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1911-1916: A. W. S. Brown.

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1960-: R. T. S. Norwood.

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Foundation North
(Founders, 1934)
Founders

1930-1945: P. D. Barnard.

1945-1946

1947-1952

1953-1962

1963-

The Rev. C. E. Birks.
N. A. Davis.

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1928-1944: T. A. Strickland.
1945-1948: D. de C. Pennington.
1949-1955: R. T. S. Norwood.
1956-: R. Gathorne.

FOUNDATION WEST:

1928-1942

1943-1949

1950-1956

1956-

K. M. Pennington.

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1928-1930: C. W. Hannah.

1931-1942: C. M. Melville.

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1943-1945: J. Pridmore.

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1951-1958: A. R. Chapman.

1959-: B. A. Law.

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1935-1940

1940-1943

1944-1949

1950-1951

1951-1956

1957-

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PASCOE.

1940-1945

1946-1955

1956-1960

1960-

N. R. Lyon.

J. B. Chutter.

R. T. S. Norwood.

J. P. Lowe.

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1956-1961: R. A. Roseveare.

1961-: P. J. Goldie-Scot.

EDITORIAL

We feel that it will be of interest to our readers to know something of the origin and aims of BEACON, the Private Schools' newspaper.

In June 1959 three Michaelhouse boys decided to start a school newspaper. The three main ideals they set themselves were: to impress the need for definite Christian action and thought in South Africa; to encourage literary and artistic talent in the school and to encourage extra-mural activities on the estate. The paper was small, the news necessarily limited to the school, and it was not very long before their overhead expenses became alarming. Friends were generous in their subscriptions and donations, as were the various firms that advertised, but nevertheless, it became quite obvious that in order to obtain more readers the paper had to look farther afield for articles which inevitably meant a bigger paper and already the financial state of BEACON seemed to be in a very precarious position.

Other private schools were asked to contribute and sell the paper. Then it became very obvious to us that although we had originally started as a small school newspaper, BEACON could serve a very specific purpose. It could become a vital link between the major private schools in Southern Africa.

And so BEACON has among its ranks today active members from St. John's College (Johannesburg), St. Andrew's College (Grahamstown), St. Anne's College (Hilton Road), Bishops (Cape Town), and is published quarterly in Pietermaritzburg.

Dr. Ronald Currey said at the recent BEACON conference in Grahamstown that it was in the hands of the young men and women of this country to guard their heritage and to look ahead. These young men and women on the BEACON editorial have taken up the challenge and are making every effort to produce only the very best representative of the thought and ideals of youth.

SCHOOL NOTES

We were very sad to bid farewell to Mr. Andrew Gordon Clark who left us in July to return to England, or more correctly, Scotland, where he is teaching at Fettes. He will be missed here, especially in the Choir, and as a most reliable assistant organist. Our best wishes go with him.

We were also sorry to say goodbye to Sister Smythe, whose place has been taken by Mrs. Evans.

At the time of writing Mr. Goldie-Scot has returned from, he reports, a magnificent three-months' leave in England. We are very glad to have him back.

On the first Sunday of the July holidays, those of us who were still at school awoke to discover the heaviest fall of snow, we believe, within living memory. As usual the children, and indeed some lively adults, made the most of it and snowmen appeared in many gardens. Passing traffic, attracted by the large expanse of virgin snow on Baileys and Aitkens, entered the gates and the fields were soon swarming with visiting snow-ballers. We venture to suggest that had we followed the example of the Duke of Bedford the revenue would not have been inconsiderable. Photographs of various parts of the estate appear in this issue.

Speech Day and the Trust Service are reported elsewhere, but we should like to pay tribute to the excellent organisation of the administrative staff in coping so adequately and efficiently with so many visitors-approximately 1,500. Miss Horsly, Mrs. Gardner and the kitchen staff deserve a special word of thanks.

AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE COMMITTEE

The boys and staff were given the task of collecting R400 which would enable the school to pay for sundries for an American Field Service scholar coming to Michaelhouse next year. Davies and Streek formed a fully representative committee for ideas with Mr. Lange presiding over the committee.

Various ideas were forthcoming from the boys and these were used very successfully: A Soccer Knock-out Competition, a Cake Sale, a Bridge Evening, Guess-the-Score (of the Hilton match), Competition and a Jumble Sale.

Besides this the School took on a very generous air (as did all the parents approached) and our target was more than realised after only six

weeks of 'campaigning'.

CHAPEL NOTES

C. D. F. Richards has been appointed Senior Server in the place of M. A. Cross, who has left. The following are also Chapel Servers this year: Curwen, Tuttle, Davies, Dorman, Kidd, Collins, Black, Read, Burnett

Knight, Christierson, Haggie, Streek and Bennett. R. N. Pryce has been appointed Senior Sacristan in the place of J. M. Arnold, who has retired after giving much valued service, and he is assisted by Pearce, Brooker, Tonkyn, Gerneke and Johnston.

The following visitors have preached in Chapel since the last issue of these notes and we are most grateful to them all: The Rev. Hilton Knowles, the Rev. W. E. Rea, Mr. R. Horrocks from the Missions to Seamen, the Rev. P. M. Robinson, the Venerable A. J. Rowley, the Rev. Canon F. Amoores, and the Rt. Rev. E. F. Paget. We look forward to welcoming the Rev. D. Poynton as our preacher on Michaelmas Eve.

The Confirmation this year is on Saturday, November 7th, when nearly eighty boys are due to be presented to the Bishop of Natal, who will also celebrate at their first Communion on the following morning.

CHOIR NOTES

After a rather shaky start at the beginning of the third quarter, the trebles improved immensely after a few more were recruited.

As was expected, Mr. Charles has proved a very capable Choir Master, and this is reflected in the number of anthems we have sung during the past quarter.

It was unfortunate that Speech Day afforded no time for a recital, but we are sure that the Carol Service will conclude the year on a good note.

Baileys and Aitkens

Speech Day

ADDRESS BY THE LORD BISHOP OF NATAL
AT THE TRUST THANKSGIVING SERVICE,
5th SEPTEMBER, 1964

"David blessed the Lord before all the congregation and said 'Now therefore Our God we thank Thee and praise Thy Glorious Name, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort; for all things come of Thee and of Thine own have we given Thee'." The 1st Book of Chronicles, Chapter 29-from verses 10, 13 and 14.

In the mind of the Chronicler, who wrote these words, there seems to have been no doubt but that King David was the real founder of the edifice in Jerusalem known as Solomon's Temple. For it was, according to him, David, who stirred up his people to give up their means, in providing for the Temple's eventual building during the reign of his son Solomon. So here in our text, David is pictured as addressing God before a representative gathering of the people of Israel and immediately before the crowning of King Solomon. Since, however, the Chronicler wrote at least 700 years or so after the events he portrays, we may well doubt whether the story is strictly history. Certainly the words of David are very unlikely to have been ipsissima verba. What we most certainly have received in them is a truly noble conception of sacrifice and worship; a conception which has not been surpassed in the more than 2,000 years that have elapsed since these words were written.

What is more they speak directly to the condition of those of us who are gathered here this morning. It has been our privilege to provide the financial means for the future expansion of Michaelhouse. Like those of whom the Chronicler wrote this has been done willingly and with a sense of sharing in a total effort of a community which belongs to the School. We recognise that what we have is due to the enabling of God-all we are and all we have we owe to Him-to whom also is due the account of our stewardship that He in the first place gave to us.

It is therefore in no spirit of pride or self-congratulation that we are attending this Service of Thanksgiving. We believe that the ideals of education and service for which Michaelhouse stands demand a response from us which is its own reward-we have done that which it was our duty to do and our privilege, and no thanks are due to us but only to God. We clearly understand that it is more blessed to give than to

receive and that is why the key note of this Service, as you have noted, is one of Communal rejoicing. It is nearly 7 years now since the Michaelhouse Trust Deed was signed-and already not a few of those who helped to found the Trust and who gave generously both of themselves and their means have passed from human sight. Gratefully we remember them, and amongst them in particular, Clement Morgan, Rector of Michaelhouse and one of the original initiators of the Trust. How he and they rejoice with us today though on another shore and in a greater light. Their vision of the future of Michaelhouse has now passed to us. We can but hope to be worthy of it. Others, too, of that band of founders are not with us today, but have assured us of their link with us in prayer and thanksgiving, and here I specially think of W. D. Wilson, Deputy Chairman of the Trust. Time and circumstance prevent me from mentioning the many others I would like to mention, but I honestly believe that no school in this or any other country has drawn from its community a greater measure of loyalty and devotion than that which has been given to the Michaelhouse Trust. All the success that the Trust has achieved is placed four-square on that loyalty and devotion and, because of it, we can face our future with courage and with the hope of yet better things. The details of the progress of the Trust are made known in Annual Reports-they are plain for all to see-but never should it be forgotten what underlies those details-

those figures. Namely the continuing provision of our giving here of liberal education upon Christian principles.

A generation ago it would not have occurred to any of us then living that such an object and intention might be in danger. Today, I for one, am

not so sure that we can take our place for granted as we used to in the world of education. We have powerful enemies within and without our country, and there is all the more need for us to realise our ideals outside

as well as within the school. Some of these ideals I set before those of you who received our Reports, in 1959, where I termed them the freedoms

under which Michaelhouse must seek to offer, and which I believe our Trust exists to uphold and perhaps expand. What are they?

First, we ask that we may have freedom of experiment which implies that we must resist any attempt to force our curriculum into a common pattern. Erasmus wrote: "By identifying the new learning with heresy you made orthodoxy synonymous with ignorance, therefore we must have freedom not only to follow where the truth leads but equally to reject that which is untrue". That we should have freedom to express the implications of the Christian Faith as well as to teach Christian dogma is of critical importance. No boy or girl attending any Church School should have any doubt for example as to whether racial discrimination is Christian or not. Again, as a living Christian community the School must have complete freedom to order its own internal affairs so far as they are

not repugnant to Christian ideals. Again, implicit in our concept of Michaelhouse is, I believe, the freedom of parental choice against any outside attempt to determine otherwise. We uphold the rights of parents. We must be free to determine whom we shall admit or not as witness to the fact that brotherhood in Christ transcends all differences of class, race, language or nationality.

Furthermore, we exist to make it clear that we have no fear of those who criticise or oppose us. We welcome all criticism that is inspired from honesty and truth and we claim the ordinary right of being free to resist those who oppose. At present, I think we can honestly claim to be in possession of those areas of freedom though obviously in greater degree in some parts than in others. Aided by the Michaelhouse community,

it is the purpose of the School and of the Trust to hold fast to those ideals. We do well then on this occasion to thank God, as we have done,

that this is the case. We have so much for which to be thankful.

But let us remember that the Trust is only at what is the beginning of its life-its initial stage is completed-its work goes on, and with the School the Trust must make progress or must finally fail. Everything we do is a step in one direction or another for all of us. We either go forward or backward-we cannot stand still in life-even the failure to do something is not mere inaction, it is indeed directed by the decision of the

will. The action of the negative pole of a magnet is just as real as the action of the positive pole; to decline to accept the responsibility is as definite an action as to take it up. Progress then means that we have a definite direction in life and unless we know what is the aim and objective

of our attempts at progress, life must be purposeless. That is why we shall never make real progress unless we are ever seeking a greater growth.

So we believe in the things of God and it is for that reason that we have today so dedicated ourselves.

RECTORS ADDRESS

When I wrote to Mr. Oppenheimer to invite him to be our guest today, I was not very hopeful, for it is not many years since he was here and last time we turned on a deluge immediately before his speech-the assembled company rushed in disorder from the Open Air Theatre to the

Junior Hall and when we had found Mr. Oppenheimer again he spoke to a standing audience with crowds round him on the stage. Such trifles do not deter such a man, of course, but we thought it wise to have a marque
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this time.

Mr. Oppenheimer has been a great benefactor of South African Education and in particular of this School in his gift of the VIth Form block, and I can think of nobody whom we would rather have had with us on this very special day. I am personally very grateful, for I know that with Mr. Oppenheimer to follow me I can be as short as I like without disappointing anybody.

As we are thinking about the Trust today it is fitting that I should say something about it. It is superfluous to say that we who work here are grateful for the Trust-the money, the interest of the community in the School, the service done by O.Ms and friends. The most important point is that we realise that, when the Trust was launched, the School was obviously thought worthy of considerable sacrifice by many people-and it is vital that we should be aware that we must remain worthy of that confidence and strive our utmost to fulfil the hopes of those who have given to the School. They probably were not all clear what their hopes were, but we must be sure that our aims are the right ones.

Recently in Pietermaritzburg, Mr. Oppenheimer said that the function of the English-speaking section of our population, and particularly of schools of this type, must be to select from our English heritage what is best and try to make that part of our South African national character. There are people in this country who would almost exclude from our national character good traits merely because they are incidentally also British, but we need have no fear on this score, for the good will survive even the label of British. We must be careful, however, that we are influenced by essential goodness and not by any emotional attachment to 'Britishness'. There is little danger of that here. The idea that this is an English enclave, a breeding ground of British Imperialism is surely outworn. We know that the origins of our School way of life came from Mr. Arnold, but the apron strings are gone and we are jealously proud of our ability to stand on our own South African feet. Things British are by no means received here with automatic sympathy, though I hope we are not so pigheaded as to think that we cannot learn some more.

What are we trying to put into our national character? What sort of young man are we trying to send out of our gates? Certainly some who are prepared and fit to lead: in this connection I must remind you that last

year, in mentioning the two Rhodes Scholarships won in 1963 by J. Ardington and D. Woods, I said that I had a feeling that we were turning out others of similar calibre. I certainly had no hope that my words would be confirmed so quickly as they have been. This year Derek Bostock won the Transvaal Rhodes Scholarship, and Anthony Evans that for the

O.F.S. Four Rhodes Scholars in two years is justifiable cause for pride.

We cannot all lead, however-what of the others? Men, we hope, of toughness of spirit and physique in times of stress and danger; men who are out for justice and not merely justice for themselves-men who feel for the underdog, the weaker side, be it the poor, be it those whose chances are not as good as our own, be it the British Lions on the rugby field-men who respect sincerity and have a natural suspicion of the glib and the clever. Men who are ready to accept responsibility even when young. In this connection I would like to mention the Voluntary Service Overseas, an organisation in the United Kingdom which sends out young

men and women to all parts of the world (nearly 500 last year) who are ready to give up a year of their lives to serve-generally in a very

responsible position-where service is needed. There is a move afoot in this country, led by Dr. Birley, who was one of the prime movers in England, to try something on the same lines-the difficulties are enormous, but that is not a bad thing. I hope Michaelhouse will be in the van-in fact I already have several names of boys who are interested.

To revert to my list of characteristics, one could go on for a long time but I will not. Sufficient to say that we are aware of what we are trying to do and will do our best. One last thing I would like to mention-modern youth is determined to have its freedom-freedom from conventional values, modes of behaviour, freedom in dress, art, music, freedom

from any form of restraint in some cases. Unfortunately freedom is very often confused with licence. Society without discipline and rules becomes

chaos-we could not live here in the fairly orderly and happy way in which we do without rules and restraints. Similarly the individual without his own personal rules and self-discipline is not fit to have freedom and certainly is not able to enjoy it. We have been reading, for so many years

now, and often seeing for ourselves how the young man or woman who has not the self-discipline necessary to use the freedom he has acquired is a burden to himself and a menace to others-so bored by the ordinary good things of life that he turns in his despairing search for novelty to things that are themselves vicious.

I hope and think it is true that boys here become aware of the need for discipline in a society and in an individual-their awareness is probably

acquired unconsciously but none the less firmly for that. Some are aware

of what they have got. I would like to read you an extract from a letter I have had from an O.M. who left a year or two ago-an ordinary boy, fairly successful here, a hard rugby player-it won't do any harm for the present members of the school to listen.

"It will soon be a year since I left Michaelhouse. In that time I have come to appreciate not only the greatness of the school and the greatness of its reputation, but also the foundation given to me on which to build my future. Seldom does a day pass in which I have not cause to be consciously thankful that the basis of my life was established under

the tuition and guidance of men serving to perpetuate the ideals of the community of Michaelhouse. From the first year to the last the desire to know God, the will to seek knowledge, the quest for truth, and the spirit of adventure are ingrained by example and word in heart and mind. But during those wonderful years the heritage we are given is not fully appre-

ciated; the responsibility it will bring in later life is not fully understood; the opportunities we are afforded are never used to the full. It is only now,

when we cannot regain the time we have lost, that the meaning of our experience and education becomes apparent. When we leave school life

does not begin, it began many years before. For many, Matriculation means that now they can start life as they wish and that school is an unnecessary preliminary. Unfortunately this misconception is the downfall

of many. After school there are few guiding arms to fall back on and a step in the wrong direction is not easy to retrace.

Once out of school education, other than wisdom from experience, either ceases or becomes increasingly more specialized at University. The aspect of Michaelhouse which I miss most is that spirit which exists between the boys and between the boys and the staff. Out of school the lack of it startles and, at times, overawes one at first. No longer does that magnificent sense of understanding and co-operation exist in which one can feel secure. I could not set out to appreciate life and serve mankind better equipped than I am."

If this is true we are not doing too badly.

I have heard it said that Michaelhouse's object should be to turn out

level-headed citizens-level-headed by all means but that is not enough -there must also be some "starry eyes" and perhaps a good balance between the two. I think it is true of this country at the moment that

many of us are so concerned with what is practicable, safe, possible

and comfortable that we are losing sight of what is ideal, seemingly impossible and perhaps uncomfortable. I doubt very much whether Jesus

Christ would have earned the epithet "level-headed" from his contemporaries.

And now a very brief report on the School. First I must tell you that the Finance Committee have just concluded a survey of school expenditure

covering past years and projecting estimates for the next seven years. As

we are more than merely buyers and sellers, and are in fact a community

it is only right that I should tell you these facts. Briefly, it appears that the expense of running the school with an average of 420 pupils, increases

by R17 per annum. While in Johannesburg a fortnight ago I was told, by the financial pundits there, that the value of money decreased by 2½ per cent per annum. It is interesting to note how exactly our finance committee's reckonings coincide with this for 2½ per cent of R660, as of course you have already noted, is R16½ so that the figure of R17 would seem to be fairly reliable.

The Board, therefore, has had to decide that as from 1965 the fees must be increased by R40, bringing them up to a total of R700. I am often asked why the Trust income does not peg the fees or at any rate reduce them. It should be realised that every single penny of Trust income

goes towards fee reduction. We are not squandering Trust income on capital expansion which is not necessary and urgent. If we did not use Trust income for this we would have to use fee income, and the fees would

therefore be much higher than they are. Trust income is in fact spent on capital development, staff pension improvement and fee reduction for individuals.

Though at R700 we may seem an expensive school (and I am not convinced that we are) we do not want to become a school for the wealthy

and nobody else; a great amount of money is spent each year on fee reduction. I am sure, however, that some boys who ought to come here never apply because it is thought that the fees are impossible and some also do not come because their parents think that, unless they are entered

at birth, there is no hope. Though preference will be given for early entries

I shall always be very ready to consider a good late entry and I know that

the Board of Governors would be grateful if you, who are here at present,

would assist by telling people whom you may know are considering Michaelhouse, that a fee reduction is very possible and, secondly, be correcting

the general impression that a last-minute entry is entirely without hope

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We would be sorry to miss the right type of boy through ignorance.

The experiment with a "slow-stream" seems to have been a success-the boys in the Slow Stream have mostly done well; they have had time to recover their academic breath and to learn how to think. I think we shall probably put a large portion of this year's intake into the same class.

We are still very concerned about the Matriculation Examination-about the impossibility of making this examination serve two functions-a general

leaving certificate and a University entrance qualification. The Joint Matri-

culation Board is busy revising syllabi but this is not enough. The result of the present moves is that University entrance standard is being applied

on the broad front of 6 or 7 subjects and the grouping of subjects is such that Maths, particularly, and Science and a third language less particularly,

are making the Matriculation too high a hurdle for many boys-this would be quite satisfactory if there were another examination-a School Leaving Certificate Examination. We are investigating at the moment the introduc-

tion of a Senior Certificate Examination including two or three commercial

subjects for the non-University material boy. I do not think this means a lowering of standard-it means that we would be doing a more worthwhile job for the less able boy and giving him perhaps a certificate to leave school with-which unfortunately is important-and giving him some training in subjects which may be of practical use to him in e.g. business farming, etc.

Two members of staff, Mr. Hennessy and Mr. Thompson were awarded Travelling Fellowships this year to go to the United Kingdom to teach.

at an English school for a term; this is a new opportunity open to staff at private schools which is of enormous value and which is the result of the fertile brain of Mr. Bill Wilson, whom we were so glad to honour earlier this year by a Receptio Ad Portas. I hope to go to the United Kingdom myself next year, partially on holiday and partially to find out more about Language Laboratories, Audio Visual Aids and even program - med teaching.

The Senior Prefect will tell you a little more of the school so I will not cramp his style. I do want to say thank you. The staff who, of course, get enormous salaries and lengthy holidays, seem to me entirely to justify these two rewards. There is a willingness to do the job in its fullness which has very little to do with the classroom, which is most pleasing. Particularly I want to thank the Science staff and most of all Mr. Robinson : they are having a great deal of extra work through the introduction of the new syllabus, they give up their holidays to go on refresher courses to fit themselves for the new approach and they are really producing their own text books as they go along. If there is a school better served by its staff it is indeed lucky.

ADDRESS BY
LEWIS WHITTAKER, HEAD PREFECT

My Lord, Mr. Oppenheimer, Ladies and Gentlemen:

My time is limited, so you will excuse me if I plunge straight ahead without further introduction.

This term we have seen some very spirited rugby played by the 1st XV. After rather a shaky start last quarter in which the team only won one game, it seemed to find its feet while on tour in Rhodesia last holidays.

Five of the six matches were won while the sixth was a draw. This term, though we lost to Hilton and Maritzburg College, the side has provided some most entertaining rugby. The match against College, who narrowly beat us by three points to nil, and that only a penalty, cannot go without special mention I am glad to say that rather than being an exceptionally good effort by the team, the game was rather an example of the type of ruggar the team has been playing during the second half of this season.

The cricket team during the first term did not seem to mourn too greatly the loss of some of the old stalwarts, Nicholson, Smithyman. Smith and Harvey. The new young members of the team showed that there is talent enough to ensure a good team next year at least. Matthews, in leaving at half-year, left a gap in the side after having played in the team for four years-his presence will be missed on the field.

At the moment the hockey team consists of a number of individually

good players and with more combination between them, the side ought to be a good one. Last week they beat the Howick men's team, reckoned to be a good league side, but were beaten on Thursday by Prince

Edward School, who are on tour from Rhodesia. Van der Veen is to be congratulated on being selected, for the second year, to play for South African Schools while he, Knight, and Nash got into the Natal Schools' side.

Athletics continue at the high standard set last year. Nash did very well to win the 100 and 220 yards (in record time of 21.6 secs.) at the S.A. Junior Championships. Price did exceptionally well to win the long jump event.

Last term our 1st and 2nd tennis teams were beaten by Hilton but triumphed this quarter. In squash, Whiteley is to be congratulated on winning the Transvaal Under-18 Championships, while Van der Veen was runner-up.

I have always thought that it is a pity that just about the only relationship between the boys of different schools is one of rivalry. This is understandable as we only come into contact with one another during the

term on a competitive basis in playing sport against one another or debating

against one another. The Beacon, however, seems to have broken the ice as far as a new relationship is concerned. Ideas, articles and general Interest is invited from other schools and in working together as a school paper such as this I think a lot is being done to form the schools of South Africa into a more cohesive body.

Along the same lines, last year Michaelhouse performed "Elijah" in conjunction with the Choral Society of St. Anne's. This took more the form of an experiment and so successful was it that it is being repeated this year. A record of Elijah was made and it was broadcast a number of times on the S.A.B.C. The "Creation" is being performed by the combined Choral Societies of St. Anne's and Michaelhouse in the Maritzburg City Hall on Friday and Saturday, the 18th and 19th of this month. I think it is essential that boys and girls should learn to work together on an unemotional basis as soon as possible in life, and this provides an ideal opportunity.

€ Though Mr. Oppenheimer has been welcomed, thanked and thanked again, I feel it is only right that I, on behalf of the boys, should convey our appreciation of all he has done for us and the schools in South Africa.

It is we boys who have benefited so greatly from his generosity and interest, and we are very pleased to have him here in person today. With what Mr.

Oppenheimer has done for us and himself as an example perhaps, in going out into the world, all else we can do is adopt the Oppenheimer family motto as well-"Spero Optima"-I hope for the best.

SPEECH BY MR. H. F. OPPENHEIMER

My Lord Bishop, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me first of all thank you very much indeed for having invited me to come here this afternoon. I was most grateful for the Rector's invitation

and only too eager to accept. I would like to congratulate him and also the

Head Prefect on the account that they have been able to give of the activities of Michaelhouse; it has been an extremely impressive story over a very wide field. I want to thank the Rector and also the Head Prefect very

much indeed for the very kind welcome they have given to me and all the

very nice things they have said about me. These things really were not deserved at all but, after all, if people only said nice things about you when they were deserved, life would be rather dreary.

I sometimes wonder why really I am asked, as I am asked from time to time, to appear on occasions like this and to present the prizes-I was not lucky enough to be at Michaelhouse and I really know extremely little about education. I think really all I can put forward as a claim for partaking on such an occasion is that I am profoundly convinced of the great

importance of the existence of these schools. I don't really know why, in saying that, that I am convinced of their importance-I suppose I mean that they are better than other schools. I dare say some of you will say-at least, I hope you will, because if one is educated, it is the sort of thing one ought to say-anyhow, to one self, and that is, better for what? One ought to ask that sort of irritating and tiresome question. I am going to side-step that question just for the moment, however, but I am not going to forget about it.

I would say this-when I say that these schools are better than other schools I am not implying by that simply that I think the majority of the schools are not as good as they could or they should be. I mean something quite different. What I am trying to imply is that I hold, rightly or wrongly, a particular view about how progress does come about. I think that because

of that view I believe these schools have a very particular importance. It seems to me that in peace, just as in war, victories are not normally won by the whole Army marching forward to conquer on a very broad front. In

war and, I think this applies also in peaceful activities, victories are generally won by a comparatively small body of highly trained and very well-equipped troops attacking on an extremely narrow front, and piercing

a hole in the front through which the masses of the army will presently move to the green fields of wider horizons. And, I am sure that that is the way that progress takes place in life in general. You won't improve the educational system of a country by seeking to make a gradual improvement or all the schools in the country. What you must do is to make an improvement on a narrow front which will open up possibilities to the educational system as a whole. And this isn't only true of schools-it is true in business because that is the justification for the private enterprise system. Because, if you have things organised, however well organised, you don't leave the possibility open for the attack by the specialised people with novel ideas on a narrow front. For the same reason, even in the professions, the reason why it is a good thing that professional men should work for themselves and should not be Civil Servants is that you keep open this possibility of advance on a narrow base which opens up the possibilities in due course for the masses who come behind.

Now, I believe that these schools, Michaelhouse and schools like it, do have a chance of filling that role in the training of youth at the present time-I think that it is tremendously important that there should be schools which are in a position to experiment, to take risks, even quite serious risks if you like, in order to keep open the possibility of really dramatic advance. And I not only think that in principle it is necessary to keep open this freedom of choice, but I also believe, for a variety of reasons, that at this particular time these particular schools have a special role to play. One has got to realise, however, that if you take this line, if you go for freedom, if you keep open freedom of choice and allow all sorts of experiments you

also are taking risks, risks which most of the people don't take; that is to say, in War, specialised highly equipped troops take great risks not only for themselves but for the whole Army. If they attack in the wrong place, if they attack in the wrong way, if their equipment is not right, and I think that applies also here, you have got to be very careful in exercising these

choices-you have got to realise that the risk of failure is there, and that it is not enough even to be efficient-it is not enough just to be brave-you have also got to be equipped for the campaign you are entering into and not for the war which was over a good long time ago. And so there are real risks but, on the other hand, you do keep open the peak to real success and real progress. And you keep open the possibilities of doing something of importance for many generations to come.

Now I said I would come back to this question of when one talks about these schools being the better, by saying 'better for what?'. Well, I would say that what these schools are trying to train boys for is right action. Now, you may first of all think that that is just a truism, it is just being banal, to say that what we are aiming at is right action. I don't

believe that is true, however; I don't think it is a banal or just a truism. You may also say that by defining things in that way you are simply asking more questions than you are answering. I think there is something possibly in that. Now it is the tradition, which comes from England, of these schools to concentrate on action-that is why there always is a great emphasis on the building of character and on the ability to lead on leadership. Now, I don't naturally deny that character and leadership are absolutely vital to anybody who is going to do any good in life, and the emphasis that is put on these things is of course wise and right. But is not

the whole story by any manner of means because one has got to realise that if people who have not got character and have not got powers of leadership cannot do any good in life, they also cannot do any harm, and

I am absolutely certain that 90% and more of all the damage and all the mischief which is done in life, is done by people who have character and have powers of leadership but who have not got the intelligence to use it in the right way.

It is not enough to have good intentions-it is quite rightly said that the way to Hell is paved with good intentions, and it certainly is a disastrous thing to have splendid powers of leadership if you lead in the wrong direction. I have no patience with the point of view which says that

it is better to do the wrong thing than to do nothing at all. It is very much

better to do nothing at all than to do the wrong thing. That is so much for the action side; but what does one mean when one says that the action has got to be right. Right is a word which has a moral and also an intellectual content. I will say just a few words about the moral content, though that is not the main thing I want to talk about. Obviously, if you go

on asking questions of the sort-better for what-and you go on asking it on and on you finally get to a point where you cannot go any further, and you come to an absolute and you say that something is good just because

it is good; and, of course, it is this categorical imperative, this Command of God, which is the basis-as I imagine-of the religious background which these schools exist for, and that is a belief, a basic belief, in individual freedom and in the dignity of individual people and in the individual man. But I do think it is worth emphasising that there is no intellectual process by which you can say that freedom and the dignity of the individual

is something that you have got to strive for-it is just something that you have got to believe because it is the basic command which you cannot go

beyond. One has got to realise that people on the whole are not at all keen

on being free and they are not at all keen, to my mind, on dignity for the individual. There is, of course, infinite talk about freedom and human dignity, but I wonder whether people really mean it-we have seen it right through Africa where great revolutions are taking place in the name of freedom and human dignity. But I don't think that really they mean quite that-what they mean is these revolutions are taking place on account

of nationalist pride. Now that is a different thing. To put it in terms of Michaelhouse. I can well understand that the Head Prefect would not like

to have any interference from the-I can well understand that adverse criticism of Michaelhouse from Hilton would be extremely resented. Now these things of course people are keen on-tremendously keen on-standing up for their team, but it is not quite so certain-but I may be in what I am saying quite wrong here-I am not absolutely certain that you will find at Michaelhouse, or at any other schools, that the masses of

the people here are tremendously keen on accepting with tolerance and patience and good will, opinions or ways of behaviour which seem odd to

them or which they tend to disapprove of. Really it is that sort of thing, the toleration of what you don't quite agree with-that is what one means by human freedom, and you see human freedom is not measured by the expression, the claim which is a monstrous lie and a monstrous heresy

I should think, that the voice of the people is the voice of God. What much more measures one's respect for human freedom and human dignity

is the claim, exaggerated of course, that the majority is always wrong.

Now let me leave this question of right action from the normal point of view and talk about it from the other point of view where you have

to weigh up alternatives-where there is an intellectual exercise, to try to decide v/hat it is right to do. Now the difficulty in life is that it is almost never a question of considering a problem and knowing beyond any shadow

of doubt that one course of action is right and another course of action is wrong. It is always a question of weighing up all sorts of shades of grey, not just telling the difference between black and white, of looking at all those varying shades of grey and hoping and praying that the choice that you make of one particular shade is less damaging than the choice of any other one which you might have gone for. This does mean that if you are going to have right action you have got to be prepared to see not only the point of view and the general outlook in which you have been brought up but all sorts of other points of view. You have got to be prepared to weigh these things up for yourself.

One's got to look at all sorts of highly unpoplar opinions and make up your own mind about them, not just take what has been told you even

though what you have been told probably you will find in the end, is right. Even if you take a thing like the dislike of Communism-well I am sure that Communism is a dreadful system, but, all the same, if you had a proper intellectual curiosity one ought to be the sort of person who says "this is a system which many hundreds of millions of people believe in and which many, many people are prepared to die for, and therefore one ought to know something about it-if it is a major issue

in the world today. Even a thing like that I would not just take what is told one as certainly true. One should study it and read books-I dare say there are some books about Communism now which have not been banned as yet. I think that you do then want to be able to look at problems, to look at them from all points of view to realise that there is not only one side to a question and that the best you can hope to do is to weigh up the evidence and take what appears to you to be the best chance-you can practically never be in a position where it is the only choice. Now/ it is this fact which makes right action, which I say is the object of the training of these schools, so very difficult, because action is extremely easy if you don't go into the various pros and cons of the matter; if you take the general outlook you were brought up with as gospel; if you simply act on prejudice-prejudice which may be kindly-not all prejudice is of a cruel or harmful sort; if you simply act in a nice way but without really going into the problem and appreciating that there are other points of view, that it isn't a question of black and white but a question of choosing very often on a very narrow margin of advantage. Now the difficulty which one faces, to my mind, in my experience in life, is that many people find it very difficult to act like that-they are only able to act if they can persuade themselves that what they are doing is absolutely right-that there is never the possibility and that therefore they like going to political meetings and not listening to the other side and only

reading the newspapers which express their own general outlook. Because

mostly, if they see that there are two possible lines of action and that they

have got to make a choice between them and that the choice is difficult they find it almost impossible to act. And what we need in this very difficult world is people who will weigh up the evidence, who will realise that they may not be right but who anyhow say, after careful consideration,

"this I think is the best course", and on that narrow margin of probability arrived at honestly with real intellectual integrity they must be prepared to

act as though these issues were just black and white.

This is a most difficult thing to come by, because the tendency in

the world, for reasons that I tried to put to you, is that the people who

will act, who are prepared to give a lead, are very often people who do not

go into the alternatives and, therefore, are not worried with the intellectual

problems involved. And the people who do examine the intellectual

problems, who go into all sides of the question, they become simply

paralysed by these intellectual exercises and do nothing at all. As I say to you what we are trying to teach I am quite certain in this school is not how to think correctly-that is a preliminary stage-one has got to learn how to think correctly and then one has got to learn how, on the basis of correct thinking, which is difficult and uncertain, how on the

basis of such thinking to act decisively.

Now I would say that in South Africa, as it is today, nothing is more important than that people should learn to act decisively, and not because of prejudice, because they have been brought up in one particular sort of way; because they have the type of teaching which they have learnt from their parents or at their schools which is simply accepted uncritically

for the rest of their lives. I am not trying to imply that what one learns from one's parents or school is wrong; on the contrary, of course, if you have wise parents and go to a school like Michaelhouse. most of what you learn is absolutely right and stands the test of time, but you must make these decisions your own and one must be prepared to weigh the thing up and you must be able to take decisions in the consciousness that you might just possibly be mistaken. And I believe that if young men can be sent out to approach life in that sort of spirit we may see a very great breakthrough to wider horizons and better days.

It is because I think schools like Michaelhouse are equipped to train people to think like that I believe their place in the country is overwhelmingly important. I believe nowadays, as far as I can see as to the likely course of events in Africa, that the continuing and the flourishing of schools like this just at the present time, is the greatest hope of sanity and of peace in South Africa.

From the Quad Tower

The Rector and Mrs. Norwood

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HOUSE NOTES

FOUNDERS

Head of House: J. R. H. Tuttle.

School Prefect: C. B. Davies.

House Officers: P. A. E-D. Briscoe, D. J. Dixon-Smith.

At half year K. M. L. Ireland left after having written his A Level Examination and went to England. We have recently heard that he has been accepted for Sandhurst, and we wish him all the best there. Unfortunately the Senior Rugby Team did not come up to expectations and we lost the second round against East. On paper we had an exceptional

team and, during the course of the season, nine members of the House 1st XV played for the School 1st XV. Seven of these went on the very successful tour of Southern Rhodesia during the July holidays and the following are to be congratulated on being awarded their Colours: Chennells, G.; Davies; Gowans, D.; Gowans, P.; Grobler and Tuttle.

The House Junior XV did especially well in reaching the final against East and put up a good fight.

Henry V was presented during the second quarter and the following members of the House helped towards a wonderful production: Davies; Smith, D.; McLuckie; Turpin; Dales; Hurst; Parry and Armstrong.

The House Tennis Team, under the captaincy of Briscoe, managed to reach the finals of the House matches and were unlucky to lose against

Farfield. Hediey Knight is to be congratulated on representing the Natal Schools' Hockey Team. The House 1st XI has been unsuccessful, but the

2nd XI has reached the final and has good chances of winning.

During the third quarter, Butler, Dix, Robinson and Tuttle were awarded Academic Distinctions. We hope that the Toyes have achieved their purpose of assisting the A Block in their work and our best wishes go with them for Matric.

The Founders House Talent was of a considerably higher standard than previous years and we are also pleased to see that the House is well represented in School Societies.

Valete:

Ireland, K. M. L"Vlth Form (2nd year), 2nd Class School Leaving, House Officer, Staff-Sergeant, 1st Hockey (Natal School Colours).

Salvete:

Nielson: B Block (2nd quarter).

Knuppe: C Block (3rd quarter).

EAST

Head of House: G. A. van der Veen.

School Prefect: P. J. Oscroft.

House Officers: J. C. H. Tyrrell, J. J. Low, I. F. Mitchell-Innes,

A. A. Zaloumis, A. B. Burnett, R. M. Hensman.

At half-year we said goodbye to Michael Cross who successfully achieved two C's in his "A" Level. We wish him luck in his studies at Leeds. Our congratulations go to A. B. Burnett and R. M. Hensman on their appointment as House Officers.

Congratulations, too, to P. J. Oscroft on his appointment as a School Prefect, to C. C. Collins and P. J. Oscroft on their Rugger Colours, to

I F. Mitchell-Innes and S. T. Norwood on their Rugger Honours and to J. J. Low on his Hockey Colours. During the holidays G. A. van der Veen

was, for the second successive year, chosen for South African Schools hockey, and was also runner-up in the Transvaal Junior Squash Championship-

ships. We congratulate him on this and on his appointment as School Captain of Hockey.

In the sporting field East has continued to be prominent. We reached the finals in both rugger competitions, losing the senior to Baines and beating Founders in the junior. We have reached the finals in the 1st, 2nd and Junior Hockey Housematches and the finals of both the Senior and Junior Squash. Good luck to all those concerned.

This year St. Anne's and Michaelhouse combined to do Henry V, and the stage was suitably enhanced by East boys. The Choral Societies of the two schools gave two performances of the Creation in the Pietermaritzburg City Hall. No fewer than twenty of the sixty-three male singers came from East.

The "A" Block have suddenly realised that Matric is not very far away and some concentrated activity has been going on in the Toyes. We wish them all success in the examinations. The House claimed its share of prizes on Speech Day, and Brooks is to be congratulated on his "Brains Bar".

All in all the house can look back on an exceptionally successful year, a run which we hope will continue next year.

Valete:

Cross, M. A., Vlth Form, House Officer, 1st Class Matric., "A" Level, Drum Major (Pipe Band), Athletic Team (Teams), 4th XV, Debating Society (Committee), Vortex, Taalvereniging, Head Server, Bible Study Group, Pioneer Secretary.

WEST

Head of House: C. H. M. Curwen.

House Officers: D. A. Butler, A. J. Hammill, G. S. Harkness, G. H. Webb, G. P. MacPherson.

We were extremely sorry to lose our old stalwarts Matthews and Eriksen who are to be congratulated on their very satisfactory "A" Level results.

Although we have little talent on the sports field we have certainly gone hard and done our best in everything. Good spirit, quiet determination and hard practising have moulded us effective cohesive teams of which the U15 Hockey Team must be congratulated on reaching the finals. Our U15 squash has also reached the finals and to them also the best of luck, and we hope that their efforts will be rewarded with a win. In rugby

Christopher Curwen is to be congratulated on earning his Colours.

The spirit in which we have attacked our sport has also manifested itself in the classroom. As usual West names appeared fairly frequently on the Speech Day prize list. The remarkable effort of Henderson, who carried off five D Block prizes must be mentioned-congratulations. Pooler

and, as usual, Wade gave good accounts of themselves by winning three prizes each. We wish our Matriculants the very best of luck in the rapidly approaching finals at the end of the year.

We welcomed Mr. Carter at the beginning of this term as Housetutor in Mr. Lange's stead who is temporarily Housemaster of Baines while Mr. Goldie-Scott is on long leave.

Valete:

Eriksen, S. R"1st Class Matric, "A" Level, Academic Distinction, School Prefect, Lector, Server, School Shooting Team (Colours), 3rd XV Rugby, School Fencing Team (Captain), Venture Club Tie, Motor Club, Vice-Commodore Yacht Club, Photographic Society, History Society, Beacon Editorial Committee, Student Officer, VIth Form.
Matthews, I. N., VIth Form, 1st Class Matric, Academic Distinction, Head of West, Head Prefect, 1st XV (Colours, Vice-Captain), 1st XI Cricket (Colours), 1st XI Hockey (Colours), Athletics Team (Colours).

Swimming Team, 2nd V Squash, Editor of Beacon (1962-63), Pioneer Society (Chairman), Debating Society (Chairman), Dragon Club (Secretary), Dramatic Society (Secretary), History Society, Senior Student Officer (Sword of Honour), Lector.

Clive-Smith, R. B., C Block, School Gym Team, 6th Rugby Team, Motor Club, Boxing Club, Art Club.

FARFIELD

Head of House: K. J. R. Summerley.

House Officers: M. S. M. Brassey, B. M. Brothers, R. B. S. Haynes, I. B. C. Streek.

This second half-year has lived up to expectations. Under the able leadership of Bryan Haynes, the Tennis Team brought the cup back to Farfield after a year's lapse. The Hockey Team, also under the captaincy

of Bryan Haynes, has reached the finals, and we expect great things of them. In the school first Hockey we are extremely well represented by Bryan Haynes, George Mackeurtan, Peter Turner, Robert Harvey and, for

a large proportion of the season, Bruce Collins, and we congratulate them heartily.

Our congratulations also go to James Leith for his excellent "A" Level results, where he achieved an "A" and a "B" in the two subjects he took. We wish him luck at Cambridge.

Colours were awarded to Peter Roberts for his achievements in Shooting, and Jeffrey Kidd and Christopher Fieldgate were among the three Michaelhouse boys chosen for Natal Schools' Fencing. Our congratulations go to these three.

We hope that the House will continue to have the same success that we have had in the past in Gymnastics.

The House has been working well, and an overall improvement can be seen. The year so far has been a happy one, and we trust it will remain so.

Valete:

Leith, J. S., "A" Level (Eng., Latin), 1st Class Matric (Latin), Play Reading Society (Chairman), Vortex (Chairman), Sergeant, House Officer, Debating, Pioneers, Server, 4th XI Cricket.

Armstrong, N., C Block.

TATHAM

Head of House: J. M. Arnold.

House Officers: D. P. T. Downes, P. H. Nash, C. A. Bett, J. G. W. Dorman,

D. J. McLeod.

At the end of the second quarter we said goodbye to Seamus Smyth who had been Head of House from the beginning of the year. Our best wishes go to him for the future.

John Arnold took over as Head of House at the beginning of the third quarter, and we welcomed three new prefects to the Prefects' Room ,

C. A. Bott, J. G. W. Dorman and D. J. McLeod. Our congratulations go to them on their appointment.

During the rugby season Downes, Seymour and Francis played for the 1st XV, while Hargraves played for the 2nd XV. By the end of the season, Seymour had been awarded his Colours and Francis his Teams. In the Housematches, although beaten in the first round, our 1st team played with great spirit and put up a fine display against a stronger side.

In the Hockey Housematches our 1st team, ably lead by Hindson, won the first round against Baines, but went down to East in the second round.

The House was painted during the July holidays, and the dormitories and classrooms have taken on a great deal more atmosphere and warmth.

Also during the July holidays Wex, together with a fellow companion from Michaelhouse, won the 1964 South African Hitch-hike Race round the Republic, and our congratulations go to him.

PASCOE

Head of House: L. H. Whittaker.

House Officers: G. H. D. Jefferies, D. G. MacLeod, H. A. P. Swan,

N. P. Scott, B. C. Smither, R. B. Dalrymple.

All has gone well this quarter. We welcome most warmly Mr. J. P. Allen and Mr. F. J. Human who have, very ably, stepped into the shoes of Mr. Gordon Clark and Mr. van der Walt. We hope that they will be happy in Pascoe.

Half-way through the quarter the number in the Prefects' Room was raised to seven when Rhidian Dalrymple was appointed a House Officer.

On Speech Day Pascoe carried off an encouraging number of prizes, but in Sport we have, however, not fared so well. In the Tennis House-matches we beat East, but lost to Founders and Baines. Our Senior Squash

Team went down to East in the first round, while our Junior Team was defeated in the second round. In the Hockey Housematches the Senior Team drew with Founders, beat West in a fast, enjoyable game, but lost to Farfield who go through to the finals.

Pascoe was well represented in First Game, having seven members playing for the First and Second. Rhidian Dalrymple, Clive Whittaker, Anthony Lidgett and Donald MacLeod are to be congratulated on getting

their Teams for Hockey, while Lewis Whittaker was awarded his Colours for Rugby earlier in the term.

Next quarter we ought to field a good cricket side, and we have not yet given up hope of getting something "on the board" before the year is out!

We wish our A Block the best of luck in the Matric.

BAINES

Head of House: M. D. Baker.

School Prefects: C. D. F. Richards, D. D. Dyer.

House Officers: D. C. Legge, J. J. Price, N. S. L. Whiteley,

C. I. Christierson.

During the third quarter Mr. Goldie-Scott was on long leave and we hope that he has had an enjoyable holiday in England. In his place we welcome Mr. Lange and we are extremely grateful to him.

Our congratulations go to Michael Baker on being made Vice-Head of school, to David Dyer on being made a School Prefect, and to Chris Christierson on being made a House Officer.

On the sporting side we have been equally successful, and we should like to congratulate Nick Whiteley on being awarded his Squash Honours

and also for winning the Transvaal under 18 squash title; Christopher Barras for being selected for the Natal Schools' Shooting Team and also for being awarded his Shooting Honours; Michael Butt and David Dyer on their Rugby Colours; Anthony Hallows on his Shooting Colours; Chris. Christierson on his Rugby Teams and Dave Dyer and Hillary Greenwood on their Tennis Teams.

Since the last Chronicle we have won the Senior Rugby Housematches after a very clean, hard game with East in the finals; the score was 14-6 in our favour. We are at the moment in the Senior Squash finals against East: and in the Youngleson Shield we hope to do well.

Societies

DEBATING SOCIETY

The society has been fairly active during the past few months, and there have been several spirited debates with active and keen speaking.

One of the meetings took the form of a political debate-"In the opinion of this house, the policy of the United Party is the only sane alternative to the policy of the National Party Government".

K. P. Archibald, who is not a member of the society, was invited to address the society, being the chief representative of the United Party in the political society Philoneikia.

L. H. Whittaker, Develin and Tonkyn went as speakers to the annual debate against Estcourt High School. However, Michaelhouse was not successful in carrying off the George Forder Oratory Prize.

Several committee members have left during the last six months, namely

N. I. Matthews, J. J. Bates and M. A. Cross. Thus, at the beginning of the

third quarter, new members were elected to the committee, which now stands as follows: Chairman, L. H. Whittaker; Vice-Chairman, D. Dyer; Secretary, N. R. F. Welsh; VI and A Block representative, K. J. R. Summerley; B Block representative: A. P. Tonkyn; Ushers, N. Develin,

A. B. Burnett.

Among the speakers at debates have been Messrs. L. H. Whittaker, Tonkyn, Develin, Lea, Ardington, Burnett, Summerley, Wiles, Whitely, Low, Collins, Legge and Drew.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

At the first debate of the third term, Messrs. Marshall, Rosholt and Brand proposed the motion:

"In the opinion of this House, capital punishment should be abolished." Messrs. Folker, Chowles and Graham opposed the motion and after several

members spoke from the floor the motion was lost. It was interesting to note that most of the floor speakers had prepared some notes and spoke to

the point. In the next debate, which took place in the Library on the 26th August, paper speakers were well prepared and spoke most eloquently. The

second debate consisted of two short debates in order to give more members an opportunity of preparing specific debates. Messrs. Burchell and Hawson proposed: "That traditions for traditions sake should be abolished" and opposing this motion were Messrs. Rowley and Coppins.

The motion was carried. The second short debate was: "Too much

emphasis is placed on sport in schools today" and was proposed by Messrs. Staniforth and Harcourt and opposed by Messrs. Bean and Blackhurst. This motion was also carried.

The highlight of the term was the Inter-School Debate against Cordwalles. Nine members travelled away and the motion: "That the farming industry is of more importance to South Africa than the gold-mining industry" was opposed by Messrs. Burchell, Harcourt and Campbell. The standard of speaking was* exceptionally high, and although we did not win the debate, in the opinion of the Judges, it was a very worthwhile evening and we hope to reciprocate in the near future.

TAALVERENIGING

Weens Mnr. Coetzee se afwesigheid was die vereniging nie baie aktief nie, alhoewel ons darem'n baie geslaagde blitsdebat kon hou.

Ons hoop egter om aanstaande kwartaal agterstallige tyd in te haal deur'n braaivleis of iets dergeliks te hou.

Ons hartlike dank aan Mnr. Human; waarnemende president in Mnr. Coetzee se afwesigheid.

LAER T A A L

Ons het die tweede helfte van die jaar met'n goeie debat begin. Die mosie was, "Saboteurs moet die doodstraf kry". Menere Coppens, Fisher, Blackhurst en Hankinson het die mosie voorgestel en die teenstanders was Menere Henderson, Rose, Wellington en Herald.

Op die volgende vergadering het Mnr. Van der Walt 'n interessante praatjie gelewes oor'n vakansiekamp. Toe het hy sy eie rolprent van die kamp vir ons vertoon.

Dank aan elkeen van die lede wat hierdie vergaderings so suksesvol en aangenaam maak.

PHILO NEIKIA

There were two meetings in the third quarter, and we hope to meet three times in the last. The Society has evolved from a mere discussion group to an active study group: it was quite obvious from some of the debates that the speakers had done a great deal of reading and research

before speaking. This has thus fulfilled the aims of the founders, viz: that the members should be able to read about politics and acquaint themselves with all the different points of view as well as stand up in the Society and speak their mind.

From the Berea

When introducing a motion the Leader of that particular party has twenty minutes to open the debate. The leaders of the remaining parties each oppose this for ten minutes. Then the motion is thrown open to the floor and floor speakers are allowed five minutes. Members are eager to find a possible opportunity to voice their opinion.

On the 18th June the Progressives proposed the motion: "Some Non-Europeans should have the vote immediately" and the debate on the 6th August, the motion proposed by the Nationalist Party, was: "The dealings of the United Nations in Africa have been a failure and they should not be allowed to interfere in South Africa or S.W.A. politically".

The last debate of the third quarter was most interesting as the motion: "Only the conservative policy of the United Party can contain and harness the revolutionary elements at present operating in S.A.", was introduced by Senator W. Sutton for the United Party.

It is hoped to invite one visiting speaker per quarter.

DRAGON CLUB

At the end of last quarter the club said farewell to Matthews, Smythe and Cross. In their places we welcomed Develin, Mendelow and Tonkyn.

At the only meeting the club has held this half-year, Davies presented an extremely interesting and thought-provoking paper on the "Inferiority Complex". We intend to hold three more meetings before the end of the year.

Our thanks go to Mr. Hennessey for providing the refreshments at our meetings.

PIONEER SOCIETY

At the last meeting of the second quarter Mr. Horrocks gave the society an interesting address on the Missions to Seamen. So far this quarter we have had two interesting papers by Mr. Sargent and Streek which have aroused interesting discussion. Our last meeting this quarter will be addressed by Mr. Poynton. Our thanks go to Mrs. Sargent for the very enjoyable teas she has provided.

VORTEX

The first meeting of the second half of the year took the form of a debate introduced by three speakers, Dorman speaking on a recent stage production he had seen (he chose PACT'S Hamlet), Greig read a paper on a book which he had recently read that had most impressed him (he chose Lawrence G. Green's "A Decent Fellow Never Works"), and Brass

spoke on a film seen recently which he thought very worthwhile, his choice being "The Prize". After this several recorded readings were listened to: T. S. Eliot reading his own selections of his verse and John Geldgud's rendition of "The Ages of Man".

At the second meeting Kidd was elected Treasurer and Dorman Secretary. This was an impromptu evening; members brought along some of their own work and read essays or bits of short stories and discussed ideas. Greig read "Once Upon a Summer" and Pooler read two new poems: "The Eagle" and "The Candle".

Mr. James talked to the society on literary criticism and practical criticism and all the members felt that this was a very interesting and stimulating evening. He gave some ideas on how to set about attempting to criticise and brought to their notice the work of I. A. Richards of Cambridge.

HISTORY SOCIETY

Since Burnett's paper on "The Jameson Raid" the society has had three very enjoyable meetings.

At the last meeting of the second quarter Mr. Ken Pennington, an air ace of the First World War, addressed the society on: "The First World War in the Middle East". Mr. Pennington, who was seconded to General Dunstable during the War in the Middle East, explained the situation in this theatre and recounted some interesting and amusing incidents. We are extremely grateful to him for his talk.

Two new members, Greig and Drew, joined the society at the beginning of this quarter. At the first meeting Lea read a paper on: "Sir Redvers Buller in South Africa". This paper, in which Lea described such heavy British defeats as Magersfontein and Spionkop, emphasised very clearly the arrogance of Buller and the incompetence of many of his officers.

At the last meeting, since there was no guest speaker, three members were called upon to read short papers. Drew talked on: "Sir Ernest Oppenheimer and Gold Mining", Greig on: "The Peterloo Massacre", and

Tonkyn's subject was: "The Stauffenberg plot and attempt to kill Hitler".

Discussion at each meeting, which at a few earlier meetings had waned, is now back to its normal brisk level with many and varied questions being fired at speakers.

VENTURE CLUB

With the advent of the warm season the Venture Club is becoming more popular again. This quarter we have already had three very successful outings: two up Cathedral Peak and one up Giant's Castle. On the last Sunday we hope to have an outing up Mont Aux Sources which we have not been able to do for some time.

Legge, Kidd, Read, R., and Clow Wilson are to be congratulated on being awarded Venture Club Ties. A number of boys also have only got one more outing to do before they are awarded their ties.

The old equipment is now in rather a mess and we have ordered ten new framed haversacks, ten new sleeping bags and two light, three-man tents. With this new equipment we will be able to send many more people

on outings than we are able to at the moment.

At present the outings are always over-subscribed and we hope to overcome this. We are also trying to persuade a few more masters to take outings to enable us to have as many outings as possible.

NATAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The society has enjoyed its usual lively and prosperous year. We were lucky to be given some well-taxidermed heads, an egg collection and a few pairs of outstanding horns.

We were extremely grateful to have Dr. Pringle from the Natal Museum to speak to us on snakes and Dr. E. A. Zaloumis from Durban who spoke on waterfowl.

The aviary has at last been completed after many setbacks and financial difficulties. It has been decided to specialise in South African doves and pigeons and to try and build up an adequate collection. The large aviary will, however, be rather sparsely populated until our finances improve.

Our Speech Day exhibit was a great improvement on any previous displays, but space is limited in our museum.

The Hudson Bennett Senior Prize went to Zaloumis and James, the Junior to D. Oscroft.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

More interest in the society has been shown among most members, and the last competition produced a large selection of good prints. We thank Mr. Hickson for the inspiration he has given the society and we hope that the interest among members continues to grow.

The prints entered for the Royal Show were of a high standard and a first, two seconds, a third, three highly commendeds and a special were won by members. Congratulations in particular to Swan.

During this and the past quarters a number of enlightening slide shows and demonstrations on various aspects of photography have been given.

Visitors, too, have addressed the society during the quarter, and all this has done much to stimulate the present interest in the society.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Agricultural Society is now flourishing with over fifty members, and during the year we had various outings and lectures.

The first outing was to Holley Brothers near Wartburg. Here we were shown round by Mr. Norman who took us over the huge plantations

and later on we were very impressed when shown over the creosoting plant.

Our second outing was to Mr. Tim Henderson's farm near Mooi River where we saw general mixed farming on a large scale. We had the benefit of looking at some well-run pastures, sheep and Hereford cattle. Mr. Henderson also gave a very interesting lecture on how to judge cattle.

The last outing was to Holley Brothers' Estate at Merrivale. Here we also had a very interesting day and we were shown various types of trees and how the timber is put into production. We also saw what severe damage was done by the recent snow storm.

At all these outings we were very kindly treated to lunch and tea which was very much appreciated.

We are extremely grateful to Mr. Scotney, Divisional Extension Officer of Agriculture, who has taken a keen interest in the affairs of our society. His lectures and films have been of great value to us, especially those on soil erosion and farm planning. We have benefited a great deal from his visits to the school. The society also attended the Royal Show which was very much enjoyed.

FENCING CLUB

The club has been very active this year, meeting at least twice a week,

although there have been no matches.

Eriksen, Dorman and Fieldgate fenced for Michaelhouse in the Natal Foil Team Championships in Pietermaritzburg at the Natal University. Kidd fenced for Vryheid as they were one man short. Michaelhouse came first in the Natal Junior Foil Championships and second in the Natal Open Foil Team Championships.

Dorman, Fieldgate and Kidd fenced in the Natal Schools' trials at Hilton College on Sunday, 20th September, at which an "A" and a "B" team were chosen. In the final placings, Dorman was second, Kidd third and Fieldgate fourth. All three were chosen to represent Natal Schools in the "A" team of four, and it is hoped that they will put up a good show on tour during October in Johannesburg and Cape Town.

All our thanks go to our coach, Mr. F. V. Brooker, without whose help we would never have done so well.

APIARY SOCIETY

The society has not been very active this quarter. We did not take our hives down to Peel's Apiary at Hilton Road because during the July holidays three of the swarms were killed and all the others were weakened

by the snow. The four hives which remained had to be fed to strengthen them and, as a result, we missed the honey flow. With any luck we may get some honey by the end of the year. Two swarms have been caught and added to the weaker swarms to strengthen them.

The society had a meeting and two films were shown which, unfortunately, were poorly attended.

ST. MICHAEL'S YACHT CLUB

The "Andy" has finally been launched, but the high wind on its maiden voyage proved too much for our inexperienced hands. With an ominous crack the bottom split just below the mast step, in spite of strengthening supports.

We were rather pessimistic about having our boats ready for Speech Day. However, eventually the "Andy", a sprog and four cadets coloured the Music School lawn with their billowing spinnakers.

We have plans for taking outings to Midmar Dam for weekends and the one outing that has taken place so far was a great success.

Once again our sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. C. Cliffe for allowing us the use of the dam.

THE BRIDGE CLUB

We should again like to extend our thanks to all the members of Staff, and especially to Mrs. Withers, for having the members of the Bridge Club on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Also for so generously providing us with such excellent spreads.

Next term, during the worry of exams and Matric, we look forward to having relaxing evenings of bridge.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

The society has had some instructive meetings since the last edition of the Chronicle—for example, highly interesting films on widely differing subjects, and lectures with demonstrations on such things as radioactivity

The Van de Graaff high voltage electricity generator that is under construction is nearer completion, and it was hoped that it might be ready for Speech Day. This, however, was unfortunately not possible.

No new heights have been reached with the rockets that are being built and tested, partly owing to a lack of time on the part of the members concerned, and partly to a disinclination to work on the part of the rockets. The experience and knowledge gained from this will, however, be of great value in the future. The rockets were displayed on Speech Day, together with films and slides of past launchings. Various crystals grown by members were also on display.

BOXING CLUB

Through the past years the Boxing Club has been practically non-existent, but this year a determined effort has been made to put it on its feet again with reasonable success.

Despite the opposition-most of which comes from parents not allowing their sons to box-the club consists of about forty members, most of whom are juniors, and this shows signs of a favourable future for boxing at Michaelhouse.

CHESS CLUB

In the second half of the year the Chess Club has played two representative matches against Cordwalles and Estcourt. The juniors won their match at Cordwalles by eleven games to six. The seniors played a very amiable match against Estcourt but were defeated fairly decisively by two lve games to nil.

The club continues to function smoothly. Interest, and embarrassment, have been aroused by a knockout competition which may well be won by one of the youngest members.

ART CLUB

The Art Club continues to thrive with membership now approaching thirty.

Mr. Lavender gave a very good demonstration and talk on the use of the various media including pencil, pen, charcoal and chalk.

Our Royal Show results were above average with F. Stacey and

C. Fieldgate being awarded second prizes, Burchell a third prize and the work of R. Simpson and Read being highly commended. The Speech Day exhibition contained some very good drawings and paintings and attracted many visitors.

We have seen some extremely interesting films at 1964 meetings. In addition to the Department of Education films we will be receiving some from the British, Dutch and French Embassies shortly.

An exhibition of drawings by the children of Thailand is to be sent here soon through the kindness of Mr. Thygesen of the Thai Consulate. Mr. Evans will be giving a talk at the next meeting.

We are hoping for a trip to the Drakensberg to view the Bushmen paintings that are there in abundance. There is the possibility of another trip to the Tatham Gallery in the Pietermaritzburg City Hall.

FILM SOCIETY

So far this year the society has once again proved itself a success and of great value to its members.

Many films are "enjoyable" these days, but only a few strike one as excellent and that adjective can be applied to both films that we have seen this half year.

For the first show we had a short, "Ritual in Transfigured Time", directed by Maya Deven. This was a silent film executed in a choreographic pattern. It was followed by John Ford's classic "Stage Coach", starring Claire Trevor and John Wayne and quite obviously belonged to the Western aristocracy.

Alfred Hitchcock's "Strangers on the Train", starring Forkey Granger and Ruth Roman, provided our second entertainment.

This was the sort of film in which one finds oneself leaning forward, clenching fists and sucking air in between clamped teeth.

We look forward to seeing other films of the same standard.

GYM CLUB

The club has been very active for the last two quarters in practising for the Speech Day display which, although short, was very successful. Unfortunately there is a slight lack of enthusiasm which resulted in a small display team.

In an effort to increase the interest taken in the sport, first, second and third class certificates are now awarded. This will also raise the standard of gym which for so long has been rather low, and those who obtain first class certificates will have reached a high standard.

Next quarter we hope to have a trampoline which the Rector very kindly agreed to buy. It will be a great asset and will contribute to the success of future displays.

We must also thank Mr. Brooker, our instructor, who has done so much to raise the standard of gym and who made the Speech Day display possible.

MOTOR CLUB

There is no doubt that the "jeep" has for some time been the centre of the club's activities. After many hours of work and in spite of general scepticism, a band of enthusiastic mechanics had the enormous satisfaction of hearing the engine splutter into life. "Splutter" was to be the operative word until they finally got the timing and tuning right. There followed a number of fairly hair-raising joy rides around the estate on the chassis (the "jeep" had been stripped to its bare essentials).

The Speech Day exhibit consisted of the "jeep", the demonstration engines, one of which had been partially stripped, and a working layout of model racing cars.

The "jeep", which is actually an elderly Land Rover, has probably been sold at a small profit. It is quite obvious that a fair number of boys have learned a considerable amount from their experiences with this vehicle.

It is important, therefore, that the club wastes no time in finding another "wreck" to rejuvenate.

Other activities have been a number of minor repairs to staff and visitors' cars; a Sunday outing to a race meeting at Roy Hesketh circuit and a film. A talk which was to have been given by an amateur "Club" race and rally driver from England had to be cancelled because, ironically enough, his car broke down in Durban.

MUSIC SOCIETY

During the second quarter Mr. Charles showed us some slides of East Africa, illustrated with tape recordings of musical productions from schools where he had previously been Director of Music. The last two meetings have taken the form of film programmes and we have been extremely fortunate in seeing some really excellent musical films. We hope that Mr. Charles will be able to get hold of more such films, for they have proved a tremendous success.

Under the auspices of the Pietermaritzburg Philharmonic Society we presented the oratorio "The

Creation" by Haydn, with the Choral Societies of St. Anne's and Michaelhouse. The soloists were Monica Hunter (soprano), Webster Booth (tenor) and Walter Heinen (bass). The Philharmonic Orchestra was conducted by Ronald Charles and the leader Julian Herman. The performances were at the Pietermaritzburg City Hall on the 18th and 19th September, 1964.

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Soprano

Tenor

Bass

The
PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
augmented

Leader

Conductor

J. Herman
Ronald Charles

The essence of Haydn's genius is his sparkling wit and humour, but it would be somewhat unseemly had these qualities been permitted to activate a work of such massive significance as "The Creation," presented in the City Hall on Saturday night.

Thus, in this they have been subdued (but by no means eliminated) in favour of deep religious fervour. The result may not be the blazing inspiration of "The Messiah," but here we have a work of high excellence,

even tenor and intrinsic "singability." The text comes from an English libretto based on Milton's "Paradise Lost."

It is a pleasure to be able to say without equivocation that this was a wonderful performance. The man upon whose shoulders the greatest responsibility rests is the conductor-the one man who can make or break a performance. Ronald Charles carried out his arduous task to perfection. The score had obviously been probed and pondered until a clear picture emerged and became translated into terms intelligible to all performers. The result was an extraordinary overall integrity, and this is no mean feat when one considers the diversity of forces used-school choirs, professional and

amateur players, and soloists.

The choral singing throughout was superb, beautifully balanced, buoyant and immensely vigorous, yet poised sensitively to the conductor's slightest intent. From the first chorus, "And the Spirit of God," to the final sharp and fortissimo "Amen," these young people demonstrated a standard it would be difficult to fault.

The orchestra played its exacting role with unprecedented confidence and skill (what a credit Julian Herman is as a leader!), and the harpsichord and continuo added high buoyancy to the general effect.

It was pleasing to note that the Orchestra was ably assisted by B. C. Collins, P. McIldowie and M. Nixon.

The three soloists seemed at the top of their form. Monica Hunter, who improves each time we have the privilege of hearing her, surpassed one's highest expectations, her pure and lovely voice soaring high and clear above even the most intimidating crescendos.

Webster Booth, entirely at home in the tenor part, gave a polished performance, especially in the aria "In Native Worth." His clarity of diction was remarkable. Walter Heinen surmounted difficulties of range and texture with apparent ease, and his final duet with Monica Hunter realised the grace and rapture demanded.

Part Three, instead of providing the expected anti-climax, created an appropriate atmosphere of pastoral tranquility. The work ended with a

stirring performance of the great final chorus, "Sing the Lord, ye Voices all."

While it cannot be claimed that here was a performance entirely flawless, it would be ungenerous to carp about the few obvious faults, when the overall picture was so excellent. Instead I congratulate most sincerely everyone concerned in this creditable achievement.

(Crit. ex Witness, 21st September).

I.M.F.

GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

We have had three most interesting and enjoyable meetings both this quarter and last quarter and we are very grateful to Mr. Charles for the programmes he has presented. Our thanks also go to Mrs. Charles who has provided tea for the society after meetings. Attendance at meetings has been exceptionally good and the Gramophone Room, at the disposal of the society, has been in frequent use.

THE SCHOOL GUITAR BAND

This band, The Nightriders, was originally formed three years ago, when the first electric guitar was brought into the school by Michael Permy. It has progressed considerably since then. The co-operation and generosity of the parents of the band members has resulted in the best equipment being obtained, while with enthusiastic practising, the skill of the individual members and particularly their timing and co-ordination as a group, has reached a high standard.

During the year the band played at a number of functions. Special mention should be made of their performance at the Sunfield Home in Howick which gave the audience enormous pleasure. They also played at St. Anne's Sixth Form dance and at our own school dance which was a great saving, as the expense of bringing up a band from Pietermaritzburg or Durban was avoided.

The approach of Matric has now caused a temporary cessation of practicing and performing. However, the group already have engagements for the Christmas holidays when they also plan to make a recording. This will be the last time they play together as their drummer, Bruce Crunden, will be returning to his home in Hong Kong. The other members of the band are Graham MacPherson, Lead Guitar; Des Erasmus, Rhythm

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Guitar; Nick Whiteley, Bass Guitar, and Darryl McLeod, Vocalist.

These boys have given the school a great deal of pleasure over the past few years, and we hope they continue to progress with their music and perhaps broaden their repertoire. We also hope that others will come forward to take their place here next year.

CADET NOTES

At half-year there had to be a number of changes and promotions in the battalion, necessitated by the departure of those who wrote their A Level examinations at the end of the 2nd quarter. We were very sorry to lose Matthews, who had been such a competent Senior Student officer for the

past year-and-a-half. L. Whittaker takes his place as S.S O. To take the place of Student Officer Eriksen, and to command D company, consisting

of first-year boys doing cadets for the first time, were Dyer, Tyrrel, Legge,

Oscroft, Davies.

The bugle band were sorry to lose Warrant Officer Smythe who had been Drum Major before returning to the ranks of the band, where he

was needed as lead drummer. His experience helped greatly to get the band into shape this year. St. Sgt. Ardington takes the place of Cross as Drum Major of the Pipe band.

The Battalion put their hearts into the Annual General Inspection, which was conducted by Col. Van den Hoven, O.C. Natal Command, and

together with the Bugle, Pipe and Military bands, put on an impressive performance. Our thanks go to Capt. B. A. Law, who prepared the Battalion for their Inspection and put so much time into polishing the Battalion's rifle drill. As we welcome Capt. P. J. Goldie-Scot back at the beginning of this quarter, after his being away on long leave, we thank Capt. B. A. Law for being in charge of the Michaelhouse cadets in Capt. Goldie-Scot's absence. Thanks also go to Ass. Field Cornet P. J. Withers

, who sacrifices most of his Friday afternoons to assist with cadet parades.

This term we have the House cadet competition and for the first time in a number of years Senior Platoons will be drilling with rifles.

At the band competition in Pietermaritzburg last term our band came second-to-last while the school drill platoon commanded by S.O. Baker in S.O. Richards' place, who was unfortunately recovering from a broken leg, came second out of three contestants.

Sport

RUGBY, 1964

The season was one in which the team took rather a long time to settle down. This was not helped by the fact that Matthews, the Vice-Captain, was injured in the first practice and did not play in a match. There were two weaknesses which were never really resolved. The one was the lack of a really reliable goal kicker, and the other, the lack of a good hooker. A consequence of the latter was that towards the end of the

season, when we showed that we had considerable attacking ability, we were all too often made to defend owing to the fact that we could not get the ball from the tight. This was aggravated because we had no attacking

line out forward. The forwards pushed well in the tight scrum and played well in the loose, while the three-quarters showed considerable initiative in

attack towards the end of the season and defended very well indeed. Richards, the Captain, was unlucky to crack his ankle just before half-time in the opening match of the tour and we were without his services for the rest of the season.

After a poor first quarter the side developed well on the tour and returned to play some most entertaining rugby. Towards the end of the season the tackling and the backing up were both of the highest order.

Looking at the rugby in the school as a whole, it has been heartening to see the determined manner in which the lower teams have approached the game. They appeared to enjoy the game and played with considerable

zest. I should like to thank all members of the staff who have spent so much time coaching and travelling with the teams. Special thanks are due to the Rector who gave up so much of his time to coach the first game three-quarters and look after the Second Fifteen. Mr. du Plessis is to be thanked for all the quiet and effective work he has done on the administrative side, and also for coming on the tour.

SECOND QUARTER

The season started off with the match against the Old Boys on Ascension Day. The Old Boys' XV proved to be an extremely powerful combination. The forwards were heavy and mobile, while the backs, headed by Tomlinson, were too quick and experienced for the school. The school

did well to restrict the Old Boys to a narrow lead at half-time. In the second half the Old Boys really got going and the score mounted steadily.

They gave us all a very good exhibition of hard, attacking rugby. In spite of being one-sided the match proved to be a good spectacle and was enjoyed by all concerned. The Old Boys eventually ran out winners by

forty points to eight.

On the Saturday after the Old Boys match we played against Weston. In this match we were obviously still recovering from our encounter on the Thursday. The game produced little rugby of note and ended with a 3-3 draw. Our next match was against Glenwood in Durban. We were still trying to find our feet and came up against a very confident and well organised side. Glenwood won a lot of the ball and looked dangerous whenever they ran with it. They led 8-0 at half-time and eventually won by 16 points to nil. If it had not been for some very spirited tackling on our part the score could well have been very much higher.

The following Saturday saw us in Durban again for a match against Westville. In this game the forwards managed to make life thoroughly uncomfortable for the half-backs owing to some very loose play in the line-outs. The result was that when the forwards tightened up and started

to get the ball back cleanly, the backs were somewhat disorganised and did

little with it. Westville opened the score with a try, and at half-time were still in the lead by 3-0. Shortly after half-time Whittaker followed up the ball well and passed inside to the forwards for Norwood to score. The conversion, taken by Gowans, landed on the cross-bar and failed to go

Å°er .Shortly after this Collins scored with a good dropped goal

(6-3). At this stage, just when we were beginning to show some confidence in attack, we stopped getting the ball from the tight. This enabled Westville to launch several attacks. Eventually they levelled the score with a penalty (6-6). This proved to be the final score.

On the following Friday we travelled to Johannesburg for our annual match against St. John's. We soon found out that they had a large pack of forwards and, as a result, they proceeded to dominate the game. We did nothing to improve our chances when several easy penalties were missed at an early stage.

The first fifteen minutes were fairly evenly contested, but it was obvious that we were going to battle as we could not get the ball from the scrums or the line-outs. In addition to this, the backs were so surprised to see the ball when we did get it that there was a distinct tendency to drop the ball. By half-time St. John's were leading by eight points to nil. In the second-half we managed to bottle up the line-outs fairly effectively, but they won the set scrums with monotonous regularity. We played with considerable determination in the loose, nevertheless St. John's scored a comfortable 18-3 win.

Our next encounter was against College. Once again we were beaten convincingly, College playing good, attacking rugby and trouncing us 27-0

. In spite of this one was left with the impression that the side had quite a lot of potential. Voortrekker were to be our next opponents, and in this match we notched our first win of the season. Our backs were lively and ran with determination, while the forwards out-played their opposite numbers. On the day we were clearly the better side. We seemed to be so surprised at the fact that we were on top of our opponents that we presented Voortrekker with two tries and gave our supporters some very anxious moments. As it was we won by eight points to six, and the score should certainly have been higher.

The following Saturday saw us back in Durban for our match against D.H.S. This was a match which produced little in the way of good rugby. D.H.S. won the majority of the set-scrums owing to some good hooking, we played soundly but gave away a penalty just before half-time, which D.H.S. accepted gratefully (0-3). We were possibly unlucky not to score when Grobler broke well, but the movement was stopped just short of the line. We attacked for long periods of the game but could not penetrate the D.H.S. defence. D.H.S. increased their lead with another penalty (0-6). Towards the end of the game D.H.S. scored from a high kick ahead. The final score was 0-9.

The last match of the quarter was against Hilton. They had been having a good season and were clear favourites. From the outset it was obvious that they would be a difficult side to contain. They won a lot of the ball from the tight and used it to good effect. In addition to this they had a lot of pace and appeared to be the more incisive side. For our part we tackled well and weathered a number of well placed high kicks by Procter. Hilton opened the score with a penalty and then went further ahead when they scored a try (0-6). We reduced the lead when Norwood scored after a good forward rush (3-6). In the second half we had to do a lot of defending and eventually Hilton forced us into a defensive error and scored near the posts. The try was converted. The final score was 3-11.

THE RHODESIAN TOUR

We started the tour with a lean record, but were determined to give a good account of ourselves. We arrived at Gwelo early on a Saturday morning where we were greeted by boys from Guinea Fowl. The runabout in the morning showed that the train journey had caused a certain amount of sluggishness. This was fairly evident in the first half of the match. In addition to this we squandered a number of opportunities because of some aimless kicking by the centres. At half-time neither side had scored

although we had begun to move the ball around in a more purposeful manner. Shortly after half-time we opened the score when P. Gowans goaled a penalty. We now began to play some quite attractive rugby with

some sound backing up by the forwards. A very promising movement was

stopped just short of the Guinea Fowl line when Richards was heavily tackled. Although we did not realise it at the time this brought about the end of his rugby for the season as his ankle was cracked. We played for the rest of the match with seven forwards, but still saw plenty of the ball. Towards the end of the game Grobler changed direction, caught

the opposition on the wrong foot and went over to score a good try. Gowans converted with a good kick. The final score was eight nil in our favour. From our point of view this got the tour off to a good start, the most encouraging feature being some very good backing up. That night our hosts organised a dance which was greeted with enthusiasm by all concerned.

On the Sunday we moved across to Thornhill. On the Monday we took the field against them with a strong wind blowing right down the field. We played into the wind in the first half. Norwood opened the score with a try (3-0). Before long Thornhill struck back with a good try round the front of the line-out which was converted (3-5). At this stage it rather looked as though at half-time we would have to be content with the wind and a two-point deficit. However, just before half-time Seymour broke round the scrum and passed inside to Norwood who

scored a good try. Gowans converted with a good kick from the corner (8-5). Within a minute we went further ahead with a try scored by Whittaker after a good run (11-5). As a result of this burst of scoring we started the second half with a six-point lead and the wind behind us.

Apart from ten minutes in the second half we played sound, attacking rugby. Black broke through in the centre and gave the ball to Gowans who had come in from full-back and he went over to score in the corner (14-5). Shortly after this Collins kicked well from a set scrum and Whittaker gathered the ball to score in the corner (17-5). Thornhill staged

a determined rally and were rewarded when they caught us asleep around

a set scrum and scored a try (17-8). We increased our lead when Gowans

goaled a penalty (20-8). Just before the final whistle Seymour broke round

the set scrum and passed inside to Norwood who, after a characteristic burst, passed the ball to James who scored next to the posts. Gowans converted (25-8). In this match we produced some very sound attacking rugby and, for the first time this season, showed a real determination to score tries.

On Tuesday morning we arrived at Churchill (Salisbury). They had very kindly organised a trip to the tobacco auctions which everyone found

most interesting and enjoyable. We expected our match against them on the Wednesday to be one of the main hurdles of the tour and indeed it was. We opened the score with a penalty and, in spite of playing with the

wind in the first half, we could not add to our score. This was largely our fault as our handling was not at all sound and, as a result, many promising opportunities went astray. Playing into the wind in the second half and with a mere three point lead, it was obvious that we would be in for some anxious moments. Norwood put us further ahead when he scored a good try after a determined run. Fortunately our forwards were well on top and this proved to be the decisive factor. Shortly before the end we dropped the ball in the centre and Churchill made the most of our

error and scored fairly close to the posts. The try was converted (6-5). This put a lot of heart into Churchill and they attacked in a determined style, but our defence held. This was a hard match which was marred by the number of handling errors made by both sides. We had to struggle

more for our win largely because we failed to play the ball back to our forwards who were in full control throughout the match.

On Wednesday evening the Hensmans collected us and drove us out to their farm near Sinoia. On Thursday they provided the transport for a trip up to Kariba. We were also pleased that Mr. Orford managed to come along. After the cold and windy weather we had been experiencing

we were blessed with a perfect day. The trip up to Kariba was a great success. Thursday night was spent with the Hensmans and on Friday morning they took us back to Salisbury. This break was most welcome, especially coming as it did after three hard matches. We are all most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Hensman for their hospitality.

On Friday morning we arrived at Peterhouse whom we were to play on the Saturday. Once again we were destined to play in the wind. Peterhouse had a powerful front row and, as a result, they saw quite a lot of the ball, however, determined tackling on our part prevented them from making much headway. In the first half we squandered a number of opportunities, as did Peterhouse, and as a result there was no score at half-time. Shortly after half-time Norwood gathered the ball from the back of the scrum and went over to score. Gowans converted with a good kick (5-0). After some even play we went further ahead when Collins dropped a goal (8-0). There was no further score and we had managed to win a hard-fought encounter. Our thanks are due to Peterhouse for providing us with transport from Salisbury to Marandellas and back, which helped to make our trip to Kariba possible.

From Peterhouse we set off for the Victoria Falls. Once again our rest period was to be blessed with excellent weather, and our two days at the Falls were most enjoyable. Wednesday found us back in Bulawayo

whence we travelled out to Falcon whom we played that afternoon. We started off by playing some attractive rugby and before long Gowans opened the score with a penalty (3-0). We then failed to capitalise on a number of scoring opportunities. Eventually Norwood pounced on a dropped pass and we went further ahead as a result of his try (6-0). Shortly after this Falcon goaled a penalty to make the score 6-3. The second half saw the game deteriorate. We were severely penalised in the

set scrums and, as a result, lost our rhythm. Shortly after half-time we went further ahead as a result of a dropped goal by Collins (9-3). Falcon struck back and scored a try when we failed to gather a high kick into the wind (9-6). This turned out to be the final score.

On the Saturday we played Hamilton in Bulawayo. At this stage we were rather tired and in addition flu was beginning to make itself felt. The result was that we produced a somewhat sluggish display. To add to our discomfort we came up against the liveliest pack of forwards we met on the tour. While the standard of the play was not particularly notable it was not without interest. Eventually the game ended as a 9-9 draw with both sides feeling that with a little bit of luck they might well have won.

Needless to say by now we were all looking forward to getting home, but we had a most enjoyable tour. The hospitality was overwhelming and,

in addition, we had produced some good rugby. The side had improved out of all recognition, especially with respect to the tackling and the backing up. In conclusion it must be said that one of the most pleasing features of the tour was the very good team spirit, coupled with a

willingness to accept the seemingly unnecessary restrictions which have to be imposed on a tour.

TOURING TEAM: Ardington, P. C.; Black, M. M.; Butt, M. J.; Collins, C. C.; Curwen, C. H. M.; Davies, C. B.; Francis, S. J.; Gowans

D. R.; Gowans, P. A.; Grobler, C. F.; Harvey, R. D.; James, C. T. H. MacLeod, D. G.; Mitchell-Innes, I. F.; Norwood, S. T.; Osborn, J. E. Oscroft, P. J.; Richards, C. D. F.; Seymour, T. M.; Tuttle, J. R. H. Whittaker, L. H.

THIRD QUARTER

We played Estcourt on the day after our return from the holidays. We were all interested to see whether we would continue to display our improved form. After an initial period of some even play we began to build up momentum and opened the score when Whittaker took the ball at top pace and scored in the corner. This seemed to get us going and we produced really good rugby for the rest of the match. By half-time

we were leading 21-5. Our scoring spree continued in the second half and

we ran out winners by 38 points to 5.

On the following Saturday we took the field against Port Natal and once again proceeded to play good attacking rugby. We dominated all phases of the game and eventually won an attractive game by 19 points to 3. Our next opponents were Kearsney. They were unfortunate in that they had several of their forwards missing, but we made full use of a good share of the ball. In this match we played the best attacking rugby produced by a Michaelhouse side for a number of seasons. The most telling feature of our play was the first class handling coupled with some magnificent backing up. After some exhilarating rugby we won by 25-0.

Our next opponents were College who had trounced us so effectively in the second quarter. We were reasonably confident that we would be able to give a better account of ourselves. The game developed into an extremely hard tussle. College threw away two very good scoring opportunities right at the beginning of the game and this enabled us to settle down. Our tackling was of a particularly high standard and the normally penetrative College back line found themselves being stopped by hard first-time tackling. We very nearly scored in the first half when a drop by Collins just went past the right hand post. By half-time neither side had scored. In the second half College won a lot of the ball, particularly from the lineouts, and launched a series of very determined attacks. Once

again very determined tackling saved us on more than one occasion, Gowans at full-back having a particularly good game. After fifteen minutes we were penalised for a scrum infringement and Sharp goaled the penalty (0.3). We were not seeing much of the ball from the tight, but

when we did get it we ran well, Grobler being particularly elusive in the centre. We ended up attacking strongly but did not manage to score.

Our last match of the season was against Hilton. This match turned out to be something of an anti-climax from our point of view. The forwards were rather sluggish and the Hilton hooker struck well and won a lot of the ball from the tight. Added to this was the fact that we had three loose forwards off games and the result was that we found ourselves

doing a lot of defending. Hilton opened the score when Proctor goaled a penalty and this was the half-time score (0-3). Shortly after the beginning of the second half Dyer kicked a very good long range penalty which hit the cross-bar and bounced back into the field of play. Hilton were then penalised for obstruction and Gowans goaled an easy penalty (3-3). In spite of the fact that the scores were level Hilton were clearly on top at this stage. They were winning the majority of the set scrums and the lineouts, Proctor had seen that the Hilton backs were making little

headway and in this half he used his boot often and well. Hilton went further ahead as the result of two dropped goals by Proctor (9-3). Just

before the final whistle we were caught with the ball near our line and Hilton clinched the issue with a try under the posts, Proctor converted (3-14). The match was far more evenly contested than the score would suggest, but Hilton had the edge owing to the sound play by their forwards and Proctor's very good kicking.

CHARACTERS

Richards, C. D. F. (Flank, Captain, Colours). A good defensive flank with a very sound tackle. Lacked a little pace in the loose.

Norwood, S. T. (8th Man, Honours). The character of the side. Very fit, fast and powerful. His attacking play developed well this season, but he must improve his kicking.

Mitchell-Innes, I. F. (Lock, Honours). A good, hard-working forward. Somewhat earth-bound in the line-outs, but very effective in the set scrums and the loose play.

Gowans, P. A. (Fullback, Colours). A sound fullback with good hands and a good right boot. Fast and a very sound tackler.

Whittaker, L. H. (Wing, Colours). Improved considerably as the season progressed. Lacking genuine pace but, after a shaky start, ran with determination and developed a deadly tackle.

Grobler, C. F. (Centre, Colours). Very elusive; he did not have real pace, but changed both his pace and direction most effectively. Always on

the look out for an opportunity to launch an attack.

Dyer, D. D. (Centre, Colours). Beautiful hands and a good eye for the gap. Sound on defence.

Tuttle, J. R. H. (Colours, Wing). Lacked pace, but was strong on his feet and played with real determination throughout the season.

Collins, C. C. (Fly-half, Colours). Good hands and a sound understanding of the game. By the end of the season his tackling was very sound. He must develop his kicking ability.

Seymour, T. M. (Scrum-half, Colours). He has the ability to develop into a very good scrum-half.

Davies, C. B. (Front-row, Colours). A sound scrummager. Willing, but not rapid in the loose.

Butt, M. J. (Hooker, Colours). A good forward who got through a lot of work in the loose. Not a really good striker of the ball.

Oscroft, P. J. (Front-row, Colours). A sound scrummager who really enjoyed the loose mauls.

Curwen, C. H. M. (Lock, Colours). A sound, hard-working lock-forward with a good sense of positional play.

Gowans, D. R. (Flank, Colours). A hard-working and determined flank-forward. Particularly good on defence.

Chennells, G. R. (Flank, Colours). Came into the side as a result of Richards's injury. He made the most of his opportunity and developed into a good attacking flank-forward.

The following also played a number of matches for the 1st XV: M. M.

Black, D. P. T. Downes, S. J. Francis, R. D. Harvey, R. M. Hensman, C. T.

H. James, G. H. D. Jefferies, D. G. MacLeod, J. J. Price.

SUMMARY OF FIRST FIFTEEN MATCHES

Second Quarter Tour

vs. Old Boys Lost 8-40
 Weston Drew 3-3 vs. Guinea Fowl ... Won 8- -0
 Glenwood Lost 0-16 Thornhill Won 25- -8
 Westville Drew 6-6 Churchill Won 6- -5
 St. Johns Lost 3-18 Peterhouse Won 8-0
 College Lost 0-27 Falcon Won 9- -6
 Voortrekker Won 8-6 Hamilton Drew 9- -9
 D.H.S Lost 0-9
 Hilton Lost 3-11
 Third Quarter
 vs. Estcourt Won 38-5
 Port Natal Won 19-3
 Kearsney Won 25-0
 College Lost 0-3
 Hilton Lost 3-14

SECOND XV

After the first three matches of the season the Second Fifteen settled down and became a most effective side. They played with considerable enthusiasm throughout the season. Baker is to be congratulated on the way he captained the side.

The following played regularly for the Second XV: M. D. Baker (captain), P. C. Ardington, C. I. Christierson, E. H. Delmont, D. P. T. Downes, S. J. Francis, J. Hargreaves, R. M. Hensman, C. T. James, G.

H. D. Jefferies, D. C. Legge, D. G. MacLeod, J. E. Osborn, J. J. Price, B. C. Smither, K. J. R. Summerley, and P. W. Turner.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

2nd Quarter 3rd Quarter

vs. Old Boys Lost 6-9

Alexandra 1st ... Lost 9-18 vs. Estcourt ... Won 29-3

Glenwood Lost 0-21 Port Natal . Won 38-8

Westville ... Won 8-5 Kearsney Won 19-0

Pmb. Tech. Won 13-0 College Lost 3-11

College ... Lost 5-8 Hilton Won 22-16

Voortrekker ... Won 9-3

D.H.S ... Lost 0-3

Hilton ... Won 12-3

COLTS RUGBY

The division contained some very talented players and when enough possession was secured from the set positions some attractive and enterprising rugby was played by both backs and forwards. The chief defects of what was a very good side were the lack of a fast-striking hooker and of a line-out specialist. The team was badly decimated by flu in the latter half of the season, but performed with commendable spirit. There is much promising material here for future years.

Results:

P W L D Points for Points against

13 8 5 0 165 80

THE FIFTH XV

The Fifth XV enjoyed a successful season, and only in the final match, v. Hilton, where bad defence in the centre let them down, were they heavily defeated. The final record of six wins, two draws and two defeats was most satisfactory. In the tight they were often outweighed, but always ensured a good supply of the ball for their backs by speed to the loose ball and method in the tight-loose, where Newton excelled. Currin and, later, Nash, played intelligently in attack, and Simpson worked extremely hard in scrum and line-out.

The backs attacked largely down the wings, and in this scheme Whittaker's sure handling at fly-half was invaluable. Kolling, Cooke, and especially Bott, all ran hard, while Mentzel excelled as a utility player. In the main, however, the success was essentially team effort, and all members played their part.

BUNNIES RUGBY

With three-quarters lacking real thrust and not a heavy pack of forwards, the team did well to end the season with such a respectable record. Its strength lay in its excellent team spirit, reliable tackling, good handling and quickness on the loose ball. As the scores indicate, the games were usually close and the rugby sound rather than spectacular.

Results

vs. Alexandra Won 14-3 vs. Hilton Lost 8-11

Glenwood Won 19-5 Estcourt Won 9-0

Technical Coll. .. Won 20-5 Port Natal..... Lost 0-11

College Drew 6-6 Kearsney Lost 3-13

Voortrekker ... Won 14-3 College.....Lost 0-26

D.H.S.....Won 6-3 Hilton Drew 3-3

HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITION, 1964

Seniors

1st Round-

Founders beat Tatham, 27-0.

Baines beat Farfield, 35-3.

Pascoe beat West, 21-17.

2nd Round-

East beat Founders, 9-8.

Baines beat Pascoe, 16-5.

Finals-

Baines beat East, 14-6.

Baines won the competition.

HOCKEY

Awards

Honours: H. L. G. Knight.

Colours: J. J. Low, R. B. S. Haynes, P. W. Turner, C. E. T. Baines, M. M.

Black, R. D. Harvey, G. G. Mackeurtan.

Teams: B. C. Collins, G. G. Mackeurtan, C. E. T. Baines, M. M. Black,

D. D. Croad, R. B. Dalrymple, J. W. C. Emmett, R. D. Harvey, A. G.

Lidgett, D. G. MacLeod, L. McCormick, P. W. Turner, C. P.

Whittaker, M. B. Peacock-Edwards, M. A. P. Staniforth, W. L. Siedle.

Alan Butcher Hockey Stick: R. D. Harvey.

The non-rugby side of 1964 was not as good as the previous year's, but some useful hockey was played during the season. Eleven boys went to the Natal Schools' Trials and, of these, four reached the Pietermaritzburg

"A" side and four the "B". Eventually three-van der Veen, Knight and P. H. Nash-were chosen for Natal Schools. The Natal team emerged the most successful at the South African Schools' Week in Johannesburg, and van der Veen is to be congratulated once again on being chosen for the

S.A.

Schools. Knight played for the "B" combined side and Nash for the "D" at the end of the week.

The non-rugby 1st XI played seven matches, winning four and losing three. Twenty-three goals were scored for and eighteen against. Most of our goals came from van der Veen, with notable help from Knight and Nash, The latter developing into a very effective right-wing by the end of August

Ireland played very well at back; he left at the half-year, thus not being available for selection for Natal Schools.

With the quarter ending on a Tuesday, the hockey programme in September was very constricted indeed, very little practice time being available. In consequence, in spite of a good start after only a few minute s' practice together, the side never achieved sufficient cohesion to play con-

sistently as an impressive combination. There was, in any case, less individual brilliance than last year, but the side contained a number of competent players. Mackeurtan in goal stopped a number of good shots and was always willing to learn but, at times, positioned himself faultily and tended to be slow in movement. Low made great strides at left-back,

used his reach to the full and played a vital role in an at times heavily engaged defence. L. Whittaker was a little disappointing, though he played a couple of matches with his old certainty. Turner improved rapidly to become a sound defensive centre-half. Jefferies (right-half) showed signs of his last season's brilliance, but was not as effective in bottling up his wing

-he must learn also to use the infield pass more often. At left-half, Baines

improved rapidly, stuck to his man and used a powerful flick to good effect. He was at times wild. In the forward line, van der Veen scored many goals without reproducing the remarkable control he had shown in 1963. Nevertheless, some of his distribution was masterly and he scored some fine goals. He will be greatly missed. Knight eventually ended at inside-

left, though he is a left-wing of real distinction, clever with his stick and quick to the ball. He must control a tendency to shoot wildly. Haynes worked tirelessly and unselfishly at inside-right, while Black gained in experience and sent in some useful centres from the right-wing. Harvey was a little unreliable at left-wing; on his best days he played forcefully, centring the ball hard. He needs to develop his stick-work and to achieve greater control.

The XI started off in fine style against a strong Howick XI by winning 5-3. Quick recovery and the beginnings of understanding promised good things for the future. Unfortunately, in their next match, against the touring Prince Edward's side from Southern Rhodesia, they did not live up to this start. Our visitors played much more constructive hockey in mid-field and deservedly won by finishing better. We had numerous scoring opportunities which were invariably thrown away by wild shooting. Yet in the next game, against a strong University side, the XI played excellent hockey- two of the University's four goals went in in the gathering gloom near 6 o'clock when the course of the ball was almost impossible to follow except by those who habitually practice at that time! Olympics, with Richard Norris in rampant mood, had no difficulty in winning 8-4, but the XI was not disgraced. Our main weaknesses were a failure to make proper use of the square pass and inexperienced passing of the ball from disadvantageous positions. Berea narrowly won a fair game 3-2 and we then played some very good hockey to lose 4-3 against a powerful Rangers side in Pietermaritzburg. Unfortunately, our match against Hilton was washed out; the side, however, ended the season on a high note by beating Glenwood, who came to us with a very high reputation, 5-1. In all these matches we conceded 25 goals while scoring 19.

The 2nd XI, which developed into quite a sound combination by the end, won three out of their five matches and lost two. Their final match, against Glenwood, was won by 8 goals to nil.

Results

1st XI-

- v. Howick, Won 5-3.
- v. Prince Edward's, Rhodesia, Lost 1-2.
- v. University, Lost 1-4.
- v. Olympics, Lost 4-8.
- v. Berea Rovers, Lost 2-3.

v. Rangers, Lost 3--4.

v. Glenwood, Won 5-1.

2nd XI-

v. University, Lost 0-4.

v. Olympics, Won 3-1.

v. Berea Rovers, Won 2-0.

v. Rangers, Lost 0-2.

v. Glenwood, Won 8-0.

Teams

1st XI: G. G. Mackeurtan, L. H. Whittaker (vice-captain), J. J. Low,

C. E. T. Baines, P. W. Turner, G. H. D. Jefferies, R. D. Harvey, H.

L. G. Knight, G. A. van der Veen (captain), R. B. S. Haynes, M. M.

Black.

2nd XI: M. B. Peacock-Edwards; A. G. Lidgett, D. G. MacLeod (captain),

B. C. Collins, W. L. Siedle, R. B. Dalrymple, D. D. Croad, J. W. C.

Emmett, C. P. Whittaker, L. McCormick, M. A. P. Staniforth.

Under 16: D. G. C. Perry, T. M. Seymour, P. G. Bensimon, B. D. Bentley,

D. P. B. Martin, M. G. Payn, M. H. D. Farquharson, H. C. Brown,

C. H. Golightly, S. J. Francis, J. J. N. Caldow, R. D. B. Firth, A. J.

E. Read, I. M. Hamilton, T. P. Lamont-Smith, A. M. Smythe.

Under 15: M. M. Thackeray, M. R. Johnston, D. F. Oscroft, N. W. Nash,

W. M. Dales, J. G. Chennells, A. A. Mannion, R. R. Collins (captain),

J. M. Burchell, B. A. Stewart, A. C. S. Wilcox.

Under 14: W. L. Robinson, R. V. S. Simpson, B. E. Boyes, C. G. Horsey, A. Dymond (captain), R. S. Chennells, G. S. Williams, G. R. F. Staniforth, I. B. Hudson-Bennett, S. F. Chetwynd-Palmer, M. H. Harris, T. L. Fisher, J. B. Woods, T. J. Randon.

Non-rugby XI: G. G. Mackeurtan, A. G. Lidgett, K. M. L. Ireland (J. J. Low), J. J. Low (C. E. T. Baines), B. C. Collins, R. B. Dalrymple, H. L. G. Knight, J. W. C. Emmett, G. A. van der Veen (captain), R. B. S. Haynes, P. H. Nash.

The under 16 team had a disappointing season; while its defence played well (apart from a ten-minute period in the second match against Hilton) and in particular M. G. Payn at centre-half and D. G. Perry at left-back, its forwards lacked thrust and caused our opposing goal-keepers little worry.

Results-

Lost to Hilton, 0-1.

Lost to Hilton, 2-5.

Beat Glenwood, 4-1.

This was a very useful team with sound defence and an exceptionally thrustful forward line. Only two matches were played, both against Hilton, which were won 5-1 and 11-0 respectively.

In such a short season, four practices and four matches; it has not been possible to do much coaching. The result has been that distribution has been haphazard and passes have not been crisp. The other most notable fault has been slowness to the ball. Positional play has improved, especially in defence.

UNDER 16 HOCKEY

COLTS A HOCKEY

BUNNIES' HOCKEY

Results

Michaelhouse

Michaelhouse

Michaelhouse

Michaelhouse

3 Hilton ..

1 Highbury

1 Hilton ..

4 Glenwood

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HOUSE MATCHES

1st XI Farfield and East drew 1-1.

2nd XI East beat Founders 2-1.

4th XI (under 15) East beat West 1-0.

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Athletics

ESTCOURT INVITATION MILE, 12th SEPTEMBER

As usual, this was our first Athletic engagement of the new season, and we sent one representative-S. T. Norwood. He was relying mostly on Rugby fitness to see him through, and in fact achieved the best Mile time

of his career, coming second to McLean of Estcourt, by a touch, in 4 min. 39 sec. For Norwood a most encouraging beginning.

MATCH v. MOOI RIVER AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL,

19th SEPTEMBER

We were at home to Weston this year, and after being washed out on the 16th we were fortunate to be able to rearrange this fixture in fine weather three days later. Points were awarded right down to sixth place this year, so that every competitor made a contribution, and Weston are to be the more congratulated for their close win over Michaelhouse B Team

by 134 points to 127 points, with the Michaelhouse A Team third with 118 points.

Some highlights which remain in the mind were Price (MHS B) Long Jumping powerfully and achieving just over 21 ft. uphill; as usual in recent

years, the powerful stride of Nash in the 100 and 220 yds., which he won

in 10 sec. and 22.2 sec. respectively. Klusener of Weston was second in the 100 yds. in about 10.3 sec., which, as his coach remarked, is a useful

speed for a flank forward. In Johnson, Weston had a fine natural athlete with his greatest potential in the High Jump, which, at their Inter-House Sports, he had left uncompleted at 5 ft. 8 in., and which he won at this match with 5 ft. 6 in., faithfully keeping to the old-fashioned "scissors" style. Michaelhouse had little opposition to offer in the Open Mile, in which Weston filled the first two places, Flight winning in 4 min. 56 sec. Norwood of the Michaelhouse B Team was confining himself to the 880 yds. for this occasion.

PIETERMARITZBURG & DISTRICT INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS,

23rd SEPTEMBER

We entered these Sports with a small nucleus of powerful athletes, but we were without Macdonald for the Mile, and there seemed to me to be other gaps in events which would make our success problematical, to say

the least; in the end, however, several factors combined to give us a resounding win in the Open group, in which we scored 42 points, with the next School, Maritzburg College, 24 points, and Voortrekker third with 22 points. These factors were some unexpectedly good performances by

Williams in the High Jump (1st 5 ft. 7 in.) and Price in the Triple Jump (2nd 40 ft. +), together with unexpected weakness on the part of our rivals.

Our points were gained as follows: Nash, first place in both 100 and 220 yds., in 10 sec. and 21.8 sec. respectively, of which the latter was a record. Bates, a very creditable second in the 440 yds., which was won in

a record 50 sec., by Bell of Hilton. Norwood was second in the A section 880 yds.; it was quite a fast race and he was not far behind his leader who was given 2 min. 0.7 sec. In the Mile C. R. Barras ran to show the Michaelhouse colours, but with no great ideas of scoring, which he didn't.

Price gained first place in the Long Jump, clearing 22 ft., by one inch, for the first time. This was an excellent leap. Downes was not on great form with the Discus, in which he only achieved second place; and we failed to score in the Shot and 100 yds. Hurdles. We finished the afternoon with

a clear-cut win in the Mile Medley Relay, totted up our points and were well satisfied.

The Under 16 Team was altogether weaker, but nevertheless achieved some successes worthy of note here: T. R. Barras, after practising the Triple Jump on not more than three occasions, carried off the event with 38 ft. 1H in. C. T. James was second to a record-breaking Shot-Putter, and his own distance of 46 ft. was an encouraging sign for the future. Campbell ran a courageous, though rather ill-judged 880 yds., in which at the bell he found himself with plenty in hand but lying seventh; the result was that he had to expend valuable energy running on the outside to pass six of these and finish second, being unable to take his last rival. Hatfield gained second place in the Long Jump and with it an invitation to compete in the Natal Schools' Meeting at Glencoe, which is taking place as I write. Bates also gained selection for this meeting for his second place in the 440 yds., but others whom the selectors would dearly like to have asked had pronounced themselves not available.

TRIANGULAR MATCH v. HILTON & KEARSNEY COLLEGES,

26th SEPTEMBER

The competitors had to contend this year with a swirling grey mist, but were to some extent compensated for the weather by the fast Hilton track, so that notwithstanding, one-third of the records were broken. Kearsney were notably strong in the throwing events, of which they won all four, breaking records in three. Hilton, on the other hand, excelled in the Hurdles this year, where their runners broke both the Open and Under

16 records. Hiltonian hospitality was much appreciated by competitors and staff alike, and we thank them through these pages for their friendly welcome and delicious catering.

RESULTS

Open

100 yds.: 1, P. Nash (MHS); 2, D. Gellately (HC); 3, J. Price (MHS), 9.8 sec. (Record).

220 yds.: 1, P. Nash (MHS); 2, J. Bates (MHS); 3, C. James (HC), 22.1 sec., (Record).

440 yds.: 1, A Bell (HC); 2, R. Meyer (KC); 3, A. Zaloumis (MHS), 50.9 sec.

880 yds.: 1, S. Norwood (MHS); 2, O. Martin (KC); 3, C. R. Barras (MHS),

2 min. 7.7 sec.

One Mile: 1, A. Kulge (KC); 2, M. Martin (KC); 3, S. Norwood (MHS), 4 min. 46.3 sec.

110 yds. Hurdles: 1, C. Huxtable (HC); 2, J. Price (MHS); 3, K. Thygesen (MHS), 14.0 sec. (Record).

Long Jump: 1, J. Price (MHS); 2, C. James (HC); 3, N. Tones (HC), 22 ft.

3 in. (Record).

Throwing Discus: 1, N. Hermer (KC); 2, D. Dyer (MHS); 3, D. Downes (MHS), 185 ft. 1\ in. (Record).

Shot Put: 1, N. Hermer (KC); 2, D. Downes (MHS); 3, J. Haswell (HC), 49 ft. (Record).

440 yds. Relay: 1, Michaelhouse; 2, Hilton; 3, Kearsney, 44.6 sec. (Record).

Mile Medley Relay: 1, Michaelhouse; 2, Hilton; 3, Kearsney, 3 min. 39.0 sec. (Record).

Under 16

100 yds.: 1, M. Warner (HC); 2, H. Fitzwilliam (KC); 3, J. Viljoen (KC), 10.7 sec.

220 yds.: 1, M. Warner (HC); 2, C. Mumby (HC); 3, P. Hatfield (MHS), 24.5 sec.

440 yds.: 1, R. Campbell (MHS); 2, M. Hipkin (KC); 3, D. Sommerville (KC), 56.0 sec.

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880 yds.: 1, R. Campbell (MHS); 2, D. Sommerville (KC); 3, T. Barras (MHS), 2 min. 14 sec.

One Mile: 1, P. Kirkwood (KC); 2, R. O'Connor (HC); 3, G. Tait (HC), 4 min. 57 sec.

110 yds. Hurdles: 1, R. Greyling (HC); 2, H. Fitzwilliam (KC); 3, R. Harvey (MHS), 15.0 sec. (Record).

Long Jump: 1, M. Warner (HC); 2, P. Hatfield (MHS); 3, G. Lumley (MHS), 20 ft. 1 in.

Discus: 1, T. Rawlins (KC); 2, M. O'Connor (HC); 3, S. Ryan (KC), 164 ft. 1 in. (Record).

Shot Put: 1, S. Larsen (KC); 2, C. James (MHS); 3, M. Philip (HC), 44 ft. 4 in.

440 yds. Relay: 1, Hilton; 2, Kearsney; 3, Michaelhouse, 47.0 sec.

Mile Medley Relay: 1, Michaelhouse; 2, Hilton; 3, Kearsney, 3 min. 57.0 sec.

Under 15

100 yds.: 1, D. Tickton (MHS); 2, C. Jewell (HC); 3, T. Kane-Berman (HC), 11.1 sec.

220 yds.: 1, D. Tickton (MHS); 2, D. Inglis (MHS); 3, A. Walker (KC), 25.0 sec.

880 yds.: 1, N. Axelson (MHS); 2, J. Burchell (MHS); 3, I. Gilbertson (KC), 2 min. 9.6 sec.

High Jump: 1, J. Martindale (KC); 2, R. Charter (MHS); 3, B. van der Westhuizen (KC), 4 ft. 9 in.

Long Jump: 1, D. Inglis (MHS); 2, G. Baikie (KC); 3, R. Plumb (KC), 19 ft. 01 in.

440 yds. Relay: 1, Michaelhouse; 2, Hilton; 3, Kearsney, 49.2 sec.

Under 14

100 yds.: 1, M. Payne (KC); 2, C. Davis (HC); 3, P. Goodman (HC), 11.4 sec.

220 yds.: 1, C. Russ (HC); 2, S. Hopkins (KC); 3, M. Payne (KC), 26.2 sec.

880 yds.: 1, G. Staniforth (MHS); 2, B. Milstead (KC); 3, J. Jones (HC),
2 min. 27.8 sec.

High Jump: 1, C. Russ (HC); 2, R. Garland (MHS); 3, M. Harris (MHS),
4 ft. 8i in.

Long Jump: 1, D. Peddie (KC); 2, M. Payne (KC); 3, R. Garland (MHS),
17 ft. (Record).

440 yds. Relay: 1, Hilton; 2, Kearsney; 3, Michaelhouse, 51.3 sec. (Record).

TENNIS NOTES

Captain: D. D. Dyer.

Vice-Captain: J. C. Hargreaves.

Colours: R. L. Campbell, H. M. Greenwood, R. D. Harvey.

Teams: D. D. Dyer, J. C. Hargreaves, R. L. Campbell, H. M. Greenwood, R. D. Harvey, H. L. G. Knight.

Mr. Ibbotson was once again the master in charge, and a vote of thanks and appreciation must be offered for the time and energy he has devoted to organisation.

A number of boys-large in the cricket season, small in the rugby and hockey seasons-have opted to play tennis. The non-cricketers' VI beat their opposite numbers at Hilton by 8 matches to 1 in the first quarter.

In the fourth quarter we plan to send two teams to Hilton on the day of the cricket match.

The School 1st VI has played 4 matches, winning 1 and losing 3. We lost 1-8 to Hilton and 3-6 to a powerful Ladysmith side. In the third quarter we avenged our defeat by Hilton, beating them by 5 matches to 4, but were beaten 4-5 by the Staff.

The 2nd VI lost both their matches against Hilton by 3-6 and 2-7 respectively. The U-15 team did well in defeating Hilton 5-4 in their first encounter and 6-3 in the second. The U-14 side lost twice to Hilton, 1-8 and 4-5, and once to Cordwalles, where a very depleted team lost 3-6. Recently that defeat was avenged by an 8-1 victory.

Congratulations go to Farfield on defeating Founders 3-1 in the final of the House matches and thus winning the 1964 Tennis Trophy.

The School Championships, the winner of which is awarded the Barry Butcher tennis racquet, are now in progress and will be completed next quarter.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

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(Transvaal Branch)

Report of the Hon. Secretary/Treasurer for the Year Ended
29th February, 1964.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting this report on the affairs and activities of the Transvaal Branch.

Finance:

You have before you the audited accounts of the Branch for the year ended 29th February, 1964. You will observe that there was an excess of revenue over expenditure amounting to R281 as compared with R339 in the previous year. Although not up to the standard of the extremely good results in 1962/1963, it is still most creditable to have emerged with a profit of R281.

This profit is mainly attributable to a profit of R135 on the dinner-dance, and to the subscriptions of R215 received from members. I would

like to elaborate on these subscriptions because some members are a little puzzled as to why they need to pay them when most of us become life members of the main 'Old Boys' Club on leaving school. The subscriptions are paid to the Transvaal Branch of the Club and are quite voluntary. Although members are requested to pay only R1 per annum, the revenue

which is received in this way does enable us to make a donation to Michaelhouse each year. Your Committee feels that this is a small way in

which we can make a valuable practical contribution to Michaelhouse. This year R300 has been donated to Michaelhouse, which is to be spent on equipment for the Venture Club; in addition R100 has been given to the Transvaal Branch of the Michaelhouse Trust to help offset some of their expenses. You will notice that the donations in total amount to R400, which is rather more than our profit for the year of R281; the reason for this is that the Committee felt that we had surplus funds which could be put to better use than simply being in a savings account.

Functions:

The following functions have been held since the Annual General Meeting in August last year:

- (i) In November, 1963, the annual golf competition was held at the Country Club, and for the sake of the individuals who came in with remarkably high scores their names will not be mentioned.
- (ii) In December a combined cocktail party with Hilton was held, and this turned out to be a most successful evening although it should be recorded that there were many more Old Hiltonians present than there were O.M.s. The Hilton Old Boys' Club in the Transvaal has been re-organised, and the intention is that various combined activities will be arranged.
- (iii) In January, 1964, we entered two sides in the annual golf tournament for the W.M. Frames Trophy. Our sides acquitted themselves well without winning any great distinction.
- (iv) In April the bi-annual combined dinner with the Michaelhouse Trust was held, and although it appeared that a most enjoyable evening was had by those who attended, it is felt that there ought to have been many more present than the 75 members who did attend.
- (v) Next weekend for the first time a combined Hilton/Michaelhouse golf side is travelling to Durban to do battle with a combined side from Durban. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

General:

Cordial relationships with our kindred Old Boys' Clubs were maintained, and the usual interchange of guests at the various functions took place.

Once again we wish to record our thanks to Lance Knight for his assistance during the year, and to Bill Dandridge for his services in the capacity of Honorary Auditor.

R. CURRY,

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

Johannesburg,

3rd July, 1964.

HUDSON BENNETT GOLF

The Hudson Bennett Golf competition was first played on Easter Monday 1936-Pietermaritzburg entered 4 teams and Durban 2. The Durban

B team won with the best net score of 733. This match was played at the Pietermaritzburg Country Club and except for Kloof the following year, all matches have been played on this course.

There was no competition during the years 1940-45 owing to the War and in 1950 the competition was washed out in the afternoon.

The Cup to date has been won by the following teams:-

DBN A 4 times DBN B 4 times

PMB A 9 times "C Once

" B Once Beachwood ... Once (1937)

" C Once Staff..... Once

The lowest net score was 676 in 1946 by Pietermaritzburg A and the best stableford by Durban B of 257 in 1963.

This year the weather was very kind to us and it was again held at the Pietermaritzburg Country Club on the 30th August, 1964, the Hudson

Bennett trophy being won by Pietermaritzburg A with 245-Peter Francis 72, John Johnstone 60, Peter Moxley 58, and T. Rockey 55. Runners-up were Pietermaritzburg C with 228. The Drysdale Cup for the best net score over 36 holes was won by R. Jenkins with 140, and Peter Francis was

runner-up with 144. The Rhys Evans Cup for the best gross was won by Peter Francis with 156, D. Taylor being the runner-up with 161.

Fifty-four played during the day-6 teams from Durban, 3 from Pietermaritzburg, 2 Staff and one each from the Midlands-and Kloof.

I should like to thank John Hickson for his assistance before and during the day. We deeply regret that both Bill Drysdale and Rhys Evans were unable to attend.

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O.M.'s IN ENGLAND

Jeremy Allum (46-50) is a curate at Hornchurch in Essex.

Donald Barford (58-63) is doing his medical training at Guy's Hospital.

Neil Buchanan (56-59) has an "Upper Second B.Sc." in his medical examinations at Middlesex Hospital and will complete his training in three years.

W. F. Bushell (Hon. 26) is in his 80th year but is afflicted with arthritis. He was unable to attend the Cambridge O.M. dinner as he was on a visit to Majorca.

David Chastell (43-46) is married and has a medical practice at Broadstairs.

Sam Evelyn (41-44) after a successful operation at Midhurst is working for the British-American Tobacco Co. at their Central Research Labs, in Southampton.

Robin Fee (51-55) is obtaining architectural experience in England after qualifying in S.A.

John Farran (58-61) is at Sandhurst.

David Gourley (54-58) and Andrew Procter (56-61) are also doing their medical training at Guy's Hospital.

Duncan Gough (53-56), after training in agriculture at Seal Hayne College, now has his own farm in Wiltshire.

John Henwood (53-55) has a busy veterinary practice at Oadby near Leicester. He now has a son-Simon John as well as a daughter-Philippa.

Patrick Herbert (52-55) is still enjoying himself in England and is working

with Spicers-the paper firm.

Patrick Holdcroft (46-50) is obtaining valuable and most interesting experience with the architectural firm in London responsible for New Zealand House. Johan van Schaik (ex-staff) is also with this firm. Patrick's son Richard is about a year old.

Nick James (45-49) is still at Tibshelf in Derbyshire. Recently returned from business trip to Italy, Switzerland and Germany.

Michael Johnstone (47-51) has entered Ealing Abbey as a Benedictine monk.

Brig. B. A. G. Jones (24-28) is now the County Commissioner for the St.

John Ambulance Brigade in Warwickshire.

Ian Lloyd (35-38) has been adopted as a Conservative candidate in Portsmouth for the coming General Election. His interest in shipping has taken him to Japan, the United States, and many other parts of the world to study new methods which are being introduced.

G. H. Matterson (1900-1904) a 1901 O.M. who lives in Keswick, keeps in touch with South African Affairs and is a member of the South African Society in London. He is particularly interested in the South African cricketing sides which visit England and is disappointed that there will be only a shortened tour in 1965.

C. G. Roach (1899-1904) who entered Michaelhouse while it was still in Pietermaritzburg, keeps his keen interest in the school. He has felt deeply the death of his old school friend Arthur Wallbridge-also a migration Old Boy.

Tavish Thomson-Moore (59-62) is at Sandhurst but had a spell in hospital with a broken ankle early in the year. His brother is also in the British Army.

Darrell Hall (41-45) is with a British Commando Regiment in Singapore.

George Ellis (53-55) and his wife are living in Cambridge while George completes work for his research thesis-on the Mathematics of the Cosmology.

Anthony Rowe (52-56) is Stage Manager at the Bristol Old Vic.

PERSONAL NEWS

Black (60-63), James, has been awarded colours for Cricket and Hockey at Stowe.

Buchanan (56-59), Neil, has completed a B.Sc. in Physiology at the Middlesex Hospital, London, and has three more years of clinical medicine to do.

Burton (52-56), Richard, has qualified as an Accountant and is at present overseas.

Brown (37-40), David, is now in Western Australia. He runs a Post Office, Store and Farming Requirements Agencies. His brother Gordon (42-46) farms in the area.

Chutter (50-53), Jonathon and family emigrated to Montreal, Canada, in August this year. He is with the same Insurance Co. as he was in Nigeria.

Carruthers (56-60), Vincent has been appointed to the U.C.T. S.R.C.

Crozier (60-63), P., having qualified as an Accountant, is now in the family business in Johannesburg.

Evans (23-27), Rhys. Congratulations on showing a Sussex-Afrikaner crossbred which was judged the supreme beef animal at the Rand Spring Show. Also on being the first farmer in the country to harvest

100,000 bags of maize.

England (42-44), W. B., has been appointed a director of the Mobil Refining Co., and is now operations manager of the company's Durban refinery.

Edmundson (53-55), Barry, writing from America, says after completing his Insurance Exams. (F.C.I.I.) he has been working as an elevator operator and doorman but is now in an Insurance Broking Firm in Manhattan. Tony Pearson (50-53) is with an Advertising Co.

Felling (53-57), is doing his LL.B. part time at Wits.

Farran (58-61), John, recently passed out at the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst and is going into the Royal Army Service Corps.

Fraser (58-61), Alan, is at N.U.C. Durban. He is stroke for the Varsity Rowing Team.

Goldby (54-58), Derek, is at Wits doing a C.A.

Jack (59-62), Barrie, is with a firm of Accountants in Cape Town having passed his 1st year C.A. at Wits and is now in 2nd year at U.C.T.

Lawrance (55-59), John. Congratulations on being awarded a Northern Transvaal Hockey Cap.

Lander (53-57), Gerard. Congratulations on being awarded the Royal Exhibition Scholarship for S.A. He is doing research for his doctorate in Physics at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge.

McCarthy (49-51), Alan, has left for America to study poultry farming at Des Moines, Iowa. In the United States he will visit Universities and poultry producers. He will also visit England, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

McGregor (58-62), A. D. G., is at Onderstepoort.

Mostyn (57-62), has been an outstanding Art Student at the Durban Technical College and intends going overseas for further studies.

McCormack (59-62), Brian, is working for a newspaper in Cape Town.

Moon (59-62), Nigel, is with a firm of Accountants in Johannesburg and doing a C.A. at Wits.

Nichols (56-60), Humphrey, is stroke to S.A.'s Four and is a member of the Wits University Boat Club.

Nash (59-62), Andrew, has been accepted to the Course B.Sc. Imperial College London University, starting in October.

Newton (58-61), Oliver, is at Stellenbosch University doing medicine.

Ralfe (56-59), Gary, obtained a 1st class in History at Cambridge.

Stokes (18-21), G. T., magistrate at Stanger, has been appointed deputy chief magistrate in Durban.

JOHANNESBURG NEWS

Mike Bonnett (51-55), John Kumleben (47-51), John and Tony Roberts (54-57, 45-49), and Norman Smith, were all chosen to play in the Johannesburg Festival Hockey Tournament, in September.

Professor G. H. Le May (35-38), the Professor of Political Science at the University of the Witwatersrand has recently been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

H. M. Stevenson (58-61), is a member of the Wits University S.R.C. executive.

Dr. Siegfried Maske (42-45), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Maske, has been promoted to Professor in Geology at the University of Stellenbosch. Dr. Maske graduated in 1948 B.Sc. cum laude and in 1951 obtained the degree M.Sc. cum laude at the University of Stellenbosch. In 1964 he obtained his doctorate in Geology at the same university.

From January 1952 to June 1954 he studied mine geology and economic

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geology at the Colorado School of Mines, U.S.A. In September 1954 he continued his studies at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University. He was then specialising in mine geology and mineralogy and petrology. At the same time Dr. Maske was lecturer in mineralogy and petrology at the Colorado School of Mines and in June 1955 he was appointed a senior lecturer in geology and geophysics at the University of Stellenbosch.

Dr. Maske has received several awards. In 1951 he received the Hidding stipend, the Corstorphine medal and the first prize of the South African Geological Society for 1951.

During the second half of 1952 Dr. Maske was the geophysicist for Seismic Explorations Inc., Houston, Texas, and in 1953/54 he was consulting geologist for Bear Creek Mining Company, Denver, Colorado. Since 1956 he has been consulting geologist for the O'Kiep Copper Company and since 1961 he has been consulting engineer for Goldfields of S.A. Ltd.

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WE CONGRATULATE

ENGAGEMENTS:

Hancock (54-57). Richard, to Gale Caswell.

Vynnc (56-59), Johnathon, to Wendy Douglas.

MARRIAGES:

Crozier (46-50), Patrick, to Marion Quay.

Drooglever (55-58), Robin, to Janice Chapman.

Hamilton (56-59), John, to Elizabeth Ummey.

Harwood (52-55), John, to Cynthia Thomson.

Trouncer (55-58). Michael, to Anne Pepperle.

Wilson (57-61), John, to Penelope Clapham.

BIRTHS:

Butcher (46-51). to Michael and Susan, a son.

Drakeford Lewis (48-50), to David and Pam, a son.

Starling (51-54), to Douglas and Elsa, a son.

Greig (45-50), to David and Italia, a son.

JOHANNESBURG BRANCH

Will members please notify David Matterson, Box 3841, Johannesburg, of any change of address.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of many magazines from the Republic and overseas.

Literary Section

IN MEMORIAM

"Rest in Peace" seems but a cold farewell,
And Epitaphs sweet mockery,
As though our warmest thoughts and love,
Expressed are in hypocrisy.

For I have sat upon a grave-tone, cracked
And marred by Time's slow tread,

And in the trees about me heard,
The far-off whisperings of the dead.

Yet still those grey, Pentellic words,
Are sole memorial to thee

O spirits of those long since dead;
And when I die, may those of mine,
Not merely in a marble stone,
But in their hearts, remember me.

R.S.P. (A Block).

CONQUEROR

Thrones, towers, principalities fade away;
The pomp and splendour of the world decay,
All dies, and rots, returns to dust;
Becomes once more the earth's crust.

Nothing remains-all, everything, is lost
There is no time, no space, no anything at all,

But quails beside this greatest might,
This might of mights.

This power of powers,

This thing,

This Love.

J. N. KIDD (A Block).

THE CANDLE

O tall, mis-shapen acolyte of faith,

What mind have you?

That, flickering dimly at the altar steps,

You pale, and bowed, your wisdom
As somnambulistic weights,

First melts, and death, forewarned
Indoctrination, comes,

Not as sunset, but the dawn,

Thawing the heart, cold desolation.

Is this your life?

Are these but embryonic mumurs
Of a day, when prejudiced,

You sought your God with heart aflame,

And insight into life might show.

Who came, the bread and wine to know;

As you, in watchful solitude belong
Only to die, when faith lives strong.

R.S.P.

ENDEAVOUR

Shall Doggerel with Hemlock now be blest,

And in its own departing, sing
Such lays as but the Gods have heard,

Or seen a poet Laureate confess.

When fetlocks in my heart rise high,

And sound their ancient oratory,

Shall Phoenix like, from mortal chains,

My soul break free, and in its fire,

Proclaim immortal poetry.

R.S.P.

STEEL

Cold steel in the moonlight; close attack unashamed;

Heavy crack on metal track holds back
The dawn.

Blade meets blade, eternal breathing,

Silence in the garden seething.

Cut to left, parry right-

Live to fight another night.

Moonlight cold; moonlight silent; close attack unashamed;

Marble steps adorned with redness;

Cock cries not; no sound of shot.

Steel is through-life spurts, sun rises.

J. N. KIDD.

DIE SEE

Non is hy'n prentjie van rustige kalmte dan weer'n verwoede, verader-
like duiwel. Hy is die see, vriend van party; vyand van under.

Ek staan alleen op die strand en tuur oor die ontembare kokende,
malende watermassa keen tot waar dit, deur die deinsingheid verdwyn.

Skuimend breek die klein golfies om my voete, dieper in breek die groot golwe donderend. Ek is bang vir die see, dit laat my die nietigheid van die mens besef. Ek erken dit nie graag teenoor myself nie, maar tog is dit waar. Die see, wat soveel geheime in haar donker waters hou, wat soveel lewens geneem het, en soveel bloedige gevegte aanskou het, het

haar hier op aarde geen gelyke sover dit krag betref nie.

Tog dobbel die mens al van vroeë jare af met die see, wetende dat sy lewe op die spel is. Waarom doer hy dit? Vir die visserman is die see die

bron van sy daaglikse brood: vir die avonturier is die see bloot 'n uitdaging - 'n uitdaging om te bewys dat die mens die magtigste is. Dik wels
verloor die mens hierdie dobbelspel en hy moet betaal, met sy lewe.

Terwyl ek omdraai en oor die donker strand wegstap, kon ek nie help om te dink dat ten spyte van wat die mens verwag het hy nooit in der ewigheid iets sal kan skep wat met die grootsheid van die see sal kan

vergelyk nie.

A.J.B. (A Blok).

'n SNAAKSE DROOM

Dit was eers aand verlede vakansie, toe ek vroeg slaapkamer toe gegaan het. Ons het daardie nag oesters vir die aandete gehad en ek het dit baie geniet.

Skaars het ek my kop op die kussing neergele toe was ek vas aan die slaap. Ek het gedroom dat ek op die strand was, ek kon niks van die see sien nie. Skielik het 'n reusagtige vloedgolf van die verre horison af, strand toe gestorm. Dit het die spoed van omtrent veertig myl per uur gehad.

Ek het probeer om weg te hardloop maar my bene het so swaar soos lood gevoel en ek kon net loop. My hare het penregop gestaan en my hart

het in my keel geklop. Die vloedgolf het vinnig nader gekom, en al te gou was dit net vyftig tree weg. Ek het weer probeer om te hardloop, maar dit was van geen nut nie; ek kon die koue water op my kop voel.

„Word wakker, Jan!“ het my kleinboetie geskree, want dit was hy wat die water oor my kop gegooi het om my wakker te maak. Nadat ek hom regtig goed geskobbear het, het ek besluit om nooit weer soveel oes ters vir aandete te eet nie.

R.J.H. (D Blok).

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