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EDITORIAL

It is almost a cliché to say no privilege is ever really appreciated until its existence is threatened, but cliché or not it remains true. We are far too inclined to take one of the greatest Michaelhouse has to offer, that of free bounds, for granted. Some of us enjoy it, some of us grumble at it, some of us, unfortunately, abuse it. Yet for most of us realization of its value came only when the threat of no more free bounds was a very real one, owing to the behaviour of certain irresponsible individuals some short while ago. While the memory of that threat is still vivid it is time to take stock of the system in case we forget too readily the responsibilities that this privilege brings with it.

A Michaelhouse Sunday is the only day in the week when a boy's enjoyment is directly proportional to his initiative. From Monday to Saturday almost all a boy's thinking and the employment of his leisure time is done for him - he is told when to play cricket, when to do his hobby, when to watch a match. On Sundays, from the moment he sets foot outside the estate, his time is his own.

If he so pleases, he may lie on a rug just the other side of the school fence, with a portable radio and a collection of like-minded individuals. He it is who usually grumbles most bitterly at the system and derides those who gain enjoyment from it. He may find his Sundays boring, but that is entirely due to him, or rather to his lack of initiative. He is given the choice, and if he is unwilling to give that choice much thought, his boredom is the reward of his laziness.

But if he has any initiative, and is prepared to use it, Sunday soon becomes the most enjoyable day of the week. The countryside lies open before him; there are streams for those who wish to fish or swim, wild-life for those who wish to seek it, woods and hills for those whose pleasure lies in walking, huts to be built, weird concoctions to be cooked and brewed - the list is endless. For those energetic enough there is the challenge of Inhlezane and her sister peaks, and the footsore satisfaction of having met that challenge; the walk to the trout-streams and the joy of battle with a two pound trout, the sight of a herd of blesbok on the move, or of an eagle high above the krantzes and the blue sky beyond; there is the joy of simply being alive on an early summer's morning with the prospect of the hills ahead and school out of sight.

This is our privilege; but we must not forget our side of the bargain. The neighbouring farmers have always been exceedingly good to us, and have in many cases left their farms open to Michaelhouse boys even when they have suffered considerable damage by so doing. It is up to us to observe our responsibilities so as to preserve the privilege of free bounds for those that will come after us, as well as in gratitude to our neighbours who so often sacrifice so much on our behalf.

C.K.B.

SCHOOL NOTES

It is all too often the sad duty of the Chronicle to record the departure of members of the Staff. In this issue we must bid farewell to five, all of whom leave a gap that is hard to fill. Mr. Lockhart left us in June to go farming in the Mooi River area. Those of us who have seen him "op die plaas" have no doubt he has found his niche, and in wishing him all success we are glad to know that we shall often have the benefit of his happy and invigorating company. Mr. van den Berg has joined the Education Department after rendering signal service to the School in so many ways. Not least shall we miss his endless fund of tall stories, and we wish him and his family all happiness.

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Mr. Coetzee, after many years in charge of the Afrikaans department leaves in December, also to the Educational Department. His kindliness and never-failing good-humour have been a source of inspiration and comfort to many and he has been the perfect example of tolerance and understanding between the Afrikaans and English-speaking peoples. Mrs. Coetzee has been a tower of strength in the life of the School in many ways, and it is with deep regret that we must say good-bye to them.

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News comes from England that Mr. Miller has decided to exchange the sun of South Africa for the mist and rain of his homeland. As Editor of the Chronicle, House Tutor of Farfield, Chairman of the Chess Club and in many other spheres he will be sadly missed and we wish him good luck. Mr. Myers leaves at the end of the year to join a legal firm in Pretoria. In his comparatively short stay with us Mr. Myers has made many friends and we shall all miss him when he goes.

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We welcome four new masters to the Staff. Mr. B. A. Law comes to us with his family from a distinguished career in England. Mr. W. J. Evill arrived as a welcome relief to overburdened masters in the middle of last quarter, and at the beginning of this quarter we welcomed Mr. Keith Walker from Repton and Mr. Harold Strachan, who comes from Maritzburg to take Mr. van den Berg's place in the Art Department. We were very happy to have with us for a short time Mr. John Greenacre, an Old Boy, who gave us most sorely needed assistance in the Science department.

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We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Chutter back from England, and also to see that Mr. Hodgson has returned as hale as ever and brimming over with new ideas and plans. On the subject of music, the Fifth Summer School of Music will be held at Michaelhouse from

the 14th to the 21st of December. Congratulations to Mr. Keats on his engagement, and to Ray Byrne and Mr. Odams on their weddings. We welcome Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Odams to Michaelhouse.

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Sad news at the beginning of this quarter was of the death in Pietermaritzburg of Captain Davis, whom we had seen in apparently good health only two weeks before. During his stay at Michaelhouse he endeared himself to all by his kindness and dry humour. We shall miss him.

The visit to the Union of the British Lions Rugby team did not pass unnoticed at Michaelhouse. Admirably organized by Mr. Carey, parties from the School went to see both their matches in Durban, against the Combined Universities and against Natal, and although we shared the general disappointment at seeing neither Morgan, Butterfield nor O'Reilly, we were given a sparkling display of open rugby on both occasions.

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The indefatigable R.A.R., whose initials appear at the foot of so many of our notices, has surpassed himself in the organization of the Hobbies and Minor Games schemes. To the uninitiated the notices look like the plans for a full-scale army manoeuvre, but one can only stand amazed at the ingenuity, energy and resource shown in the organization of such an undertaking.

Preparations have been going forward for the formation of the new House, to be called Baines in memory of the late Bishop Baines. The crew have been enlisted, Mr. Roseveare is skipper, Mr. Hickson mate, and G. S. Young chief engineer. All seems now set for the launching in January, and we should like to wish Baines a long-lived and prosperous cruise.

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The Rector's Lodge has at last become habitable, if only partially, and it is reported that occupation should be complete before the 6th November. At the moment there is continuous war-fare between the builders, who are in possession of the ground floor, and the Rector and his family, who hold the upper storey. We hope that the operation will be concluded without great bloodshed on either side.

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Strong rumours of rebellion were in the air wThen the inhabitants of the Cottage discovered that the Estate nursery school had been transferred practically to their doorstep. When it became known that this was only temporary the small force which had gone into training under the Master in charge of the Cottage was hastily disbanded. The permanent building near the Music School is undergoing renovation and should shortly be ready for use again.

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If the Inspector of Radio licenses had paid a visit to the School

last quarter he would have had a record haul. Wherever one went there were people crouched round a radio set, and cries of "McGlew's out," or "Butterfield's scored again," passed like lightning round the school. After such an orgy of sport by proxy it is quite a pleasant change to return to the normal listening of Tarzan and the Bayer Hit Parade.

MOLLIE HOJEM

During the July holidays Mollie Hojem, Sister in charge of the sanatorium, died of a heart attack at the Sanatorium in Pietermaritzburg. In 1953 she had had serious heart trouble but had recovered sufficiently to resume her duties and be welcomed back among us.

In the six years she was at Michaelhouse she greatly endeared herself to the community, as much to the Indians and Natives as to the Europeans. At her funeral in St. Saviour's Cathedral, which was

attended by a large number of people, representatives of all races were present to signify the tribute which their hearts paid to her memory.

It is hard for her colleagues on the Staff to think of her as anything but "Mollie," a sign in itself of the way she so naturally gained our confidence and kindly regard. It is even harder to realize that her good, cheerful and understanding presence is no longer "over at the san."

Her genius was intelligent sympathy. She had, to be sure, an eye for the malingerer but she as quickly detected genuine need whether it was physical or in the realm of the spirit. She was a strong tower of understanding both to boys and staff, and her natural wisdom, wit and optimism lightened many a burden that life may have laid upon them.

To her family we offer our gratitude for her life among us and our sympathy in a loss which, owing to their mother's characteristic inclusiveness, we are able in some small part to share.

J.B.C.

PREFECTS

M. J. Bonnet (Head of School, Captain of Fairfield).

R. Gourley (Second Prefect, Captain of Founders).

R. S. V. Cockram (Captain of East); A. J. P. Fellowes
(Captain of West).

I. G. Douglas (Captain of Tatham); C. C. M. Angwin
(Captain of Pascoe).

R. D. Hamilton. G. A. Dorward.

N. J. L. Hancock. G. S. Young.

J. G. Southey. R. E. Enthoven.

HOUSE OFFICERS

FOUNDERS: W. J. Boyd, D. de W. Meerburg, D. A. Grobler,
B. N. George.

EAST: G. D. R. Armstrong, C. D. Marson, J. A. Whysall,
W. D. C. Morphet, A. R. Raikes.

WTEST: P. A. Snell, P. D. Williams, S. J. Emtage, R. A. Camerer, J. V/. Woods.

FARFIELD: L. R. M. Fee, E. C. A. Embleton, C. K. Bird, A. E. Rowe.
TATHAM: R. P. Kane, R. A. Angier, R. H. W. Hall.

PASCOE: C. H. Anderson, J. D. R. Short, D. J. Matterson,

H. R. P. Hammond, G. S. Morgan.

VALETE

J. R. Montgomery (W.) VI. Head of School. Captain of West. 1st Class Matric. Bishop Baines Memorial Essay Prize, 1954. Secretary, Pioneer Club. Committee Member, Debating and Dragon Clubs. 1st XV (Colours). 1st XI. 2nd XI Hockey. Squash and Tennis Teams. Lector. Senior Student Officer.

I. E. Haig (W.) VI. Second Prefect. 3rd Class Matric. 1st XV (Colours). 1st XI (Captain, Honours). 1st XI Hockey (Colours). Combined Michaelhouse-Hilton Hockey XI. Squash and Athletics Teams. Server. C.S.M.

J. M. H. Kemple (T.) VI. School Prefect. Captain of Tatham. Chairman, Science Society. 1st XV (Colours). 1st XI (Colours). 1st XI Hockey. Squash Team (Captain, Colours). Athletics Team (Captain, Colours). Student Officer.

J. G. M. Pizey (P.) A Block. Second Prefect. Captain of Pascoe. Secretary, Dramatic Society. 3rd XV. 4th XI. Boxing Team (Captain). Squash Team. Server and Lector. Senior Student Officer.

M. R. H. Holmes a Court (T.) VI. House Officer. 2nd Class Matric. Secretary, Photographic Society. 2nd XV. Athletics and Swimming Teams. Student Officer.

A. J. Jager (T.) VI. House Officer. 2nd Class Matric. Committee Member, Science Society. 2nd XV. 2nd XI. Athletics Team. Sergeant.

L. I. Jeffery (Fa.) VI. House Officer. 3rd Class Matric. Chairman, Taalvereniging. 1st XV (Colours). 1st XI. 3rd XI Hockey. Lector. Sergeant.

R. C. Lucas (P.) A Block. House Officer. 1st XV (Colours, Natal Midlands). Tennis, Athletics and Swimming Teams. Sergeant.

R. A. Oliver (Fo.) VI. 3rd Class Matric. Corporal.

R. B. M. Roberts (T.) VI. House Officer. 2nd Class Matric. Bishop Memorial Dramatic Prize, 1955. Secretary, Debating Society. Lector. Student Officer.

R. F. A. Schmidt (Fa.) VI. 1st Class Matric (Queen Victoria Memorial Prize). W. Hindson's English Literature Prize. Secretary, Music Club. Corporal.

C. W. Smythe (E.) A Block. 2nd XV. Lance Corporal (Band).

G. R. Smythe (E.) A Block. 2nd XV. 1st XI (1st XXII Cap). 2nd XI Hockey. Shooting Team. Sergeant.

SALVETE

August: B. B. Crawford (T.), C. G. Cotton (P.), R. G. F. Giles (Fo.), P. D. Hauff (P.), J. D. V. S. Henderson (Fo.), N. P. Hulett (E.), N. W. Ralfe (W.).

October: T. O. S. Potter (W.).

CHAPEL NOTES

Since our last issue a number of changes have taken place which have considerably improved the appearance of the Chapel. The last two sanctuary windows have been installed and have proved to be as successful as the other five. In addition, the sanctuary walls have been whitened, and the floor of the apse lowered to the level of the main Chapel. This has considerably facilitated the seating of visitors, as well as having the effect of making the apse more a part of the Chapel than an addition to it.

Mr. Hugh Carey has very kindly presented a pair of altar rails, which, apart from their practical value, blend perfectly with the re-

mainder of the sanctuary furniture. This now includes two beautifully carved chairs and missal-desks which have replaced the older, more austere pair. At the end of the second quarter another panel was added to the altar by Mr. van den Berg; its size is now much more suited to that of the sanctuary.

On Whit Sunday 103 boys were confirmed in the Chapel by the Bishop and it is very encouraging to note that their attendance at communion has been very regular. Weekday attendance has, however, fallen off considerably, as has that at the voluntary evening services.

Last quarter the service of Matins was introduced for one Sunday, as an experiment in place of Evensong. In general the innovation was regarded as successful, and will now be continued at least once a quarter. November 6th, Remembrance Sunday, was celebrated this year by a special service of commemoration held in the morning, and proved a fitting tribute to those who gave their lives during the

war&. It is hoped that this service will be repeated in future years. So far we have been pleased to welcome the following visiting preachers: the Revs. P. Harris, T. E. Hopkins, D. C. E. Rogers, W. R. P. Evans and N. Gilmore.

The Indian Sunday School is flourishing under the direction of M. Bonnet and R. Gourley and attendance has improved considerably since the introduction of the conventional Sunday School stamps. The Sunday School for children on the estate is as popular as ever and we believe that since its direction passed into the hands of Mrs. Rea very little parental coaxing has been needed to ensure a good attendance.

In conclusion a warm word of praise is due to all those w/ho in different ways have helped to set the high standard that is maintained at our services. M. Bonnet has been an exemplary Head Server, whilst the spotless condition of the Chapel furniture speaks highly of I. Douglas and his band of sacristans. G. Morgan has been assisting Mr. Hodgson by playing regularly for our voluntary services and lastly we thank Mrs. Rea and her helpers for their ungrudging service in maintaining the br&ve display of flowers on the altar.

G.S.M.

CHOIR NOTES

During the last six months the choir has worked willingly and well, and has contributed much to the high standard of singing in the Chapel. Earlier in the year the choir and congregation broadcast a recital of community hymn singing. Among the anthems sung at Evensong have been "Blessed be the God and Father," by S. S. Wesley and "What God ordains" by Bach; Evening Services by Wesley and Stanford were also given. The congregation have studied large sections of the Vaughan Williams D Minor Communion Service, which is used, with the setting by Merbecke, at Sung Mass. Two Carol services will be given at the end of this quarter.

R.A.C.

LIBRARY NOTES

At the beginning of the Second Quarter a Library Committee was formed to work out a re-classification scheme for the non-fiction sections. We were fortunate in having the advice of a trained Librarian in the person of Mrs. P. J. Joubert, and so we were introduced to the Cheltenham Classification Scheme Which has been adopted. Work proceeds slowly as most Committee members are extremely busy people, and it is hoped that all the books will have their new numbers and cards by the end of the year.

Large numbers of out-of-date books have been discarded, a new Encyclopaedia Britannica has been purchased, the full-edition Oxford dictionary has been rebound, and the Art School Library is now housed behind glass doors in the Main Library.

We are grateful to Mrs. Z. Sparks for donating books to the Library from the collection of her late husband, an old boy of the School; and those members of the Sixth Form and Staff who have given so many valuable hours to Library work this year.

T.N.B.

Speech Day this year was held on September 29th, and we welcomed as our distinguished guest the Administrator of the Transvaal, Dr. W. Nicol. The weather did not smile on us, but after being welcomed by the Rector and Mrs. Morgan the guests visited the indoor Society exhibitions, while the Cadet Band gave a performance in the quadrangle and the Gym Club display took place in the gymnasium instead of on the terraces. After tea parents, visitors and boys assembled in the Memorial Hall for the prize-giving.

The Chairman of the Governors, the Rt. Rev. Vernon Inman, Bishop of Natal, welcomed the guest of honour, Dr. Nicol. He recalled a former meeting in Durban before the war and said that although he and Dr. Nicol had not always seen eye to eye on educational matters, he had always been impressed by Dr. Nicol's fairness and open-mindedness. After Dr. Nicol had presented the prizes, the Bishop called upon the Rector to give his customary review of the year's events.

THE RECTOR'S ADDRESS

My Lord Bishop, Dr. Nicol, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like first of all to associate myself with our Chairman's words of welcome to Dr. Nicol. It is very kind of him to make this long journey from Pretoria to give away our main School Prizes and we hope that he and Mrs. Nicol will carry away with them happy memories of their visit to Michaelhouse. To all of you too, parents and visitors, I want to say how glad we are to have you with us this morning.

There is one small change in our normal Speech Day routine. This year there will be no speech from the Senior Prefect. The omission is not due to any reluctance on his part to make a speech! Indeed with that courage which is a necessary quality of a good Rugby scrum half he was most anxious to make one and to that extent is different from some of his illustrious predecessors. But owing to an error on the invitation cards we are starting our proceedings 15 minutes later than last year. The Senior Prefect has therefore kindly withdrawn from the fray, but on the strict understanding that the Rector does not purloin the period of time at issue. I need not tell you that I shall honour this "gentleman's agreement" with the greatest alacrity.

This year which has passed, Ladies and Gentlemen, has I think been a very successful one at Michaelhouse. With the material at our disposal the Matriculation results at the end of 1954 were gratifying: nine first-class certificates were obtained, 31 second-class, 11 third-class and 11 School Leaving certificates. Though few distinctions were obtained we found it satisfactory that 84% of the candidates who took the examination were successful in passing. R. F. A. Schmidt was awarded the Queen Victoria Memorial Prize

for the best English Essay written in the 1954 examination. Those of you who may have read his essay reprinted in the Michaelhouse Chronicle will understand that the examiners could have had little difficulty in their award. Last year's Sixth Form acquitted themselves with distinction, particularly Robert Lewis who was awarded a Classical Sizarship at St. John's College, Cambridge. Had he not incurred his unfortunate motor-cycle accident he might well have obtained at the interview to which he was invited in Pretoria, an Elsie Ballot Scholarship - which I believe would have been unprecedented for any South African boy going to the University direct from School. His successor as Senior Prefect, J. R. Montgomery, has been awarded a Scholarship of £100 for a six months course at St. Catharine's, Cumberland Lodge - a recent foundation which among its other activities provides courses for Commonwealth students preparatory to their going to Overseas Universities. More recently

C. K. Bird whom you will see quite frequently when the prizes are distributed has been chosen as the Natal finalist for the New York Herald Tribune Forum Competition. He will compete with finalists from the other provinces at Bloemfontein on October 1st. Should he be successful he will represent South Africa on a three months tour of the United States in company with delegates from almost every country in the world.

1955 opened, as you will remember, in rather a tiresome manner. Our opening date was deferred owing to the Polio epidemic and the restrictions which we felt obliged to take seriously hampered our cricket. Yet in some ways it may have been a blessing in disguise because the lengthened period of rest after lunch has now become part of our general routine with what are generally recognised as beneficial results. Masters maintain that boys are less cloddish and less tiresome and boys say that their teachers are less irritable and rather less abnormal. In my experience it has been the only change which has been generally acceptable to staff and boys alike. It would certainly seem that this enforced rest has helped with our games. The six representative Rugby teams lost only two matches between them in the second quarter and though we lost one or two key players at the half year a high standard was also maintained in the third quarter. M. J. Bonnet and G. S. Young played for the Natal Schools XV. This success has been maintained both in our hockey and athletics.

As you walked round the school grounds this morning you may have noticed some changes. You will have seen the new entrance to Michaelhouse and the new gates presented in memory of Hugh Brown, an old boy of this school who was killed in a polo accident some years ago. The gates were ceremonially opened on Old Boys Day by the President of the Old Boys Club.

If you have had time to visit the Chapel you will have seen the completed set of Apse windows designed by Ervin Bossanyi. The last two windows arrived only a week ago and are perhaps the finest of what were described by Dr. Brookes last year as "among the great art treasures of South Africa." When Mr. Bossanyi has com-

pleted his windows for Canterbury Cathedral he is to begin firing his glasses for the Cathedral in Washington. When last I spoke to you I said that four of the windows had been given to us, one by the Tatham family, one in memory of Ronald Selley, one in memory of John Methley and one by our great rivals and friends Hilton College. I said that the remaining three were without donors. I am glad to tell you that all three have now been donated to the School, one by Mr. Norman Hosking, a foundation member of Michaelhouse, one by the Haggie family in memory of David Haggie and one by Mr. R. G.

Tomlinson in memory of his two sons Robert and Ross. We are deeply grateful to them all. We are also grateful to Mrs. Richardson for her kind gift of a font to our School Chapel.

We have now started on our efforts to beautify the Sanctuary. I think that you will all agree that the whitening of the walls and the lengthening of the altar are a very great improvement, but much remains to be done in producing altar frontals and carpets of good colour. This matter we have taken in hand and I hope that on your next visit you will find that we have achieved something dignified and beautiful. Meanwhile I want to thank Mr. Hugh Carey for his very kind gift of altar rails which will add much to the dignity of our Chapel Sanctuary. These, Ladies and Gentlemen, are not by any means the only benefactions which I have to acknowledge. More and more I find parents of leaving boys anxious to express their appreciation of what Michaelhouse has done for their sons. The catalogue is too long for me to mention them individually but I would like them to know how deeply we appreciate their kind feelings and their generosity.

I cannot, however, resist the temptation to thank one who, though hitherto unconnected with Michaelhouse, has been aware of what we are trying to do here in our Sixth Form work. I shall say no more to-day of what I feel about this Post Matriculation work except that more boys at Michaelhouse wish to return after their Matriculation than I can possibly accept, and that the South African Matriculation Board are now urging such a course in Government schools as being a necessary preparation for any University studies. I find it gratifying that we at Michaelhouse are at least abreast of the times. Our benefactor is Mr. Harry Oppenheimer who has given us a Sixth Form Library and tutorial rooms where boys may work in that atmosphere of dignity and quiet which are the requisite of true Scholarship. We propose to start on this building immediately and I hope that it may be ready for the 35 boys who will be returning for the VIth Form in January 1956.

You will also have noticed two new buildings, one almost completed, the other just rising from its foundations. The first is a House for the present Rector and future Rectors of Michaelhouse. Not merely is it a great addition to our amenities but it will provide sorely needed guest accommodation for the many visitors to this School. We are most grateful to the many friends of Michaelhouse who by their generosity have ensured that the cost of this building has not by any means fallen upon the revenue of the school. Its completion means that we can start at the beginning of 1956 one new boys House which will be called "Baines" in memory of the late Frederick Samuel Baines, formerly Bishop of Natal, whose services to Michaelhouse as Chairman of its Board of Governors we are happy to commemorate in this way. This does not mean any increase in the numbers of boys in the School, but rather a decrease in the number of boys in each House which I regard as vitally essential. Mr. Roseveare will be the first Housemaster of this new House. When the Rector vacates his present accommodation in a week's time, the ladies of the staff will come to live where he is now and the new

House will be formed around the accommodation thus vacated. I have never been happy about boys from different Houses living far away at the Cottage, and I hope from the beginning of 1956 to abandon this plan and to turn over the Cottage either to a master's residence or to bachelor accommodation.

These internal alterations involve certain changes in the appointments at Michaelhouse. Mr. Chutter who has rendered such signal service to Pascoe relinquishes his appointment at the end of the

statutory period of ten years to which a Housemaster's tenure is limited. Many generations of Pascoe boys will remember with gratitude his benign and affectionate care for their interests. We shall, of course, continue to enjoy his services as a member of the teaching staff and we are glad to have Mrs. Chutter with us again now completely restored to health. Mr. Chutter will be succeeded in Pascoe by the Senior Master, Mr. Norwood, and Mr. Gathorne will become Housemaster of East.

I spoke of a second building which is still in its early stages. This is the new Cricket Pavilion which will serve both the Oval and Hannah's. For this we owe a debt of gratitude to the Old Boys of this School who have generously given us this much needed building. It is a happy coincidence that it will be officially presented to the School next year during which will be celebrated the diamond Jubilee of Michaelhouse.

At this point I would like to refer to one or two of the outstanding achievements of our Old Boys during the past 12 months. Peter Nicholas has been awarded the George Medal for bravery and devotion to duty in the Mau Mau operations. A. G. T. Chaplin has acted as Governor of Bermuda since August 1954. Richard Carte has fulfilled with distinction his duties as Mayor of Durban. Anson Lloyd has been appointed Director of the Sugar Association of South Africa. Peter Taylor who has captained Natal for the past two years was selected for the South African Rugby Trials. And P. A. Dobson has led the Natal Hockey side to victory in three of the last four years at the Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament. To all of them we send our warmest congratulations.

Of the particular events of the past year the following will stand out in the memories of many of us at Michaelhouse. The first, another unforgettable Shakespearian performance by the Dramatic Society under the aegis of our distinguished producer, Mr. Ronald Brooks. The second a broadcast of our Congregational singing which won expression of appreciation from the outside world. The third a very happy occasion, which we hope to repeat each year, when past generations of Michaelhouse boys came to spend an evening with us during term and revive their memories of the far away and long ago. On this occasion there assembled a small gathering of those who joined the school during our Founder's Rectorship. Members of the staff joined them at dinner and we had what was generally recognised as a most delightful and convivial evening. A formal account has appeared in the Michaelhouse Chronicle, but another has been written by an anonymous author. It is called "Ancestral Voices" and will remain in the suitable secrecy of the School Archives until those present (including the present Rector) have passed to the limbo of forgotten things.

It now remains for me to say something of what is perhaps the most important part of any school, namely its staff. On the administrative side I have to record the untimely death in the July holiday of Sister Hojem. She was much loved here and she gave to Michaelhouse that same selfless devotion which she had previously given in

her nursing career in Pietermaritzburg. We miss her very much. To her successor, Sister Murray Parker, we offer a warm welcome. We are sorry to lose Captain Davis from the Bursary department at the end of this quarter. We extend to him our good wishes and our thanks for the help which he has given us. Our new Housekeeper, Miss Scott, has more than maintained the high standard of catering set by Miss Forsselius who left us at the end of last year and I want her to know how much her experienced services are appreciated by the boys and staff of Michaelhouse. Mrs. Campbell, without whom

not merely Michaelhouse but the Province of Natal seems strangely empty, returns from leave in January. Meanwhile we want to thank Miss Inskip for her great assistance in acting as the Rector's Secretary in Mrs. Campbell's absence.

In conclusion I would like, if I may, to pay a tribute to my colleagues, the Academic staff. Not only are they well qualified and competent teachers, but in our out-of-school activities they make without exception an enormous contribution to the many-sidedness of the happy community life which we live at Michaelhouse. I have been deeply impressed not only by their loyalty and devotion to this school which they serve, but also by their astonishing versatility. It is unusual, I suppose, for a Headmaster to find an author of repute on his staff. It is equally unusual to find a Head of the Mathematics department who is also a barrister and one of the leading lepidopterists in the African Continent. Nor is it perhaps unsurprising to find that the anonymous writer of one of our best school hymns turns out to be the Master in charge of our Rugby football. The list could be considerably extended, but what I have said is sufficient, I think, to make clear the infinite variety of influence affecting the impressionable years of the boys in this school. It is therefore with a sense of deep personal loss that we say goodbye to those who from time to time we lose from our Staff.

At the half year Mr. Hugh Lockhart, a very popular master, bought a farm and felt that he must needs go to till it. About the same time Mr. Frank Pratt, whose love of adventure was not satisfied by his usual holiday pastime of sleeping in the open in various game reserves, decided to "twitch his mantle blue" and is now seeing the world as a stoker on one of the ocean going ships. At the end of this quarter we say goodbye to Mr. van den Berg who for many years has rendered invaluable service to the art of the school and also to the Physical Training and its kindred associations. We shall miss him very much and we offer to him and to Mrs. van den Berg our thanks and good wishes. To those who have joined us during the year, Mr. Nicolson, Mr. Myers, Mr. Law and Mr. Evill we extend a very warm welcome.

In December we shall be losing Mr. Coetzee who is Head of the Afrikaans Department. During his five years at Michaelhouse he has not only shown himself to be an outstanding teacher of his subject but has endeared himself both to his colleagues and to his pupils. Mr. Coetzee and Mrs. Coetzee, who has so readily given her services to the school Tuck Shop, carry away with them the regard of all of us at Michaelhouse.

Last, but by no means least, we shall be losing in June of next year one whom it is going to be very difficult indeed to replace. During his nine years at Michaelhouse Mr. Hugh Carey has touched the life of the school at so many points that it is difficult to know where to begin. All seems to have been grist to his mill, whether it has been the command of the Cadets, the Tutorship of the Sixth Form, the coaching of the Rugby XV or the Housemastership of a distinguished House. Above all he has been a great patron of the arts

and combines in himself to a very high degree the Athenian educational ideal of mousike together with gymnastike. I am glad to think that his departure is not quite yet, but I thought that I would like to put on record our deep appreciation of what he has done for Michaelhouse. He will be succeeded in the Housemastership of West by Mr. Langdon Ibbotson who, as acting Housemaster of Pascoe for

a considerable period, has already had experience in what is perhaps the greatest responsibility in a school of this kind.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it only remains for me to wish the Michaelhouse boys a happy holiday, and in the familiar words of the radio announcers to whom we have listened so constantly during these last few weeks, to return you to the Chairman of our Board of Governors.

DR. NICOL'S ADDRESS

Dr. Nicol first expressed his appreciation of the work done at Michaelhouse and said he was glad to know that the school aimed to build character on the basis of Christian truth and principles. He had accepted the invitation to speak not because he wanted a change, nor because he had any new educational theory to propound, nor should his visit be taken as an expression of opinion on private schools. The Transvaal Education Ordinance tolerated private schools, and continued to subsidize some of the older ones, but on the whole the system was frowned upon. "If I have to say why I accepted your invitation," Dr. Nicol said, "I can do so in a few words. Wherever something is done for children to speed them along the road of life I like to have a front seat, to see and enjoy the process." He was also anxious to pay tribute to the people who had shown the energy and enterprise, and had been willing to make the sacrifice, to establish and maintain the school. "If you consider me biased in favour of the State school, and I consider you biased towards the private school, what of it? You are nevertheless doing a great work and showing your sincerity by making sacrifices I am not called on to make. So off goes my hat to you, and may God bless your undertaking richly."

The Administrator then gave an account of the progress made in High School education in the Transvaal over the past seven years. The course of study had been lengthened, the school-leaving age raised, and there was a wider choice of subjects available. The number of High Schools and of pupils had increased almost three-fold in that period and more prospective teachers were being trained.

Referring to the value of parent-teacher associations in the Transvaal, Dr. Nicol stressed the need for co-operation between school and home, and said how important it was that children should realize that their parents considered the school important enough to make considerable sacrifices for them to attend it. To the staff Dr. Nicol said: "It seems to me that we can set aside all abstruse thoughts and admit that the teacher is primarily occupied with carrying over the fruits of the civilization of one generation to another. The things of the spirit can only be transmitted where there is affinity and sympathy. We have first to absorb the civilization we wish to pass on before it will become attractive to those who are exposed to our influence."

Finally Dr. Nicol had a word for the boys. He urged them to seize their opportunities while youth was still theirs. In the physical

sphere youth was the time to build a firm foundation for a healthy life. In the intellectual sphere it was the time to stock one's mind w'ith the treasures of literature and to learn other languages. "I have no sympathy with the young person who is born in South Africa or arrives here under the age of 25, and does not master both our official languages in a few years." As far as things spiritual were concerned Dr. Nicol said that it became increasingly difficult to establish a religious code and outlook as one grew older and worldly things pressed hard upon one. Dr. Nicol ended his address with these words: "May Michaelhouse be greatly used and blessed by God."

PRIZE LIST

SPECIAL PRIZES

The Tatham Memorial Essay Prize.

The Old Boys' Essay Prize: Senior.

Junior.

The Bishop Baines Memorial Essay Prize:

The Rector's Prize for English Verse.

W. R. Hindson's English Literature Prize.

The Hutchinson Mathematical Prizes:
Senior.

Junior.

The Hudson Bennett Prize for Natural
History.

The Hudson Bennett Science Prize.

Norman Lyon Classical Prize.

Sir Herbert Stanley Prize for History.

Norman Hosking Chemistry Prize.

John Allen Art Prize.

Bishop Memorial Dramatics Prize.

Navy League Essay Prize:

Group A 2nd Prize.

Group B 2nd Prize.

School Music Prizes: Senior.

Junior.

School Photographic Prize.

School General Knowledge Prizes: Senior.

Junior.

School Printing Prize:

School Carpentry Prize: Senior.

Junior.

Workshop Prize.

The Rector's Afrikaans Essay Prize.

T. R. C. Curtin.

H. J. McDougall.

J. A. Lidgett.

C. C. Angwin.

C. K. Bird.

C. K. Bird.

R. F. A. Schmidt.

G. F. R. Ellis.

P. L. Morrison.

D. P. Scott-Smith.

C. C. Angwin.

C. K. Bird.

No. Award.

G. S. Morgan.

No Award.

R. B. M. Roberts.

N. W. Palmer.

H. M. Husted.

P. Hamilton.

R. A. Camerer.

O. Thaning.

W. P. Vaughan-Jones.

H. M. Husted.

R. M. Stubbs.

J. J. R. Burnham.

J. T. R. Freeman.

A. M. A. Hanbury.

D. J. Hooper.

G. F. R. Ellis.

GABRIELLE MASSEY PRIZES

Sixth Form.

C. K. Bird.

A Block

N. W. Palmer.

G. G. P. Coppen.

C. C. Rowe.

R. D. Forde.

A. A. Dashwood.

J. I. Porter.

B Block

C Block

D Block

P. H. Trehwela.

C. P. Hayward-Butt.

A. W. H. Fieldgate.

A. E. Rowe.

B. N. M. George.

A. J. Clucas.

R. D. Forde.

G. H. L. Cotton.

D. P. N. Cobbold.

J. H. Martens.

P. A. T. McIntyre.

SCHOOL INDUSTRY PRIZES

A. Block. O. H. Rissik.

B. Block. A. E. C. Kidd.

C. Block. M. J. Woods.

D. Block. M. de L. Bailes.

SUBJECT PRIZES

Sixth Form

Mathematics: C. C. Angwin. Biology: C. H. Anderson. History:

C. K. Bird. Divinity: C. K. Bird.

A Block

English: G. F. R. Ellis. Latin: S. F. Potter. French: J. N. Talbot.
Afrikaans: G. F. R. Ellis. Zulu: G. Beattie. Mathematics: J. C. G.
Walker. Physics: J. C. G. Walker. Chemistry: G. F. R. Ellis. Science:
J. S. Dench. Biology: J. S. Dench. History: H. M. Husted.
Geography: H. M. Husted. Divinity: I. G. Douglas. Rector's Divinity
Prize: P. D. R. Kirkpatrick.

B Block

English: B. M. Newton. Latin: B. M. Newton. French: J. A.
Craven. Afrikaans: T. A. Dippenaar. Greek: D. J. N. Denoon. Zulu:
R. W. Gilson. Mathematics: A. Rae. Physics: G. H. Lander.
Chemistry: A. Rae. Science: J. N. S. Bristowe. Biology: R. J.
Camerer. History: D. J. N. Denoon. Geography: G. A. Murray.
Divinity: C. M. B. Palmer.

C Block

English: A. A. Dash wood. Latin: A. A. Dash wood. French: A.
P. D. Atkinson. Afrikaans: J. L. Parr. Greek: P. L. Morrison. Mathe-
matics: C. W. Field. Science: R. Draper. Biology: D. M. R. Lewis.
History: D. M. R. Lewis. Geography: D. R. Woods. Zulu: R. S.
Porrill and P. C. F. Reynolds. Divinity: A. A. Dashwood.

D Block

English: C. H. G. Mackenzie. Latin: A. W. Goodyer. French:
S. A. C. Morgan. Afrikaans: C. H. G. Mackenzie. Mathematics: R.
M. H. Bennett. Science: C. H. G. Mackenzie. History: T. D. Thomson.
Geography: C. H. G. Mackenzie. Divinity: A. W. Goodyer.

DISTINCTIONS

Sixth Form

Schmidt (Eng., Mus.); Curtin (Eng.); Bird (Eng.).

A Block

Ellis (Eng., Lat., Chem., Phys., Maths., Add. Maths.); Husted (Geog., Hist.); Blore (Geog.); Potter (Lat., Maths.); Talbot (Lat.); Freeman (Chem.); Walker (Phys., Maths.); Dench (Biol.); Kirkpatrick (Div.).

B Block

Lander (Maths.); Newton, B. M. (Maths.); Dippenaar (Afr.); Hong (Chem.); Rae (Chem., Phys., Maths.); Palmer (Div.); Butcher (Maths.).

C Block

Dashwood (Eng., Div., Lat.); Woods, D. R. (Geog.); Porritt (Mus.); Atkinson (Mus., Lat.); Morrison (Lat., Maths.); Field (Lat., Maths.); Lewis (Lat., Afr., Hist.); Rae (Lat.); Parr (Afr.); Spence (Maths.).

D Block

Campbell, B. M. (Eng., Maths.); Mackenzie (Eng., Afr., Sci.); Thomson (Eng., Maths.); Goodyer (Div., Maths.); Bennett (Div., Maths.); Craggs (Maths.); Worthington (Maths.).

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CREDITS Sixth Form

Morgan (Eng., Mus., Phys., Chem.); Curtin (Mus.); Bird (Fr., Mus.); Angwin (Phys., Maths.); Hamilton (Phys., Chem.); Hammond (Phys.); Cockram (Chem.).

A Block

Blore (Eng., Afr., Chem., Maths., Add. Maths.); Walker (Eng., (Chem.); Evans (Eng.); Talbot (Eng., Fr.); Camerer (Ger.); Meerburg (Geog.); Kirkpatrick (Fr., Geog., Lat.); Amott (Geog.); Kane (Geog.); Douglas (Div.); Beattie (Zulu.); Rissik (Lat., Phys., Maths., Add. Maths.); Freeman (Lat., Maths.); Ellis (Afr.); Whysall (Afr.); D'Aeth (Chem.); Palmer (Chem.); Potter (Phys., Add. Maths.); Dench (Sci.); Channing-Pearce (Sci.); Grobler (Biol.); Zingel (Biol.); Downing, J. W. (Maths.); Emtage (Maths.); Hall, R. H. (Maths.); Husted (Maths.); Robinson (Maths., Add. Maths.).

B Block

Palmer (Eng., Hist.); Peatling (Eng.); Craven (Fr., Lat., Chem., Maths.); Over (Fr., Chem.); Murray (Geog.); Dippenaar (Div., Chem.); Newton, B. M. (Div., Lat., Eng.); Newton, J. M. (Biol.); Gilson (Zulu.); Rae (Lat.); Denoon (Lat., Gk., Hist., Eng.); Reynolds (Gk.); Brown (Afr., Maths.); Curry (Afr.); Marshall (Chem.); McDougall (Chem., Phys., Maths.); Hooper (Chem., Maths.); Lander (Chem., Phys., Eng.); Camerer (Biol.); Butcher (Maths.); Rowe (Maths.).

C Block

Spence (Eng., Fr., Geog., Lat.); Atkinson (Fr., Div., Maths.); Vaughan-Jones (Fr.); MacGillivray (Geog.); Banwell (Geog., Mus.); Jackson (Geog.); Hamilton (Geog., Mus.); Clemmans (Geog.); Hebblethwaite (Geog.); Lewis (Mus., Biol.); Rae (Mus.); Smyth (Mus.); Beggs (Mus.); Sinclair (Mus., Sci.); Young-Thompson (Mus., Maths.); Sandison (Mus.); Cress (Mus., Sci., Maths.); McDavid (Mus.); Raimondo (Mus.); Simons (Mus.); Porrill (Zulu.); Reynolds (Zulu.); Phillips (Lat., Maths.); Siebert (Lat., Maths.); Kaulback (Lat.); Hancock (Afr.); Dashwood (Gk., Afr., Hist.); Ransford (Biol.); Woods, D. R. (Sci., Hist.); Porter (Sci.); Schofield (Hist.); Procter (Sci.); Fiddian-Green (Maths.); Davis (Maths.); Ardington (Hist.).

D Block

Morgan (Fr.); Adamson (Geog.); Wright (Geog.); Worthington (Mus., Div., Afr.); Stubbs (Mus.); MacRobert (Mus.); Mackenzie (Mus., Div.); Hayward-Butt (Mus.); McIntyre fMwsJ; Craggs (Mus.); Adley (Mus., Div.); Randall (Lat.); Dodman (Afri.); Dyson (Sci.); Fenton (Maths.); O'Flaherty (Maths.); Thorsen (Maths.); Thomson

(Hist.); Hong (Hist.); Goodyer (Hist.); Bailes (Hist.).

TWELFTH NIGHT

Orsino, Duke of Illyria.....R. E. M. Evans.

Valentine (gentleman attending on the Duke)_____W. J. M.

H. Kaulback.

Curio (gentleman attending on the Duke) .. J. J. F. Simons.

Viola p. h. Trehwela.

A Sea Captain, friend to Viola.....H. J. A. McDougall.

Sir Toby Belch, uncle to Olivia.....R. B. M. Roberts.

Maria, Olivia's womanJ. C. V. Craggs.

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Sir Andrew AguecheekR. F. A. Schmidt.

Sebastian, brother to Viola.....S. S. T. Chaplin.

Antonio, a sea captain, friend to Sebastian A. E. Rowe.

Lords and Attendants.....T. A. Dippenaar, R. D. Forde.

Musicians: R. L. Oxley-Oxland, P. F. Spence, M. MacRobert,
P. R. Beggs, R. G. Green, A. B. Mitchell-Heggs, P. J.
Siddons, D. P. Cobbold, P. W. Hadingham, R. A. Camerer,
J. M. M. Stubbs, R. G. D'Aeth, R. L. Brown, R. S. Porritt,
R. E. M. Archibald, A. Rae, R. C. Robinson.

Scene: A City in Illyria.

Decor and Cover Design I. R. van den Berg.

Stage Setting G. Henderson.

Musical Director J. C. Hodgson.

"At our feast we had a play called Twelve Night, or What You Will, much like the Comedy of Errors. A good practice in it to make the steward believe his Lady was in love with him by counterfeiting a letter as from his Lady, telling him what shee liked best in him, and prescribing his gesture in smiling and his apparel, and when he came to practise, making him believe they took him to be mad." So wrote John Manningham in his diary soon after the first performance, and it is part of the wonder of Shakespeare that still today we appreciate the "good practice" in this comedy of mistaken identities, this miscellany of beautiful verse and ribald wit. The delighted faces of the audience, young and old, at the amphitheatre were proof of the enchantment that still persists, and proof too that Mr. Ronald Brooks had once more succeeded in creating for us an afternoon of magic that we shall long remember.

No production can or should be a solo effort, and here as always it was the concerted talents and energy of many people that contributed to success. The setting by Ian van den Berg, with its masses of scarlet poinsettias and the multi-hued walls of Orsino's city, transported us into an atmosphere of make-believe Illyria, an atmosphere enhanced by the skilful use of Elizabethan music, vocal and instrumental, which John Hodgson wove with such apparent ease into the fabric of the play. But the chief burden, especially in a school production, must rest on the producer. Twelfth Night does not depend, as did Richard III for example, on a single dominant figure, who can carry, if need be, a merely adequate supporting cast. No fewer than eight major parts have to be filled, and filled to overflowing, if the play is to become alive and vital. It is difficult to

know how much of the technical excellence and seemingly spontaneous elan of a schoolboy's performance is his own, and how much has been painstakingly injected or extracted by the producer. We have all ceased to wonder how Mr. Brooks achieves the miracle year after year. We shake our heads and murmur over the Thespian giants of the past, and wonder who can possibly replace them. But Mr. Brooks unconcernedly dips into his conjuror's hat and not only produces his actors, but welds them into a team who carry his purpose

Feste, a clown

Olivia

Malvolio, steward to Olivia

. N. W. Palmer.

A. A. Dashwood.

.... C. K. Bird.

Fabian, servant to Olivia

A Priest.....

Officers

.....J. G. M. Pizey.

.....D. J. Hooper.

G. S. Morgan, R. Bayldon.

triumphantly to success. We come to expect a great deal from a producer with a high reputation, but Mr. Brooks never disappoints us, and we owe him much.

Twelfth Night is a play of contrasts: we are taken straight from the court of the love-sick Orsino to witness the antics and salty wit of Sir Toby and Maria, and the gambollings of the asinine Sir Andrew. And although the scenes are interwoven with skill, the characters and episodes tend to fall into ready-made divisions of comic and romantic. Perhaps it is inevitable that the comic scenes and characters tend to overshadow the romantic. Of them the most interesting is probably that of Malvolio. He may be a satire on Puritanism; his dress, manner and lack of appreciation of the "cakes and ale" of life may represent Shakespeare's opinion of that somewhat unpleasant sect. Nevertheless his high pretensions lend him folly a certain dignity, and it is perhaps a little cruel when even the witless Sir Andrew can gird at him with impunity. C. K. Bird made the most of the comic side of Malvolio without losing sight of this somewhat pathetic dignity, and many of the memorable moments of the play were his. His entrance in snowy nightgown, beard and moustache bristling with outraged decorum, to interrupt the drunken roysterings of the two knights with: "My masters, are you mad, or what are you?" evoked a gale of laughter, while his first appearance in yellow stockings and cross-gartered with the words: "Sweet Lady, ho HO!" was for me the highlight of the play. This was a most intelligent and mature performance.

R. B. M. Roberts and R. F. A. Schmidt made a richly comic pair as Sir Toby and Sir Andrew. Granted that they have most opportunities, but they wasted few of them, and those usually through speaking into a laugh, a question of timing that many professionals never master. Particularly effective were the duel scene between Sir Andrew and the disguised Viola, the letter scene with the two rogues and Fabian popping up and down behind the hedges, and the gloriously tipsy episode of Sir Andrew attempting, needless to say in vain, to roll a barrel of the necessary up a ladder and over the wall. Roberts was wise not to make Sir Toby a completely Bacchic figure: the knight has much good sense in him, and his natural wit and shrewdness are obvious, even when he is half-seas over. Not the least entertaining part was wondering if Sir Andrew would achieve his exits without bringing most of the scenery about his ears. J. C. V. Craggs gave a really remarkable performance as Maria. Although not always completely audible, he nevertheless conveyed a wonderful sense of gaiety and impishness to his audience, and by tone and gesture achieved a realization of the part quite unusual in a boy of his age. Here is a young actor of great promise and with a considerable gift for comedy.

Now to the romantics. It has been said that whereas Shakespeare's Richard II is in love with grief, his Orsino is in love with love. He revels in his passion and elaborates on it until it does indeed become "high fantastical." R. E. M. Evans battled manfully with the part, but his voice and to a lesser extent his appearance were against him. The only justification for Orsino is in the magnificent

poetry in which he describes his love: the poetry must flow in liquid numbers from his lips, he must be a regal and commanding figure if his high-flown protestations of love are not to become ridiculous. A. A. Dashwood was a happy choice as Olivia, and acted a difficult part for a boy with distinction. He achieved an air of serenity and nobility that was most effective, and he moved and spoke clearly and with dignity. P. H. Trehwela as Viola spoke well, and was on occasion very moving; I remember particularly his interpretation of the scene

when Viola realizes that Olivia loves her counterfeit Cesario. But he was not happy in his movements nor did he possess real stage presence. Of the less important characters, S. S. T. Chaplin as Sebastian and A. E. Rowe as Antonio particularly caught the eye, for both spoke their lines clearly and with meaning, and showed the all too rare gift of making even the smallest and least striking role an integral and essential part of the play. J. M. Pizey made a rare game-cock of Fabian, and his movement was most natural and unaffected, but he too was guilty of speaking into laughs, and few of his words were audible.

I have left one character to the end. To my mind the outstanding performance was that of N. W. Palmer as Feste. Sir Toby and Sir Andrew, Malvolio, even Maria, these are gifts for any actor with a natural eye for comedy and the wit to seize on and interpret the comic possibilities. It is difficult to see how anyone could fail to raise a laugh with this material, though people have failed only too often. But Feste has little to help him: much of his clowning is apt to be tedious, especially the long Sir Topas scene, and his playing on words is far removed from the type of humour we appreciate today. Palmer succeeded in making Feste indeed "a witty fool rather than a foolish wit," and extracted more meaning from his fooling than I had thought possible. He showed himself by his natural ease on the stage, his diction and his command of the audience to be an actor to be reckoned with in any company. I have seldom heard Feste's songs sung with more point and beauty - "a very sweet and contagious breath, i' faith." It was fitting that the play should end with these words from his farewell song: "But that's all one, our play is done, And we'll strive to please you every day." The producer and the cast of *Twelfth Night* can be sure that they succeeded in this wish beyond their wildest expectations.

TO THE READER

Every year we receive and read with interest magazines from many schools, both in South Africa and overseas. Recently we found that the editors of two of these magazines, one from a famous English public school, the other from a well-known South African school, had conducted an enquiry into their contemporaries from other schools. These articles raise several points which we might well consider, and we hope to be forgiven for quoting freely from them.

What is, they ask, the function of a school magazine? It must be, of course, a record for succeeding generations of the school's activities, a reference book for the future. It should aim in addition, in its literary section, to present the best work, in English and Afrikaans, prose and verse, that the school can produce. But, says one editor: "Frequently it falls short of these ideals, but we beg to suggest that this is as much due to the general apathy of the School as to the inefficiency of the editors: in an average term less than a dozen literary contributions are submitted and virtually none of these would arrive at all but for post-closing date bullying by the editors." That this is no new problem is shown by this extract from our own *Chronicle* in 1908: "We cannot forego the immemorial

privilege of a school editor, to growl at the lack of interest and the lack of literary imagination, and the lack, generally speaking, of all those estimable qualities, the possession of which would so lighten the Editor's task and render his office almost a sinecure."

The function of the Editorial is discussed: should it be purely factual, should it attempt to be witty, should it pander to popular taste, and should a headmaster be banned from censoring the finished

article? It is concluded that an Editorial ought to express the opinion of the School, untouched by the hand of authority, But of 31 magazines examined, 18 editorials were purely factual, and only two ventured to criticize their school, though others published advice in correspondence columns. After the Editorial the pattern followed is much the same, with of course different emphasis in different magazines. In all, or nearly all, we find School Notes, Prize lists, Societies, Sport, Old Boys' News. Sport seems to be predominant in the majority of cases.

From our own observation it is clear that school magazines vary greatly in size and quality, both of paper and printing. This is primarily a question of finance. Many of them are sold to their recipients for a considerable amount, some augment their income by advertisements. In our own case, the cost is borne largely by the Old Boys' Club, with some assistance from the School. It is financially impossible to include more photos, to increase the size or greatly improve the quality, as things now stand. Nevertheless we should not, and do not intend to, remain static. There is room in the Chronicle, as in everything, for improvement. But we feel that in part at least it is up to you. This is your magazine, and it is your job to suggest improvements, to say what you want to find between the covers of the Chronicle. We will do what we can to carry out your wishes, but the opening gambit is yours.

FROM THE CHRONICLE OF 1905

The first annual dinner of the members of the Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club resident in the British Isles was held in London. The Rev. James Cameron Todd was in the chair.

A silver tobacco jar was presented to Mr. C. W. Hannah on his retirement.

The Choir Picnic took place at the Lion's River Falls. "The oxen were inspanned and the wagon left at 5.0 o'clock. On the way back the football was kicked under the wagon and one of the wheels went over it, causing a great explosion."

The first Michaelhouse-Hilton cricket match ended in a draw, Hilton scoring 17 runs in the first hour. The School beat College by

6 wickets and 187 runs, but were defeated in the return match by 25 runs. At Rugby Michaelhouse beat Hilton 16-3, but lost to College 9-0.

The Rector said in his Speech Day address: "It is a lamentable fact that boys are sent to a public school at 13 and 14 barely able to read."

"The morning of Ascension Day presented the unusual spectacle of the ground covered with snow and long icicles hanging from all the verandahs."

"The first vacancy on the original Board of Governors of Michaelhouse occurs through the sad and unexpected death of Mr. John Freeman, J.P., of Overpark, Pietermaritzburg."

"We have once more a Resident Drill and Musketry Instructor in Corporal J. A. Keith of the Umvoti Mounted Rifles."

MICHAELHOUSE HOCKEY TEAM IN GRAHAMSTOWN

We set out from Balgowan, with the echos of Speech Day still ringing in our ears, and with the weather rapidly deteriorating. The aim was to reach Umtata that night. Horrible dictu, we all too soon

found ourselves in a blizzard on some of the most delightful miles of deviation that South Africa can offer, around the slopes of Mt. Ayliff and Mt. Frere! Suffice it to say that two of our wee Morrisises were reduced to speeds in the neighbourhood of 15 and 20 m.p.h., as we peered into the gloom and sought to distinguish white road from white fields through white windscreens, and that the third Morris gave up the unequal struggle by making contact with a signpost! Its four occupants spent the night with comparatively little warm clothing, a punctured radiator, a broken windscreen, and no knowledge that a roadside camp was some few hundred yards away, while the snow settled down steadily throughout the night.

But it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good. They took snaps of their plight in the early hours of the following day, were attended to by the road-party, poured eggs and flour into the radiator just for good measure, and arrived in Grahamstown only about 16 hours overdue, hale, hearty, and seemingly delighted to have had such a novel experience.

The first full day we practised in the morning, played in the afternoon, and generally acclimatised ourselves to our temporary new surroundings. The following day was spent in Port Elizabeth, most pleasantly entertained by the E.P.H.A. We played a couple of games, in glorious sunshine, visited the sea, and returned wearily to St. Andrews.

A day was spent at St. Aidan's, where again we were most kindly and hospitably entertained. It was an intriguing sight to see the punch-ball behind the school in constant use, rapping out a clear warning to all around that it was unwise to challenge a St. Aidan's boy to a duel with the gloves - a tradition they treasure greatly.

The weather let us down slightly on the following day, when we drove out to the Hogsback for the day, stopping for tea at Alice. A few of us were shown round parts of Fort Hare University. The Department of Psychology, most excellently equipped and very energetically run, was a real eye-opener. Much good work is done there in connection with the settlement of educated Africans into worthwhile occupations where their training and talents can be utilised.

The weather had been ominous all along, and as we drove up the final climb to the Hogsback we were right in the cloud and the mist. All the same we walked around a bit, took a few snaps, were most kindly received by Mr. Robin Hood the proprietor, ate regally, played a little pingpong and a form of billiards . . . and later wended our way back to Grahamstown. We hadn't been able to bathe and hike as we had hoped, but it is good countryside and the views had been magnificent despite the mist, and a good day was had by all.

We visited the local Pottery works on the morning of the day we played St. Andrew's. It was a most absorbing visit. So much varied activity is crammed into such a small space - the clay goes through such a diversity of stages - and the transformation of a

rather dull colour-wash, that seems to have been absorbed into the pottery, into a beautiful shining glaze during the second firing is truly amazing to the layman - and then finally the little room upstairs where the artistic designs are hand-painted on . . . We eventually got away just in time for lunch.

Mr. Currey very kindly showed us all round the school the next morning, and Mr. and Mrs. Snell, who were staying in Grahamstown for a few days, came round with us. It was a pleasant and most interesting survey of St. Andrew's, past, present and indeed future. In the afternoon we did battle with Rhodes University on their gravel ground, and after supper had a most hilarious pingpong session in

the school hall. Mr. Hennessy clearly indicated the value of being Founders' Housetutor, and the rhino appeared to possess an unlimited number of "lives!" We descended to our knees, and the pingpong table became a blow-football arena. A lot of hot air was innocuously expended, Mr. Hickson usually saved with his nose, and Len Hall could not be persuaded to lower his blow to the level of the table!

By now the cars were in racing-fettle and the trip to the Cowie on our second free-day proved highly exhilarating. Mr. Hennessy was away to a flying start. Mr. Gathorne as ever was nonchalantly eating up the miles in The Chev. which had had a special wash and brush-up for the occasion, and the other two battled it out in the rear. R.A.R. ran into third place up a rather sharp incline and subsequently rather "hogged the road" to put it mildly. Even a Morris 8 has its day and it snorted triumphantly as it sailed past The Chev. at a cool 70-odd. The final mile into Port Alfred and to the sea we will draw a gentle veil over - islands were negotiated, and the driver of a large yellow Corporation lorry was probably subsequently treated for shock, but all the four cars arrived at the sea without being locked together in the process, during the space of some 3 or 4 seconds. Some bathed, some golfed, some read . . . and a restful day was had by all.

Final shoppings, the last two matches, and soon we were bidding farewell, after attending the school chapel service, on the Sunday evening. We left before the crack of dawn on Monday morning on the return trip. Four hundred miles were accomplished, and we reached Umzimkulu almost exactly on the dot of 5 p.m. without mishap. Mr. and Mrs. Fellowes entertained us to a most sumptuous braaivleis in their garden, and then 16 weary souls were kindly accommodated by Mr. and Mrs. Fellowes and their friends in and near Umzimkulu. It was a most delightful end to the trip - a pleasant touch of home from home.

Our most sincere thanks go to the Headmaster of St. Andrew's and to Mr. Dods who between them made this trip possible at all; to all those who made our stay at St. Andrew's so pleasant (we seemed to be so readily accepted as part of the organisation); and to all those others who entertained us outside the immediate precincts of St. Andrew's. I trust we may soon have a chance to reciprocate their kindnesses.

The results of the matches were as follows:

- v. St. Andrew's and Kingswood Staffs XI. Lost 1-2.
- v. Old Grey's Under 22 XI (in P.E.). Won 1-0.
- * v. Pheasants XI (in P.E.). Won 6-1.
- v. St. Aidan's XI. Drawn 1-1.
- v. St. Andrew's XI. Drawn 1-1.
- v. Rhodes University. Won 1-0.
- Combined St. Andrew's and Michaelhouse XI:
- v. a Grahamstown XI. Drawn 1-1.
- * v. Occasionals. Won 1-0.

* Indicates that 3 members of Staff played in these 2 matches.

Dunbar played consistently well throughout the tour, and made a number of very difficult saves. The defence as a whole knit well together. Kearns was always a tower of strength at back, and Young developed well as the tour progressed. Dorward played well throughout and took a good deal of trouble over tightening his defence when called upon to play centre-half. Armstrong was probably the second best half, and he stuck well to the task of keeping his wing at bay - he is a little too inclined to pass at the opposing centre-half instead of using the cross-pass a little more sparingly

and definitely more "squarely" across the field. Murray and Camerer both played their parts well.

The defence was generally good - though early on Young was inclined to be slow up on his man, and the wing halves were inclined to play too deeply and defensively. Defence at short-comers was always good, and clearances from the circle were also fairly quick, except in the very first game.

The attack never really developed to the pitch for which I had hoped. Hall was always on the search for goals and gave good quick passes to the right, but he seldom passes well to the left. The wings were good on occasions, but were inclined to bunch into the field too much. But the real lack of thrust came from the insides. They never quite learned how to use their energy, nor to assess the need for coming back for their passes and then distributing carefully and quickly, and for persistent tackling-back on the opposition's insides and centre-half. But it is extremely hard and needs a lot of experience. There were many good movements initiated by both Hyde and Adderley, but it would probably have paid us better if we had made the swap (which we did eventually make in the middle of the Rhodes game), of Bonnet and Short to the inside positions, earlier in the trip.

It is significant to note that all four matches won were played on gravel grounds, and that we failed to win a match on the grass fields at St. Andrew's and St. Aidan's.

In the first game, the school team were rather overawed by their seniors and were slow to settle down together as a team and adapt themselves to local conditions. Several useful lessons were learned - in particular that Young's positioning at back needed attention.

In the two matches in Port Elizabeth, the team immediately showed greater confidence, and quicker passes on the hard surface paid handsome dividends. Hall's individual effort of scoring no fewer than five goals in the afternoon game, from passes which came in from all directions, must be mentioned and with Mr. Gathorne's incessant feeding of passes, into the centre and out to the wing, will live in the memory.

At St. Aidan's we were really caught on the hop in the first 20 minutes. It was almost all St. Aidan's and it looked as if they might administer a first-rate hiding. Their positional play was excellent and the forwards kept the ball on the move from one to another most confusingly. But gradually we got a grip on the game, and after being 1-0 down at halftime, we levelled the score, and came very close to winning on a couple of occasions later on. It was a very fair result of the play as it went - with their better positioning balanced against our advantage in stickwork. In particular their right half played an outstanding game and their centre-half only cracked in the second half of the game.

The St. Andrew's game was a disappointing one - at times very lacking in punch - with the Michaelhouse side at a loss to

know how to deal with the dusty and sandy conditions. All our power was in control, stickwork and dribbling - and this was of no avail! The opposition reacted cleverly with low-trajectory flicks and scoops, and we never really looked like mastering them. Both goals came from weak goalkeeping. In the last quarter of an hour, when Michaelhouse really turned the heat on, Hyde was unlucky to miss the goal most narrowly with a flick that had beaten the goalie, and their goalie brought off a couple of excellent saves to shots which had been hit at point-blank range and should have been certain goals with carefully-placed flick-shots. It would have been nice to have played again on gravel.

Territorially the Rhodes' game went against us. But territory doesn't win matches. The University defence was strong and held

together well, but their forwards didn't quite seem to get real control of the ball. The school defence had a gruelling "work-out" in the first half - Dorward played an excellent game as centre-half, distributing the ball particularly well, and the wing-halves held on grimly. As in earlier matches, Dunbar came to the rescue two or three times with quite surprising saves. At half-time Bonnet and Short switched to inside, and Hyde and Adderley to the wings, and immediately the balance of power was adjusted - we were getting more possession of the ball, their centre-half and insides were getting harassed, and the second half was more even and less a matter of our defence. The University right back had been playing an excellent game, and in the second-half we managed to feed much of our attack through on the other side of the field. From one such thrust, Hall just managed to beat the back and put the ball in the net, only a little before the end of the game.

The Combined game was again hard-fought to the end - but the degree of combination was naturally not as great. The defence played well - with, rather surprisingly, Brooker (the St. Andrew's captain and centre-half) in some ways the weakest. He gets through an enormous amount of work, but is not always careful to watch position - allowing himself to get drawn too far upfield, instead of passing, and then not being able to get back in defence. This shows up so very much more quickly on a quick hard surface than it does on grass. In the forwards the cohesion was not very marked - the wings tended to come infield too far, and the insides (as a result), were often bunched, and Bonnet is not really a good inside forward, hard though he does work for the ball. Grahamstown scored a short corner goal, neatly sending the ball to an unexpected quarter, and for once Dunbar was well and truly defeated at full stretch. And the Combined team countered with another such goal, struck wide of the goal to the right, and beautifully popped in by the right-wing. It was most creditable to have held a strong side to a draw, but neither forward-line really showed up strongly, and much of the game was a battle of wits between the two defences.

And finally the Occasionals match - which seemed to be quite the longest! The game swung to and fro, from end to end of the field. In the first half the Occasionals defence held pretty tight, and despite one or two clear breaks through, no goals came. But in the second-half the wing halves seemed to weaken a little and a few good breaks came down the wings. The only goal came from a short corner, eventually, and try as we did we couldn't quite get another. Young and Kearns put in a sterling performance at back, and the ageing members of staff just survived the ordeal, though a little battered!

The hockey throughout had been played hard and clean, no quarter being given at all after the first match, and the members of the side learned much, game by game, as the tour proceeded. The defence tightened up into a really good combination, and it is no slight on the attack to say that they sometimes lacked anticipation and often lacked the ability to punch home a good goal from a favourable position. But they were always keen and very seldom selfish,

and the passes were usually quick and potentially thrustful. I believe the truth of the matter is that greater experience is needed to make a really good forward than one can possibly expect to find in a schoolboy unless he be most exceptional. Looking ahead, I hope those members of the trip who will be returning in 1956 will be able to pass on the valuable lessons they have learned, and that with those five as a most useful nucleus we shall be able to build an even stronger side next year.

R.A.R.

THE BAND, 1955.

J. G. BYRNE

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It was a happy day for Michaelhouse when "Plab" accepted the post of Carpentry Instructor in August 1921. Many generations of boys have benefited from his patient cheerful guidance. All his pupils will remember his ready help and encouragement, and acknowledge the great skill with which an expert cabinet-maker curbs the over-eager ambition of the youthful apprentice. Joints that were such a puzzle became so simple when explained with his pencil. The coming of the electric plane and saw eased his task, but I have often heard him lament the resultant loss of manipulative skill in his learners.

But it has not been only in the "Shop" that he has day after day given such loyal service to the School. Handyman, electrician, painter, plumber, architect - countless jobs have depended on him for completion or repair. As the place expanded, other skilled labour was provided to ease his heavy load. But he still does his daily round with the same cheerful efficiency as ever. What a list his achievements here would make. I wonder, for instance, how many times he has emerged from his home behind the Shop at all hours of the day and night with a smile to find and repair some fuse, especially in the days when we ran the old Petter engine. When the day comes for him to retire, he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he leaves work well done in almost every corner of the place. How modestly proud he was when the Old Boys' Club recognised his loyalty by electing him an honorary member!

His oldest friends here will remember too what a happy home he made for his five children. Percy, Amy, Frances, Pat and Raymond have every right to be proud of it, blessed by their wonderfully efficient mother (who often fed an army of builders besides her own hungry lot, and who more than once stepped into the breach as school housekeeper), cheered by dear little "Auntie" (who must have darned more socks than any soul alive - bless her!), and provided for by Plab. Such smiling devotion to home and work is a model for us all.

K.M.P.

Reprinted below is a poem that first appeared in the Chronicle in 1938. It is by a figure well-known to you all; perhaps you may find the style familiar. The occasion of the poem was a sad mishap that befell a certain member of the Staff.

BEES AGAIN

In the bathroom there was peace with not the faintest bit of noise;
On the floor reclined some slippers in a very graceful poise.

They looked so very innocent one simply couldn't think
That therein lay the clue, in actual fact, the missing link
Of the tragic episode which came about a little after,

Causing one terrific pain and many more, a dose of laughter.

In the bathroom there was schlippping, there was schlopping
on the floor,

And a washing and a splashing as there*d never been before.

At last the noise subsided and the water rati away,

And then began a towelling while noises very gay,

Of whistling, etcetera, came sharply through the door.

But all at once there rent the air a loud and hearty roar.

In the room was all confusion - towels here and slippers there,
And a figure that reminded one remotely of a bear.

Like a dervish it was hopping, it was jumping in the air,

A sight that was undoubtedly and fortunately rare!

"My toe, my toe" it bellowed, "it is most severely stung;

A bee has done its dirty work, my knell of death is rung.

For oh, I am afflicted! Yea! For oh, I am distressed!

For a brutal bee has stung me; I am quickly going west.

I declare the beast was lurking in my slipper on the floor,

For oh, the bee has ambushed me; my toe is very sore.

'Tis true I'm passing fast away, and soon I'll be no more."

This was followed closely by another anguished roar.

He clasped his toe and squeezed it hard, but no! the sting would
stay;

He cursed his slipper and the bee, he cursed that fateful day;
And now he hates with hate supreme, the bee and all his clan;

I do believe he slaughters them - as many as he can!

N.B.: There is no prize for discovering the author of this poem!

ADAMS COLLEGE, 1955.

I was particularly fortunate to be able to spend a week-end
early in June at Adams because there are indications that their days
as a college providing a "liberal Christian education" for African
students are numbered; more than a hundred years' record of service
to South Africa and to our African citizens is to be ended for
reasons which I do not propose to list here.

Up to the end of this year there have been four "faculties" at Adams - a High School, Theological College, Teachers' Training College and a "Trades School." Perhaps the most striking feature of the buildings which house these faculties is the contrasting styles of architecture; some are more than a hundred years old; the hostels belong to the later years of Queen Victoria's reign and are sadly in need of repair, for which funds are urgently required; while the girls' hostel and the High School block are very fine modern buildings.

Once every week all the students join in the "campus clear" - cleaning the buildings, washing their clothes, tending the sports grounds and so on. It was forcibly brought home to one brought up in a South African school that in common with students in most countries, the African students do their own chores. Saturday afternoons are devoted to sport: soccer and tennis are popular, and rugby has been started by a small but enthusiastic number of boys fired by their visits to Michaelhouse. But, as Mr. G. C. Grant, the Headmaster and former captain of the West Indies team sadly remarks, the students show no great skill at cricket!

On the Saturday evening John Vincent and I spent at Adams, we were treated to an evening of plays acted by the students. One, "Campbell of Kilmohr" - with the students very proud of their kilts - was remarkably well done. Another, "The National Suicide of the Amakhosa," was written and produced by the students them-

selves with the dialogue in the vernacular. Between the plays, two or three students, styling themselves "The Yankee Kids" and other fanciful names, sang the latest and hottest from Broadway in their own inimitable way, and in the process often improved considerably on the original!

Church on Sundays was attended by everyone, the service being conducted in English, and the hymns sung unaccompanied in the vernacular. Most noticeable was the attention given to the preacher, none of our Michaelhouse shuffling and coughing! In the afternoon we attended a meeting of the Students Christian Association with guest speakers, both European and African, from Natal University. The subject was: "How should a Christian behave in our modern society?" and though the discussion was dominated by the visitors, some interesting points were made.

On the Monday we attended some of the Matric classes. The teachers are from both race groups and are a perfect example of co-operation between Europeans and Africans. Attending an Afrikaans lesson one appreciated the difficulties of a young Zulu learning the language through the medium of English. Perhaps the most impressive side of the College was the carpentry shop. Here with magnificent equipment the students learn building theory and put their learning into practice in making school furniture and building houses for the Umlazi Housing Estate. Unfortunately, such trade instruction, an integral part in the training of useful South African citizens, is likely to be curtailed severely very shortly. And the tragedy is that young Africans with very good qualifications find it hard, because of their colour, to obtain the employment to which their ability entitles them.

In the short time I spent at Adams I saw enough to be able to realize what a tremendous contribution our African people are capable of making to the prosperity of our country, with the assistance of many more schools and colleges like Adams. Yet unless the funds are forthcoming to keep Adams going, capitulation is inevitable, and the resultant loss will be irreparable.

T.R.C.C.

DAWN ON THE VELD

Far beyond the Umzimvubu,

Dawn is shaking on the mountains,

But as yet the hidden valleys
And the foothills are asleep.

Yellow grasses bend and shiver
In the wind, that sighing shakes
The shadows on the vlei.

Golden slowly conquers purple on the distant hills

Which, for a moment, lose their sharp and jagged lines
And soften in the quiet picture light of morning. Mist
Puffs up from river bottoms and swirls away to nothingness.
Faintly from the farmlands near the river
Herd boys call their yellow oxen:

The sun is up - the Great Slave Driver
Drives away another dawn.

C.H.A.

TO A DIRTY TACKIE

Smell on, bold tackie! dauntless fight thy way
Into the realms of Man's deodorants;

And in his nose impose thine odour foul

To shock his membranes, nerves, and e'en his soul,

To realization full of old decay;

Repelling, strongly as a soldier's lance,

With potence only unwashed feet can hope
To summon after absence long from soap.

Be not afraid when, soaking from a plunge
In water warm, thou shouldst perceive a sponge
Of saturated white descend upon
Thy rugged countenance, for thou art strong
To fight; however, Man at last will win
And consecrate thee to the rubbish bin.

C.W.P.R.

A STORM

The quiet was immeasurable. Once a slinking dog crossed the wisp of moonlight that had slid between the crouching houses and, ribs gleaming through its rough hair, nosed in the filthy gutter. The houses hunched over the fetid street like witches over an obscene cauldron, and their jagged outline showed stark and black against the sky. A little wind crept up and ran round the corners of the dark alleys. It blew a tattered shred of newspaper down the street, and whined at the gaping windows. A drunk was sleeping slumped against the wall, and water dripped ceaselessly from the gutter onto his hands. Forgotten washing hung on the railings in bleak festoons, and moved in the wind like grotesque tentacles. Far, far above in the night sky the moon sailed in sublime serenity. There was no sound - only the incessant drip of water and the ceaseless wistful mourning of the wind.

How still it was; how remote the quiet of the hills. The veld stretched out to the farthest horizon eternally unchanging, wan and dead in the light of the moon. No wind moved in the dry white grass, the protea bushes were motionless, their branches stark and bare lifting forlornly to the silence of the night sky. Dead, immovable, relentless, the silence lay like a benediction on the land.

The sky above was clear, but slowly, ponderously, grey swelling clouds and thunderheads rolled out and onward from the foothills in the North - a storm was approaching. The veld with its bleached and frosted grass and scattered trees looked surprisingly soft and calm in the night light, yet underneath the calm an eerie silence

prevailed, a silence so unusual in the veld where the nights are usually filled with the sounds of many insects. The world was sleeping, but turning in its sleep.

Now the first fast-moving wisps were smoking overhead above the thorny scented acacias by the river.

Now and then a muffled grumble and a tiny flicker showed that the clouds had almost come overhead. The moon was obscured and the whole country was bathed in darkness as if a light had been turned off.

A drop fell and was followed by others, heavy and solid against the earth and matted grass - a pause, and then the rain came hissing and unseen in the darkness, but wonderfully scented and cooling as only rain after drought can be.

C.H.A.

AUTUMN IN A GARDEN

I stand alone, where half a year ago
We two lay side by side. Then the world
Lay freshly scoured by Winter's sterile snow;

On naked boughs Spring's wondering green unfurled,

And on the barren hills. Above, aglow
Against the deep, deep blue, the blossoms swirled
In soft white clouds. This garden, the bright sun
Lay in us, we with God in Beauty one.

The garden remains still, and God, and I,

But Beauty lies as scattered as the red

And golden fallen leaves. For ere the sky

Grew sad with parting flights of birds, you sped,

You whom I love, to a far land, and I
Stand alone, and Beauty lies waste, dead.

C.K.B.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

The time for the periodic plague swept nearer; all over the country the same question was asked; in other words men got up on their hind legs and became idealistic maniacs - it was election time.

The general ballyhoo and merrymaking had started several days before, but today was the real thing. The main square in Maccio was filled with a wildly gesticulating crowd of peons from the neighbouring towns. This promised to be an exciting election as the present government was unpopular and revolution was in the air. Suddenly there was silence as a magnificently uniformed man rose, with a blare of trumpets, to speak. General Vitoria el Salvador had no doubts about his own importance, and he did not intend the people of Pernambuco to have them either, and in this happy frame of mind he began his speech.

"Good people of this prosperous country, I have watched with sorrow this past year the steady decline of our beautiful land. Where are the fine roads and the electricity and the reduction of taxes? All gone through the criminal foolishness of that snake in the grass who has the temerity to call himself President." Here Vitoria paused for breath, and Petro Carlos, favourably impressed, replaced his revolver in its holster. "I have eyes and ears," went on the orator, "and I have seen and heard the hatred of the people for the present regime. The taxes are so heavy the poor peons have been driven to become bandits, and with what result? Three train robberies, ten armed hold-ups, sixteen duels and ten accidental shootings. I ask you do

we not pay the Government taxes to protect us from these scavenging robbers?"

Now Petro Carlos was standing very near Vitoria, and being sensitive about his profession being referred to in such uncomplimentary terms, he once more drew out his revolver and pulled back the hammer. Vitoria remembered where he was and his many medals tinkled loudly in the sudden stillness as he drew in his breath sharply and hastily continued: "Of course I always have had sympathy with the bandits who are driven to do what they dislike by the meanness of the government." The danger was past and Vitoria decided that now was the time to spring his surprise. "Good people of Pemambaca, the time has come to rid ourselves of these parasites who are stealing your prosperity for themselves. We, the party of the people, have decided to form a new government. We will use your money to build new roads, new railways, a new port at Salvador, and a hospital

for Maccio. We don't want palatial palaces to live in. We will live in humble homes like the people, and eat humble food." The present government had said the same things, but that is after all the way of all political promises.

Suddenly a practical peon shouted: "And what will happen to the present government houses?" Vitoria hesitated and then replied that perhaps the new government would use them until 44 more humble abodes" could be built. At this a ripple of laughter ran through the crowd, and a knowing glint came into Petro's eye.

Vitoria seemed satisfied that all was well and beamed benevolently at his future victims. 44 When you, my dear friends, realize how much the new government will help you, you will not hesitate to support us. There will be American cars for all who work hard, and good prices for your beef cattle. If your crops fail we will help you and you will no longer starve. There will be work for all and once more we will be a powerful and prosperous country. I will see that crime ceases in our land. The criminals that rob you will be punished and you will no longer have to carry weapons. Good people of Pernambuco, three cheers for the new republic."

For the last five minutes Petro Carlos had stood with his gun carefully aimed at the fifth medal from the right on the chest of Vitoria el Salvador. Now the future President had finished his stirring speech; a decision had to be made.

"To hell with the revolution," thought Carlos, and he slowly squeezed the trigger.

R.L.K.

WATER

Water bubbles,
Hobbles, bcbblcs
Over pebbles,
Under trees,
Over falls
And. to the seas.

Water splishes,
Sploshes, splashes

Quickly dashes.
Smoothly drops
Over mills,

And never stops.

Water splatters,

Water tumbles,
Rumbles, races,

Going places

Splitters, splatters

Over gutters,
Through the lanes,
Cleaning cities'
Dirty drains.

In the lands,
Helping people
Wash their hands.

Water roars,
Tumbles, pours
On rocky shores.
From cloudy skies,
From mighty hills.
And crying eyes.

C.C.R.

THE DRAGON CLUB

At the 20th meeting of the Dragon Club, Roberts read a paper on his home country, Libya, giving a brief outline of its geography, history and character in a very informative and well presented paper.

The Rector addressed the next meeting, giving us a largely autobiographical impression of England during its periods of strife and social revolution, and of South Africa. We found his comparisons between South African and English schoolboys most interesting, and enjoyed his address, which we are most grateful to him for giving.

The next paper was a thought-provoking one by Angwin on whether there is a purpose in Evolution, and if so, what is it? This subject is always a controversial one, and the evening's discussions and arguments were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Evans read the next paper, in which he traced the history of the Communist movement from its first beginnings up to the present day.

The following meeting was addressed by the Hon. R. Butcher, M.P. He told us of the happenings in Parliament during the last session, and of the passing of the Appellate Division Quorum Bill and the Senate Bill. He gave us an extremely amusing and lucid account of life in Parliament which made for an informative and most enjoyable evening, for which we are indeed grateful.

Mr. W. Wilson of the Anglo-American Corp. was guest speaker at our next meeting, which he addressed on the subject of State and Private enterprise. We are very grateful to Mr. Wilson for an interesting account of two important features in our economic structure. Morgan read the first paper this quarter on the subject of Native labour in the mines. He gave us an insight into the type of life a native mine-worker leads, and fitted this into the vast picture of mine organization, in a highly informative paper.

C.K.B.

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Mr. Chutter has become Master in charge, in place of Mr. Chapman, whom we thank for his untiring efforts and guidance. Mr. C.

C. Angwin was elected Secretary. At the first debate Mr. Curtin proposed that What is morally wrong can never be politically right. The standard of speeches from the opposition was on the whole higher than that of those supporting the motion, and at the final vote the motion was defeated by 17 votes to 7.

The next meeting was a debate against Estcourt High School, Michaelhouse proposing that Modern Youth is decadent. The speaking from the platform was of a high level, but the judges felt that the

Estcourt speakers, who gained 228 points, had put more preparation into their speeches. The debate was somewhat marred by a lack of response from the floor, and as a result of this Mr. Chutter addressed the Society at the next meeting on the art of debating and procedure in debates. It was decided that in future members would represent constituencies and would be addressed not by name, but as the member for a particular constituency. This was tried at the next meeting when the merits and demerits of a South African republic were discussed. The improvement in the speaking was marked. After an entertaining and lively struggle, victory went to the anti-republicans.

C.C.A.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

We have had a high standard of speaking throughout the year, though there is still a tendency to wander from the point, and to criticize other speeches. There are still a few members who are too timid to put their views before the House, though they may have prepared excellent speeches. Mr. Dashwood has been elected to the committee, and Mr. Howorth has been assisting Mr. Brooks as Chairman.

A difficult motion "That the whole theory of modern education is radically unsound" was proposed by Mr. Schofield and Mr. Wellmann, and opposed by Mr. Roseveare and Mr. Matthews. There were some interesting theories from the floor of the House, but the motion was defeated on both counts. For the second meeting, most of the Society was in Durban for the Lions' match. The motion "This House prefers town life to country life" on which Messrs. Jackson, McConnell, Porter and Woods were the main speakers, was again defeated on both counts. The Society is becoming increasingly popular and now numbers some 50 members.

D.M.R.L.

TAALVERENIGING

Gedurende die tweede kwartaal, te wyte aan die skooleksamens, was daar net een byeenkoms van die vereniging. Die het op 11 Mei plaasgevind en het die form van 'n lesing deur Mnr. J. Horn, 'n vroeër Natalse rugby-kaptein, aangeneem. Hy het 'n baie interessante en waardevolle toespraak afgelewer: ons bedank hom hartlik en vra verskoning vir die teleurstellende gehoor wat daardie aand opgedaag het.

Op die begin van die derde kwartaal is J. Southey as voorsitter gekies, om die vakante plek, wat I. Jeffery gelaat het, te vul. Ons sal sy opgewekte leiding mis en wens hom geluk in die toekoms. Die eerste vergadering van die kwartaal het die form van gesamentlike sang aangeneem en as ons niks anders uitgevind het, het ons die ontdekking gemaak dat Mnr. and Mev. Coetzee al twee baie goeie begeleiders is.

Op 13 September het Mnr. Coetzee ons onthaal met'n vrolike toespraak Boere bygelowe en gewoontes en op die 19 Oktober het Mnr. van den Berg, 'n vroeer onderwyser op Michaelhouse, sy oorlogs-ondervindings vir ons vertel. Hy het die onaangename lewe in'n krygsgevangenekamp deeglik beskrywe en ons laat weet dat romans speel geen rol in die oorlog nie. Ons bedank Mnr. Coetzee en Mnr. van den Berg vir hul opgeruimde en gemeensaamlike lesings in waardeur die feit dat hulle baie inligting buite die grens van Afrikaanse woordeskatte, aan ons gegee het.

Op 12 November bied ons aan twee Afrikaanse eenbedrywe deur Beukes, en ook'n kort toneelstukkie deur C. J. Langenhoven. Die eerste eenbedrywe „Oktobernag" is ernstig en baie dramaties. Dit word deur Mnr. Joubert opgevoer. Die ander toneelstuk, „As die nefie kom kuier," is deur Mnr. Coetzee opgevoer en behoort gonatvol vir selfs die Frans-studente te wees. Die kort dialoog is tipies Langenhoven. Die tweetalige vonnis sou seker suksesvol wees, veral omdat die hoofprefek die rol van'n half-dronk kleurling speel: dit word deur G. Morgan opgevoer.

Ons hoop dat ons die jaar in'n feestelike manier met'n reuse braaivleis sal beendig. Dit sal'n verandering van die gewone formele dinee wees, en behoort suksesvol te wees.

G.S.M.

LAER TAALVERENIGING

Sedert die laaste uitgawe van die Chronicle het die Vereniging vyf vergaderings gehou. Die eerste was'n debat: die mosie was Die werk en lewe op'n plans is interessanter en belangriker as die werk en lewe in'n stad. Mnre Coetzee, Macintosh en Procter was die voorstellers en Mnre Joubert, Mackenzie en MacGillivray het teen die mosie gepraat. In'n baie interessante debat is die mosie gewen met 20 stemme teen 12. By die tweede vergadering het Mnr. Jan Horn, 'n oud Natalse Rugby kaptein, 'n toespraak aan die twee Taalverenigings gelewer. Dit was baie interessant en ons neem hierdie kans waar hom te bedank.

In die derde kv/artaal het die Vereniging hulle tweede hoeddebat gehou. Op die 14 de Augustus het die twee Taalverenigings weer saam vergadering gehou. Dit was in die musiekskool waar ons Afrikaanse liedjies gesing het: almal het die aand baie geniet. By ons volgende vergadering was die mosie Die V.S.A. is belangriker vir ons in Suid-Afrika as Engeland. Die sprekers, Mnre. van Vuuren en Lawrance vir die propositie en Mnre Reynolds en Nolan vir die opposisie het taamlik goed gepraat, maar die sprekers van die vloer was maar swak. Die finale telling was 11 vir die mosie en 18 daarteen.

Dit is te hope dat die Vereniging'n braaivleis aan die einde van jaar is die eerste jaar wat die Laer Taalvereniging bestaan het en die jaar kan hou, want ons geldelike posisie is taamlik goed. Van die eksperiment was baie suksesvol.

P.G.H.

PIONEER CLUB

The Club continues to meet in the Chaplain's house after Even-song on Sundays. The number of meetings has been reduced to three per quarter, and this has made for an increase in attendance. C. A. Embleton was elected secretary in place of J. R. Montgomery.

C. K. Bird addressed the club on the life and works of Thomas

a Kempis, and at the next meeting there was an interesting and informative talk by Mnr. J. Coetzee on the Dutch Reformed Church. Time was unfortunately short for the Rev. J. B. Chutter's enjoyable talk on the life of an Army Chaplain, and at the last meeting we were given an impression of the work done by the Missions to Seamen in Durban by the Rev. D. C. E. Rogers, to whom we express our thanks.

The Indian Sunday School continues to flourish under the direction of club members. The interest in the school has increased and it is felt that much is being done in the right direction to help the children of Indians on the estate.

C.A.E.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Since the last issue of the Chronicle the Society has read Terence Rattigan's *The Winslow Boy*, J. B. Priestley's *Time and the Conways*, as well as venturing a translation of Euripides' *Alcestis*, which most members found rather too "novel" for them to appreciate at first

reading, and Moliere's *L'Amour Medecin*.

In past years the Society has obtained costumes for Shakespearian productions free from African Consolidated Theatres, through the kindness of John Schlesinger. African Theatre's hire wardrobe has now been sold, and we have had to buy the foundations for a Shakespearian wardrobe of our own. We are most grateful to Mrs. E. Trewhela, who chose the costumes for us in Johannesburg.

C.K.B.

MUSIC SOCIETY

R. Schmidt left at the end of the Trinity quarter, and was succeeded as Secretary by T. R. C. Curtin. We are most grateful to Schmidt for his work for the Society, whose present flourishing condition is largely due to his efforts. That quarter ended with a piano and violin recital by Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Keates, a very accomplished performance.

During the Michaelmas quarter we had two programmes of recorded music. Curtin presented examples of the music of Schubert, and Bird played parts of four contrasting works either unusual in themselves, or uncharacteristic of the composer. Mr. Keats gave a recital of keyboard music from the time of Bach to the present day. The highlight of this delightful concert was Beethoven's Sonata in C minor, the Pathetique. The programme included works by J. S. Bach, Mozart, Chopin and Debussy, and ended with three impressionistic pieces, *Mouvements Perpetuels* by Poulenc, Rumanian Christmas Carols by Bartok, and new settings of nursery rhymes by Thiman.

T.R.C.C.

CHESS CLUB

The highlight of the second quarter was a closely-fought match against the Staff, which ended in a draw after some exciting games and several reversals of form. Mr. Byrne was too strong for his opponents, while Mr. van den Berg, quite out of practice, lost decisively to Hong. Mr. Joubert drew with Kirkwood, and the Secretary had another long drawn-out game with Mr. Roseveare. Later in the quarter Mr. Roseveare introduced "Four-handed chess" to the Club, a stimulating and entertaining variant of the game.

In the third quarter we welcomed Mr. Greenacre, who was Secretary in 1953. He organized another Swiss System Lightning Tournament, which was won by Wellmann after a hectic evening's

chess. We played Hilton, and won easily by 9 games to 1. Doughty is likely to win the B section of the Championship, and Kirkwood, unbeaten in the A section, will have to fight hard to win the title.

Early this quarter a team of seven travelled to Estcourt to play Estcourt High School, a match which we won convincingly after a pleasant evening's chess. All our players won at least one game, but there were many close contests. The Club looks forward to a bright future in 1956.

T.R.C.C.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Society has had a successful six months in every aspect of philately. It was decided that at each meeting a different member should give a talk, of which Bennett's on the fundamental rules of stamp collecting was the most interesting, and the system has worked surprisingly well. Mr. Hodgson gave us a most interesting talk on New Zealand stamps from the earliest times to the present day.

Members gave many pages to be displayed in the Speech Day exhibition. This was most successful and showed that there was a wide interest in different countries of the world. The membership is rising slowly, and the Society will soon be able to do really worthwhile work.

H.A.P.H.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society has been considerably more active this year than for several years past and a great deal of interest has been shown by members, who now number 168. At the first meeting the guest speaker was Mr. Stuckenberg, who gave a talk on The Importance of Insects, stressing their position in the balance of nature, as well as the harm, and good, they do to modern agriculture. Mrs. Morgan gave a most interesting talk on dinosaurs, with a brief outline of life on earth before the great age of reptiles. Mrs. Morgan then showed some pictures illustrating her talk. At the last meeting of the quarter Professor Bayer of Natal University spoke on the vegetation of Natal. He clearly showed the marked differences in vegetation types, from the coastal dunes, through the "thorns" and highland grassveld to the scanty alpine vegetation of the Drakensberg. One outing took place - to Giant's Castle Game Reserve, where a very enjoyable day was spent.

Four meetings were held in the third quarter, at the first of which some slides on spiders and snakes, lent by the Pietermaritzburg Photographic Society, were shown. Mr. Bennett from Hilton College gave a talk on migration, concentrating mainly on* the theories of migration and showing how much remains yet to be discovered. The third meeting was addressed by Professor Bush of Natal University, who chose to speak on tree-frogs - those noisy little dwellers of damp forests throughout Africa. Three excellent films, lent by the Wild Life Protection Society, were shown at the last meeting: Waterholes of Wankie, Our Natural Heritage and Study in Slaughter. We hope to be able to borrow more films from their library.

Speech Day was unfortunately marred by rain, but this did not deter the Society from exhibiting some 73 snakes in an outdoor snake-pit, and several species of lizard indoors. Members have started on a bed for indigenous plants and very few losses have been sustained. W. P. Vaughan-Jones kindly presented the Society with a collection of study specimens of Rhodesian birds.

J.V.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Mr. Nicolson has become Master in charge in place of Mr. Brooks. The past year has seen a considerable improvement in the standard of photography, and our Speech Day Exhibition contained some really good work. We also presented an array of cameras and

photographic equipment, lent by masters and boys, which added colour to the show. The Society again did well at the Royal Show: Vaughan-Jones won a First and several Commendeds; Over had a Second and a Third, and Walker and Steere also did well.

It has been decided to hold a competition at each meeting in order to give members experience of producing exhibition prints. A different subject is chosen for each competition, the first, an action picture, being won by Whysall, and the second, a portrait, by Over. We are hoping to buy new equipment for the darkrooms, and in this connection we wish to thank Mr. Lowe for the work he has put into the darkrooms during the holidays.

J.A.W.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Since the last issue of the Chronicle we have had interesting talks by Mr. Knight on Potatoes, by M. Zingel on Nitrogen Fixing Bacteria, and by R. Dean on Citrus. At the remaining meetings films, borrowed from the Shell Film Library, were shown.

In the second quarter there were two outings, one to Mr. Balladon's farm at Rosetta, the other to Sir George Usher's farm at Nottingham Road, where we saw his pastures and famous dairy herd. On Speech Day the Society showed models of the School Farm, of an eroded farm, and of a poultry yard, as well as an experiment concerning salts and plant growth. We hope to begin hydroponics when the vermiculite arrives next year.

R.L.D.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Mr. A. R. Chapman has become Master in charge of the Society in place of Mr. F. Y. Pratt, to whom we bade farewell with regret at the end of the second quarter. Last quarter we had a most interesting and explanatory talk by Mr. Howell of Pietermaritzburg on Electric Power Generation. Mr. Howell compared the various methods of generating electrical power, of which hydro-electricity was the most used because of its economy. He told us of the new power station under construction near Pinetown, which will give much needed extra electricity to much of Natal. On 14th September a film was shown on atomic theory, which, though rather involved, was enjoyed by many.

Sixty members went on an outing to the Aluminium factory in Maritzburg, where we were shown round by a member of their staff who explained the different stages of manufacture. Next quarter we hope to visit the Brewery or the Railway workshops in Pietermaritzburg. Our membership is over a hundred, but we hope to limit it next year to eighty.

D.G.

RADIO CLUB

Five new members have joined us during the second half of the year and are enthusiastically building sets. In the third quarter we visited the S.A.B.C. studios in Maritzburg, which was very informative. Unfortunately there was no time to see the transmitter, and that visit was postponed until the fourth quarter.

We put on quite a large exhibition on Speech Day, including a three-inch oscilloscope, and various products of the year's work. Next year we hope to be able to move to large quarters when the new House is formed, as it is becoming increasingly difficult to house all our equipment.

J.T.R.F.

TROUT FISHING CLUB

This Club, which was formed in the fourth quarter, has fifteen members and has had two meetings. The first was an outing to Mooi River, the second was to hear a lecture by Mr. Robert Crass, the Natal Inland Fisheries Board Research Officer, on Trout in Natal.

J.S.P.

CADET NOTES

Since the last issue Lieut. Pratt has left the corps to return to England. We miss the boundless energy with which he carried out his duties in the detachment, and which did so much to enliven our Friday afternoons. Lieut. Carey will also be retiring shortly from the corps, with which he has been associated since 1947. He commanded it for a time, and was responsible for acquiring much of the equipment that we are so fortunate to possess. His going will be a great loss, as will that of Major Coetzee, who is leaving at the end of the year, and to whom we are indebted for his efficient running of that important aspect of the corps - the Quartermaster's Stores.

The following Student Officers have left: J. Montgomery, M. Kemple, R. Holmes-2i-Court, R. Roberts and J. Pizey, who is to be congratulated on being selected by the C.A.F. Defence Department to go to the R.M.A. Sandhurst, where he will join two other Rhodesian cadets from our detachment, Crutchley and Gregory.

The 14 cadets chosen for this year's Cadre have taken their practical examination and are preparing for the written. Lieut. Carey and Mr. Law very kindly did most of the Cadre instruction. Members of the 2nd Field Regiment (Natal) Artillery have visited us on several occasions and given lectures on gunnery. We hope to be able to go down to Pietermaritzburg to visit their depot some time in the future.

The detachment was invited to send a platoon to Durban to attend the Laying-up of Colours and annual church parade. Unfortunately, it being a Sunday, we were unable to go, but were represented by our Officer Commanding.

The Band has had a successful year. The Retreat Ceremony in Pietermaritzburg during Azalea Week was a great success, and we gained third place in the Natal Midlands Band Competition. Our thanks are due to Bandmaster Parrot, of Command, and to Mr. Keats for their help, and to Mr. van den Berg and Marshall for preparing our new Standard.

The Shooting team has participated in the Bisley in Durban and the Centenary Cup in Maritzburg, where we came fourth. We shot against Hilton in the third quarter, but were beaten by 10 points. Members of the team have kindly been allowed to use the 100 yards range at Nottingham Road. Our affiliated regiment, the R.D.L.I., is to present a Sword of Honour, which will go annually to the Senior

Student Officer. The Annual Inter-House Drill Competition takes place at the end of this quarter, after the Armistice Day and Passing-Out parades. Field Day this year was held on Mr. Cairn's farm, and was attended by officers of the R.D.L.I. It was followed by a formal mess dinner attended by our visitors, the Rector, and the Senior Student Officer.

The Annual General Inspection took place in September. Major Leonard Arthur, deputizing for Colonel Leisegang, D.S.O., O.C. Natal Command, who was unable to attend through ill-health, inspected the detachment. He was accompanied by the Staff Officer, Cadets, Capt. Grove, who has been a very good friend to the corps, and of whose

retirement we are very sorry to learn. The following is an extract from the Inspecting Officer's report:

"The drill, bearing and steadiness on parade of the detachment are to be commented on, and the Annual Inspection was once again of a high standard. The demonstrations following the Inspection were extremely well executed, and displayed initiative and leadership of a high order. The improvement of the Band was most marked."

C.K.B.

SCOUTS

During the half-year the Troop has been on several interesting outings, on foot and by lorry. These included a visit to Dargle Falls, and several tracking exercises. Mr. and Mrs. Webster entertained us to tea one Sunday and Mr. Webster showed us his trees afterwards.

Fifteen Tenderfoot badges have been won, one 2nd Class and one 1st Class badge. At the main Investiture ceremony the Rector praised the work of the retiring Patrol Leaders, and said that he hoped that Scouting would continue to prosper at the School. A little later in the quarter the Rector presented the 1st Class badge to P/Leader Raimondo.

During the Michaelmas holidays, six Scouts went camping at Pennington on the South Coast. Apart from learning a lot about cooking they also saw Mr. Archibald's sugar farm and were shown over a sugar mill.

There are 25 Scouts in the Troop this year.

F.E.R.

RUGBY

1st XV

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Second Quarter.

After the depressing season of 1954 it is pleasant to be able to look back on a year in which we have beaten the majority of our opponents. This result was achieved by a team which contained few outstanding individuals and, especially during the latter part of the season, had to work very hard for any success which it obtained. The most notable feature of our improvement lay in the standard of the tackling, especially in mid-field and around the scrum, where Hall and Morphet rarely failed to stifle a break; our weakest department was the line-out, in which Montgomery alone excelled, after his departure only Gibson seemed consistently to have the better of his

opposite number. With Adderley getting off to a very slow start at the beginning of the season it appeared that our chief hope of scoring must rest on Bonnet and Hyde, as dangerous a pair of halves as we have had for some years, and on the wings, where Young early showed himself to be a great deal more difficult to stop than his ungainly stride indicated. Indeed throughout the higher teams we were blessed with an unusual number of good wings and Gourley and Hoking must be accounted unlucky not to have found their way into the 1st XV as they would have done in most seasons. Although on the whole we were lucky in the matter of injuries - not merely a matter of luck but largely of fitness and enthusiasm - we started the season with the knowledge that Haig, a very valuable man in any position, would be out of the game; however with Montgomery, a vastly improved forward and a capable leader of the pack, and Kemple to assist in the locks and the line-out, it was clear that we should be able to provide our outsides with a fair share of the ball.

On May 7th we had our usual preliminary canter when the "A" XV played at home against Weston. It was gratifying to see that Downing was able to obtain a fair share of the ball in the set scrums, but the outsides showed a sad lack of pace, much of the handling was poor, and Braum was still very much at sea in the centre; without Hyde or Adderley the outsides appeared very wooden, and we were perhaps lucky eventually to emerge with a draw. Though we had had much the best of the game we wasted a great many opportunities.

The "A" XV match had indicated some weaknesses, and the 1st XV played their first match against Kearsney (away) the following Saturday. We won by 19-6, and, if the score flattered us somewhat and we were lucky to strike our opponents on a day when little went right for them, there was little doubt of our superiority in most departments of the game. In the first minute Young made a good run, and shortly afterwards Hyde dropped a goal after a quick heel; Kearsney replied with a good penalty goal, and there followed a spell of scrappy play. We seemed not to have sufficient pace in the centre to give our wings a chance, but before half-time a well-judged kick by Hyde put Young over for a try which Jeffery converted. Then Lucas scored after Morphet had gathered a loose pass, Hyde made a break to put Young over, and finally Young scored again after a very fine run, and Jeffery converted. Kearsney's only reply was another penalty from an easy position. The forwards played well, though the loose heeling was not always sufficiently quick and the line-out was not solid enough. Bonnet played very well, but though Adderley made a good break at the end he was too often caught in possession, and the line rarely moved with confidence.

Against the Old Boys on Ascension Day we had much the better of the game at forward, where our opponents were few of them in their normal positions, and obtained the ball repeatedly from the tight. With this considerable advantage our outsides had plenty of opportunity to run with the ball, and made only fair use of it. Bonnet opened the scoring with a try and shortly afterwards Adderley scored, but the three-quarters tended to bunch and the forwards

were slow in getting the ball away from the line-out. We scored twice more before half-time, a shove-over try, far out, which Jeffery did well to convert, and a try by Young, who was well held on the wing. Changing over with a comfortable lead we failed to pile on the pressure, and though Adderley scored a penalty goal, we wasted many opportunities, the forwards taking the ball too far and losing control, and Lucas over-running his partner. Towards the end our outsides were running very slowly, and Hyde, who played well in

attack, was displaying a dangerous reluctance to fall on the loose ball. Gilson scored once, and in the closing moments the Old Boys scored a tear-away try which they had amply deserved, to leave us victors by 20-5.

Our match with Voortrekker on the following Saturday was a dour struggle in which a draw might have been a fairer reflection of the merits of the two teams. We had much the best of the first half, but faded badly during the later stages, and barely held out. The early exchanges were even; Hyde missed an early opportunity to score by kicking when there was a man over, and Braum tended to pass too late, while Jeffery, usually reliable, was failing to find touch. However, at half-time we had a lead of nine points, a drop goal by Hyde, a penalty goal by Jeffery, and a good try by Young, which resulted from a clean heel in the loose. Hall on the flank made two brilliant runs. But our old failing of lack of real pace in the centre was very evident, and Kemple at eighth man, though always thereabouts, lacked the pace to cover our errors in the centre or take advantage of uncertain passing by our opponents. In the second half Voortrekker scored two penalties, but failed to penetrate a very solid defence, in which Braum's tackling and Adderley's kicking saved difficult situations. Montgomery played a very good game, and kept the forwards going well, and Morphet's covering and Bonnet's steadiness under pressure just saved the day, but it was a near-run thing. At least we had scored the only try.

Against St. Charles (away) we went badly adrift and certainly deserved our defeat in a scrappy and unsatisfactory match. With Adderley still not quick enough in the centre, though his tackling and kicking were excellent, the experiment was made of putting him to full-back, bringing Hyde into the centre, and bringing Fraser in at fly-half. This entailed the dropping of Jeffery, who had played by no means badly, but it was hoped - and the evidence of practice games seemed to warrant it - that the changes would impart the much-needed thrust in mid-field. Our hopes were sadly disappointed, for Hyde had a most unhappy day, Fraser, insufficiently supported by the loose forwards, was unable to hold a large and elusive fly-half, and lack of understanding among the outsides, combined with bad handling, gave far too many chances to opponents who, aided occasionally by the bounce of the ball, made good use of them. Within the first ten minutes we were eleven points down, a penalty, a tear-away try almost from the next kick-off, and then another penalty kick for a line-out infringement. Fortunately we pulled ourselves together well, and first Lucas scored and then Bonnet, after a really good heel. Had Adderley's attempt to convert been successful - it hit the post - we might have got on terms; as it was we crossed over five points down. During the second half our improvement was not maintained, and we played the worst football that we produced in the season, aided by our inability to organise our defence or pull down their fly-half, and by persistent scrummage infringements on our part. St. Charles looked the more dangerous side, though neither team played with any constructive sense, and added a further six points, to win by 17-6.

This failure, the week before the Hilton match, was most disquieting, and the sickness of Kemple made the prospect even less cheering. During the week we sent a team containing five of the 1st XV to play against Estcourt, and though they acquitted themselves well, playing for much of the game with only 14 men against a far heavier team, they did little to solve our difficulties. The game was lost 6-10. With some misgiving we decided to revert to our

original side, bringing Ralfe into Kemple's place, and hope that they would have learnt something from their defeat. Against Hilton they played so well in the opening stages that they more or less picked themselves for the later matches, and solved the selectors' anxieties.

As so often the game started at a tremendous pace and within the first few minutes Hyde made a lovely break, the ball was passed down to the right wing where Lucas ran in to score. It was a copy-book try, and Jeffery celebrated his return to the team with a good conversion. From a set scrum shortly afterwards, Hilton were unlucky to lose a forward with a neck injury, and played the rest of the game with 14 men, but already we were well on top, and Hyde dropped a goal to make the score 8-0 at half-time. It might well have been more. The usual reaction set in, and Hilton came back well, scoring a penalty and missing another opportunity to score from a not very difficult position. Bonnet's service from the scrum - it was probably his best game - gave plenty of chances to the outsiders, and the forwards dominated the loose play, though they failed to obtain complete mastery over the depleted Hilton pack in the tight. Adderley playing his first good game in the centre, broke through and Lucas scored; Ralfe scored, taking advantage of mishandling near the Hilton line, and Jeffery converted, and finally Adderley put over a simple penalty after the Hilton hooker had put his foot up in a scrum under the posts; so we ran home surprisingly easy winners by 19-3. This was not a lucky Hilton side, nor a very good one; nevertheless, except at full-back we looked by far the better team outside the scrum, and took our chances early.

At Durban High School we lost a hard match by two goals (ten points), one scored in each half of the game, to nothing. Since we hardly ever saw the ball from the tight this was a result which reflected much credit on our defence. Jeffery at full-back played an excellent game, Adderley and Braum tackled magnificently in the centre, but the ball was heeled so sluggishly that our attacks depended largely on kicks, few of which bounced kindly. The forwards battled well in the loose, and obtained a fair share of the ball from the line-out, largely through the efforts of Montgomery, but with Whysall and Kemple off and a good hooker against us we made no headway in the set scrums. Of the course of the game there is not much to say; the first minutes were even, but it soon became clear that the D.H.S. outsiders, much heavier than our own, and hard-running though not particularly skilful, would take some holding. That they failed to score until just before half-time was the result sometimes of desperate scrambling on our part, but in the main of good orthodox defence, hard tackling, determined falling, and sound kicking. Their first try was a good one, resulting from a quick heel which found our defence disorganised. The second half followed much the same pattern as the first, containing a single try, an opportunist effort on the left wing. To the end we took every opportunity to attack, though Hyde's kicks were rarely effective and when they were well directed bounced unkindly, and there always seemed a chance of a tear-away try; but we were well held by a side which defended and covered as well as our own.

We had looked forward with enthusiasm to our fixture with St. John's, which we hope now to establish as an annual event. The home team, when such a distance is involved, is at a considerable advantage, and we showed ourselves indifferent hosts by producing a most cheerless day and, to add injury to insult, removing the opposing hooker with a bad sprain within fifteen seconds of the kick-off. However the football did not match the weather, and during the

next 20 minutes, before St. John's had really settled down, we played as well as any side played on Meadows this year. Young scored our first try, which was converted, and a few minutes later Braum scored. After Adderley had scored our third try, shortly before half-time, it seemed that we might be on our way to a large total, but the edge of our attack lost its keenness in the second half, and St. John's rallied well and started to obtain possession of the ball not only in the loose but also in the set-scrums, where their substitute hooker did very well. Each side scored three points in the second half but the honours were definitely with St. John's, who went down fighting very hard and but for indifferent place kicking might have come nearer to our score. We won 16-3.

Our first match with Maritzburg College was among the most exciting that we have played on their ground. We were almost at full strength, Ralfe, who was substituting for Kemple, playing his best game of the season. From the start the game was very fast and open and it was clear that, although we were outweighed at forward, there was little to choose between the packs. Gilson and Hall were given a very hard game at the front of the line-out and held their own very well. Jeffery made only one mistake in the game, when he made a poor attempt to tackle Elliot, the College break-away forward, who ran in for a try, and kicked very soundly; some of his saves when College characteristically kicked downfield on to him were remarkable. There was little to choose between the two sides in the first half; the College try was an opportunist effort, whereas ours, scored by Lucas after Adderley had broken beautifully, was a fine piece of orthodox football; but near the line College looked the more dangerous team. Both sides had chances to score from penalty kicks, and we were lucky that Higgs was not kicking well, though a lovely tackle by Braum in the first minutes may have unsettled him. In the second half we survived a long period of defence, in which Adderley and Bonnet distinguished themselves; particularly one covering tackle under the posts will live long in the memory. But the whole team played splendidly together and it is perhaps unfair to single out any individual for mention. In the last ten minutes we came back very strongly, and twice were on the point of scoring, when Young made a fine break, and when a well-judged kick by Hyde all but came to hand; but the final score, a draw with one try each, was perhaps the fairest result of a game which might easily have been won by the place-kickers on either side.

The following Saturday we accounted for the Berea Rovers Under 19 in convincing style in a game of which not the least pleasing feature was the return of Haig to play his last game for the school. In a light-hearted and open game we were comfortable winners by 22-3. Our game on the following Monday against Muir College was a disappointing one; we started well and soon established a lead, but owed far too much to the fact that our opponents were not used to some local interpretations of the laws, and were therefore frequently penalized for not playing the ball with the foot after a tackle and for scrumming infringements. Naturally they were rattled by three decisions (which seemed perfectly orthodox to us) and a scrappy game resulted, characterised by holding, high

tackling, and untidy kicking. Our own play was handicapped by misunderstanding between the halves, Bonnet being slowed down by Hyde's compelling him to throw too long a pass; we therefore tended to muddle and bunch in the centre. Although we won by a comfortable margin (11-0), the forwards played an in-and-out game, and owed much to Montgomery, whose last game it was. In an untidy game, Ralfe and Hall tended to play too loose.

Third Quarter.

At the half-year our losses were very severe. Montgomery, who had been our best as well as our heaviest forward, and a good leader too, had left, and also Kemple, who had had an unlucky season but when fit had added strength to the line-out and the tight. Of possible replacements, Holmes-a-Court had left and Whysall was not available, so that we had to reshuffle the pack considerably; after some experiment, Downing who had hooked adequately moved back to lock, and George took his place, while Blore came into the vacant lock position. The props, Cockram and Gilson, who had developed into a considerable force, were left unchanged. Jeffery, our full-back, had also left.

It is never a pleasure to visit Maritzburg College with an untried side, and for our second match we were very apprehensive. Dorward had come in for Jeffery, and, though Braum returned providentially from quarantine on the eve of the match, Lucas was off. In the event we acquitted ourselves admirably, Gourley proving how very unlucky he had been throughout the season not to find a regular place. In the first moment of the game College missed an easy penalty, and they remained dangerously near our line for some minutes, Higgs missing a more difficult kick and Ralfe bringing one attack to an end with a good tackle. Adderley's long penalty kicks twice converted defence into attack, and it was a long kick of his that put us three points up, much against the run of play, shortly before half-time. George hooked well from the tight, but Hyde was not at his best, and Braum, though he tackled well, was patently unfit: so that the line rarely moved well.

The second half began disastrously. Braum allowed a ball to bounce, then Dorward miskicked under pressure, and College were over for a try which was converted. Within a few moments they were over again under the posts after a quick heel which found our defence disorganised, and a further attack led to a try from a set scrum. Our precarious lead of three points had become a deficit of three in the space of a quarter of an hour, and, to increase our misfortunes, when we mounted another attack, Adderley missed a simple penalty. A few minutes later he made ample amends by putting over a harder one, and we fought back desperately; the forwards for some minutes tamed their heavier opponents, and taking every opportunity to attack we must certainly have scored a try but had to be content with a further penalty. The whistle went with us still on the attack and the score 13-9 against us - a fair enough result, though our last rally almost deserved a greater reward.

After this our next two matches provided something of an anti-climax. Against Glenwood nothing went right for us, the forwards, without Cockram, being thoroughly beaten and playing their worst game of the season, and Bonnet, constantly under pressure, failing to find Hyde, who is always shaky behind a beaten pack. Adderley did his best to rally the line and Dorward played a sound game, but on the day, Glenwood looked much the better side. They scored first, a converted try, to which we retaliated with a good drop goal by

Hyde, but after a few minutes during which we looked as though we might play well, we relapsed again into incompetence. Glenwood scored again in the second half and added the goal points (3-10), and after that we never looked like winning. The most disquieting feature was that our tackling had fallen away so badly.

For the Durban High School match we made some changes. Ralfe was not really sound enough against hard-running backs and Fee,

not so fast but a more dependable tackler, took his place. Morphet and Young were off, and Embleton and Hoking took their places. Lucas too was hardly fit. However it was not the substitutes that let us down, but the fact that we were up against a better side. Once again the line ran and passed untidily, and the forwards obtained the ball too slowly to initiate attacks. Hyde had a bad day, and Braum's positioning was faulty, while the forwards rarely obtained possession from the line-out. You cannot win matches, even with superior out-sides, unless you have one-third possession of the ball and receive it quickly; this we did not have, nor did our three-quarters look as promising as usual when they did obtain it. Whereas in the first match we had played well and ten points seemed an unfairly large margin, in the second a loss by thirteen points was well-deserved.

So we came to the second Hilton match in a chastened frame of mind. Rumours had reached us that the team which we had defeated with some ease had improved out of all recognition, while ours was a worse side than we had had in June and was playing below form. Hilton matches are always unpredictable, and this result was as open as any. However right from the start we were at our best. The first five minutes were as fast and as skilful as any in the season. After a period of Michaelhouse pressure, Adderley scored a penalty goal, and though the game lost a little of its momentum, we continued to play well. Hyde was back in his very best form, breaking brilliantly and stabbing the ball down in front of the three-quarters, and Hilton did well to keep us out. But the pressure was bound to tell, and when Adderley gathered a kick ahead and went over, and then converted the try himself to put us eight points up we seemed to be comfortably placed. But the Hilton pack was holding us and their kicking was sound, and after half-time they began to find gaps in our defence, and it was by no means against the run of play that they scored a try on the right wing to put themselves within striking distance (8-3). Had they scored a penalty shortly afterwards we might have been hard put to it to keep ahead. The game continued to oscillate back and forth, with Hyde the most dangerous player on the field, and Hall playing his best game for some weeks, and the whole pack playing very well together especially in the tight. When Hyde scored to give us the victory by 11-3 we had accomplished a double victory over Hilton for the first time for some years - and deserved it.

H.P.G.C.
1st XV CHARACTERS

M. J. Bonnet. Scrum-half. Captain. Honours. Natal Schools. His example of keenness, hard work, fitness, and quiet determination made him a most successful captain. His pass was amazingly long and accurate, his defence tireless, his judgment quick and decisive, and he was most difficult to tackle when breaking on his own. The writer has not seen a better school scrum-half in 20 years of school football.

J. M. H. Kemple. Lock. Vice-Captain. Dogged by ill-health he had a poor season. Neither fast enough for an eighth man nor com-

pact enough for a lock, he used his height well in the line-out and covered well in defence.

R. C. Lucas. Right wing. A most resolute and efficient tackler. He took his passes fast and had an elusive jink inwards, and was difficult to stop near the line.

1st XV, 1897.

The three stalwarts in the centre are, from left to right: the Rector (Rev. J. C. Todd), Mr. J. C. A. Rigby and Mr. H. C. Dobree. This photograph dates from the days of Loop Street.

J. R. Montgomery. Lock. A most improved player, he became an effective scrummager and a very useful line-out forward, and led the pack excellently, not only because he was a good judge of the game but also because he was always up with the game himself.

W. D. C. Morphet. Flank forward. A tireless worker, who never played less than his best or tackled a man high throughout the season. He sets a fine example of how by determination a loose forward can overcome the lack of real pace.

R. J. Adderley. Centre three-quarter. Honours. From a ponderous but sound defender he developed the qualities of a swift and elusive attacker. A prodigious kicker, he had an excellent eye for an opening and sense of timing, and was always ready to undertake far more than his share of the work.

P. J. Hyde. Fly-half. Receiving a long pass from Bonnet he was virtually invulnerable to flank forwards and made the most of this. He had excellent hands, speed and a magnificent sidestep, and his quick pass after a half-break started many good movements. He placed his kicks well but often chose the wrong moment. Frequently brilliant he was also at times a great source of weakness to the side.

L. I. W. Jeffery. Full-back. A good kick with excellent hands and a good sense of position, but slow. Uncannily skilful (or lucky) in judging a bouncing ball. Nearly always in trouble, he nearly always got out of it.

G. S. Young. Left wing. Natal Schools. From July, Vice-Captain. After he had learnt to get into his stride quickly and to hand off, he became a very difficult wing to stop. A very resolute tackler, his catching and kicking are untidy. He scored many good tries and played an excellent game at Hilton.

K. G. Braum. Centre three-quarter. A young and promising player. His defence was sound, but in attack he lacked power to break by himself. However he gave his wing many good passes and backed up well, and he is particularly good with his feet.

R. S. V. Cockram. Front rank. Not a gifted forward, by fitness and determination he won his place and held it, and his value in the tight was considerable.

R. W. Gilson. Front rank. He has all the makings of a most promising player, and his physique, good hands, and speed should make him an outstanding forward next year.

R. H. W. Hall. Flank forward. Runs harder with the ball in his hands than any other player, and is always well up with the game. His defence around the scrum and line-out is excellent, but he is less successful in the open.

J. W. Downing. Hooker and from July, lock. A fair hooker and a determined forward in any position. Though not endowed with

much natural aptitude he was as fit as anyone and got through much honest work.

G. A. Dorward. From July, Full-back. He has good hands and kicks well, but early in the season was very slow. However he speeded up and played some good games. He showed good judgement in joining the attack.

B. N. M. George. From July, Hooker. He shows considerable promise both as a hooker and in the loose, and with increased stamina should be most useful next year.

T. C. Blore. From July, Lock. 2nd XV Colours. Coming into the side late in the season he justified his selection, although as yet he lacks the height and weight for a lock forward.

L. R. M. Fee Eighth man. 2nd XV Colours. Forced his way into the team for the last two matches. He has not the speed and size for an ideal eighth man, but his sense of positioning is good and he tackles well.

H.F.G.C. and R.T.S.N.

2nd XV Results

- v. Old Boys. Won 23-3.
- v. St. Charles (A). Won 16-0.
- v. Hilton (H). Won 6-3.
- v. D.H.S. (A). Won 11-3.
- v. Maritzburg College (H). Won 8-3.
- v. Maritzburg College (A). Lost 6-13.
- v. Estcourt H.S. Lost 3-6.
- v. D.H.S. (H). Won 17-9.
- v. Hilton (A). Drawn 3-3.

The 2nd XV had a good season, and was the strongest that we

have had for some time. Apart from the wings there were few outstanding individuals, but the side played consistently in spite of the frequent call for reserves for the 1st XV during the later half of the season, and sometimes, notably in the two matches against D.H.S. played very good football indeed. Until his promotion, Dorward was a tower of strength at full-back; Short, though he lost his form after an injury towards the end of the season, tackled well but was slow through a gap, while Smythe, G. R., though quick through a gap was indifferent in defence. The wings ran very hard, Gourley being the more difficult to stop in the open and Hoking's tackling as good as any in the school. The halves played well together; Goument lacks the ability to break himself but sent out a good service and was invaluable in defence round the scrum, and Fraser, if neither robust nor fast enough yet, is a player of much promise. Of the forwards Holmes-a-Court was the best all-round player in tight and loose; Dench can play well in the line-out but does not use his weight in other departments of the game, and Blore never played a bad game and improved as much as any. The loose forwards were fair: Embleton is very fast, and probably runs farther and faster than most loose forwards, but he lacks an annihilating tackle and is clumsy with his feet; Kearns, less spectacular, tackled well, and Ralfe is perhaps the greatest disappointment: with good hands, plenty of weight, and a fine burst of speed he still prefers to hang around for an opportunity to break himself, and thus though he does some brilliant things he shirks his full share in defence. Fellowes was an excellent captain.

The team did well to hold the strong Estcourt team to so narrow a victory, deserved to lose to College in the second match, though Enthoven played a most determined game in the centre, and played only one poor game, against Hilton in the last match of the season,

when we were fortunate to emerge undefeated; it would be an overstatement to say that honours were even.

H.F.G.C.

2nd GAME

Once again enthusiasm in 2nd Game was maintained at a high level throughout the season. In the first half the 3rd XV three-quarters usually proved themselves to be harder running and more penetrative than their opponents, whilst the forwards, not so effective in the tight, worked well in the loose and the line-outs. Good place kicking was a feature of the whole season in both 3rd and 4th XV's.

In the second quarter gaps had to be filled in 1st Game and these losses, aggravated by a crop of injuries, produced less effective rugby. Nevertheless the season for both 3rd and 4th XV's was an eminently successful one. Not a little of this success may be attributed to the running of Game 2A, which provided good substitutes for 2nd Game later when they were badly needed.

R.G.

3rd XV

1st Quarter.

V. Kearsney. Won 24-0.

v. Voortrekker. Won 16-3.

V. Hilton. Won 8-6.

V. Western "A" XV Lost 10-11.

V. College. Won 9-6.

2nd Quarter.

V. College. Won 18-3.

V. D.H.S. Lost 6-8.

V. Hilton. Won 6-3.

4th XV

1st Quarter.

V. Weston. Lost 3-6.

V. St. Charles. Won 39-0.

V. Hilton Won 6-5.

V. College. Won 6-3.

2nd Quarter.

V. Hilton. Won 5-3.

V. College. Won 16-11.

V. Estcourt. Lost 0-3.

COLTS

The pattern of this season was very similar to that of last year, and although the team was most successful there were times when no one could have been satisfied with the play. Once again there was a great deal of enthusiasm for training, and it almost seemed as if this led to a certain amount of staleness at the end of the season. Indeed against Glenwood H.S. and D.H.S. we were very fortunate to force a draw, since in both these matches the penetrating power of the backs was negligible and our tackling let us down time and again. It was only our opponents' mistakes which prevented them from scoring.

The team was seen at its best, however, in the first match against College. They were a large and fast team, but for once nervousness did not spoil our play, hard, quick tackling soon put the opposition out of their stride, and we spent the last quarter of an hour in their half trying all we knew to cross the line. It was felt that our win at the second meeting with College was fully justified. The defeat in the last match against Hilton was a repeat of last year's performance. After Armstrong had had to leave the field with a fractured

collar-bone in the first five minutes, "match nerves" seemed to take hold of the team, as in other matches, and passes were snatched and tackles delayed too long. This time fortune was not with us.

The following played for the Colts XV: Lewis (Capt.), Craven, Doull, Dougherty, Jonckheer, Beggs, Rowe, C., Drysdale, Paterson, Strachan, Ardington, Wilson, J., Armstrong, N., Morphet, A. R., MacRobert, D., MacGillivray, A., Purcocks, McIntyre, R.

V. Kearsney. Won 28-3.
v. Voortrekker H.S. Won 8-0.
V. St. Charles. Won 9-0.
V. Hilton. Won 8-0.
V. College. Drew 0-0.
V. Glenwood H.S. Drew 0-0.
V. D.H.S. Drew 3-3.
V. College. Won 10-3.
V. Hilton. Lost 0-6.

J.B.O.

BUNNIES

Much has been gained from the reorganization of the Bunnies' games. This year, instead of playing in House Leagues, all new boys were given ample opportunity of playing with boys of corresponding age and size and all received coaching. An immediate result was the rapid improvement of the beginners, five of whom eventually played for the A team. It has also been possible to arrange games for the smaller and less experienced players against preparatory schools, games which have been greatly enjoyed.

Good tackling and thrustful outsides enabled the A team to have a successful season. Far more tries would have come their way if the forwards had learned the value of a quick, concerted shove. It was only towards the end of the season that the forwards combined to form a useful pack, and it was then that the heeling from the loose improved as did the line-out work. Much of this improvement was due to the assistance of members of 1st game who so often helped in the coaching.

V. Kearsney. Won 11-0.
V. St. Charles. Won 14-3.
V. Hilton. Drew 0-0.
V. College. Won 3-0.
V. D.H.S. Lost 5-10.
V. College. Won 8-0.
V. Hilton. Won 11-6.

R.W.H.

HOUSE MATCHES

The standard was higher this year than it is been for some time,

thus reflecting the strength of the school's lower teams. Farfield, very strong outside the scrum, won the senior competition, beating West 11-6 in an excellent match. In the junior competition East with a well-balanced team defeated Founders who had done very well to reach the final.

HOCKEY

The 1955 season will be remembered for several unusual occurrences.

Firstly, the season began early in March, at very short notice, as a gentle way of spending the afternoons while still under polio restrictions. It was a pleasant experiment and the hockey played was enjoyed. Nevertheless it clearly indicated that March is not really a satisfactory time for playing hockey. Games were usually played for about 15 to 20 minutes each way. The weather was hot - far too hot really for pleasantness, on some days. The Staff XI and the School XI fought out an honourable draw one Saturday.

Secondly, Mr. Alan Butcher offered to present a hockey stick to the school annually, and after much discussion it was agreed that: "The Alan Butcher Hockey Stick shall be awarded annually to the most promising new recruit to 1st Game. It should normally be awarded to a boy who was in the Colts Game in the previous season." It was hoped that boys in the junior half of the school would feel this to be a very real incentive to them to practise and seek to become the best player in their particular year, and that the award would actually be made roughly half-way through a boy's time at school, when he would still have plenty of time to use the stick here at Michaelhouse.

Mr. Butcher came up to watch the school play the Berea Rovers, on September 3rd, and kindly presented the stick on this first occasion to L. Hall, who played centre-forward for the School XI throughout the season and later was awarded his Colours. It is hoped that next year, and in future years, we may be able to tempt Mr. Butcher to spend a little longer with us and give us some coaching tips from his wide experience of hockey in Natal and with his infectious burning enthusiasm to see the game played really well with real ball-control and with real scheming.

South African Hockey has advanced so rapidly in recent years in some departments of the game - in standard of fitness expected from players, in the recognition of the value of teamwork rather than individualism, in the consequent excellently co-ordinated defence-system, close marking, and good positioning, and perhaps above all in frowning on below-the-belt tactics - but in these two essential respects (real control, and scheming), I believe much more can be done, and can most easily be done at school age.

Individual skill in having the ball perfectly under control and in being able to get round an opponent with the ball still fully in your own control, requires a great deal of patient practice, and mainly practice on one's own - but what a thrill it can produce when acquired! And the battle of wits, scheming how to defeat an opponent, scheming how to get the best out of one's own side, is mainly a matter of alertness on the field, and of discussion off it. I am constantly amazed to see how seldom individual players in a game are really on the alert throughout, watching for faults in the opposition's positioning, watching for slight adjustment needed all the time in

one's own position, watching to try to anticipate a good pass either for or against one, watching an opposing back (his feet, his stick and his eyes), to try to guess just where he is going to place the ball . . . It is never-ending, and it makes each game such a fascination and helps one to build up experience. If you don't watch and keep alert, you go on the field next time with precious little learnt, either consciously or subconsciously.

I hope sincerely that Mr. Butcher's annual award will stimulate the few (even if it is only 3 or 4 a year), to try to reach much greater individual proficiency with the stick and to develop that alertness of mind which carries over into all walks of life.

Thirdly, the month of September was shared with Athletics this year. This was an ad-hoc arrangement to meet the unusual circumstances which arose as a result of the wholesale postponement of Athletics, due to polio, earlier in the year. It worked (somewhat surprisingly), most smoothly, mainly due to the kindly co-operation of the weather, which did not interfere at all. But the practice gained in March had all been forgotten, and the ten days or so of Hockey in September just sufficed to allow us to play off the House matches and a reduced number of school matches. The average citizen got very few games, and coaching of teams just was not possible. It was particularly sad that it should have been so this year for the potential power in the forward-line was much greater than usual, and it never quite produced the results of which I felt that it was capable.

To report very briefly on the School matches and House matches:
Sept.

Sept.

3rd. 1st XI v. a Berea Rovers XI. Lost 1-3.
2nd XI v. a Rangers XI. Won 2-1.
7th. "A" XI v. Wanderers (P.M.B.). Lost 2-3.
"B" XI v. Natal University (P.M.B.). Lost 0-5.
10th. 1st XI v. Wanderers (Durban). Lost 2-3.
14th. 1st XI v. Hilton (at Hilton). Won 3-1.
2nd XI v. Hilton (at Hilton). Won 2-0.
Colts, v. Hilton (at Hilton). Won 2-1.
Bunnies v. Hilton (at Hilton). Won 3-0.
24th Combined 1st XI v. a Natal XI. Lost 1-4.
Combined 2nd XI v. a P.M.B. XI. Won 1-0.
Colts, v. Hilton. Won 7-1.
Bunnies v. Hilton. Drawn 2-2,

The Berea Rovers encounter was as pleasant as ever. The school attacked hard in the first half, but were kept at bay by some uncanny saves by Chisholm who was deputising in goal. And in the second half the experience and thrust of Ian Robertson, and the fact that our defence let itself get drawn onto Aubrey Welsford at centre-half, were our undoing.

In the Wanderers match in P.M.B. the school did their utmost to play the opposition at their own game, and a very pleasant match resulted. The forwards always looked quite dangerous on the good hard field, and the defence were a good deal sounder than against Berea Rovers.

We were most unlucky not to draw against Durban Wanderers. The ground was rather tussocky and dribbling was almost impossible, but the team reacted well and repeatedly carried the attack to the opponents' circle. This was a new fixture - arranged to fit in with the requirements of the Lions' match - and proved to be a most pleasant innovation.

The encounter with Hilton was under miserable conditions, with

rain and mist enshrouding the ground, and never really produced hockey of the standard for which we had hoped. The result was a fair reflection of the play, with Kearns outstanding at back, Dorward very sound at half, and Hyde perhaps the most effective of the forwards.

The 2nd XI had quite a good record and fully deserved their win at Hilton - Braum and Goument were the spearhead of the attack, Fellowes the sheet-anchor in the middle, and Griffin a tower of strength behind.

The Colts, despite practice time being extremely short, produced an excellent combination - quick hard passing by the backs, sensible distribution by the halves, hard running and good centering by the

two wings, and above all the power-driving shots which McConnell administered in the circle (especially at short-comers). This certainly augurs well for next year and thereafter.

The Bunnies, this year, were very slow to take to the game. This was I believe due to two factors. Firstly, so few Prep schools still play hockey - I don't think 20 per cent, of this year's new boys had ever played a hockey game before. Secondly, the thorough teaching of basic essentials to all new boys, which was so successfully undertaken on Friday afternoons in 1952 and 1953, is no longer really possible. But all credit to them, that they won their first encounter with Hilton, and eventually (after a most lethargic start), drew their second match.

The Combined Matches at the end of September were once again quite a success. The Natal team played most attractive hockey, moving the ball from man to man with a deftness and assurance that appeared to be oh so easy. And the Combined XI stuck to their task with great determination, and deserve high praise for keeping the score to such comparatively small figures - when one considers that a full Natal XI has recently defeated other Provincial sides by a margin of six goals or more on quite a few occasions. These matches can teach so much. Michaelhouse representatives in the Combined 1st XI were: Bonnet (R.W., Capt.), Hyde (I.R.), Short (I.L.), Dorward (R.H.), Murray (L.H.), Kearns (L.B.).

The Combined 2nd XI did well to register a win, and Adderley and Hall combined well in the forward line. Michaelhouse representatives were: Hall (C.F.), Adderley (I.L.), Armstrong (L.H.), Young (R.B.), Dunbar (G.).

The House Matches resulted in a most decisive win for Farfield; West who had been undefeated till the final day were quite outclassed by the well-balanced Farfield team. The Second XI's were more closely contested. Farfield and East emerging as joint-winners. The full table is given below:

	1st XI's	2nd XI's	3rd XI's	4th XI's
Founders	5	3rd	6	3rd eq. 5
4th	4	5th		
East	0	6th	8
1st eq.	9	1st	5	3rd eq.
Tathams	. . .	3	5th	1
5th eq.	6	2nd	eq.	0
6th				
West	. . .	8	2nd	6
3rd eq.	4	5th	5	3rd eq.
Farfield	..	10	1st	8
1st eq.	6	2nd	eq.	10
1st				
Pascoe	..	4	4th	1
5th eq.	0	6th	6	2nd

Finally, any report of the 1955 activities would be inadequate

without a word of commendation to the Captain, M. J. Bonnet, whose tireless enthusiasm, and easy command of respect from all about him, made the season so enjoyable as well as so successful.

ATHLETICS

THE RAMPARTS COMPETITION, 29th June, 1955.

This is an event which needs little skill but much courage and mental determination, and each year it is pleasant to see the success of those who have these qualities in abundance but whose physical prowess or eye for a ball let them down elsewhere on the field of sport.

Largely due to their junior team Tatham won for the second year in succession. The Senior event was won by Farfield, the Junior by Tatham.

Combined results:

1. 184
2. Farfield 209
3. Founders 224
4. East 229
5. Pascoe 267
6. West 292

There were certain interesting coincidences. Both the Junior and Senior events were won by the same boys as last year, and each broke his own record made last year. In fact in the Senior event the first three runners home arrived in the same order as last year.

Senior. 1. Anderson, C. H. (P). 26mins. 30.6secs.

2. Cobbett-Tribe, A. W. (W).

3. Kemple, J. M. H. (T).

Junior. 1. Kaulback, W. J. (T). 16mins. 11.1secs.

2. Herring, M. J. (E).

3. Lewis, D. M. R. (F).

THE STANDARDS COMPETITION

Due to the polio restrictions during the months of February and March, the Athletics were postponed until September and it was at first thought that, with Hockey going on at the same time, boys would be overworked and overtired. However, the Hockey authorities co-operated magnificently, and with compromises on both sides the experiment seemed most successful. The Standards were confined to four days, but no boy seemed to be handicapped by having too much to do in one afternoon. Farfield were the winners, going into the Sports with 607[^] points to their credit.

2. West..... 590|

3. Tatham..... 580

4. Founders..... 569Â£

5. East..... 549

6. Pascoe..... 451

It can be seen that the Sports were a much more open affair than last year. Each house result was on average 10 per cent, better, but this can in some measure be put down to the fact that boys were all relatively six months older in their age groups than last year, when the Standards were held in March.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETIC COMPETITION

In spite of their 17 point lead, Farfield were eventually overtaken by both Tatham and West, the final result being as follows:

1. Tatham..... 706
2. West..... 697J
3. Farfield..... 692Â£
4. Founders..... 6731
5. East..... 594
6. Pascoe..... 506

The day was warm and windless and there were many excellent performances in the ideal conditions. New records were set up in the following events:

Under, Ilf, 100 yards: 11.9secs. Fulcher (W).

Under 1\h 220 yards: 26.5secs. Fulcher (W).

Under 14, High Jump: 4ft. 9Â£ins. Bott (T).

Under 14, Long Jump: 16ft. 3Â£ins. McIntosh (W).

Under 14, Slingball: 122ft. 4ins. Biegel (P).

Under 15, 220 yards:
Under 15, 880 yards:
Under 15, One Mile:
Under 15, Slingball:

25.0secs.

2mins. 9.5secs.

4mins. 50secs.

151ft. lin.

Rowe (Fa).

Kaulback (T).

Kaulback (T).

Lewis (Fo).

This all bodes extremely well for the future. But there are other people who deserve mention although they did not actually break records. Gourley won the 100, 220 and 440 yards in the Open group, the last two in the excellent times of 23.2secs. and 52secs. In the Under 16 group Angier did the same, running very well to win the 100 yards in 10.7secs., the 220 yards in 23.9secs. and the 440 yards

in 54.8secs. Dorward was a double winner in the Open Field events, winning the Discus with a good throw of 133ft. IOins., and the Javelin, a new event, with 142ft. 8ins.

The result of the Sports was in doubt until the end, and spectators and competitors alike had an exciting and enjoyable afternoon. After the Sports, colours were awarded to the captain, C. H. Anderson, to A. W. Cobbett-Tribe, who had previously won the Invitation Mile at Estcourt in 4mins. 42.2secs., and to A. R. Gourley, the Secretary of Athletics.

THE RELAY COMPETITION

The Competition was augmented with some new events, which made a longer afternoon's entertainment, and brought more competitors into action. Houses were to enter "B" teams in the 4 x 220 yards Open, 4 x 220 yards Under 16, 4 x 220 yards Under 141, 4 x 110 yards Under 141, and the 4 x 880 yards Open, making a total of 13 events. The results were as follows:

1. Founders..... 38
2. West..... 33
3. Farfield..... 32
4. Tatham..... 19
5. Pascoe..... * 16
6. East..... 12

MICHAELHOUSE v. HILTON, 26th September.

The match was held at Michaelhouse and was very closely contested, ending with a win for Michaelhouse by 22 to 20 points. Many records were broken, five by Hilton, and five by Michaelhouse. Hilton have outstanding runners in C. R. Staffeleu and A. F. Davey, but they found themselves well-matched this year by Gourley and Angier, and Kaulback is going to be a great asset to the school in the future. May they continue in this successful vein.

NATAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, 29th October

For the first time in some years we have been able to enter three boys for the above meeting. A. R. Gourley will run in the 220 and 440 yards Under 19, and A. W. Cobbett-Tribe has entered for the 880 yards and One Mile Under 17, and J. S. Dench for the Shot Putt and Javelin, Under 17. Unfortunately the meeting clashes with cricket matches, and Dorward, Anderson and Angier, who might otherwise have joined them, will be prevented from doing so.

STOP PRESS

A. R. Gourley is the present holder of the Under 19 440 yards Championship which he won in the excellent time of 50.6secs. The 220 yards was won by Jefferies in 22.2secs., and it is therefore small disgrace to Gourley to have come second in that race.

J. S. Dench was most unlucky not to win the Javelin; he was beaten on the sixth and final throw by Ijins., having thrown 141ft. 41 ins. He was also fourth in Putting the Shot.

A. W. Cobbett-Tribe needs a little more strength and experience yet. He had some very strong opposition in both the 880 yards and the Mile, though he might have gained third place in the latter race, had he used different tactics.

TENNIS

We were extremely lucky this year in being able to play all but one of our matches, as those cancelled because of polio restrictions in the first quarter were played later in the year. During the first term the team consisted of Butcher and Woods, Dorward (Capt.) and Montgomery, Anderson and Lucas. Montgomery left in June, and except for the last two matches Anderson filled his position. A very promising young player, Sacco, took his place for the last two matches. Lucas found it difficult to play in school matches and Kirkpatrick played instead.

On May 22nd we were due to play Queen's Club, but on their non-appearance we played a weakened staff team, who were nevertheless far superior. On June 5th we played Durban Old Boys, who will probably send a stronger team next year. We met Hilton on June 12th and beat them easily 7-2. During the first term Dorward, Anderson and Montgomery were awarded their teams. On August 7th we played the combined Hilton-Michaelhouse staff team. Once again the staff showed their superiority and steadiness in their victory.

On September 11th we were very lucky to see Brian Woodroffe and David van der Merwe in an exhibition match at Michaelhouse. Rarely do we get an opportunity to see tennis of such a high standard, but the attendance unfortunately was very meagre. Our thanks to Mr. Blunden for arranging this match. Afterwards we played Mr. Blunden's team, who won 6-3. We played the return match against Hilton on September 18th. Although our team was weaker we again won, this time 6-3. On November 6th we met Queen's Club from Durban. We went down 3-6, each pair taking a set. During the last term Butcher, Woods and Dorward were awarded colours, and Kirkpatrick and Sacco teams.

Generally speaking the team could have proved more formidable if we had practised more. Our thanks are due both to Mr. Ibbotson and to Mr. Nicolson for giving valuable assistance and practice whenever we asked for it. Mr. Ibbotson's coaching scheme caters for 49 House League cricketers who have coaching once a week, and for 16 non-cricketers who have chosen tennis as their main sport. They play three times a week.

West won the house matches this year when they defeated East 3-2 after a very closely fought final.

G.A.D.

SQUASH

During the second quarter two matches were played. The first was against Hilton, and was won by the School by 4-1. The School team consisted of J. M. Kemple, J. W. Woods, J. R. Montgomery,

I. E. Haig and L. Hall. An Under 15 team also played and won their match 3-2. The second match was against a powerful team of Old Boys from Durban, and we were beaten 8-0. The House matches

were also played in the course of the quarter. West and Tatham reached the final without much difficulty, and West finally beat Tatham 3-1. The West team was J. W. Woods, J. R. Montgomery,

I. E. Haig, R. C. Burton and D. R. Woods.

At the beginning of the third quarter J. W. Woods was elected captain. The main events in this quarter were the Maritzburg League in which we came second in the final placings, and the School Championships. In the Junior, Sacco, Woods, Roseveare and Smyth entered the finals. Roseveare was beaten by Sacco, Smyth by Woods, and in the final Sacco easily beat Woods 3-0. In the Senior Event, the semi-finalists were J. W. Woods, A. R. Gourley, R. C. Burton and L. Hall. The final was between Woods and Hall, both of whom had won their semi-finals comparatively easily. Woods beat Hall 3-1, and at the end of the quarter was selected to play for Maritzburg against Durban. At the beginning of the fourth quarter, J. W. Woods was awarded his colours.

J.W.W.

BOXING CLUB

With the departure of J. G. M. Pizey, M. J. Bonnet has been elected Captain, and C. W. P. Reynolds Secretary, of the Club. Pizey, Bonnet, Reynolds, Holmes-a-Court, Jager, Dunbar, Pon, Lawrence, McIntosh and Cobbett-Tribe were chosen to represent Michaelhouse against the R.D.L.I., but the meeting was cancelled. Pizey, Reynolds and Pon were to have represented the School at an Invitation meeting arranged by the Natal Midlands Association in aid of the Cancer Fund, but were unfortunately unable to attend.

There are 38 entries for the Individual Boxing Championships this year, and several masters have kindly offered their services in coaching the many juniors who have taken a keen interest.

C.W.P.R.

GYM CLUB

The Youngleson Shield competition, which took place at the beginning of the third quarter, was held in the gym, due to the bad weather. Pascoe won the competition for the second year in succession with a total of 1,102 points, East coming second with

1,065 points.

On Speech Day the Gym Club once again gave a display which was perhaps an improvement on last year's, due both to a larger variety of exercises performed and to a well organized presentation.

C.C.MA.

THE RIDING CLUB

The Club's activities during the past two quarters have included a visit to Springvale Stud Farm, a demonstration of cold-shoeing, a talk on First Aid, and a lecture and demonstration by Major Shaw of Hilton Road, on what to look for when buying a horse.

The parents of an Old Boy have invited members to visit their Riding School in the Berg. A number of "fly" jumps have been constructed, and the Club now hopes to have some place made available in which to practise. The grazing made available by Mr. Cairn of Cairn Marsh has relieved the cost of upkeep considerably.

C.K.B.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

The Editor of the Chronicle acknowledges with thanks the receipt of many other school magazines.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

OBITUARY

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LAURENCE JOHN CROOKES (1929-30)

Born in December, 1913, Laurence was the eldest son of John Crookes, of Finningley, Renishaw. After two years in Rectors, where he was very well liked, he worked for two years on his father's sugar farm. He then acquired Roccliffe at Umlaas Road, where he took up dairying on a large scale. When war broke out, he joined the Cape Coloured Corps as Company Sgt. Major, and saw service with them in the East African, Abyssinian and Desert campaigns, finally going to Italy. He returned with his health undermined, but he was able to continue his farming operations. He was a very keen horseman and often competed successfully in the Royal Show in Maritzburg. But he never recovered his health and died after a long illness. To his widow and sons, John and Barie, as well as his father and brothers, we offer our very deep sympathy.

LANCELOT WILLIAM GREGORY ECCLES, C.M.G. (1902-09)

Lance was distinguished all his life. He had a notable career here, matriculating when just 16 in 1906, becoming a prefect the next year and Senior Prefect at Easter 1908. He had his colours at cricket and rugby, captaining the XV in his last season. All who knew him at school had the highest regard for his all-round ability, his fine character and his easy leadership. He went up to Oxford the year he left and soon identified himself with many sides of University life, winning a blue for boxing against Cambridge. In 1912 he joined the Colonial Service and was posted to the Northern Rhodesian Land and Survey Department. Early in 1941 he was promoted to Director, and for his valuable work received the C.M.G. When he left the Department in 1946 to become Director of Local Government and African Housing. In the first World War he joined the Northern Rhodesian Regiment as a Corporal, and later received a commission in the Coldstream Guards. During his service in France with that famous regiment he won the M.C. and bar. Recently he retired and after a trip to England to see his son, Robin, at Worcester College, he returned to settle at the Cape. A cheerful letter from him on the 8th June, reported that he had made a good recovery from coronary thrombosis, but on the 21st a heart attack proved fatal. We extend our very real sympathy to his widow, his two married daughters and to Robin. He was 65.

VICTOR GARBUTT SPARKS (1901-02)

Vic was one of the migration group and during his time here soon revealed his enthusiasm for cricket, which remained one of the great interests of his life. He left early when his family went to England, where he joined the Scar-

borough Cricket Club and received expert professional coaching. He entered Rhodes University in 1905 and was their first cricket captain. He returned to Durban in 1906 and saw service in the Zulu Rebellion. In 1908 he went farming in the Swinburne district and later settled at Besters. He was a staunch supporter of cricket in the Northern Districts, and played for Natal on more than one occasion, and also for the Free State in Currie Cup matches as an opening bat. A few years ago he retired to Maritzburg, and seemed to be in excellent health, apart from poor hearing, when he attended the Founder's Gaudy in March. But in July he had a heart attack and lived only a few hours. To his widow, son and daughter we give our warm sympathy. He was 68.

WILLIAM EDMUND HEATHCOTE TATHAM (1908)

Bill was here only a short time before his mother decided to live in England, but he never lost his interest in the school which has been attended by so many of his family. After notable service in the First Great War he went up to Oxford. He became a Staff Colonel in the Second War in London. He married Mary Leigh Wood of London and in time became the Director of several companies in the City. His work several times took him to India and he was able more than once to visit the school. He had a charming country house near Ottershaw when my wife and I stayed with him in 1931. Some years ago he had a stroke, but made a partial recovery until others followed and left him helpless. He died in August. To his widow and five children, we send a message of sympathy from his old school. Two sons are in the Army and one is reading medicine. He was only 58.

HUDSON BENNETT GOLF TOURNAMENT

There w/as a record turn-out this year at the Maritzburg Country Club, whose Committee once again generously allowed this vast army of 75 O.M. golfers of all handicaps and shapes to invade their course on August 21st. The arrival of eight teams from Durban boded ill for the holders of the Cup, who also had to withstand the flanking assaults of three Midlands teams, two Staff fours and the first - but never the last - side from East Griqualand. It was a magnificent day. Three Durban teams were just in the lead at lunch time, and they just kept there, though their A team rushed into first place in the afternoon by picking up 21 strokes on their morning cards. This too, in spite of a magnificent afternoon round of 71 by Lewis Pape. We have never had such a finish, only seven strokes separating the gross score over 36 holes in the first four teams. Hudson Bennett was there as usual, distributing the prizes and more satisfied than ever that his vision of 20 years ago was producing such happy results. The winners were Durban A, 713 (K. Whittaker 163, J. Johnstone 167, D. Aberdein 192 and V. Milner Smyth 191). Next came Durban C, 716 (B. McCarthy 172, C. Glew 169, B. Stacey 187, G. Chapman 188); Durban B, 718 (D. Parkin 172,

J. McCarthy 168, A. Robertson 185, D. Lee 193); Maritzburg B, 720 (L. Pape 151, G. Boyes 181, M. Young 191, H. Carr 197); Staff A, 733; Maritzburg A, 738; Midlands B, 764; Durban D, 769; East Griqualand, 777; Midlands A, 779; Midlands C, 816; Maritzburg C, 817; Staff B, 869 and the rest!

The A division best gross was won by L. Pape with 151; the worst went comfortably to Michael Daly with 273!! The best net 36 went to Lewis Pape who thus won the Ken Drysdale Cup, but only one shot ahead of Ernest Hudson Bennett, whose handicap will be watched next time! Can we hope for an even larger field next year?

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 43rd Annual General Meeting was held on Ascension Day, May 19th, in the Open-Air Theatre. It was very well attended and quickly over. In all, 214 O.M's were at the school during the day. The curry party has obviously come to stay and was again a great success.

Before the agenda started, while those present stood in silence, the Hon. Sec. read the names of those who had died during the year: David Alder (1932-34), Roland Alkin (1905-06), Ian Allanson (1935-38), Quin ten Brown (1905-07), Crawford Burdon (1919-22), Richard Burton (1946-47), Dick Cooper (1905-09), Eric Holder (1903-04), Tom Leslie (1897-98), Walter Short (1913-16), Frank Stevens (1903-04) and Jack Worthington (1907-11).

After the President's Report and the Rector's Statement, both of which were received with applause, the Hon. Treasurer's Financial Statement was adopted as here printed. Maurice Pennington's long services at Cordwalles were recognised by his election as President.

When K. M. Pennington was re-elected Honorary Secretary for the 31st consecutive year, he thanked the Club and forecast that the day was not far distant when the Club and School interests would best be served by the appointment of a paid secretary.

After the election of 84 new members, the annual reports were read and enjoyed from the Durban, Maritzburg, Midlands and Transvaal branches. The Club's congratulatory letters were approved: to Leonard Thompson on his appointment as Associate Professor of History at the University of Cape Town, to John Brand on his Lectureship in Science at Glasgow University, to Rev. L. Millar on his appointment as Headmaster of St. Chad's College in England, to Frederick St. George Tatham on his promotion to be Commandant of the Natal Field Artillery, to Peter Taylor on his captaincy of the Natal Rugger XV and his selection for the final Springbok rugger trials, to Ronald Eriksen on his election as Chairman of the South African Motor Association, to Richard Carte on his election as Mayor of Durban.

When the meeting adjourned, the new School Gates in memory of Matthew Hugh Brown were officially opened by Baring Koe as

President of the Club, after a moving address by Charles Hannah. The customary Commemoration Service in Chapel was followed by an excellent lunch, and games against the school in the afternoon.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1955.

LIABILITIES. ASSETS.

Â£ s. d. Â£ S. d. Â£ s. d. Â£ s. d.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT. CASH.

Balance as at 1st April, 1954 .. 3,423 18 0 Petty Cash in Hand 13 2 3

Add: Excess of Revenue over At Barclays Bank 151 18 8

Expenditure for the year 21 4 5 -- 165 0 11

- 3,445 2 5 INVESTMENTS.

PAVILION FUND. City Permanent Build. Soc., 5% 1,750 0 0

Balance as at 1st April, 1954 .. 1,505 5 0 Michaelhouse Loan, 3% .. 1,500 0 0

Add: Donations for year 446 9 1 3,250 0 0

Interest for year 48 5 3 PAVILION FUND.

1,999 19 4 United Building Society, 5% 700 0 0

DIAMOND JUBILEE INSURANCE Do. Fixed Deposit, 4% .. 1,000 0 0

SCHEME. Do., 3% 299 19 4

Balance as at 1st April, 1954 .. 850 3 1 1,999 19 4

Add: Interest for year 42 10 0 DIAMOND JUBILEE INSURANCE

892 13 1 SCHEME.

United Building Society, 5% 850 0 0

Do. Savings Bank, 3% .. 42 13 1

892 13 1

Audited and found correct. FURNITURE AND FITTINGS.

A. A. LLOYD, As at 1st April, 1954 4 5 9

Chartered Accountant (S.A.), Less: Depreciation 4 3

Honorary Auditor. - 4 1 6

Durban, 11th May, 1955. TYPEWRITER.

As at 1st April, 1954 29 0 0

Less: Depreciation 3 0 0

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MICHAELHOUSE OLD BOYS' CLUB.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1955.

EXPENDITURE.	REVENUE.
1953-54.	1953-54.
Â£ s. d.	Â£ s. d.
37 14 11 To Postages	36 3 7 129 12 6 By Interest Received
25 3 6 9 9 Stationery	20 13 0 504 0 0 99 Life Subscriptions
317 9 2 Chronicles	363 7 5 1 1 0 Instalment Life Subscriptions
131 5 0 jy 99 Honorarium-Hon. Sec. . . .	131 5 0 4 12 0 99 Clothes' Commission
25 2 3	10 0 99 Registration-Club Colours .
10 0 99 Office Expenses	1 6 6
5 0 0 99 Old Boy's Essay Prize . . .	2 1 3 99 Bank Charges
2 0 5	6 9 10 99 Address Plates
8 10 4	3 10 1 99 Donations
3 10 1	1 15 0 99 Club Matches
3 8 0 99 Depreciation	3 4 3
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GENERAL

GEORGE MEDAL

All O.M.'s will congratulate Peter Nicholas on the award of this coveted decoration - Britain's highest civilian medal for bravery. As a temporary district officer in the Kikuyu Guard, Peter has a long record of operational successes against the Mau Mau terrorists due - the citation states - to "tenacity, ingenuity and daring, and in particular outstanding leadership." It goes on to state that by his skill, bravery and calmness under fire he and his small party have accounted for a considerable number of terrorists, many weapons, much ammunition and supplies.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

This was awarded last year to James A. MacNab for courage and leadership in actions against Mau Mau hideouts in the forests of Kenya.

ZULULAND BRANCH

On June 17th an inaugural dinner was held at the Empangeni Golf Club. It was attended by 25 O.M.'s from all parts of Zululand and the Club Hon. Secretary and A. R. Chapman went as guests from the School. The long drive in exam week was fully compensated for by the warm welcome we had and the enthusiastic reception of the suggestion that a new Branch be formed. This was done forthwith with Jack Ardington elected as first Chairman and Barry Kramer as Hon. Sec. We wish the new Branch a long and useful existence.

RUGBY

O.M.'s continue to figure throughout the country in Club sides. Pride of place goes to Peter Taylor, who again captained the Natal side, and appeared in the final Springbok trials before the British Lions test matches began. It was sad for him he was not quite fit when he played. Randall Wells played for the Universities side against the Lions; E. R. Tillett played for the winning Natal Under 19 team that defeated the Free State in the curtain raiser to the Natal match against the Lions.

PERSONAL

R. K. Anderson spent last August on the Northern Rhodesian Copperbelt where his two sons are employed. He has retired, and winters in Durban, but returns to Pretoria for the summer months.

David Aberdein is sugar farming in the Gingindhlovu district. He recently married June Griffith of Eshowe. Good luck to them.

Graham Armitage is an enthusiastic Scoutmaster in Durban.

Harry Boyes is now Managing Director of the Buffalo Timber Co. in East London.

R. J. Bowmaker is in the Department of Agriculture in the Nyasaland Government and is stationed at Rumpi. Alan is making great strides with his botanical work at U.C.T.

Russell Bailey has an important engineering post with Dowson and Dobson at Krugersdorp.

Keith Browne ended his career at U.C.T. in 1953, being "capped" with a B.Com. and LLB. He was vice-chairman of the Smuts Hall House Committee and chairman of the University Rag Committee when they raised a new record of £17,500 to establish a clinic and Social and Welfare Centre in the Winderemere coloured suburb. He served on numerous other Students Councils. After a trip to Europe and some months with African Explosives and Chemical Industries in Johannesburg, he returned to Salisbury to serve his Articles as an Attorney, became engaged to Aurea Astrid Falck of Kimberley and was married on March 26th. He is with Scanlen and Holderness, Solicitors. Good luck to them both. We are most grateful to him for a long list of O.M. news.

Jeremy Burden has started rowing at U.C.T. and went with his crew to the Buffalo Regatta in December.

Tim Butcher has passed his Oxford Entrance Examination from Millfield in Somerset and is now in residence at New College. He goes to Switzerland for the next winter sports.

R. C. Bromley was touring with the Rhodes University choir, which made a very favourable impression in the Cape.

The first issue of the new Outspan under the enthusiastic editorship of Charles Barry was published on August 5th and compared favourably with overseas publications. It is hard work but he enjoys it.

Basil Beeming is doing well with African Explosives at Modderfontein.

Chris Burger, after some wonderful sight-seeing on the Continent and cricket in England is with Dix, Boyes & Co., Accountants in Maritzburg. He has played cricket for Natal.

Edward Barry welcomed a son and heir on July 2nd. He is now living in Durban and has a job with the Sylko Paper Co.

We heartily congratulate Walter Murray Butcher on getting his blue for Oxford in their rugger match against Cambridge as a dashing centre three-quarter. He is back now in business in Durban.

Nick Curry and Valerie Dawn Dobbs were married on September 24th and honeymooned on the Natal Coast. The best of luck to them. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant S.A., and later as an Incorporated Accountant after serving his five years articles and now works as a Company Secretary for the New Union Goldfields. In 1953 he played in the Combined Universities Squash team.

Hillary Currey has been playing rugby for Oxford as "a muscular, hefty front rank forward."

Mike Clesham's third son was born on September 17th in Luanshya.

He is looking forward to leave in Ireland next year, where his father has wonderful salmon and trout fishing.

Sid Cheshire is with the S.A. Rubber Co. at Howick. He was married in October. Good luck to him and his bride, Rita.

Max Cheales has been in Ndola for a year with the well-known auditors, Cooper Bros.

Mike Coffey has been field manager of the Big Bend Ranch in Swaziland since he came back from successfully completing his course at Cirencester Agricultural College in 1953. He was recently married, and we wish him and his bride all happiness.

Teddy Crockett was thrilled by the arrival of a son and heir on October 30th.

John Chorley was one of a marine zoological expedition to an island near Lourenco Marques last July. He is making good progress at Wits University.

Brenton Cox is back in the Union after some years in P.E.A. He is in Eshowe.

Noel Crawford has had a grand trip to England and the Continent. He is at Gwelo Agricultural College.

Donald Clark qualified as a doctor two years ago. After valuable experience at the Johannesburg General Hospital, he sailed in August for London to continue his studies for 18 months.

O.M.'s of post First War vintage will be interested to hear that Oily Crawford stayed with the Hon. Sec. for two days in June. He has been teaching for many years in Port Elizabeth, and was greatly impressed by the enormous strides made by the school since he left in 1927.

Tom Catchpole enjoys his work on the Mines at Ndola and sent a budget of O.M. news.

Dr. Hamish Campbell is back at Edinburgh University for advanced medical study.

Michael Cassidy sailed in September to go into residence at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

Geoff Chaplin has been Acting Governor of Bermuda for over a year. His wife and two sons joined him at Government House for six months.

Dr. H. H. Curson and his son, Hugo, did a 4,700 mile motor tour from the Northern Rhodesian Copperbelt to Ruwenzori traversing Tanganyika, Kenya and Uganda. Their object was mainly educational - to see through "Federal" eyes other parts of British Central Africa. Dr. Alan is practising on the Free State Gold Mines.

Dennis Crookes played in the O.M. squash team in the Durban League last winter while gaining business experience with C. G. Smith & Co. He has now gone back to Renishaw, probably to farm.

Many O.M.'s will join in congratulating Ronald Currey on his award of the Degree of Doctor of Laws by Rhodes University at the end of his successful headmastership of St. Andrew's College. His indefatigable energy is proved by his idea of retirement in accepting the Headmastership of Springvale Preparatory School in Southern Rhodesia.

Michael Dyer's little son was joined by a daughter last July.

Tony Downing has bought his own farm in the Hartley district of Southern Rhodesia, and his main crops are maize and tobacco.

Gilbert Dold now has a flat in Chelsea. For many years he has been Lecturer in Roman Dutch law for the London Bar Council, and has just written the South African volume in the series "The Development of the Laws and Constitutions of the British Empire."

Paddy Dobson is retiring from Provincial hockey. The Springbok right-winger had the distinction of leading Natal to victory in three out of the last four Provincial Hockey Tournaments. After playing for the Transvaal in 1947 while at Wits., he returned to Natal, which he has represented for eight consecutive years. During that time he was capped for the Springbok side five times against visiting British sides.

Vaughan Doming married Lynette Attwell on November 30th. The best of luck to them. He has succeeded Paul Fellowes as President of the Zwartberg Farmers' Association.

Jimmy Dick has recently joined the Club. After leaving school in 1931 he qualified as an Engineer, having served as an apprentice in a sugar factory. Nine years ago he migrated to Rhodesia and for the last five he has been Refinery Manager and Chief Engineer at the Rhodesian Sugar Refinery in Salisbury. He has been married for 13 years, and has a boy and two girls. He served with the S.A.A.F. during the last war.

John Elliot, after some years experience on the Rhodes Estate farm at Groot Drakenstein, is a student at Glen Agricultural College. Hugh is doing accountancy in Durban.

Ronnie Eriksen expects to go to Canada and the U.S.A. next August to attend a Sales Course at the Ford Motor Co. in Detroit.

Good luck to Vivian Edmunds and Dorothy Wilks who were married early this year. They had a daughter in September. He is Assistant Works Manager with Messrs R. T. Spargo in Johannesburg, rubber merchants. As a member of the Rand Light Infantry shooting team he helped win the Gold Cup - the premier A.C.F. team trophy.

John English and Jeremy Field played squash for Rhodesia against the British touring side. They also helped Southern Rhodesia to beat Northern Rhodesia in a recent fixture.

Robin Eccles is in his final year at Worcester Colloge, Oxford. After his degree he intends visiting his sister in Paraguay and then doing his National Service training in England. He has rowed for his Colloge.

Julian Faux has greatly enjoyed his first year at Cambridge.

James Ford plays squash for the Natal University in Durban. The side is led by T. A. Tatz, another O.M.

Since going to Mt. Fletcher as Resident Magistrate, John Fenwick has become a madly enthusiastic trout fisherman. His son enters the school next year.

Derek Fleischer has an important post with Turner Newall in Bulawayo.

Michael Greene's son and heir was born last January. He played for the successful Mooi River polo team in the Championships.

T. A. M. Gardner is with the Forest Department at Londiani in Kenya.

Roger Gifford has qualified as an accountant and is with Shepstone and Wylie, Solicitors in Durban.

Kenmure Gordon won a cup at his Passing-Out Parade at Nakuru Military College and got his cadetship to Sandhurst. When he gets his commission he will join the Gordon Highlanders.

Steve Golledge, after nine months training in England with the British-American Tobacco Co., has been posted to a cigarette factory run by the East African Tobacco Co. in Kampala, Uganda. He has been playing scrum-half for the Uganda XV.

C. F. Goodfellow is doing well at Oriel College, Oxford, where he is often involved in heated arguments about the Union's native policy.

Robin Greene had a son and heir on September 5th.

Anthony Hart is engaged to Margot MacFarlane. Having qualified as an Actuary, he has joined African Guarantee and Indemnity in Johannesburg.

Michael Harvey after gaining experience with Natal Estates is back on his father's sugar farm at Gingindhlovu.

J. D. Hughes is Manager of the Paint Pot in Osborn Arcade, Durban.

John Harker has been Acting Headmaster of the Broken Hill School in Northern Rhodesia.

Tommy Hunter is Secretary of the Kitwe Rotary Club.

Keir Hall had another daughter in August. He has moved into the old home at Hainault, Mooi River on his father's retirement. He captained the polo team in its Championship victory.

John Henvood is making full use of all that life at Jesus College, Cambridge offers.

Hugh Harker spends most of his holidays touring round Andean homes, but he always finds time for a visit to the school whenever he stays with his parents in Howick. Peter is enormously busy re-establishing St. Vincent's Mission near Isandhlwana, and would welcome any O.M. visitor.

Bob Harker has been transferred as Company Accountant to the Head Office of the Lion Match Co. in Cape Town. He moved from Durban at the beginning of July.

The best of luck to Sidney Hart-Davis and Clara Patricia Cairns who were married in Cathcart on October 8th. He qualified as a doctor last year at U.C.T., and is a houseman at Addington Hospital in Durban.

It is not easy to believe that Charles Hannah will not be out this summer. He has decided on medical advice to discontinue his yearly pilgrimage to Natal and is very comfortable in Philpots Lodge. Any O.M. in the West Hoathly neighbourhood of Sussex is sure of a warm welcome.

Samuel Hutcheson was a delegate of the Rhodesian Clothing Industry to a recent government conference in Bulawayo.

W. F. C. Hooper is Natal Manager of Atkinson and Joscelyne, Manufacturers' Agents and Distributors in Durban.

Michael Johnstone got a 2nd in his History Tripos in June and came out to Natal for the summer vac. before returning to start his theological studies. Bruce is doing well at Milfield in Somerset.

Peter James successfully completed his exams at the London Veterinary College in 1953, where he became a star athlete and also represented the College at Highland Dancing. While in London he became engaged to a French girl, Jeanne le Pape, whom he married in the Quimper Cathedral in August. He is now doing research work for the French Ministry in Paris. The best of

luck to them. His brother, David, after suffering a knee injury during his Sandhurst training which put an end to his army ambitions, went to Canada in 1953. After farming for a bit he took a post with the Household Finance Corporation near Toronto and married Pamela Giddings the same year. He is now prospering with the Northern Business Securities. Good luck to them too.

Howard Johnson was at Virginia University under the G.I. scheme, and then entered Harvard Business College.

Lynn Johnson recently announced his engagement to Pam Scotney of Inyoni. He is a keen member of the Mtunzini Flying Club.

Rex Kirton has settled down to his new responsibilities with his Oil Co. in Salisbury and likes Rhodesia.

The best of luck to Brian Kramer and Cynthia Drew who were married in Durban on November 19th. He is sugar farming with his brother Barry at Gingindhlovu. Barry sails for England in March with Gordon Cheshire. Their trip includes a tour of the Continent. Barry is the Hon. Sec. of the new Zululand Branch of the Club.

John Kumleben is reading law at University College, Oxford, and playing hockey for the Occasionals.

The best of luck to Stan Logsdon and Dorothy Beaubois who were married in Durban on April 16th. He has been leading the Maritzburg squash team.

Congratulations to Anson Lloyd who has been promoted to the post of Director of the South African Sugar Association. He flew to England in September to attend the Commonwealth Sugar Conference in London.

Theo Lorentz qualified as a doctor four years ago and just returned from three years further study in England where he obtained his F.R.C.P. He hopes to be a specialist surgeon in the near future.

Both the Lathams have qualified as doctors at Dublin University. Michael, married, is at the North Middlesex Hospital after a year in the States. John is at the General Hospital in Nairobi.

All fortune to Peter Lissaman and Nancy Boyd Copeland who were married in California on September 30th. He is doing advanced studies there after his brilliant career at Cambridge.

Rob Lewis has had a successful operation to his ankle in a London hospital. This should enable him to resume games, but his right wrist is likely to remain stiff. He is at Radley for a year before going up to Cambridge.

Dudley McLeod returned from a trip to England in May.

Hugh Massy still gives most of his spare time to the Y.M.C.A. and to Scouts in Durban.

Gerard McKechnie is making good progress with his B.Sc. Engineering at Wits. University.

Jeremy Marriott is now a Naval Cadet on H.M.S. Triumph, a sea-plane carrier, cruising in the Mediterranean and round the N. European waters.

Ian McKenzie sailed in October for Tahiti and the South Seas. He will later continue his trip to the U.S.A.

Leslie Mitchell completed his mechanical training and has joined his father in Fort Victoria in their wide transport and ranching

interests. His hobby is car-racing.

John McCarthy welcomed a daughter on September 13th. He has bought a house in Bemersyde Road, which is almost exclusively O.M.'s!

Graeme Morrison, having taken over Pyotts, is opening a branch of his firm in Pretoria.

The old Methley home at Balgowan has been sold, and Pat and his wife have bought Millars Nurseries at Gillitts. It was a sad wrench for them to leave the district, where he had lived all his life.

Lynn Millar had a terrible fire, which destroyed his school at St. Chad's College in May. They have moved to Kilworth House near Rugby. Within a few minutes of his being woken at 3 a.m., his room was gutted.

We hear George Needham has a job on the Shabani Mine in S. Rhodesia.

Oliver Nel retired from his farm Middleton on the Riet Vlei-Greytown Road two years ago and is living in Maritzburg.

Early this year St. John Oxley-Oxland was appointed Manager of the Rooiberg Mine, 40 miles from Warmbaths in the Transvaal.

John Okell's son and heir arrived in September.

Alick Popham is in India. While fishing in Kashmir, he had an exciting experience with a mad Indian, who threw him to the ground when he would not kick his foot over his head! But baksheesh did the trick, and Alick went on fishing.

The best of luck to Nicol Pougnet and Bunny Birchmore, who were married in Johannesburg on September 10th. They honeymooned at Uvongo Beach. He is with Metropolitan-Vickers as an engineer.

John Pizey was successful in his interview with the Rhodesian Selection Committee and sailed for Sandhurst in November.

Jimmy Pool is back in Johannesburg as the S.A. Representative for the London Consulting Engineers, L. G. Mouchel & Partners.

Rex Pennington retained the Western Province Squash Championship in July and led them against the touring British players. He has been elected to the Round Table in Cape Town.

Scope Palmer arrived on leave from India in September. He has had a strenuous time in Calcutta, having inter alia appeared before a Parliamentary Select Committee at Delhi on behalf of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of India. Owing to his leave he had to refuse an invitation to represent India at the World Bank at Istanbul in September.

Tony Pearson is at St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford.

J. R. Robbins is a Learner Official on the Western Reef Mine in the Transvaal.

Pat Rielly welcomed a daughter in July.

Lewis Rouilland won the Porker Championship with his pigs at the Rand Show. Congratulations!

John Rewles has a son and heir born in October. He is managing the farm Hemyock on the Mooi River.

C. J. Roach visited Natal last winter with his wife - his first for nearly 50 years. He has retired and handed his preparatory school in England to his son. He was our second Rhodes scholar.

Dr. Michael Richards has gone into partnership as a chiropractor in Pietersburg. John lost a finger in a mine accident some months ago.

Basil Ralfe has made a rapid recovery from a duodenal operation

recently.

Nibs Rice is farming at Hunter's Rest near Rustenburg.

Simon Roberts welcomed a daughter in July.

Robin Renton has his B.Sc. Engineering and is with the firm Allen's in Bedford gaining further experience.

Myles Standish White married Margaret Mowbray on July 1st. We wish them luck in Rhodesia.

James Stevenson is farming near Eshowe and played rugby for Zululand last season.

Eric Schram, whose home is at Westville, welcomed a son and heir early this year.

Basil Stubbings was sent this year by the Tanganyika Government to Canada and America on a Goodwill Coffee Mission. Quintin, still with the I.C.I. at Modderfontein, was "lent" to the Anglo-American for six months to start their new sulphuric acid plant at Daggafontein Mine near Springs. Tony is the Head Forestry Officer on the Tilbury Estate at Melsetter in S. Rhodesia.

Tom Savory is studying science at U.C.T. having been awarded a N. Rhodesian bursary.

Courtneil Siedle went down in August to manage King & Sons in Cape Town, while his uncle Jack went on leave. He is a partner in this well-known shipping firm in Durban.

Paul Stainton passed his final law exams in Bloemfontein in May.

Michael Skelton has a daughter, much to the delight of her brother and parents.

M. B. C. Simpson is at St. John's College, Cambridge and expects to get his degree in 1957.

Brian Sully has been a partner in a firm of architects in Queenstown for some years. He has been married for five years and has a daughter and son. He is a keen Rotarian.

Mark Slatter has disposed of his dairy business at Merrivale and has bought the farm Newstead near Balgowan where he will grow fruit and trees. Lawrence had a wonderful six months trip to England and Europe, and won medals skiing in Switzerland.

Murray Tatham is with the S.A. Mutual Life Assurance Society in Bulawayo.

Hewlett Trotter has completed his studies at Edinburgh University, and is back in Pinetown. He is engaged to Sally Rudge. Lawrence's recovery continues satisfactorily.

Tyrone Tatham and his wife had an enjoyable trip to South America last winter. Bobs and his family have moved to the old Henderson home Hilton at Hilton Road. Errol's little daughter arrived some months ago.

Trevor Tatham has sold his dairy herd at Mooi River and is devoting himself entirely to horse breeding on his farm Springfield.

George Tomlinson had a wonderful trip to England and Europe last winter. His son enters the school next year.

Derek Varnals has a phenomenal average in E.P. cricket this season, which has earned him a place in the provincial side. He is doing well at Rhodes, and played scrum-half for their 2nd XV.

Philip and Rosemary Willmot have built a most attractive home in Greendale, Salisbury, where he is an architect. Mike is in the Chief Native Commissioner's Office there.

John Woodcock expects to graduate at Rhodes this year.

Desmond Wadsworth has joined the Vacuum Oil Co. in Salisbury as

Operational Supervisor.

David Williams was transferred in June to Durban as a research chemist in the Shell Co. He spent a night at the school on his way through by car from Cape Town.

Bill Wilson, now a director of the Anglo American Corporation, has been elected to the Board of Governors - the youngest O.M. to be given this honour. We wonder if it is a tribute to the author of the famous war cry: "A little more pressure in the rear, Michaelhouse!" He, his wife and two daughters holidayed at Ramsgate in August.

Glenn Whitley has passed the final examinations of the London Institute of Costs and Works Accountants. He is enjoying the experience of acclimatising himself to the Americanised organisation of General Motors in Port Elizabeth.

Wing-Commander Brian Young was in command of Canberras that flew to Bermuda recently and was delighted to find another O.M., Geoff Chaplin, to welcome him in that remote spot.

