wallace, P. A. Mostert, P. S. M. Taylor (Captain), M. Cheadle, M. E. Kumleben, C. G. Austin,

C. B. Brunskill, C. J. Isaac, B. J. McBride, J. M. Harker, G. G.

Stubbs, P. J. Neall, P. R. Preen, W. W. Addison, P. Strachan,

A. A. Williams, C. J. Lenz, N. G. E. Fischer, R. A. Bilsland.

3rd XV

The team at the end of the season was: J. M. Arkwright, P. L. Horsfall, A. R. Cannon, P. Strachan, W. A. Hope, A. A. Williams (Captain), S. L. Cheshire, J. M. Webster, J. B. Hall, P. N. A. Hamlyn, R. M. Lowe, J. O. Richards, N. G. E. Fischer, R. P. Holliday, J. L. Basset-Smith, R. A. Dyer, E. G. Barry,

G. M. Henderson.

A great deal of enthusiasm was displayed, but frequent unavoidable changes in the side prevented it from developing any real combination. The three-quarters, lacking speed, showed little initiative and their defence was weak. Williams at fly-half was a tower of strength and proved an inspiring captain, while the diminutive Cheshire, at the base of the scrum, was invaluable. The forwards, grafters all, showed an indomitable spirit, especially against Maritzburg College.

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UNDER 15 XV

The following played: B. Clayton, A. R. Clulow, C. P. Dan-caster, J. C. Dougall, R. J. Gormeman, S. M. Fletcher, D. D. Hall,

H. B. Johnson, H. F. Junod (Captain), G. W. Macdonald, B. McFie, S. Maske, D. M. Taylor, E. M. Winter, T. J. F. Rockey,

D. M. Parkin.

At the start of the season it seemed that the material was below average, but after Junod and Fletcher had joined the team the back line was considerably strengthened. The forwards, though their play remained loose, improved satisfactorily as the season progressed, and were up to standard at the end of the season. We were beaten 25-0 by Hilton College at the beginning of the season, but feel that the result would have been very different had it been possible to meet them again. Estcourt were easily beaten and two very good games were played against Maritzburg College, the first being lost and the second won.

THE BUNNIES

The following played: M. W. Raw, G. W. McClung, C. C. C. Cunliffe, J. R. Campling, P. C. Bowes, G. D. Morrison, R. A. Springorum, K. Geeling, M. B. Cheales, M. R. Butcher, S. C. L. Clarke, P. T. Forbes, B. D. Nelson, D. H. M. Purcocks, D. D. White, H. M. S. Guinness, B. A. Beeming, R. M. I. Shacksnovis.

The Bunnies game included a number of good individual players, but there was an almost complete lack of combination, and for this the House League games were largely responsible. The forwards were bad in the loose scrums, and the backs seldom timed their passes properly. McClung and Cunliffe were the outstanding forwards, and both played for the Under 15 team. M. B. Cheales was a good hooker and dribbler, and Campling Nelson worked hard. Raw was the best player outside the scrum, but often spoilt his play by selfishness. Bowes showed promise and Morrison was a plucky full-back.

HOUSE MATCHES

1st XV

Tatham, whose chances were considered great, were extremely unlucky in having a large number of their promising players crocked before they played the final match. Founders won the competition, thanks to sound team work.

First Round: Founder's beat East, 19-6. West beat Pascoe's, 32-6.

Second Round: Tatham beat West, 6-0. Founder's beat Farfield, 16-0.

Final: Founder's beat Tatham, 11-6.

The winning team: M. E. Kumleben, W. C. Cooke, A. R. Cannon, C. G. Austin, P. A. Mostert, D. N. Deavin (Captain),

S. L. Cheshire, H. Oberlin-Harris, K. Trebble, J. O. Richards, R. H. Lowe, D. Giddy, C. B. Brunskill, J. I. Basset-Smith, P. R.

Preen.

2nd XV

First Round: East drew with Founder's, 3-3. Pascoe's drew with West, 11-11. Replay: Pascoe's beat West, 11-0. Founder's beat East, 6-5.

Second Round: Founder's beat Tatham, 15 0. Pascoes beat Farfield, 9-0.

Final: Pascoe's beat Founder's, 6 5.

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The winning team: J. B. P. Dixon, J. N. Friedman, M. A. Dyer, R. Hersov, T. C. Woodforde, M. Raw, W. O. Welch, W. B. England, J. R. E. Pottinger, D. G. McIntosh, D. Forbes, P. T. Forbes, C. H. W. Warne, T. J. F. Rockey, A. M. Cheales.

STOP PRESS

[One who is not a pundit feels he ought to supply a want-the rugby master failed to comment on the piece de resistance of the season!]

STAFF XV v. 1st XV

For the first time during the season Pennington minimus led his team on to a dry field, and for the first time, too, to defeat.

Despite the fact that the Staff lacked the services of the Classics and History departments (who felt that they did not carry sufficient weight to justify their inclusion in the side) the game started at a cracking pace, which took the wind completely out of the boys' sails and the corporate lungs of the Old Redoubtables. Trying, as I sip my matutinal modicum of milk, to recall the chronology of events, I find that the spate of scoring by the Staff during the first half was interrupted by two events: the 1st XV scored (they did!) and goaled, and Mostert, en route hot foot for the try-line, was rammed by what he took to be a Mark IV tank, but which turned out to be K.M.P.

Half-time, 17-5. Allah be praised!-but neither oranges nor water! (This, the School Captain informed me, is strategy.)

When the teams were recalled to the field, much of the sparkle had disappeared from the play. A certain Lion, however, who had forsaken Mars for Cupid, was purring contentedly on the touchline, to roar delightedly with the crowd after a quick heel, a break, a clear, field-"Yurre, man, sorry, but I tripped!"

This disaster proved to be the turning-point of the game, for the boys, disgustingly fit, began to score with alarming regularity.

I must, however, in all fairness record that Benkie, though wilted, was still by at least half a head the most outstanding man on the field.. Time! 17-16. Whew!

Seven minutes later, A.P.W. suddenly remembered his whistle. Still 17-16.

The victors: Pennington i (K. M.); Wells, H. (G.?) (borrowed), Walshaw, Lombard, Chapman; Barnard, Moore; Foster, Penning-

ton iii (G.), Dickerson, Rouillard, Le Roux, Frankenstein, Taylor, Pennington minor (R. F.).

The oranges, had there been any, would have been distributed by yet another Pennington. (This must be a record!).

HOCKEY

I think it may be said that Hockey has been played and enjoyed by a greater number of boys than ever before, and the general standard is much higher. It was impossible to enter once again in Maritzburg Sunday League Hockey the "Hams" team, which incorporated in past years several members of the School XI. Instead, a voluntary Sunday League was formed locally, and seven sides were selected from well over a hundred applicants, captained by Masters or House Captains. Each of these teams played the other, and an excellent tournament resulted, since efforts were made to equalise the strength of the teams. So popular was this, that in a modified form, with four teams, the competition was continued in the 3rd Quarter. The

value of this type of Hockey is that younger players get the opportunity of playing with the better senior players, who supported the league-scheme with great keenness.

Turning to "official" School Hockey, there is less to say. The School XI was fair without being brilliant, but there are several promising younger players. The House matches went off without any hitches, some good games being seen.

D. N. Deavin (Fo.) (Capt.) C.F. The only Colour surviving from last year, he showed himself a good captain. Beginning the season at centre-half, he transferred himself to centre-forward where he played several games with great dash, being particularly brilliant in the House match tie against Farfield. In the final match against Hilton he was a shade disappointing. Stickwork and "eye" excellent.

J. M. Arkwright (Fa.) R.H. The most accurate player in the side. An admirably constructive half whose passes always go to the right place.

N. A. S. Allen (T.) I.R. Stickwork very neat and clever, and quite a quick shot at goal. Holds on to the ball rather too long.

K. A. Gough (E.) C.H. A tireless worker who never gives in. Rather slow on to the ball. Played excellently in the House matches.

M. B. Price-Moor (W.) L.H. Not a graceful player, he nevertheless gets through much solid work. Has a nice "push-pass." Does not come back enough in defence, and must mark his wing

D. Oberlin-Harris (Fo.) L.B. A much improved player. Formerly merely hit the ball very hard, but has now learned to play an intelligent and steady game. Still tends to over-hit, but is very reliable in tackling.

The above received their Colours in the course of the season.

D. R. Lee (T.) L.W. Quite speedy, but tends to toy too much with the ball. Centres well.

H. G. Wallace (T.) I.L. Plenty of dash and has shot some good goals. Sometimes overruns the ball.

R. C. Howland (T.) R.W. Has a good idea of the game and can run fast. Should develop into a good player.

J. M. Pennington (W.) R.B. Not too certain a player, but

tries hard.

P. J. P. Neall (W.) G. Like most goalies, had "off" and "on" days. Effected some very good saves and usually judged his rushes well.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI

MATCHES

Goals

Date Opponents

May 19 N.U.C.

May 27 Natal Carbineers

Aug. 11 Hilton Staff and Boys

Aug. 18 F.N.I.

Sept. 1 N.U.C.

Sept. 20 Hilton Staff and Boys

Ground F. A. Result

Away 7 0 Won

Home 1 8 Lost

Home 2 5 Lost

Away 4 4 Drawn

Home 9 0 Won

Home 0 4 Lost

2nd XI

May 19 N.U.C.

Sept. 1 N.U.C.

Away 4 0 Won

Home 4 1 Won

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"A" XI

Sept. 6 Rangers Home 2 7 Lost

1st & 2nd XI's v. N.U.C. 1st & 2nd XI's at Maritzburg.

In a rather scrappy but keen game the School 2nd XI beat the University team 4-0. Wallace was full of thrust at forward and Walker played well at centre-half.

Team: Groves; Roberts, Oberlin-Harris; Cannon, Walker,

Youngleson; Mostert, Wallace, Harsant, Bilsland, Greene.

The first XI were altogether too fast and accurate for their opponents in every department. N.U.C. were not as strong as usual, but the School played admirably, to put on five goals by half-time. The forward line played well together, and Deavin was good at centre-half. In Howland and Lee are two promising wings; especially at left wing we have been weak in recent years, but this year that weakness seems likely to be cured! Final score: 7-0.

Team: Lawton; Gough, Pennington, J. M.; Arkwright,

Deavin, Price-Moor; Howland, Dandridge, Allen, Horsfall, Lee.

v. Natal Carbineers (Home).

Mr. Gerald Pennington brought an experienced and strong team who proved too good for the School. A thrustful forward line shook the goalkeeper, and speedy wings were not properly marked by the halves. Even so, it was a nice, open game, much less one-sided than the score suggests. Our forwards missed chances, whereas theirs had one or two lucky goals. At half-time the score was: Carbineers 3, School 0. On resuming, something of a spate of goals ensued, the final score being 8--1 (Allen). It is only fair to add that several of the team had had a hard rugger match the previous day, and had last played hockey a week before on N.U.C.'s fast, non-turf ground. The experience gained was most useful.

Team: As above, Youngleson vice Arkwright.

v. Hilton College Staff and Boys (Home).

This was a remarkable game. In the first half the school had things mostly their own way, and, playing well together, led 2-0 at half-time. Over-confidence and a brilliant goal by Mr. Mansergh early on in the second half caused a deterioration,

whilst Hilton in turn began to combine well and play really fine hockey. Another goal made the scores level, and though Michaelhouse had their chances and were unlucky not to score, Hilton, with Mr. Mansergh and the inside right always dangerous, put on three more goals to run out winners by 5-2. The proportion of boys to staff was nine to two.

Team: Neall; Rev. C. E. Birks, Oberlin-Harris; Price-Moor, Deavin, Arkwright; The Rector, Dandridge, Allen, Wallace, Lee.

1st XI v. F.N.I. (Away).

The team was at a temporary disadvantage owing to some changes-Deavin to centre-forward, Allen to right inside, Gough to centre-half, with Bilsland, a new comer, on the right wing. They recovered soon and a hard tussle ensued against F.N.I., a seasoned team, ending in a draw, 4-4. Both in attack and defence there was some brilliant play-with four well-earned goals-Deavin 1, Allen 2, Arkwright 1. The value of combination as a team was well illustrated in both forward and back Play.

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1st XI v. N.U.C. (Home).

The ground was rather soft after heavy rain, but the School showed excellent form. The match was one-sided in the second half, but interesting and even till half-time, when the score was 2-0. N.U.C. are not the strong side of peace-time, and were outclassed a second time in the season. Of the School side, the forwards in particular deserved commendation and some first-class goals were scored. Howland played vice Bilsland at right wing, otherwise the team was as before, Deavin continuing with success at centre-forward.

2nd XI v. N.U.C. (Home).

A rather comic match because the extremely wet condition of Near-Meadows made it more or less impossible to control the ball effectively. The team played with great zest and vigour, and defeated their opponents, who were quite considerably the weaker side, by four goals to one. Dandridge, Williams, A. A., and Bilsland scored, generally after an individual run-through. Youngleson, J. A., at centre-half, succeeded in covering himself with much mud and some glory.

"A" Team v. Rangers (Home).

The School XI being away in Durban playing D.H.S., only three of the regular XI were available to meet Maritzburg's best club side, who brought a representative team. In view of the experience and skill of our opponents the School XI was by no means disgraced to lose 2-7. The game was fast and keen, but the visitors held the upper hand. The absence of most of the staff on a N.R.V. parade meant that strengthening in this direction was impossible; but several younger players obtained a chance to gain experience.

Team: Neall; Rev. C. E. Birks, McBride; Cannon, Ark-

wright, Walker; Routledge, Dandridge, Bilsland, Horsfall, Howland.

v. Hilton Staff and Boys (Away).

The match was played on a hot spring day, and Hilton's hard ground proved extremely fast. There was little in the first half between the teams. Michaelhouse pressed most of the time and were unlucky to be down 0-1 at half-time. The second half went definitely in Hilton's favour: our forwards lost their dash (rigger boots on the hard ground was one reason) and the defence found England's late captain, ably supported by Mr. Johnson at left wing and a first-class inside right, very

difficult to deal with. The final score, 0-4, represented a conclusive defeat, but the game was in no way one-sided and the hockey was speedy and of a high standard. The Hilton goalie was magnificent. For the school, Oberlin-Harris played very well.

Team: Groves; Rev. C. E. Birks, Oberlin-Harris; Price-Moor, Gough, Walker; Routledge, F. R. Snell, Esq., Deavin, Allen, Howland.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Senior: First Round: Farfield beat Tatham 3-1; East beat West 2-1.

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Second Round: Founders beat Farfield 2-1; East beat

Pascoes 3-1.

Final: Founder's beat East 2-0.

In the first round Farfield did well to beat a Tatham team, though injuries made the latter not quite at full strength. East surprised the critics by overcoming West, who missed too many chances. In the second round, Farfield, without Arkwright, their best man, lacked their previous skill and combination and went down to Founders, who showed good form. East, playing less well than before, beat a Pascoes team which was not strong, without undue difficulty.

Conditions for the final were damp. The game was interesting, but Founders, well led by Deavin, played with rare dash and deserved their win. Oberlin-Harris was very steady at back, and for the losers Gough worked untiringly.

Junior: First Round: Tatham beat Founders 2-1; Pascoes beat East 3-2.

Second Round: Tatham beat West 1-0; Farfield beat

Pascoes 6-0.

Final: Farfield beat Tatham 2-0.

In the first round a really good match saw Tatham run out bare winners. Pascoes were lucky to beat East, and fell easy victims to Farfield in the second round. Tatham once more won an even game against West.

The final was hardly-fought, with Tatham pressing much of the time. The ball soon got dirty and sodden, and made accurate hitting difficult. Farfield owed a somewhat surprising victory to the dash and determination of their centre-forward, Johnstone, the persistence of their backs, and the solid goal-keeping of Harris. The Tatham forwards were ineffective in the circle, but the game, till near the end, was most exciting.

The two winning teams in the House Matches were:-

Senior: Founders: Lister, Oberlin-Harris, Trabble; Austin, Cannon, Bassett-Smith; Mostert, Kumbleben, Deavin (capt.), Ingoldby, Routledge.

Junior: Farfield: Harris; Day, Gillat; Onslow, R., Mason-Gordon, Hall, J. B.; Button, Coffey, Johnstone, J. C., Onslow, D.,

Field, J.

C.E.B.

TENNIS

D. N. Deavin was elected captain at the beginning of the year.

Two matches were played against the staff. The first match against masters only was stopped by rain, and the second against a mixed team ended in a draw.

Matches against St. Anne's and Wykeham were cancelled owing to a case of mumps at St. Anne's, and rain on the day set for the match against Wykeham.

The house matches were won by West, after beating Tatham in the final round.

The following played in the team: D. N. Deavin and C. K. Harsant; M. V. Greene and J. P. Dandridge; M. J. Pennington and J. C. Johnstone; P. J. Neall and P. S. Taylor.

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SQUASH

Two more victories have been claimed by the Staff in their â— quarterly matches against the School. In June they won by 14 matches to 10, the result being in doubt till the last two pairs took the courts. Several boys left in July, including the Captain, H. M. Bull, and this allowed the Staff to win rather more comfortably in September, 19-9.

In the House matches, Farfield and West were "seeded" for byes in the first round. East had a very close struggle with Founders, winning by the narrowest margin, 9-7. Tatham defeated Pascoes rather easily by 13-3. In the second round Farfield quickly accounted for East, 13-3, and Tatham rather unexpectedly beat West by 10-6. In, the finals, the Farfield team, Bull, Booth, Johnstone and Bower, were convincingly victorious by 13 matches to 3, and thus became the first holders of the Cup, recently presented by H. A. Massy.

A. A. B. Williams was elected Captain of Squash in August.

K.M.P.

ATHLETICS

J. J. Rymer was elected Athletic Captain in succession to W. C. Cooke, who left in June.

"THE RAMPARTS."

The senior course was slightly shortened by eliminating a steep incline immediately before the finishing point, since it was felt that this was too severe a test to conclude a race of this nature. The junior course was lengthened by approximately half a mile, so as to include a long flat stretch above the reservoir to give competitors more opportunity of challenging one another. Skinner won the senior event in good time, and Richards did well to win the junior.

JUNIOR: 1, Farfield, 81 points; 2, Founders, 85 points; 3, Tatham, 112 points; 4, West, 117 points; 5, Pascoes, 150 points;

6, East, 156 points.

SENIOR: 1, Founders, 67 points; 1, West, 67 points; 3, East, 99 points; 4, Pascoe, 155 points; 5, Farfield, 170 points; 6, Tatham, 183 points.

CROSS COUNTRY CUP: 1, Founders, 152 points; 2, West,

184 points; 3, Farfield, 251 points; 4, East, 255 points; 5, Tatham, 295 points; 6, Pascoe, 305 points.

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS: Senior: 1, Skinner, T. G.; 2,

Basset-Smith, J. L.; 3, Trebble, K. Time: 25 min. 37 secs.

Junior: 1, Richards, M. A.; 2, Dougall, J. C.; 3, Darby, H. S.
Time: 18 min. 23 secs.

N.M.B.

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OLD BOYS' NOTES

OBITUARY

NIGEL BARKLEY BOYD

Nigel entered Foundation East at the beginning of 1931 and spent four happy and successful years here, passing his Junior Certificate and Matriculation examinations. He soon became recognised as a boy of sterling character, reliable, loyal and keen in all he did. As a House Prefect in his last year, he revealed qualities of exemplary leadership which early marked him as one of our outstanding boys. Reserved, but solid, he had many friends. He stood out as well above average at games, winning his 1st XV Colours at Rugby and playing regularly for the School Hockey side. He left us to take a Bank appointment in Johannesburg, and at the time of joining up he was doing well on the staff of one of the mining houses. It was natural that a young man of his stamp should choose the Air Force. He quickly qualified as a bomber pilot and went North last year. On August 28th, 1942, he was with two other machines bombing an armoured train near Sidi Berrani in the face of terrific fire from the ground. A little later Nigel's machine swerved away and he crashed in flames. Missing for many months, he was finally confirmed "killed in action," and a very gallant airman, loved by all in his squadron, has joined the great band who have sacrificed all to safeguard what they value and cherish. It was a great shock to his parents and sister at Eston, who have our deepest sympathy. He was 25, and his generation know what a worthy O.M. he was.

FRANK GRAHAM BELL

The eldest of three brothers of exceptional intellectual stature, Frank was at the School for four years, 1923-26. Gifted and studious, he earned a very good 1st Class in his Matriculation, excelling particularly at all English and Classical subjects. He was only just 16 when he left, there being no Sixth Form in those days. But he had richly revealed his literary tastes which were so much developed in after years. One piece of translation of Ovid, "Last Night in Rome," published in the 1926 Chronicle, still lives in our memory. We can pay no better tribute to the loss the ranks of our Old Boys have suffered by Frank's untimely death than by quoting from the London "Times" of August 17th:-

"Pilot Officer Frank Graham Bell, whose death this month at the age of 32 in a flying accident on active service w?s recorded in 'The Times' on Thursday, was a South African who in recent years

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had gained some reputation both as a painter and a journalist. He was born in the Transvaal in 1910 and had worked in this country since 1931. As a painter, chiefly of landscapes, he was associated with the Euston Road group, but he also showed at such exhibitions as those of 'Artists of Fame and Promise,' at the Leicester Galleries, where, in 1940, for example, his 'Brunswick Square, January,' was favourably noticed. As a journalist before the war he wrote chiefly for the 'New Statesman.' For the past three years he had been in the R.A.F. and had painted comparatively little, and last October, when he was one of four young artists who shared an exhibition at the Leicester Galleries, he was only able to contribute a small proportion of the exhibits. Among them was, however, an interesting and vivid small head, 'The Invalid,' which attracted attention. His 'Baylham Mills,' an attractive view along a lane with the light glowing in the winter hedgerow, was seen at the National Gallery last autumn in the collection of pictures bought by C.E.M.A., and his work was also acquired by the Contemporary Art Society. At the Euston Road Group exhibition shown at Oxford in

1941 he was particularly well represented."

Sir Kenneth Clark writes: "The death of Graham Bell is the second serious loss which the war has inflicted on English painting. It is particularly tragic, as Graham Bell was still far from having given full expression to his very remarkable gifts. He was a very intelligent man. He was also completely, even disturbingly sincere, and would follow his convictions even if they meant renouncing everything that he and his friends had previously believed. It was this sincerity which led him to turn away from decorative painting, which he might have practised with fashionable approval, and attempt the most difficult kind of traditional naturalism. Sensitive, classical, scholarly, and yet with an almost Corot-esque simplicity, his work was often overshadowed by that of his friends, but they would have been the first to admit how much they owed to his influence. To his active mind and conscience sincerity of eye was riot enough. His painting depended on his convictions as a whole, and for that reason lacked finality, however carefully considered; but at his best lie was one of the most satisfying and endearing of contemporary painters. Graham Bell had long expected the war, and joined up immediately in a spirit of chivalrous enthusiasm, which he would not allow the setbacks and disillusionments of service life to extinguish."

And from the "New Statesman and Nation":-

"Graham Bell has been killed in a flying accident. He was 32. He had been in the R.A.F. for more than three years, and had just finished his training in bombers. His death comes as an especial shock to his friends, for he possessed a vital charm which held together the rare glimpses they had of him in war-time. He was passionately interested; living, painting, aesthetics, Socialism, were a few of the things he held to, and, when they needed advocacy, defended.

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He was a painter who wrote well. One picture in ten perhaps satisfied him; one pamphlet on the artists and society was the extent of his published work outside journalism. It is curious that while he wrote carelessly and with a dashing charm, his painting was achieved only as result of the most laborious and painful conflict. He was developing, as an artist, slowly; each step had to be measured and pondered before it was taken. He painted out of a full (almost too full) nature, though whether this would eventually have found total release one cannot tell. Occasionally a picture of his, in the subdued manner of the Euston Road Group, would strike the imagination forcibly: his lovely 'Charlotte Street in Snow,' for example, belonging now to Sir Kenneth Clark. His large painting of a bar showed an uncommon power of construction, but while his intellect decided the plan, the execution was always governed by sensibility and scrupulous observation. The routine and comradeship of the R.A.F., though he found it at times depressing, never crushed his enthusiasms, and when he came on a rare leave to London one of the first things he would do was to collect a new batch of National Gallery postcards to distribute among companions who didn't know a Cezanne from a Laszlo. Before the war he had been a regular contributor to this journal. The most characteristic thing in him was a kind of vehement vigour which informed his opinions, his talk, his habitual gaiety. G.W.S."

Neil, his younger brother, was also tragically killed last year in Egypt, and his parents and only surviving brother, "Tert," know how wide the sympathy of Michaelhouse friends is in their new sorrow.

ROY THOMSON McFIE

Following in the steps of two elder brothers, Roy entered the School in 1933 as a new boy in West at the age of 14, and stayed four years. Michaelhouse owes much of its traditions and success to the solid worth of farmers' sons, and the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McFie, of Lowlands, played their part well here as boys whose country life had taught them at an early age the value of simple tastes, neighbourly sincerity and frank honesty. Roy was a great favourite in West. Rather quiet, he never failed to give of his best. He won several prizes and in his last year was always top of the Modern Form. He showed very considerable aptitude with his hands and regularly appeared amongst the Carpentry prize

winners. When he left he farmed at the old home-
stead with his father. He was very fond of outdoor
life, his chief recreations being tennis and trout fish-
ing. No one knew better than his family what a
true friend he was. When the Carbineers mobilised,
Roy went off with his regiment and saw service in
Abyssinia, Egypt and Libya. He did not return from
a patrol in the desert, but it was many months before
his people received the sad news that he had been
killed in action. To them all we offer our very real
sympathy.

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CLIVE FRANCIS METHLEY RAWLINSON

The only child of Mr. Frank Rawlinson, of Harleston, Mooi River, Clive spent four years in Tatham House, leaving in 1938. He, too, was the best type of farming stock, and in his quiet, sincere way gave much to his House and School by his loyalty as a friend. He typified the steady, average boy on whom so much of the general standard of the School depends—a service often unconsciously given, because such boys are too modest and diffident at school to believe that they are an asset to any community in which they live. Yet the world would be a sorry place without them. Clive had started farming with his father when the war started, and had some months' valuable mechanical training at Nicol's Garage, Nottingham Road. He joined the Natal Carbineers and went through the East and North African campaigns. He was captured during our retreat into Egypt in 1942, and in due course reported safe as a prisoner of war in Italy. On May 29th this year he wrote to a relative in England, apparently well, but he died on June 4th of some throat infection. It was a terrible shock to his father, who had naturally hoped that his son was safely out of the war. He has our deep sympathy.

ROBERT MOLYNEUX SHARP

One of twin sons of Major R. R. Sharp, of Redbank, Bulawayo, "Peter" was born in England in 1922 and migrated with his family to Rhodesia when six months old. He won an open scholarship to Michaelhouse from Ruwazi Preparatory School, and entered Tathams in 1936. His ability and industry were soon realised here and we were all certain he would get a good 1st Class in the Matric., which he did in 1938, with distinction in Latin. He made a reliable House Prefect in his last year—the reward of a career of real usefulness and steady support of all House activities. Leaving us in October, 1939, he was awarded a Beit Bursary and went to Rhodes University. There he completed the first year of his

B.Sc. course, and then left to join the Rhodesian Light Battery in Salisbury. He did so well in his training that he was selected for an O.C.T.U. course in England in August, 1942, and obtained his commission in the Royal Artillery early this year. He was killed near Louth through an accident in training manoeuvres, a sad end for one who had shown such keenness and promise all through his short

military career. He had intended to be a farmer and would eventually have taken over his father's estate at Whinburn. We offer our sympathy to his family. He had a big future.

JAMES WAY VERNEY

Jim was the youngest child of F. A. Verney, Esq., one time Chief Veterinary Officer of Basutoland. He came to Michaelhouse in 1927-a large, loose-limbed lad, who was one day to stand 6 foot 10 as a London policeman! He was a foundation member of Rectors

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(now Founders), but from the first had a strong distaste for the classroom. Passionately interested in nature, birds and animals, he was never really at ease except on free bounds, where he would spend hours studying wild life. It was a trait that governed his whole life. When he left here, he went for a short time to Edinburgh University, where most of his time was passed rambling over the moors. He was too honest to continue such a sham, and, with his father's consent, passed successfully a course of training for the London Metropolitan Police, which, for all his tradition of physical perfection, could only produce one man bigger than Jim. After two years an opportunity he had longed for came his way and he returned to this country as game warden's assistant in the Wankie Reserve in Rhodesia. To him it was paradise, and his long letters home breathed happiness whether they described tracking the spoor of big game, shooting waterfowl on the large Chobe pans, or tiger fishing in the Zambesi. What a fund of yarns he had! And how he gripped young and old alike, when he told them! As soon as he could be released, he joined the R.A.F., and in due course was posted to a squadron on Atlantic patrol, where "the spirit of the chase and his unrivalled zeal" were his driving force. From one such operational flight he never returned and is presumed to have lost his life attacking enemy craft at sea. To his family and brother, Dick, we tender our sympathy. We are happy to think that his last long letter home described his last leave, spent on salmon and trout rivers in the moors of Scotland he loved so deeply. It was a joy to see the complete ecstasy with which he wrote of his first salmon and the thousand appeals of a Highland river bank. Such souls are rare, and he will be greatly missed for his deep love of the wonders of creation.

ROGER de W. K. WINLAW

In our last issue we were unable to say anything of Roger Winlaw's life after leaving Michaelhouse. A friend has kindly furnished the following details from "The Cricketer": Roger Winlaw was killed in

October while serving as a Squadron Leader in the R.A.F. At Winchester he soon showed skill as a cricketer and footballer. During his four years in the cricket eleven, in two of which he was captain, he batted with consistent success, his average never being below 35. He was chosen for the Rest v. Lord's Schools in 1930 and 1931. Going up to Cam-

bridge he scored 85 and 33 in the Freshmen's Match and was given his Blue, making 15 and 34 in the 1932 University Match. The following season he made a big advance with a record of 687 runs and an average of 38. In his only innings against Oxford he scored 20. His great year was 1934. In all matches that season he hit 1,330 runs and averaged 42. He made five centuries for Cambridge, with 161 not out v. Essex as his highest. At Cardiff he scored 109 not out and 108 against Glamorgan. This season he also played in nine Championship matches for Surrey, making

91 against Sussex and 80 against Lancashire. And that was the end of Roger Winlaw's career as a first-class cricketer. After leaving Cambridge he became a master at Harrow, and during the summer holidays played for Bedfordshire, in 1936 having an average of 85 for them. Possessing a good range of strokes and a very sound defence, Winlaw might well have played a prominent part in first-class cricket if he could have devoted the necessary time. Apart from his cricket, he had the distinction of representing Cambridge three times in the Association football match with Oxford. He was captain in his last year. Winlaw possessed great charm of manner and good looks, and the news of his death at the age of 30 was received with great regret by his countless friends and admirers.

Holl of Honour

Cpl. Cecil M. Adams, 1st I.L.H.-Libya.

F/O. G. Paul W. Austin, R.A.F.-Germany.

A/P. Malcolm Banks, S.A.A.F.-Union.

Lieut. W. Brian Boyd, S.A.A.F.-Union.

Lieut. Nigel B. Boyd, S.A.A.F.-Libya.

Eng. Sub.-Lt. A. Lindsay Briggs, R.N.V.R.-H.M.S. Hermes.
P/O. David Buckley, R.A.F.-Germany.

Sgt. Maurice W. Burgess, S.A.A.-Libya.

Gnr. Philip J. Buzzard, S.A.A.-Libya.

Lieut. D. H. Ben Carlisle, Fleet Air Arm-England.

Lieut. G. Anthony Chalkley, S.A.A.F.-England.

2nd Lieut. Tom G. G. Chater, S.A.A.F.-Libya.

P/O. John St. G. Chomley, R.A.F.-English Channel.

F/O. A. R. Tony Clayden, R.A.F.-Egypt.

P/O. Sydney G. Collier, R.A.F.-English Channel.

P/O. Ivan B. Cooper, R.A.F.-Baltic Sea
Capt. Dick G. Crockett, R.D.L.I-Libya.

Capt. Rex G. Crosoer, R.D.L.I.-Libya
Lieut. Noel J. Cullum, S.A.A.F.-Libya.

Pte. Hugh M. Drummond, 1st R.N.C.-Egypt.

Lieut. R. Alan Durose, S.A.A.F.-Libya.

P/O. S. Guye H. Fawkes, R.A.F.-France.

Air/Sgt. E. A. Peter Featonby-Smith, S.A.A.F.-Libya.
Lieut. Stanley R. E. Forrester, S.A.A.F.-Crete.

Lieut. Mick W. V. Goldby, 1st I.L.H.-Libya.

Sgt. Rags W. Gowthorpe, M.C., U.M.R.-Libya.

P/O. Frank Graham-Bell, R.A.F.-England.

Lieut. Neil Graham-Bell, U.M.R.-Libya.

P/O. Bill J. E. Hagger, R.A.F.-Malta.

2nd Lieut. Ray A. Hamlyn, S.A.A.F.-Union.

Capt. H. Willoughby Harris, M.C., Botha Regt.-Libya.
Pte. Geoffrey C. Hart-Davis, 3rd Transvaal Scottish-Libya

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Air/Sgt. A. Mack Harvey, S.A.A.F.-Mediterranean.

Bdr. John R. Hickman, S.A.A.-Libya.

Lieut. Jack Holgate, R.D.L.I.-Libya.

A/P. John Hungerford, S.A.A.F.-Union.

P/P. Hugh H. Isaac, S.A.A.F.-Union

F/O. John Ing, R.A.F.-Belgium.

Lieut. Gordon A. Jamieson, West African Regt.-Kenya.

P/O. Peter Jardine, R.A.F.-England.

S/Sgt. Ray Keeny, S.A.E.C.-Libya.

Lieut. Bill W. H. Kelly, S.A.A.F.-Union.

Lieut. Jim Lawrie, S.A.A.F.-Abyssinia.

Inspector C. Beric Mansfield, Police-Abyssinia.

Tpr. Ronnie Marshall, S.A.T.C.-Union.

Pte. Roy T. McFie, 1st R.N.C.-Libya.

P/P. Terry C. Monk, S.A.A.F.-Union.

2nd Lieut. Terry R. E. Morrison, S.A.A.F.-Libya.

Lieut. Dorrien Norton, S.A.A.F.-Union.

Pte. Frank Openshaw, S.A. Irish-Mediterranean.

Cpl. Wilfred J. Parry, 1st K.R.R.C.-Egypt.

2nd Lieut. Edward W. L. Popham, S.A.A.F.-Libya.

Pte. Clive Rawlinson, 1st R.N.C.-Italy.

Cpl. Harry Rawson, S.A.T.C.-Libya.

Lieut. Hugo D. Reid, S.A.A.F.-Libya.

A/O. Tom R. Rose-Price, S.A.A.F.-Union.

S/Sgt. Chappie L. St. Leger, H.Q. Staff-Egypt.

P/O. Ronald N. Selley, D.F.C., R.A.F.-England

2nd Lieut. Peter R. M. Sharp, R.A.-England.

Lieut. John M. Simpson, S.A.A.F.-Libya.

Ft./Lieut. Errol W. Seymour-Hosley, R.A.F.-Libya.
Lieut. Harold B. Stevenson, S.A.A.F.-Kenya.

Pte. George D. Strachan, N.M.R.-Mediterranean.

S/Sgt. Kelvin B. Strachan, S.A.N.L.C.-Egypt.

Lieut. Peter J. Susskind, S.A.A.-Egypt.

Lieut. Archie A. L. Tatham, S.A.A.F.-Libya.

2nd Lieut. Ken M. Taylor, S.A.A.F.-Union.

Lieut. Guy F. Tolmer, S.A.A.F.-Union.

Ft./Lieut. Jim W. Verney, R.A.F.-Atlantic.

F/O. Douglas Vivian, R.A.F.-Germany.

F/O. Harold Webber, R.A.F.-Germany.

A/Sgt. Frank B. White, S.A.A.F.-Libya.

Sqdn. Ldr. Roger Winlaw, R.A.F.-Germany.

MISSING-BELIEVED KILLED

P/O. John Clive Dawson-Squibb, R.A.F.-Burma.

Lieut. Bobbie Pryde, S.A.A.F.-Libya.

F/O. Tony Smith, R.A.F.-Mediterranean.

Sgt./Pilot Bob D. C. Tomlinson, R.A.F.-North Sea.

MISSING FOR MANY MONTHS

Rex Poynton, Gerald Sedgwick.

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PRISONERS OF WAR ESCAPED

Don Currie and Jeff Morphew to Switzerland.
Lewis Pape to Allied Forces.

PRISONERS OF WAR

Dennis Antrobus.
Jack Ardington.
David Beevers.
Christopher Beith.
Gordon Blampied.
Harry Bowley-Smith.
Russell Burdon.

Pat Burgess.

Billy Burnett.
Ronald Butcher.
Peter Campbell.
Richard Carter.
Peter Cazalet.

Wally Chaplin.
Geoffrey Chennells.
Jim Chutter.
Edmund Clemmans.
Edward Crockett.
Desmond Comins.
Raynor Davis.
Dennis Dawson.

Guy Diering.

Henry Dyke.

Ken Evennett.

John Forsdick.

John Fraundorfer.
Llewellyn George.
Guy Gibson.

Jack Goldby.

Keir Hall.

John Harker.

Jack Heeley.

Eric Henderson.
Ted Heney.

Erlend Hindson.
Charlie Jones.

John Kennan.

Tom Kennan.

Peter Kerr.

Rex Kirton.
Winston Laidlau.
Alan Lees.

Ken L'Estrange.
Travers Lister.
Michael Lloyd.
Frank Lorentz.
Dennis Lyle.

Tom Maling.

Alan McFie.
Douglas McIntosh.
Ken Mackay.

John MacNab.
Norman Mann.
Dennis Maxwell.
Ronald May.

Farnie Martens.
John Methley.

Billy Nairn.

D. Heaton-Nicholls.
Alexander Osborn.
Geoffrey Oscroft.

A. Oxley-Oxland.

Edward Phillips.
Eric Pond.

Roy Roberts.

Jack Robertson.
Maurice Robertson.
Giles Rose.

Mike Rosholt.

Terry Scott.

Jack Shannon.

Arthur Shaw.

Ronald Sherratt.

Courtnell Siedle.

Philip Symon.

Charles Smythe.

Ronald Steere.

William Smerdon.

Pat Stocken.

Lloyd Storm.

Les Symons.

Edward Stewart.

Clifford Tallantire.

Bobs Tatham.

Hugh Thomson.

Ernest Vine-Jory.

Peter Wachter.

Donald Waterman.

Courtney Wiley.

Colin Walters.

Edmund Wilson.

John Wilson.

DECORATIONS

Distinguish Service Order

Major Eric Marlin Lewis, D.F.C., of No. 14 Squadron, S.A.A.F., is the second O.M. to win this coveted award in this war. The citation says: "This officer has a fine operational record. He has taken part in operational flights against the enemy in Eritrea, Persia, the Western Desert and Crete. A loyal and efficient flight commander, his example to his squadron has been outstanding. In January, 1943, Major Lewis flew on five long-distance daylight reconnaissances in the Aegean Sea and obtained some excellent photographs. A month later he led a successful raid on Melos harbour. At all times he has displayed determination, courage and great devotion to duty."

Having won the D.F.C. last year for leading his R.A.F. flight during 50 sorties in the Western Desert, Eric has become our most decorated O.M. We very heartily congratulate him.

Member of the Order of the British Empire (Military Division)

Captain C. N. Wallace ("Tom") has been awarded the M.B.E. for courage and devotion to duty in the Western Desert. At the time of going to press, we have been unable to secure

the citation.

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Commendation for Bravery

The Minister of Air in the British Government has announced that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the posthumous award of Commendation of Bravery to Charles Beric Mansfield, Assistant Inspector, British South Africa Police, serving with British Military Administration Police, Ethiopia, on secondment. He died from bullet wounds received while, regardless of his own personal danger, he was endeavouring to disarm and arrest drunken Ethiopian soldiers at Addis Ababa on May 8, 1942.

Mentioned in Despatches

In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East: Captain G. W. Boyes, Q Services, SA.A.F.; Lieut.

H. E. Boyes, 1st R.N.C.; Sgt. C. Fenton, S.A.C.S.; Sgt. A, F, B, Kerr, Q Services; Pte. T. Maling, N.M.R.

GENERAL

A new copy of the Members' Roll has been published in accordance with a resolution of the Annual General Meeting. It attempts to give all known addresses, indicate the Roll of Honour, and show the unit in which members are serving. It is bound to be very incomplete and often inaccurate, owing to transfers and paucity of information. Will anyone who sees mistakes or omissions please send all available details to the Hon. Sec. so that our records can be rectified. Without such co-operation it is quite impossible to achieve the standard of fullness and accuracy aimed at.

May we again remind members that we have large numbers of back Chronicles that are available at one shilling each.

OLD BOYS DAY

The fourth war-time Annual General Meeting of the Club was held at the School on June 3rd, and it was very gratifying to see that nearly fifty members found it possible to be present. E. W. Gibson's two years of office was up, and Maurice H. Forder was persuaded to accept nomination for the presidency. Eighty-two new members were elected-a record. The financial statement, which will not be published until, with its two predecessors, it has been audited (the auditor being on active service), shows a very satisfactory position. A sub-Committee, consisting of E. W. Gibson, A. W. Lister and K. M. Pennington, was elected to confer with a similar body from the Governors about a War Memorial, a fund for which has been opened. As reported elsewhere, thanks

to the presence of a number of troops, we were able to raise a team and a half to play the School at rugger, and fit members of the Staff filled the gaps.

PERSONAL NOTES

We congratulate Harry Antrobus and Mary Howie, of Wankie, who were married on March 17th. He has gone North again with the Engineers. Robert has been stationed at Cape Town for some months.

Capt. Barry Acutt was recently married to Molly Bredell, of Johannesburg. We wish them luck. He has been C.A.F., Inland Area, for most of this year. Denis has also received his captaincy and is instructing in the Union. Chris came back with the N.M.R., but transferred to the Carbineers in July.

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Hugh Alder, who was promoted Major in the SAA.F. at the beginning of the year, is still doing fine work with the RA.F. on the Burma front.

We wish all success to Lieut. John Aubrey and Kathleen Roach who were married at St. Thomas', Durban, on July 24th. The bride is the daughter of Fred Roach, a Senior O.M., who has been in the Native Affairs Department for many years. John is with the Q Services.

Lieut. D. Atkins brought his wife and small daughter, four months old, to see the School in October. He is with an A.A. regiment.

We congratulate Haig Archbell, D.F.C., on his promotion to Wing Commander in the R.A.F. He is still in Egypt.

Basil Adams has left Esperanza, where he was chief engineer at the sugar mill, and returned to Eshowe to manage his late father's extensive commercial interests.

D. Alexander is training with the Transvaal Scottish at Barberton.

J. K. Anderson is a fighter pilot in Egypt in the SAA.F.

Denis Button received his commission and wings in the S.A.A.F. in June, and, since enjoying embarkation leave, has been doing a special navigation course at the Kowie, where he put in a lot of rowing and fishing.

A. M. Barrett wrote in September from the Cape, where he is training in the Navy after a successful first year at N.U.C., where he played for the XV.

Good fortune to Haydn Butcher and Mildred Comrie, of Richmond, who were married on June 19th. They are farming near Creighton.

Alan Buchanan-Clarke welcomed the arrival of a second son on May 11th.

"Tert" Graham Bell has been at Zonderwater, winding up his Ambulance which has been disestablished after three years' service. He has just lost his second brother in a flying accident. He is now at the Springfield Military Hospital in Durban.

Brewer Booth, who lost a leg as a P.O.W., arrived back in the Union some months ago under the exchange plan with the

Italians. He is very fit, and, while recovering from an operation connected with the fitting of his artificial leg, was delighted to find he could play good golf with his crutches, even snatching an occasional birdie! He has lost none of his good spirits. Barry has joined the SAA. and is training at Potchefstroom.

John Baylis, after a spell of training at Pollsmoor, has been seconded to the R.N. for service. He sent news of several

O.M.'s who were also in the S.A.N.F.

Lieut. Exton Burchell announced his engagement in July to Sheilagh Kregeler, of Maritzburg. He is still with the Carbineers.

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A fellow-prisoner recently described Gordon Blampied as a man who could keep a sense of proportion and an infectious cheerfulness even in a dreary prison camp. It is not the first evidence we have had of his happy influence in captivity. We print elsewhere an account of the Sidi Rezegh action and subsequent fortunes of the Springboks captured there, of whom Gordon was one. They must all have had a particularly grim time.

"Porridge" Barnes writes cheerfully from Egypt, where he is training with the N.M.R. in a troop under Sgt. Hugh Knubley. He finds active service very much to his liking after the months of "hanging around" in the Union.

Capt. J. M. Black reports from Barberton that Leslie Palframan and Bird Hardy have recently joined the commissioned ranks of his regiment, the Transvaal Scottish.

E. Bower has been recommended for an officer's course in the Navy, after considerable experience at sea in the Indian Ocean.

C. P. Butcher completed his Observer's course and received his commission some months ago, and has been with the S.A.A.F. in the Middle East since July.

Peter Brown sent a long list of O.M.'s he had met on his troopship, and reported very favourably on conditions in his training camp in Egypt where he takes full advantage of the presence of four squash courts.

Derek Fowler Brown, who in August got his wing and commission in the S.A.A.F., spent a long week-end at the School, to his intense enjoyment.

Gordon Baber writes from a corvette in the Mediterranean where his ship was mixed up with the invasion of Sicily. He gave a vivid description of the "heavily laden merchant vessels steaming towards the beaches at break of dawn." They were stirring days.

Milne Buchan went North again in September with his Artillery regiment, which also included Bob Anderson.

Mike Barry has just become a Flight Lieut. in the R.A.F. in a Catalina Coastal Reconnaissance Squadron. Charles wrote a long letter from North Africa, where he has been flying since early this year. He was unable to divulge his secret work, but it had already taken him the whole length of the

Mediterranean seaboard. He sent a grand wad of O.M. notes, for which we are most grateful. During leave in Kenya he had some good shooting, but his trout fishing in the Njoro River only raised one tiddler all day.

D. Beaton went North with the 6th Div.

The Borland twins have both received their commissions as pilots in the R.A.F. Flying Typhoons, they have many thrills over France and the Channel. We hear Noel has twice been shot down, but each time fortunately rescued in his rubber dinghy in the Channel.

V. Beatty is now manager of Barclays Bank at Port Shepstone.

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We congratulate R. E. Bell on being returned unopposed as Member of Parliament for his new constituency in Johannesburg.

We also congratulate the Boyes brothers on their "Mentions in Despatches." Harry, after getting his commission, rejoined the Carbineers. George was down on two months' leave in

the winter and flew back to his unit in N. Africa.

Ted Brunskill, who has been instructing at an Air School outside Pietersburg, married a war widow some months ago. He

has three stepchildren. We wish them all luck. He was

recently promoted Captain.

Angus Buchanan, who is married and has a daughter, is fruit farming near Stellenbosch. He distils his own wine with great success.

Frank Calder, who has two small daughters, has been for some time on the J.A.G. Staff, Inland Command.

Bob Crass is whiling away his days of convalescence at Curry's Post with a microscope, studying and describing eight or nine new species of mayfly he has found in the district.

All those who know him will congratulate Don Currie and his parents on his escape from Italy during the confusion that followed the Italian collapse. As he was working outside Rome on a farm, he must have shown great endurance in covering so quickly the 350 miles that separated him from his Swiss sanctuary.

Good luck to Michael Crosoer and Molly Laughton, of Dundee, who were married at Dar-es-Salaam in the middle of June.

And also to Norman Clothier and his bride, Myrah Tucker, of Johannesburg, whose wedding was solemnised at St. Peter's, Maritzburg, in the same month. He is now in Egypt with the Carbineers.

Bob Cunliffe received his wings and commission in the S.A.A.F. in April, and expected to be seconded to the R.A.F. in England.

Keith Challinor is working in the Field Security Department of the Durban Fortress and is fit. Aliston and Brian McCarthy went North some months ago with a Survey Coy., S.A.E.C.,

in which Reg. Carr is a Staff-Sergt.

Andrew Curlewis was on the same troopship, and also R. K. Walker and J. Wagner.

In a Rhodesian paper their military observer reported that "Rifleman Peter Campbell did some grand sniping before he was captured in Libya." He was in a camp near Genoa. Robin has been in the Artillery since last year, but is severely troubled by asthma.

A long letter from Geoff Chater during his training at Witbank informed us he had seen N. Sacke and M. R. Johnston there, down from "up North." He has since got his wings and commission in the S.A.A.F. Hugh finds it a great joy to be on operational flying after 4½ years of instructing.

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The rumour that Keith Collins had escaped from Tobruk proved false. He returned from the N.M.R. in October last year for an eye operation, and since his recovery has been with the Coast Artillery, still unfit.

Lieut. Bruce Campbell has been transferred from the gunners to do research work on army food supplies.

Murray Campbell, who has had a commission for some time, went North with the Carbineers. Marshall is in the Navy.

Many O.M.'s will join in congratulating Padre Cazalet on his M.C., which he won in Malaya before being captured. "P.C." writes cheerfully from Formosa where conditions are fairly good in his P.O.W. camp.

Geoff Chaplin was appointed a District Commissioner early this year and is in charge at Qacha's Nek. His cousin, "Bud," left for the Middle East recently with the Artillery.

J. B. Cox has had a long spell at sea with the R.N., visiting many "furrin' parts."

P. Crawford has transferred from the "Dukes" to the S.A.N.F. and was recently training at Cape Town.

T. C. B. Crookes is an officer with the Carbineers.

J. R. Cleverley has almost completed his training as a pilot in the S.A.A.F.

Rev. Aidan Cross recently married Betty Bowes in England. They expect to be back in Natal before Christmas. Good luck to them.

George Crossman, now a Sub-Lieutenant in the Navy, is on a ship based at a Scottish port.

Mac Campbell has his Manager's Ticket and is a Mine Captain on Daggafontein.

Gordon Chapman is in North Africa as a fighter pilot.

G. C. Cope is an Air-Sergt. on the ground staff of 60 Squadron somewhere in Africa.

Aliston Challinor has sent a very descriptive account of his unit's long trek by road from Cairo to Tripoli, through all

the old battlefields. Then they set sail for Italy, where they are operating with the Fifth Army. He was immensely struck by the charm of the countryside, the thoroughness of looting by the retreating German troops and the shortage of ordinary food supplies with the peasants, "though wonderful fruit was plentiful." Outside Tripoli he had wandered through famous Roman ruins.

Like so many others, Antony Doming is getting very restless after his long spell of instructional flying in the Transvaal. He has had several O.M.'s through his hands. On the same aerodrome, also as instructors, are J. Macnab, D. Featherstone, Alec Harriss and P. W. Nourse.

O. W. Dyer is Flag Lieutenant to Admiral Scott in Durban.

R. E. Dawson, who is in the Navy, moved from Johannesburg in September with his family to Mossel River, near Hermanus, where they have made a new home.

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T. R. Douglas is with the S.A.A.F., well advanced with his training.

Ivan Dickinson, after a course of "commando training," has a platoon with the R.E.'s.

R. de Gale brought his bride to stay at the School for a long week-end. We sometimes think such a visit should form a routine item in every honeymoon!

Paddy Dobson's engineer unit was disbanded early this year, and he accepted an offer of being seconded to the R.A., from which he writes most cheerfully. He had seen a large number of O.M.'s in Cairo.

R. A. Dyke is up North with the A.A.P.C. Bill is still with the Air Force at Port Elizabeth.

Geoff Doming is engaged to Lorna Perkins, of Durban. He is still instructing at Grahamstown, the other O.M.'s on the same job there being Derek Broadhurst and Geoff Blackbeard.

Henry Dyke has been working on a farm as a P.O.W. in N. Italy, from which a sergeant reports that "he behaved very well in times of great hardship and extreme danger and has been an example to men much older and stronger than he is."

W. P. Dandridge and G. M. Dixon are on an O.T.C. course for the S.A.N.F. at Cape Town.

Many friends will sympathise with Lindsay and Harry Evans, whose father died very suddenly on their farm near Kroonstad last September. Harry had, fortunately, at last come down on leave from Egypt and was at home for August. He has been released from the army. Lindsay's second daughter arrived in August. They have had splendid crops this season.

Bruce Evans has been granted extended leave and is back on the farm.

Jack Elliot has been promoted District Commissioner in the Basutoland Service. We congratulate him.

Ronnie Eriksen is engaged, to Joan Alexander, of Merrivale. He joined the S.A. Navy in August, 1940, as an A/B, and is now in command of a ship and stationed at Durban, with L. D. Poison as his Chief Engineer.

S. A. G. Ellis is an officer in a Field Coy., S.A.E.C. up North.

Jigger Egeland has been discharged from the Army and is back at his old job in Durban.

E. S. Edminson is stationed with the N.M.C. in the north of S.W.A.

J. D. Eyles has transferred from the Artillery to the S.A.A.F., with which he is training as a Pupil Pilot in the Union after service in Egypt.

John Foaden and J. P. Fitzgerald both received wings and commissions in April and are serving up North, seconded to the R.A.F.

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Cedric Fenton, who has been married for nearly eight years and has a small son, was in London when war broke out, after a wonderful trip on the Continent. His plan to finish his degree in wireless there had to be abandoned, and after returning to Newcastle he joined up and has been with the S.A.C.S. ever since. His efficiency has earned him a mention in despatches, as recorded elsewhere.

Congratulations and good luck to Captain Peter Francis and Priscilla Davis, who were married in Maritzburg on June 7th. He left later for further service with the Carbineers.

The same to George Forder and Marjorie Impey, of Piet Retief, who were married at the end of July. He also left with the same convoy.

And yet again to Peter Franklin and Alida Eelders, who were married last Christmas Eve. He has since been posted to England for service with the R.A.F. as a pilot.

G. W. Fyfe has a commission and went North in August.

We were very glad that, after refusing nomination for many years, Maurice Forder was elected President of the Club this year.

Derek Fowler Brown completed his Observer's course in July and spent part of his embarkation leave at the School.

Halford Fellowes, after a long period at sea, often in the Persian Gulf, has been home on leave at Umzimkulu.

V. Forsyth is in the Navy.

John Fieldsend has been on a strenuous gunner's course outside Cairo and should be getting his commission soon.

Ian Garland is an O.S. in the S.A.N.F. He enjoyed his training at the Cape, where he was stationed close to a lake and saw many new birds.

I. A. Goodbrand is serving as a Writer in the Royal Navy.

Ian Gersigny sent a fine budget of O.M. news from Lyttelton, where he has finished his early training and found Lynn Johnson and John Moir on his present course. Ian has played hockey and squash for Lyttelton, and when playing against Witwatersrand University met J. G. Draper, J. A. P. Smith and A. van Velden amongst his opponents.

Roy Gathorne's cadet course at Potchefstroom gives him ample scope for good hockey and tennis. He reports that Cedric Boggs is also there.

Duchesne Grice went North in the I branch of the Natal Carbineers after weary months of waiting in Maritzburg.

For health reasons Alan Gowans has been transferred from the N.M.R. to the S.A.P.C., and is stationed in the Transvaal.

Though well over 50, Jack Gibson has been up North for over two years on the administrative side of No. 2 Fighter Squadron. His last letters were from Foggia. Both his sons have been through everything from Abyssinia to El Alamein with the Transvaal Scottish, and his daughter is also in the Army. Good show, Jack!

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Rupert Hallows is farming at Kikuku in Kenya.

Les Harvey and J. B. West joined the S.A.N.F. this year.

Congratulations and good luck to Captain John Hickson and Freda Brankston Viney, who were married in Capetown on June 19th. He is still stationed at Port Elizabeth.

The engagement has been announced of Ken Henwood, of the Transvaal Scottish, and Elizabeth Jean Ramsay, of Johannesburg.

C. W. Hannah, who was 66 in November, is still gallantly carrying out his R.O.C. work in Sussex. Aircraft recognition does not come easily. "At times I get a great nostalgia for Natal and all my lifelong friends. But I wouldn't move if I had the chance till the war is over. I am very thankful to be in England for this war, and especially in our greatest hour of 1940."

A. Hoernle is a Lieutenant in the S.A.A. and has been taking a special course for instruction in artillery outside Cairo.

H. D. Hall has been transferred to an Anti-Tank Regiment since his arrival in Egypt. He found J. Byron, D. Brown, W. Saville, P. Fouche, G. Payn and R. Cornwall with him in the Artillery.

Des. Henwood has taken a bundle of law notes with him on his return to Egypt with the N.M.R. in the hope that he can sandwich a law exam, between spells of intensive training. He reported that Jack Gray and Porridge Barnes were also members of the N.M.R. cricket side.

Joe Harle has been with a famous S.A. light bomber squadron bombing Italy from Malta. Duncan Wallace is with an adjacent squadron at the same game.

Michel Hickman is head of his section in the Gauge Department of War Supplies, Johannesburg. John's widow and little son have made a home with his parents at Kloof. We regret that in an obituary notice of John we referred to him as Gunner. He had been a Bombardier for some time. Tim is a Sub.-Lt. on an invasion barge, responsible for gunnery and signalling, and has been in the thick of things round Sicily.

Thomas Haywood Harris obtained his commission as an Information Officer and is attached to the Q Services at Zonderwater.

Ted Heney, who was in Camp 47 in N. Italy, managed to get engineering books from London, and has been hard at it ever since.

Michael Harker has had seven months' flying training at his luxury aerodrome in Florida, and should be commissioned soon.

Llwellyn Harris is an architect on the model town that is being built at Vereeniging. Sandy has been at H.M.S. Assegai for some months, responsible for the erection of some of the plant being installed for that vast Naval training centre. Sid is on a ship in the Mediterranean.

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A. W. G. Hunter is an officer in the SA.E.C. He was in Maritzburg recently.

E. Howells is still at the Empangeni Sugar Mill.

A. D. Holt, of the S.A.N.F., has been seconded to the R.N. and is on a cruiser.

Dr. Vernon Humphries is out of the S.A.M.C. and is about to publish a further edition of his "Snobbery Under Arms," telling of some of his experiences with the U.D.F.

Dan Havemann is engaged to Joyce Cunningham, of Johannesburg. He has been down on leave after a long spell as Observer in a Bomber Squadron in Egypt.

A. H. Jonsson is in an accountant's office in Durban. Philip is in Egypt as a Fighter Pilot.

M. Gower Jackson has been invalided out of the Army and is rapidly picking up the threads of his practice at the Natal Bar.

H. W. Johnston, after a long spell of leave in the Union, returned to Egypt with his S.A.A. unit.

Alan Jack, who has a commission in the Pay Corps, was married in May to Natalie Cleverly, of Johannesburg. We wish them luck.

Jack Jennings, with the S.A.C.S., has soon found himself in the thick of things. A cheerful letter from him reports he is with the Eighth Army in its steady progress up the East Coast of Italy. Allan Robertson is with the same unit.

Capt. A. Langley-Jackson spent a night at the Rondavels last winter on his way to assume a post at the Oribi Hospital in Maritzburg with the S.A.M.C.

Lynn Johnston joined the S.A.A.F. in February after running the farm during his father's long illness. He completed the Lyttelton training in November.

John Kerr has been released from the Army after more than three years' service and is back at Rockmount, where he returned in time to find the trout running heavier than they have done for 20 years. We congratulate Tony on his mention in despatches.

The best of luck to Victor Kirton and Eurydice Walker Munro, who were married in Durban on July 10th. He has a commission in the Rand Light Infantry.

Keith Knutzen, now a naturalised American citizen, broke off his studies last January at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he had passed his third year Architecture exams, with Honours. He has joined the American Air Force and recently broadcast to his people in Rhodesia from London.

J. W. Keeley has been gaining experience in his father's motor business in Reitz. He was on a course at Premier Mine in July.

E. D. Kimber has a commission in the Native Labour Corps and is stationed at Flagstaff.

Michael Lloyd in his Italian P.O.W. camp had a narrow escape from disciplinary punishment when the guards overheard him giving his weekly news talk to fellow prisoners. From various sources he apparently gleaned enough facts to paint a very accurate picture of the favourable progress of the war, and his half hours were a great joy to the men.

We have had a very cheerful letter from Tony Large in England. He seems to have recovered remarkably quickly from his dreadful experience in the Atlantic. Paul is busy with his medical finals. Peter has his commission and went North again with the 6th Div.

Major Eric Lewis, whose second decoration is recorded elsewhere, is back with the S.A.A.F. and in command of a Squadron at the Cape, which included C. L. MacNeillie.

Dennis Lyle was one of two S. Africans on the permanent staff of Camp 75 in Italy, and handled all the men recently repatriated.

G. Little is doing Dentistry at Witwatersrand University.

Lieut.-Col. Wilfred Lawrence returned to Egypt with the 6th Div. in Command of a Field Ambulance. He found Major Jim Holley in charge of the Tank Training School.

D. R. Lee is with the A.A. Section of the S.A.A.F. Fred is taking his final examinations in Architecture at Capetown University.

L. J. Line went North with the Carbineers in September.

W. H. S. Lister is engaged to Erica Joan Herring of Pretoria.

He is a junior secretary to a Cabinet Minister.

Gwynne Long has been discharged from the Army and is back on the Staff of Pridwin.

Geoff Lay is in the S.A.N.F. as a gunner.

The wedding took place in Khartum on Sept. 30th of Godfrey Hugh Le May and Jean Elysoun Lynedoch Graham, of Naboomspruit. Very hearty congratulations! "Copper" took his bride to Egypt to wander in the Valley of the Kings. He has had a very busy six months as Assistant Editor of the "Sudan Star," interrupted by nine weeks in hospital with pneumonia.

It was six months before Jeff Morphew's escape from his

P.O.W. camp in Italy was confirmed by a message from him from Switzerland. The simple boldness of his plan

deserved the success it brought. He walked up in Italian uniform to the sentry at the gate, ordered it to be opened in very good Italian, which he studied, continued to the nearest station where he bought a 1st Class Ticket for Switzerland, and left the train near the border, which he crossed with little difficulty on foot. Granby's cadet course ended in September.

Capt. T. D. Marwick is in the Native Labour Corps and at present is stationed at East London.

Dick and Jim Moultrie are in the S.A.P.C. The former was posted some months ago to the office of the Supervising Paymaster in the Middle East.

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Tom Maling, who has been married for nine years, has two small daughters. We are glad to hear his bravery up North, before he was captured, has been recognised by a mention in dispatches. Alan was in East Griqualand on embarkation leave in the winter. Chris is married, has a son and heir, and is on the mines at Roodepoort.

Peter Moxley wrote his final Architecture Examinations in Oxford this year. He has joined the R.A.F.

Frank Mitchell-Innes had a daughter in September.

Buster Mitchell has completed his flying training by getting his commission and wings. He is on fighters.

Ken Mitchell has been repatriated from Italy. He was in Cairo awaiting an operation on his injured leg.

J. Michel Smith is at the N.U.C.

Nigel Morgan had some experience at the Rustenburg Platinum Mines, but has been on the East Champ d'Or Gold Mine as a Mine Captain for some months. He was re-recently Acting Manager. He sent news of a number of his contemporaries here, including Billy Mills, who had called on him on his way through with a Rhodesian Artillery unit, attached to the 6th Div.

Neil McKenzie is a Mine Captain on Rand Leases.

Many O.M's will sympathise with Colin and Alan Melville whose father died after a very short illness last July. Alan's son was born the next day in Johannesburg. He is still at Zonderwater as a Captain in the Q Services.

Bobby McKenzie passed out fourth in a Quartermaster's Course at Zonderwater last May and has since been stationed at various camps with the N.M.T.T.C. His last letter was from Spaarwater. He was leaving on long leave to run

his motor business in Durban.

John MacIlwaine did his initial artillery training under his father at Salisbury, after which he was selected for an

O.C.T.U. in England. He received his commission in the R A. and early this year joined a 25-pounder troop in the First Army and was in heavy action right through the

N. Tunisian campaign, ending as support for the Free

French Forces, near Zaghouan. For a long time he was acting Troop Commander and emerged from the experience with great credit.

Hugh Massy has been discharged from the Merchant Navy with ear trouble. He had some hard experiences in convoys across to India. He is on the Farm.

G. M. McClung, J. A. Mackness, John Moor and J. Wootten transferred to the Carbineers just before they left for the Middle East. Jack Wootten had to stay behind and is now with the Transvaal Scottish.

W. MacRobert is somewhere in the Mediterranean with the Navy.

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Ginger Mudd and his wife visited the school recently. His small daughter is flourishing. Barry flew down from the North on leave and twice called in to see us, looking

remarkably well.

L. Marx is in S.W.A. with the S.A.A.F.

R. M. Meyer is a Signaller on H.M.S. Hawkins.

Tim McLeod is instructing in the S.A.A.F. at Baragwanath.

O. Newberry, after service with the S.A.A.F., has been discharged with eye trouble and has started Schoolmastering, being on the staff of King's School, Nottingham Rd. He had previously farmed for a number of years near Clocolan.

P.N. Niven is helping on the farm near Harrismith.

A. R. Newby Fraser and J. C. Sulin were amongst a number of S.A.T.C. Officers that gave a display of armoured car tactics to the School Cadet Corps in September under Major Dick Whitley.

George Needham, Bob Nairn, Peter Brown. George Waterman and Martin Lawrence are together in an Armoured Brigade Signal Squadron, training outside Cairo. Needham had been on leave when he wrote and seen many of the fine architectural relics of Egypt.

A. Oliff is farming in at Taaiboschspruit in the Welverdiend District.

David Osborn was promoted to Captain in the Pack-Animal Transport Section of the S.A.E.C. He had a spell in Madagascar last year, after which he went on a special mission to India. He was recently married to Carmen Micheil, of Mangeni, Zululand. We wish them luck. Frank is with the Botha-Steyn Regiment at Barberton.

Gethin Owen is instructing in the Technical Service Corps at Young's Field, Wynberg. where he is the only colonial in the R.A.F. hockey team.

Julian Oxford has been on the staff of the Y.T.B. Training Detachment at Potchestroom.

Murray Otto is in an Artillery Regiment in Egypt.

Lieut. S. F. W. Orbell, now up North, was married at Easter to Hjordis, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. Wang, and niece of H. Hosking, M.P.C. of Dundee. Good luck to them.

Many will be sorry to see that Flight Lieutenant Rex Poynton has been missing since April 23rd from a R.A.F. Spitfire sweep over Dieppe. Jack has been training with the

S.A.A.F. since May. He qualified as a Chemical Engineer at Wits last year and was a Plant Chemist with Rolfes, doing research work on chrome pigments.

Good luck to Les Payn and Sister Evelyn Mary Rawlinson, who were married at Port Shepstone on October 16th. He was one of those repatriated by the Italians as a non-

combatant though the story of how they registered him as a Medical Officer is quite remarkable. He brought back messages for many families from fellow P.O.W's. Gerald went North with the 6th Div. in the S.A.C.S. Garnet is

still with the Native Corps at Springs.

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Peter Peake was stationed for a long period at Walvis Bay as a Telegraphist in the S.A.N.F. His people have moved their home to George, C.P.

Leonard Pickles was released a year ago from the Bureau of Information to join the S.A.A.F. He has his commission and Observer's Wing. Lieut. Barnard Pickles returned from service in the Mediterranean last year and has command of a Submarine Chaser at Durban.

Peter Pearce is training at the Cape to be an Observer in the S.A.A.F.

Gerald Pennington was extracted from the Army on the initiative of the Cordwallis Governors and has been back at his old job since August. It was a great wrench to leave the Carbineers after so long when they were about to go North again. Rex is with that regiment in Egypt and was selected to play for his Brigade rugby side. Maurice finds his hands very full with the sports organisation at Kafir-kraal where his cricket, soccer and rugger sides have been particularly successful.

G. Pedlar has successfully completed a course at the Naval Cadet School, Port Elizabeth, and is a Midshipman. He has volunteered for "Commando" duties and sailed for Bombay in August.

Peter Pentreath, who was with the Coldstream Guards as a private when the Dunkirk drama was on, is now a Captain in the 7 Armoured Division Signals and had many excitements with the Eighth Army from El Alamein to Italy. In Tunisia he bumped into Tony Bond of the S.A.A.F. and Julian Theunissen, who is a Company Commander in a battalion of the Oxford and Bucks.

Scope Palmer has been a partner in his firm of Solicitors in Calcutta for nearly two years, and had billeted several R.A.F. aces. His health is improving slowly.

Richard Poynton is taking science at Wits, preparatory to a three year Forestry course at Stellenbosch.

S. W. Pape is the only O.M. we have so far heard of successfully escaping after the Italian collapse and rejoining Allied forces. Congratulations!

Noel Paton is engaged to Celia Jackson, of Johannesburg.

J. Pryce has command of a "crash boat" at Durban.

T. I. Rouillard is with the Carbineers in Egypt.

Barry Raw is an O/S in the S.A.N.F., seconded for service with the R.N.

Newman Robinson and Roy Rawlinson were amongst five O.M.'s repatriated from Italy early this year. In October the "Mercury" secured Newman's release from the S.A.M.C. and he is back with them as a sub-editor. He brought news of many

O.M.'s he had left behind in Italy.

John Roach is engaged to Evelyn Thompson, of Durban. He is out of the Army and has a post with Natal Estates at Mt. Edgecombe.

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Good luck to David Russell and Doris Thelma Mills, who were married in Maritzburg on June 17th. He has bought a farm outside Maritzburg. He has been released from the Army on medical grounds.

Jack Rethman became Head of St. George's Home for Boys in Johannesburg last June. Jackie junior is on the staff of Clifton Prep. School at Nottingham Road.

Captain John Rogers has been training S.A.C.D.C. units in Durban.

C. J. Saville is an officer in the East African Transport Corps.

Arthur Shaw, who was in the R.D.L.I., was captured at Tobruk last year.

Ray Stewart, after some leave, has returned to the Officers' Pool at Kaffir's Kraal.

Doug. Sulin is stationed in Durban. On August 14th he married Yvonne Kay, of Johannesburg. The best of luck to them.

I. D. Stoute is with the Q Services at Zonderwater.

E. S. W. Simpson is the First Lieutenant on a ship in the Motor Launch Flotilla at Durban.

Tony Sharp left Wits., where he was studying mining, to join the S. Rhodesian Armoured Car Regiment. He has been serving with this unit for some time in the Middle East. We refer elsewhere to the tragic death of his twin brother.

John Schlesinger majored in English Literature at Harvard University, specialising in English Drama, but joined the Air Corps there before taking his Honours finals. He was training in Mississippi, when he wrote saying "I have gotten very American."

Peter Stiebel finds war time contracts give him grey hairs, the staff at Thos. Barlows, Johannesburg, being so depleted with all its men under 35 at the front.

Basil Stubbings has been down on long leave with his family from Tanganyika. Tony is in the S.A.N.F.

E. Sharpe and P. Sutton completed their elementary R.A.F. training together in Rhodesia last May, and have since enjoyed the flying course.

Hailey Stott is a Major in the S.A.M.C. at Cottesloe.

It took Mrs. Sherratt 11 months to locate her son Ronald in his camp in Italy. He had been constantly moved from one part of North Africa to another as our troops advanced.

Capt. John Sinclair went north with an L.A.A. regiment in April, and has Bernard Oscroft in his Battery.

Major Arthur Scruby and his wife were in Maritzburg for some time prior to his return to Egypt with the Gunners.

Capt. H. G. Stevenson is Adjutant of 60 Squadron S.A.A.F. up North.

Barry Strachan has completed his training with the S.A.A.F. at Lyttelton and started flying.

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Capt. John Sinton spent some time as Intelligence Officer in the S.A.A.F. at Aden and has now returned to Egypt.

Peter Tidboald had some leave from his cruiser, which he spent with relatives in Durham. He misses regular exercise while at sea, but otherwise is revelling in life in the Navy. While in port, he played for his ship rugby side. Michael is in the S.A.N.F.

We sincerely congratulate George Tomlinson on his promotion to Group Captain in the R.A.F.

Lewis Turner is engaged to Winifred Drummond, of Newcastle. He is with the S.A.T.C. at Middelburg, Transvaal. Bob has been released indefinitely from the army to run the farms, as his father has not been well. Douglas has his wings and commission in the S.A.A.F.

Lenard Thompson was stationed for months at Durban on a Corvette as 1st Lieutenant. He has recently gone back to England for leave and promotion.

All prosperity to David Turner and Phyllis Geerdts, who were married in Durban on October 16th. He has indefinite leave and is back on the farm at Lowlands.

Major Denis Thompson, R.A.M.C., has a son and heir, born in Exeter, on August 29th, and christened in the Cathedral in November. He is the first O.M. to qualify for service with the Paratroops, having recently "after a lot of toil and sweat" qualified for his "wings," and, so far as we know, he is the first South African in this new important branch of the services.

Lieut. Selwyn Tucker was in Egypt recently on a special course.

Christopher Wagner went North in an Artillery unit with the 6th Division.

J. H. A. Wallace and J. L. Webber were selected in September for a Naval Officer's Cadet course at H.M.S. Good Hope.

Spencer Whiting is a Squadron Leader commanding a famous R.A.F. Fighter Squadron in the Mediterranean area which recently shot down its 200th enemy machine. We congratulate him on this notable appointment. John has successfully completed his training and is a Midshipman in the S.A.N.F.

Peter Williams, after more than a year on the lower deck, is a Sub-Lieutenant in the S.A.N.F., having finished three marks

behind the leader of his course at Port Elizabeth. He is on a mine sweeper at Cape Town and sent many items of O.M. news.

Owing to release of men for active service Piggy Walters has only had one leave in four years from the Treasury Department of the Bechuanaland Government. The Hon. Secretary has regretfully had to refuse an invitation to join him on an inspection tour of the Kalahari area as far as the Zambesi next autumn, as it falls in term time.

John Warner went North some months ago as a War Correspondent, his main work being photography. He took some fine "shots" of General Smuts with the 6th Division, which have been shown in the African Mirror screen news. He was at Algiers when he last wrote. Geoffrey Long, our War Artist, has made an excellent sketch of him.

K. G. Witthaus was successful in his application at Wits. University for admission to second year engineering, on the strength of having passed his first year B.Sc. last year at Michaelhouse. He reports that J. du Plessis, D. Webb, J. Draper, C. Friend and J. G. Sanderson are other O.M.'s in residence there.

Congratulations to Vaughan Winter and Wendy Scott, of Kokstad, who announced their engagement recently. He has been released indefinitely from the Army and is farming at Loch Sloy in the Estcourt district.

M. G. White is in North Africa as a Fighter Pilot, and D. Wood as a Bomber Pilot.

Squadron Leader Brian Young has been back on operational flying after his long series of operations, following on his lucky escape in the dark days before Dunkirk. He is on seaward reconnaissance. Captain Dan has a son and heir born in September. He is instructing at Baragwanath, where he plays No. 1 for their squash team.

AFTER SIDI REZEGH

Account of the adventures of the fellows taken prisoner at Sidi Rezegh, related by Mr. Whittaker, who was taken prisoner on November 23, 1941, but subsequently released by arrangement with the Italians. Amongst them were some

O.M.'s, Gordon Blampied, John McNab, Newman Robinson and Frank Openshaw, the last of whom lost his life in the events described below.

Position Sidi Rezegh on November 23, 1941:-5th Brigade attacked by Panzer Division. The Irish went down fighting; there was no rout whatsoever. S.A.M.C. captured with 400 wounded on their hands. Fighting went on all day. When dark came isolated bands were still fighting with inadequate tank and artillery support. All were gathered in by night.

Next morning Rommel himself addressed the Company; he admonished his men for taking so many prisoners, and told the latter they had a long way to go, and to be prepared for privations; 500. secured transport, the rest walked. The general direction was towards Tobruk; this was, however, by-passed and British Artillery opened fire. Marched all day Monday, November 24th. There was little water, just what the men were carrying. The second day absence of food and water began to tell. At midday they were given one biscuit and half a cup of water. At nightfall they stopped and were

given one 8oz. tin of bully beef between four men, and one biscuit each, and half a cup of water, "only if you were strong or cunning, or both."

On Wednesday water was more plentiful. They were given a tin hat full between several men, and a tin of bully beef between two, with two biscuits each. This brought them to Gazala, where they slept in a wire enclosure. There was plenty of water, appreciated after a journey of 40 miles. It was now freezing at night and very hot during the day.

From Gazala they moved on to Derna, where they had a tin of bully beef and two biscuits, also their first hot meal which consisted of Macaroni and compressed vegetables. They now went by lorry to Benghazi and from there were given the same rations as the Italians, which consisted of one and a half 7oz. loaves a day, plus 100 grammes of Macaroni with vegetable puree, a quarter tin of bully beef and a cup of

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ersatz coffee. This they divided into two meals, one half loaf and macaroni for the first meal, and one loaf and a quarter tin of bully beef for the second meal. They were escorted by

one German bomber and one destroyer wRen they were taken

from Africa to Europe. Benghazi harbour was so full of sunken ships it made the exit and entrance very difficult. The ship in which they sailed was the old Jason, renamed the Bastiano Veneri. No sanitation whatsoever was provided. Dysentery had started, but further description of conditions is unnecessary; it was too terrible for words. Prisoners were

allowed on deck for 10 minutes every two hours. Represen-

tations resulted in drums for sanitary purposes being placed below. On December 9th at three o'clock in the afternoon a torpedo hit the ship. A jarring and a booming noise were heard simultaneously. The first impression was that the ship had run aground, as what was thought to be an island was in sight. A slight panic occurred, the stairway to the deck got jammed. The writer took seven minutes to get on deck. By this time four of the lifeboats carried by the ship were well away to shore, CARRYING THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN AND THE MAJORITY OF HIS OFFICERS. There were only four Italian guards and one officer left; two of the lifeboats were smashed when being launched, owing to heavy seas. A raft was found, but this was smashed by the propellor. There were no lifeboats to be seen. Many prisoners jumped into the sea, and it must be remembered that this was the middle of winter; many were drowned, many were killed when the torpedo hit the ship.

430 KILLED, 231 WOUNDED.

Two thousand two hundred prisoners left Benghazi, and 430 were killed and 231 wounded in this tragedy. Some British sailors made a raft and launched it successfully; 26 men got on it, and 12 survivors reached shore, the others died of exposure. The Italian Officer (some say he was a German), now took charge and informed the prisoners he had examined the ship and she would float for another two hours. In the meantime he had radioed for help. As the ship was dipping badly at the bows, he ordered everyone to the stern, to keep the propellor in the water. The reactions of prisoners was variable. Some dashed for the galley where a batch of bread was in the oven when the ship was struck; with others their hunger completely disappeared. The engines had now been restarted by some of the British engineers on board. It was pouring with rain, and the ship was badly down at the bows,

but they were in a land current and the idea was to get the ship on the lee side of what was thought to be an island, but was actually Greece. C.S.M. Tillard, of the South African Irish, now gave orders. They were warned to hold tight as with a series of jolts and bumps the ship was .impaled on the rocks, 150 yards from the shore. The stationary ship received two further torpedo attacks, smashing up the rocks. It was now dark, windy and rainy and the seas started breaking over the

ship. A South African swam to the shore with a rope and the men had the choice of sliding down the rope to shore or remaining on board. Some slid down the rope, and those remaining on board smashed everything to pieces. The men who went down the rope were blinded by oil from the ship's engines to a greater or less degree; some were blind for a week. The wounded were left on board for two days, then lowered -into boats and into a hospital ship which was waiting for them.

The men found themselves near a submarine base, but a place totally unprepared to receive so many prisoners. They were put into a barn, AND THERE WAS NO FOOD AT

ALL. Later they were marched to a Greek prison, actually

Pylos Castle, where they were put into dungeons. On the way to the Castle they passed through two villages. Old ladies cried unrestrainedly and many of the Greeks tried to give them food and drink, but were not allowed to do so, the guards keeping them back with bayonets. Numbers of the prisoners took the opportunity to thank God for the wonderful deliverance from shipwreck and drowning. At the Castle there was no sanitation whatsoever at first, but in four days they were allowed complete liberty within the Castle grounds. The outstanding feature of this period was the wonderful bread provided by the Greeks, probably wholemeal, but different from any other tasted. From here they were sent to Kalamata, where they entrained for Aixia, 15 miles from the Port of Patras. They were now promised better living conditions, but accommodation within a wire enclosure in Italian tents. Though they were issued with one Italian blanket each, it was bitterly cold. Dysentery now started seriously, and three marquee tents were erected for the sick. All medicals worked hard looking after the sick; the food was scanty, but bread was served regularly. They all spent Christmas there, and a very cold one at that. The Italian Commandant was kindly disposed towards the prisoners, as his own brother was a prisoner in Bombay. He promised them a treat for Christmas and sent in a case of figs. This worked out at 3 apiece, but the food lorry broke down on Christmas Day, and that was all they had. They were kept for about a month in Aixia, when they were moved to the Port of Patras by lorry, where they were put into sheds of sawmills. The food was not too bad, and cheese and a few extras were dished out, but a plague of lice spoilt everything. There were no washing facilities and there was a water shortage. The men spent all their time delousing themselves, but it was a never-ending and

losing struggle. The doctor was only called in for very serious cases such as pneumonia, of which there were several cases. They left here the first week in February, 1942, on board a luxury liner of the Lloyd Trieste Line. The sailors were friendly, hot showers were provided, and the wine and food were good, but microscopic. The ship hugged the Greek coast and they took 36 hours to reach Italy, and at last landed at Bari on the Adriatic coast. They were then put on a troop train bound for Brindisi, where they stayed for a month, and their kit was made up to full strength. They arrived at Camp 65 at Gravina in the Province of Bari, 50 miles inland. Their arrival coincided with a 50 per cent, bread cut throughout Italy. They lived in stone bungalows divided into sections, 48 man in each, and every prisoner was provided with two sheets and three blankets, a hot shower and clean clothes.

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