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A still, autumn day,	EDITORIAL and the Editor feels the mantle of his

versatile, Celtic predecessor sit uneasily upon him as he gazes pensively upon the park-land that the school grounds now resemble. What can he say? The war....? Tempting, but the theme is hackneyed, though he might note how ancient Carthage looks like securing a belated, vicarious revenge upon the Roman who destroyed her so ruthlessly; for even now bombers fly forth to devastate Sicilian and Italian towns from almost the very site of Carthage, in Tunisia; and ere these lines see print, Italy may be invaded. No, history is made so quickly in days like these that it is rash to write what may be out-of-date within a month. Shall he then launch forth upon a rhapsody after the manner of that sentimental ballad "Trees"? He might do

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worse, for almost the first thing- to strike an Old Boy, returning to his Alma Mater after but a very few years, would be a Warriors' Avenue replanted and rejuvenated, poplars and willows tall and graceful, a grove of oaks beside the swimming-bath, and many a sturdy plane tree, among some which have bowed before the wind, studding the grounds at large; while in and beyond the one-time drab wattle plantation are the trim suburban gardens of our Berea.

Trees. Why, school life is rather like a tree, peach or orange or plum: the discipline, mainstay of the school, is the trunk and branches; the spiritual well-being, the most vital thing in school life, is the life-giving sap; the canopy of leaves is the fellowship which adorns school life; last of all comes the fruit by which we judge the tree. Our job it is, in a world shattered and convulsed, to go on steadily bringing forth sound, ripe, wholesome fruit. Heaven knows, the country will need men of judgment and good taste and enterprise to plan and rebuild a better land. Some of these should come from here; may the tree yield year by year a richer store!

C.E.B.

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SCHOOL NOTES

The choir picnic was held this year on Sarsdon farm, petrol restrictions precluding the usual excursion to Karkloof-on December 8th. An enjoyable day was experienced.

Mr. J. Lea-Morgan has left us to get married. A composer of some distinction, he has played the organ with taste and sympathy, and his musical standards are high.

In addition to losing Mr. C. M. Melville, referred to in our last issue, we bid farewell to Miss S. Anstey, for several years our conscientious and respected Matron, who has gone to Cape Town; to Mrs. Byrne, an efficient and popular member of the Bursary staff, who rejoins her husband in Iraq; to Dr. Spencer, who has gone to Maritzburg and may later move on to Cape Town to conduct researches upon sea-urchins; and to Mr. Smith, who was for some time in charge of the grounds, and a cricket coach.

We welcome to the staff Messrs. C. Lombard (Stellenbosch),

G. G. Dickerson (Rhodes), L. Le Butt, and A. J. Hurst (Selwyn, Cambridge), whose son has entered East as a new boy the same quarter as his father has joined the staff: is this a record? [Yes.-Ed.]

Mrs. Mordaunt has taken Miss Anstey's place.

Congratulations to Miss A. Hills and Mr. J. L. Robinson on their engagement. They hope to be married in early July.

Mr. Thomas became the proud father of a daughter, Nathalie Barter, last January 13th. It was with regret that we returned in late April to find him on the point of departure to take up a post as Secretary to the Natal Coal-Owners' Association in Durban, in which we wish him luck. He will be remembered for his kind-heartedness, his dynamic organisation of the last war fete, his original point of view, his hockey coaching, and his diverting and sometimes veracious stories. He was Editor, also, of this Chronicle. He and Mrs. Thomas (whose helpful first-aid classes are not forgotten) will be missed.

Mr. Norman Davis was with us, on leave, last March, provocative and stimulating as ever.

Phenomenal rains fell in Holy Week: between April 21 and

24 we had 5.86 inches, and the total for April was 9.65 inches.

We sympathise with Miss Dales on the death of her father, who was much respected throughout the Nottingham Road district.

Many of the lady members of the community have been regularly helping at the S.A.W.A.S. Institute and the Imperial Convalescent Hospital Canteen, at Howick.

It is pleasant to see once more a tame blue crane about the garden of the Rondavels, reviving memories of the absurdly affectionate pair of a year and more ago who came to a watery grave by misadventure or suicide in the swimming-bath.

Messrs. J. Pridmore and A. P. Woods are now Housemasters respectively of Farfield and West.

Michaelhouse, a young school still, with few endowments, is greatly indebted to the donor, an Old Boy, of a new Bursary, a welcome gift of the kind of which we stand in great need. The Bursary is of an annual value of £50, and is to be held by the son of a Michaelhouse Old Boy. No other limitation is

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impos-ed by the Deed of Gift save that the recipient must be able to show that he is "genuinely and reasonably in need of financial assistance for educational purposes."

Scouting is indefinitely suspended. Former Scouts, who remember Martin Hardcastle's abounding enthusiasm and magnetic personality, will be sorry to hear this, for during two years' scouting meant much in the -lives of a considerable number (now almost all Old Boys). But interest has flagged and at the moment there seems to be no one capable of the inspired leadership necessary. Mox Resurgat!

SCHOOL PREFECTS

May: J. M. Pennington (Head of School), House Captain of West, Captain of Rugby; A. J. Stubbings, House Captain of East, Captain of Swimming; W. C. Cooke, House Captain of Founder's, Captain of Athletics; A. T. de Villiers, House Captain of Tatham, Library Prefect; I. M. Stoute, House Captain of Pascoe's; S. N. Roberts, House Captain of Farfield, Captain of Cricket.

[J. W. R. Chaplin (Tatham) was Head of the School for the first quarter].

HOUSE PREFECTS

East: Ferguson, I. J.; Gough, K. A.; Robertson, V. C.; Waller, D. G.; Williams, D. G. T.

Founders: Bassett-Smith, J. L.; Deavin, D. N. (Captain of Hockey and Tennis); Lister, H. S.; Mostert, P. A. M.; Oberlin-Harris, D.

Tatham: Lawton, P. J.; Lee, D. R.; Shipster, G. W.; Wallace, H. G.; Youngleson, J. A. (Harker, R. W., first quarter).

, Pascoe's: Holt, R. D. A. H.; Horsfall, P. L.; Nelson, J.; Raw, B. G. D.; Meyer, T. C. (Robertson, A. I., first quarter).

Farfield: Barry, E. G. D.; Booth, F. B.; Bull, H. M.

(Captain of Squash); Johnstone, J. C.; Taylor, P. S. M.

West: Garland, I. F.; Neall, P. J. P.; Niven, P. N. F.; Williams, A. A. B.; Holliday, R. P. M. (Barnes, R. A. S., first quarter).

MATRICULATION SUCCESSES

MATRICULATION RESULTS, DECEMBER, 1942.

The following boys passed in the First Class: Blaikie, A. P.;

(2) Bull, H. M.; (3) Carey, P. D.; Day, P. R.; de Villiers, A. T.;

(3) Ferguson, I. J.; Fergusson, C. M.; Hindle, R. B.; Holliday, R. P. M.; Horsfall, P. L.; Mayne, R.; McIntosh, A. D.; Moore,

C. E.; (2, 3) Neall, P. J. P.; Orton, P. F.; Pennington, D. N. F.; (3) Roberts, S. N.; (3) Sanderson, J. G.; (2) Standish-White, R. M.; Strachan, D. W.; (3) Taylor, P. S. M.; (3) Twycross, H. C.; Tylden Wright, P. M.; Williams, A. A. B.; (1) Williams, D. G. T.; Youngleson, J. A.

Obtained Distinction in (1) English, (2) Latin, (3) History.

The following boys passed in the Second Class: Adams, J. A.; Aldridge, M. H.; Allen, A. H. A.; Bradford, D. W.; Brunt] A. D.; Chaplin, J. W. R.; Cooke, W. C.; Curlewis, D. J.; Friend,

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W. C.; Jackson, M. A.; James, A. R.; Keeley, J. W.; Langebrink, A. D.; Mountford, A. W.; Nelson, J.; Niven, P. N. F.; Poynton, R. J.; Scogings, T. P. R.; Skelton, M. H.; Stoute, I. D.; Stubblings, A. J.; Wachter, D. C. L.

The following boys passed in the Third Class: Murphy, W. R.; Waller, D. G.; Wolmarans, O.; Wootten, E. J. S.

The following boys obtained School Leaving Certificates: Atkinson, D. P. H.; Barnes, R. A. S.; Bester, H. B.; Doming, M. S.; Gillatt, I. F. G.; Harker, R. W.; Harvey, L. D.; Holt, R. D. A. H.; Hutcheson, G. P.; Little, I. G. B.; Mackness, J. A.; Robertson, H. G.; Somerset, P. B.; Webber, J. L. O'K.

MATRICULATION RESULTS, FEBRUARY, 1943.

Booth, F. B., School Leaving Certificate; Lawton, P. J., Second Class; Michel Smith, J. E. P., Second Class; Warne, C.

H. W., Third Class.

SPECIAL CREDITS AND DISTINCTIONS

Since 1930 the Rector has kept a "Credit Book" and a "Distinction Book" in which boys who are judged worthy have signed their names. These "Credits" and "Distinctions" have hitherto always been won in the classroom, and the award has been entirely in the hands of the Staff. This practice has been found valuable and there is no intention of discontinuing it. But the need has been felt of some way of giving recognition of meritorious service in other fields. It is this that has led to the institution of Special Credits and Distinctions.

The intention is that these should be given only to boys who have performed some service to the School and not merely achieved some eminence for themselves. There are many sides of school life in which such service can be rendered. Only in most exceptional cases would prowess on the playing field be recognised in this way since such achievement already receives adequate recognition. There is, however, a real distinction between individual achievement and the use of the position won to encourage others and to exercise leadership in the service of the community.

The awards made for 1942 are listed below and it is intended that subsequent awards should be published in the Chronicle from time to time.

The machinery for making these selections has not yet been fully worked out. and we shall no doubt learn from ex-

perience what will work best, but it is intended that the boys should have some say in determining the awards. All the present awards were made with the approval of the whole body of Prefects.

SPECIAL DISTINCTIONS, 1942.

G. H. L. Garbutt, for services to the Cadet Band as Drum Sergeant Major.

I_ G. Gersigny, for services rendered to the School in the captaincy of no fewer than four games: cricket, hockey, tennis, squash.

H. W. Miller, for his work and example in the building of the open air theatre and also for his services in connection with the Art School Printing Press.

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SPECIAL CREDITS, 1942.

D. D. Alexander, for his services in connection with the Cadet Band.

N. T. Auret, for his work as Library Prefect.

A. M. Barrett, for his work and example in the construction of the open air theatre.

A. P. Blaikie, for his services in connection with the Cadet Band.

R. E. Clausen, for his services to the School Music in general, and in particular as Organist of the Junior Chapel.

H. L. F. Currey, for his work in connection with the School Dramatic performances.

R. Denoon-Duncan, for his services in connection with the construction of the open air theatre.

H. Farthing, for his services to the School in connection with the Art School Printing Press.

W. D. Geerdts, for work done in connection with the Signallers.

R. W. Harker, for his enthusiastic work in the interests of House and School Swimming.

H. S. Lister, for services rendered in connection with the Cinema Projector.

T. C. Meyer, for services as Sacristan of the Chapel.

P. J. P. Neall, for work done in connection with the Signallers.

J. Rissik, for his services in connection with the construction of the open air theatre.

A. J. Stubbings, for his services in connection with the

Gym. Club.

J. L. O'K. Webber, for his services in connection with the organisation of the School Athletics.

K. G. Witthaus, for services to the School in connection with the Photographic Club.

J. A. Youngleson, for his services in connection with the Gym. Club.

VALETE

October, 1942: P. M. Brown.

December, 1942: Adams, J. A.; Aldridge, M.; Alexander, D. D.; Allen, A. H. A.; Atkinson, D. P. H.; Auret, N. T.;

Barrett, A. M.; Bester, H. B.; Brookes, A. E.; Campbell G. D.; Clesham, A. J. M.; Carey, P. D.; Curlewis, D. J.; Currey,

H. L. F.; Dawson, R. E.; Deane, D. B. G.; Douglas, T. R.; Draper, J. G.; Duncan, R. E.; Earle, R. H.; Fergusson, C. M.; Friend, W. C.; Frost, P. O'B.; Garbutt, G. H. L.; Geerds,

W. D.; Gersigny, I. G. P.; Goodbrand, I. A.; Graham, Owen

L. J.; Hargrave, A. R.; Harvey, L. D.; Hindle, R. B.; Hotson,

H. A.; Jackson, M. H.; Jennings, D. J.; Jonsson, A. H.;

Keeley, J. W.; Little, I. G. B.; Langebrink, A. D.; Mackness,

J. A.; Massey, H. A. O.; Mayne, R.; McClung, G. M.; Meintjes,

A. H.; Michal Smith, J. E. P.; Miller, H. W.; Moir, J. M.; Moor, J. F.; Moore, C. E.; Mountford, A. W.; Orton, P. F.; Poynton, R. J.; Rissik, J.; Robertson, H. G.; Somerset, P.

B.; Scogings, T. P. R.; Skelton, M. H.; Shaw, D. J.; Sander-son, J. G.; Standish-White, R. M.; Strachan, D. W.; Taylor,

D. W.; Twycross, H. C.; Wachter, D. C. L.; Webber, J. L.

O'K.; Witthaus, K. G.; Wolmarans, O.; Wyly M P C &c
Wootten, E. J. S.

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January, 1943: Blaikie, A.

April, 1943: Barnes, R. A. S.; Chaplin, J. W. R.; Doming, M. S.; Harker, R. W.; Kalmanson, J. M.; Robertson, A. I.; Southey, A. I.; Tidboald, M. G.

SALVETE

January, 1943: Acheson, M. A.; Adams, J. K.; Badham,

I. F. H.; Bailey, R. H.; Barraha, J.; Beeming, B. A.; Benjamin, J. M.; Bowes, P. C.; Bradford, P. B.; Braun, C. F.; Brazier, G. F. V.; Butcher, M. R.; Cairns, P. C.; Cannon, P. R.; Chastell, D. J. M.; Cheales, M.; Clarke, S. C. L.; Clayton-Cann, C.; Cochran, T. E.; Curry, A. N.; Cunliffe, C. C. C.; Dancaster, C. P.; Daniel, J. B. M.; Desmidt, J.; Dixon, J.

B. P.; Elstob, M.; Forbes, P. T.; Friend, R. W.; Geeling,

K. G.; Gorneman, R. J.; Graham, P.; Greenwood, P. H.; Guinness, H. M. S.; Hamp, J. E. A.; Hoare, C. E. M.; Howland, A. E.; Jensen, O. V.; Jonsson, B.; Jonsson J.; Laing, C. C.; Lang, N. D.; Lumsden, H. P.; Malcomson, E. T.; Midgley, M. K.; Morrison, G. D.; Moynihan, P.; Murray, J.; Niven J. D. F.; Pennington, V. F.; Price, A. S.; Purcocks, D. H. M.; Randles, W. G. L.; Raw, M. W. D.; Richards, M. A.; Rissik, P. B.; Robertson, J. D.; Rock Bell, J. T.; Rockey, T. J. F.; Russell, D. O.; Sheldon, R. M.; Shuttleworth, G. B.; Simpson, R. J.; Southey, P. a'B.; Springorum, R. A.; Tavener, J. A.;

Turner, B. J.; Waterman, B. S.; Weyhausen, E. G.; Wheelwright, M. W.; Whipp, J.; White, D. D.; Winter, E. M.;

Wood, J. C.; Wright, G. W.; Wright, D. C.; Young, M. R.

February: Barry, T. S.; Macdonald, G. W.

April: Hurst, J. W.

May: James, P. H.

CHAPEL NOTES

Special Preachers, Lent Quarter, Feb. 7: Rev. G. E. C.

Taylor, R.N.V.R.; Capt. the Rev. Montgomery, C. F.; Feb. 14, Rev. F. Stead, Vicar of Karkloof; Feb. 28, Rev. George Rein-dorp, Chaplain, R.N.V.R.; March 14, The Lord Bishop of Natal; March 28, Rear Admiral R. Y. R. Scott.

The Collections throughout the Quarter were good.

Jan. 31: Chapel Building Fund..... Â£4 12 85

Feb. 7: Karkloof Native Mission 5 15 1

Feb. 14: St. Cross Orphanage..... 5 4 0

Feb. 21: S.P.C.K..... 5 1 11

Feb. 28: St. Chad's, Ladysmith..... 5 2 85

March 7: Greek Red Cross..... 6 12 115

March 14: St. Luke's Mission..... 4 5 5

March 21: Missions to Seamen 5 11 9

March 28: Chapel Expenses..... 4 0 0

T. C. Meyer has continued as Sacristan, doing an essential work with unfailing conscientiousness.

Servers: J. E. Burgess, H. A. Campbell, A. T. de Villiers, J. M. Harker, P. Harker, R. P. M. Holliday, D. R. Lee, P. A. M. Mostert, P. J. B. Neall, D. Pennington, I. D. Stoute.

The week-day Communion on Wednesdays in Lent, and the evening voluntary services, have been well-attended.

Most of Holy Week and Easter Day, were spent at school since Easter fell so late in April. The Rev. H. P. Junod, Head of the Swiss Lutheran Mission, from Pretoria, was with us in Holy Week and gave three addresses that were both stimulating and devotional.

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MUSIC NOTES

A highlight in the musical history of Michaelhouse was the recent visit on February 20th of Leo Cherniavsky, violinist of international reputation. His programme was varied and interesting, ranging from the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto to an arrangement of gypsy airs. This last item, together with several others of the lighter type, proved particularly successful and the soloist was called back repeatedly for encores. Cherniavsky's amazing mastery of fingerboard and bow technique gave the audience its full quota of breath-taking re-works. It was a memorable occasion.

We have been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Angela Judd, A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M., M.R.S.T., from Maritzburg. Miss Judd has taken over the violin teaching from Miss McEwen, who left at the end of last year. Meanwhile the cello section continues to thrive under the experienced tutelage of Miss James, who is kept busy with a large number of pupils.

THE ART SCHOOL

Two years' activity in the Art School culminated in an Exhibition held at the Art Gallery of the Durban City Hall from April 5th-10th. This Exhibition was opened by Mr. J. Mortimer Moir, the Chairman of the Natal Red Cross Society, and a large number of visitors attended this short ceremony.

There were altogether 215 exhibits of painting, modelling, black and white drawings, pewter, wood-carving, leather work, printing and architecture-the efforts of over 80 boys. These were arranged in two rooms of the Gallery and a great many people came every day to see them. They all expressed their surprise at the high standard and variety of the work.

The proceeds amounted to £41 17s. 4d. collected from tea on the opening day and the sale of catalogues throughout the week. This was handed over to the Red Cross Society. The success of the Exhibition was an encouragement to all concerned.

During the week the Rector was asked to broadcast on the activities of the Art School at Michaelhouse and the following extracts from his talk sum up very aptly the aims of this department: "The root meaning of the word 'art' is skill; the training of the skill of eye and hand is a most important

part of education . . . There is one further point. In a

materialistic age we too easily assume that the boy must

possess the thing he has made. Actually the joy of possession is a very pale shadow of the joy of creation. At Michael-house we hope increasingly to use things the boys have made. They must feel that by the exercise of their skill they can serve something bigger than themselves. Already the Chapels contain examples of wood-carving and pewter work done by boys; nor is it only the Chapel that will be furnished with such. Thus we teach in the best and most practical way

that usefulness and beauty can and should be allied together."

Work has been started on the erection of two new studios at the back of the present building. One studio will house the modelling and the other the printing presses. We acquired an electrically run printing press at the beginning of the year and the scope in this department has increased considerably.

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The printers are busy this quarter on the Asp (the literary supplement to the Chronicle), the programme for Confirmation and for the Play on Ascension Day, as well as routine jobs for the School.

We have been very fortunate so far in obtaining materials, and the Art School will therefore be able to continue its present variety of subjects and also hopes to have materials for two new crafts.

Two more projects have been started for the Crypt and when these are finished there will be eight pieces of work which have been made by the boys. This is only a beginning -the aims of the Art School are high in its mission of service to the School.

LIBRARY NOTES

We have been fortunate in still being able to add to the Library, but periodicals naturally continue to come erratically and in batches of several dates at a time. On the whole we are lucky in getting the number that we do.

"Duke," who succeeded Johannes when the latter became a full-time Zulu teacher, left in February and since then we have had the boy Johannes, who rings the bells, aided by Johannes Zama. This arrangement is a better one than before and the library is running smoothly.

The Committee this year consists of the Rev. C. E. Birks as the Librarian, Mr. D. Pennington, Miss M. K. Ball, A. T. de Villiers, as Library Prefect, J. H. S. Battey, F. C. C. Feetham and J. V. M. Lister

VERSE

You say you are my friend. Come, take
The Open Road, and we will find
Freedom, and happiness of mind
You only know if you forsake
This world of grief. Come, live, awake,

Shake off the shackles strong that bind
Eternally poor doomed mankind.

Believe, my friend, your bonds will break.

Believe-yea, though the Way was long,

You learnt of Love; Love of a friend
Incomprehensible and Strong,
Whose Throne is soon our Journey's End.
You know not now that world so drear:
The Gates of Paradise shine clear.

D.T.W. (VI)

SUNRISE

Pencil points of incandescent beauty
Shooting through the dark;

An eastern horizon of smokeless flame
That heralds the dawn;

The slow reddening of Orient origin
Warming the silent air;

The furious passion of thrusting light
From that fiery Phoebus;

A last vestige of lingering darkness,

Then, the world wakes.

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SUNSET

Glowing embers of iridescent light
Through the lofty pines;

Darting tongues of aureate brilliance
That flicker and shimmer;

Mysterious shadows of unseen things,
Dark-shrouded beauty;

A sudden spasm of thrusting fire
Surging through the gloom;

A gorgeous wake of passing majesty,

A dying glow, then-darkness.

P.S.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Owing to wartime measures photographic goods are now becoming very difficult to obtain, with the result that the standard of the Society has not been as high as in previous quarters. Nevertheless interest is still being kept up and it is hoped that it will continue to do so until better times, when photographic goods will once again be in abundance.

We miss the effort Harker, R. W., put into the Society as a member of the committee.

Demonstrations on developing and printing and also a talk by Holliday on "How to use your camera on Sports Day" were given during last quarter.

Talks will continue to be given and it is hoped that interest will not flag.

V.C.R.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The 1942 Session was unfortunately a poor one and attendance was usually low.

In order to facilitate reference by one speaker to another's speech the Society brought in a system of "constituencies." Every member must "stand for" a place. At first members choose unprounceable names, but soon they settled

down to the scheme and it has been of great use.

Since the last report in the Chronicle the following debates have been held:

"This house considers that during the war compulsory gardening should replace compulsory games here at school." Proposed by Mr. Le Roux and opposed by Mr. Lea Morgan. Lost 8-17 and then won 18-7.

"This house considers that the U.S.A. will have a greater influence over the Dominions than Great Britain, and this is desirable." Proposed by D. J. Shaw and opposed by P. Neall. Lost 17-9 and then again 21-5.

The next motion had been set aside for the Hilton Debate but as that was cancelled the motion was debated here.

"In the opinion of the house 4 the next step for a boy

leaving school in these times is to join up rather than prepare himself for a career." Proposed by A. T. de Villiers and

opposed by K. G. Witthans. Lost 10-11 and then won 11-10.

Both paper speeches and those from the floor were better than usual despite the very poor attendance.

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The debates of the third quarter were: "This house considers that S.A. youth will have neither the energy nor the self-sacrifice necessary to solve their country's post-war problems." Proposed by A. N. Barrett and opposed by I. Holliday. Lost 8-18 and then won 19-9.

"In the opinion of this house girls' education is proceeding along the wrong lines." Proposed by J. M. Moir and opposed by P. J. Lawton. Won 22-6 and 18-12.

A special committee was elected to approach the Rector about the Society dinner and the outcome was that at the next meeting the Rector gave his consent but at the same time told the Society his opinion of it and how he hoped that it would improve. He deplored the heckling and barracking which tended to lower the quality of all the speeches. He ended by saying how useful the Society could be in the School if it was properly run. He then gave a talk on "India."

At the beginning of the last quarter a debate was held, which proved to be one of the best of the sessions.

R. M. Standish-White moved that "the Indians are neither fit nor able to govern themselves." This was opposed by A. T. de Villiers. The motion was won 20-5 and then lost 11-17. The mainstays of the opposition were two very convincing speeches from the floor.

The last debate of the year was "that the system and purpose of the matriculation examination is satisfactory for a boy leaving school." Proposed by J. Rissik and opposed by J. M. Pennington. It was lost 7-15 and then 7-12.

The last meeting was the dinner held in the Library on November 20th. There were 40 people present-a few visitors being invited. The absence of cold empty spaces in the room helped a lot towards the enjoyment of the affair. After the dinner there followed a few speeches and then a mock trial.

J. M. Pennington was accused of: (1) Theft; in that

he had stolen a rat from the municipal rattery; (2) Wilful damage; in that he had introduced the said rodent into the Rev. C. E. Birks' desk where it destroyed several valuable French unseens; (3) Offence under the Riot Act; in that on the discovery of the said rodent a stampede ensued in which a number of "cacks" suffered hurt.

The Prosecutor was K. G. Witthaus, supported by D. J. Shaw, the Counsel for the defence being A. T. de Villiers,

supported by A. R. Hargrave. Evidence was so arranged as to allow the barristers considerable freedom of detail but to keep the salient facts the same. Both sides had equally good cases but A. M. Barrett, the Chairman, who was acting as Judge, told the Foreman of the Jury-P. J. Lawton-to return a verdict of guilty. The case was one in which the alibi of the accused was the crux of the whole affair and there were a number of witnesses called; they were dressed up and acted their parts very well. There were M. S. Doming, who gave his evidence in Zulu; R. A. S. Barnes, who interpreted; J. A. Youngleson, an Indian; R. M. Standish-White. as an alluring female; and several others.

The experiment was a great success.

The new session opened, as usual, with a business meeting and the following elections were made:-

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Chairman, A. T. de Villiers; Vice-Chairman, P. J. Lawton; Honorary Secretary, H. F. Junod; Committee, J. A. Youngieson, M. E. Kumleben, Rev. C. E. Birks, Mr. C. M. B. Thomas; Ushers, A. J. Stubbings, S. N. Roberts; Reporter, P. Neall.

At the end of the first quarter Mr. Thomas left and Mr. N. G. Lyon was elected to the Committee in his place.

The first two debates were extremely good-better than most of last session's; so was the attendance.

The President moved that within ten years of the end of the war South Africa would have no need to import goods. He was opposed by Mr. Thomas. It was lost 10-45 and then 30-31.

The second was "This house considers that it would be preferable to be married to Mrs. Beeton rather than to Ginger Rogers." Proposed by Mr. Lyon and opposed by Mr. N. M. Benkenstein. Lost 18-32 and 27-28.

The third motion was that "modern education and culture tend to destroy home life." Proposed by A. D. McIntosh and opposed by R. A. S. Barnes. Won 19-11 and 25-11.

The second quarter opened with a hat debate.

On the whole this session has started very well and a very good year is expected.

A. T. de V.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

During the past half-year the meetings were again well attended, and the discussions were, if not of a high standard, fairly vigorous and enthusiastic.

The following motions were proposed:-

"This house favours the extension of co-education." Won by 43 votes to 15. Proposers: R. Welsh and R. Dyer. Opposers: J. Irwin and J. Kalmanson.

"South Africa should be a Republic after the War." Lost by 4 votes to 40. Proposers: I. McKenzie and D. Letcher. Opposers: H. Nelson and M. Taylor.

"Science has done more harm than good to the world." Lost by 7 votes to 35. Proposers: R. Dyer and R. Blore.

Opposers: T. Hockey and D. "wheelwright.

"The Vlth Form at this school should be abolished." Lost by 8 votes to 43. Proposers: G. Delcoigne and K. Geeling. Opposers: T. Rockey and D. Wheelwright.

"The pen is mightier than the Sword." Lost by 27 votes to 34. Proposers: B. Fieldsend and M. Latham. Opposers: B. Frost and B. Clayton.

A hat debate was held at the end of 1942.

The office-bearers for this half-year have been: Chairman, Mr. D. S. Foster; Vice-Chairman, B. Clayton; Secretary, r! Dyer; additional members, T. Rockey, D. Wheelwright,' R. Blore; Reporter, C. Brookes.

R.A.D.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Owing to the virtual impossibility of obtaining, persuading, or luring scientists to Michaelhouse from the outside world nowadays, it is inevitable that meetings of the Society should be less frequent than before, and that interest should perhaps flag.

The attendance at a business meeting, held on the 30th January, however, was surprisingly good. D. T. Williams was elected Chairman, and I. J. Ferguson Secretary of the Society, and Committee members from the A and B blocks were also elected. Business completed, Mr. Robinson gave us a very enlightening talk on "War Gases;" which revealed, inter alia, that poison gas is not such an effective weapon, by present day standards, as it is sometimes made out to be.

The second meeting of the quarter was held on the 13th March, when with the aid of some very artistic diagrams on the board, and intriguing apparatus generally seen only on Speech Day, Mr. Chapman elucidated for us the complicated theory of X Rays.

We are very grateful for this effort on the part of the Staff, and now look forward to some contributions from sixth form scientists with eager anticipation.

I.J.F.

POISON GASES

(Based on a Talk by J.L.R.)

The use of poison gas, or at least its equivalent, poison fumes, is by no means a modern practice. Indeed, records can be found of the employment of sulphur fumes by the ancients as poison gas.

In spite of the appalling horror inculcated by the very word "Gas," it is interesting to note that the casualty percentage due to gas poisoning is 4 per cent., compared with a figure of

25 per cent, due to High Explosive. Moreover, many gas casualties, e.g., those due to tear gas, are not removed from the front line and, as such, may not be considered as casualties. The main use of gas, therefore, is not destructive but demoralising, as one will no doubt realise after experiencing confinement in a

chamber of K.S.K. or other such gas.

As we see in H. G. Wells' "Shape of Things to Come," it may well be argued that gas is probably the least inhumane method of conducting a war-provided the death is instantaneous or the disablement temporary and painless.

The first gas attack of the last war was indeed efficient, but was not again used on a large scale, as it was first used only as a substitute for explosives. Soon, however, Haber evolved his process which enabled nitric acid and its nitration products

___nitroglycerine and T.N.T.-to be made from atmospheric

nitrogen, and the explosives position was relieved. Moreover, there was always the imminent danger of the gas, owing to a change in the direction of the wind, turning suddenly back whence it came.

It is possible to give a fairly complete list of all the known poison gases. People are, however, inclined to imagine that it is always possible for the enemy suddenly to spring up with a

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hitherto unknown gas, which our respirators will be unable to combat. This is not possible as the list is definitely limited and clearly defined, British-and German-scientists, working incessantly on this subject, have seen to that. Moreover, these limitations depend on the properties-physical and chemical-of the particular gases. For instance, a gas must be either irritant or poisonous, and it must be heavier than air-in fact many so-called gases are actually liquids.

Gases may be divided into two classes-persistent and non-persistent.

The persistent group includes readily vapourising liquids or solids which are usually emitted by aircraft.

The non-persistent group comprises the typical gases or finely divided powder particles which are easily dispersed by the wind.

The normal respirator, or gas-mask, as it is commonly called, will successfully combat all the common gases with the exception of arsine, which requires a silver nitrate absorbent. The German respirator is far more elaborate than the British, but the rubber surrounding the shield is of a more perishable nature than ours. The main drawback with all respirators is the fact that respiration causes the vision glass to become cloudy-a drawback which cannot be readily or safely relieved in the middle of a gas attack. Recently, however, a certain paste has been evolved which, when smeared on the vision glass, prevents the formation of moisture.

War gases may be sub-divided thus:-

1. The Choking Group (Gas masks effective) which includes Chlorine; Phosgene, which is colourless but has a marked smell; Chloropicrin, and Di-phosgene. Phosgene is particularly dangerous owing to its delayed action. Hot tea and artificial respiration is a useful remedy-until the doctor arrives-in cases of Phosgene and other similar gas poisoning.

2. The Nose Group, which includes DA, DM, and DC, causes a headache, irritation of the nose, toothache and the general feelings of a good dose of flu. These gases are all solids and usually have to be detonated, appearing in fine particles. They are, however, not lethal, but are inclined to force the victim to take off his mask.

3. The Tear Group (B.B.C., C.A.P., K.S.K.) can be found in either the liquid, solid or gas state. The group causes no permanent harm on the victim, but has a terrific irritating effect

on the eyes and throat.

4. The most terrible group of all-the Blister Group, which includes mustard gas and Lewisite, both vapourizing liquids which are sprayed from aircraft. They have a characteristic smell and have amazing penetrating powers, large quantities of even the vapours being lethal; but it is that tiny drop of liquid which falls on the victim's clothes or shoes which does all the damage. These deadly liquids penetrate normal clothing and shoe soles with ease to produce, first, slight irritation which develops into sores and in the case of mustard gas, blisters which eventually bring about arsenic poisoning, and, if not treated in time, painful death. Wet clothing propagates the penetrating powers of the gas, quantities of which will remain in the ground for years. Instances are known of peasants in France being recently poisoned by mustard gas remaining in the

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mud and soil of the fields from the last war. Lewisite, the brother of mustard gas, is probably the most "useful" war gas. Special squads are employed to decontaminate areas affected by Lewisite. Their clothing is of a certain resistant material and their boots of rope coil which delays the penetrating effect of the gas. These gases are soluble in chloride of lime and petrol, and there are certain ointments which, if quickly applied, neutralise the effect of the gas.

5. Lastly, the Blood Group-gases which enter into the blood stream producing poisoning and subsequent death. Arsine, a comparatively new gas, is of this group. Calcium arsenide, a solid which reacts with water, is usually dropped in powder form by aircraft, and on the falling of rain, arsine is liberated. It is, however, lighter than air and quickly dissipates. The victim of arsine poisoning is usually seriously affected in the liver and chances of recovery are not very large unless treatment is immediate.

This is gas-the dense green cloud, the irritating dust or the deadly oily liquid which penetrates through the thickest clothing. This is gas, the very mention of which sends one's heart to one's mouth and one's hand to one's respirator. Gas, the creeping weapon of modern war, the death that comes suddenly with the departure of hostile aircraft on their inhumane errands of silent destruction. But is gas the end? Far more deadly and terrorising will be the cargoes of germs and microbes which a desperate enemy would not hesitate to let loose on helpless cities. Diphtheria, Typhoid, Meningitis and thousands of other deadly diseases will descend from the heavens by night, leaving in the morning a stricken city, a doomed people.

I.J.F.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A new committee was elected at the beginning of the year: President, P. N. F. Niven; Vice-President, P. F. Garland; Secretary, P. L. Horsfall; Recorder, P. B. V. Quinn.

Owing to petrol restrictions the activities of the Society have been confined to the area around the school.

Fortnightly meetings have been held, and talks have been

given by members on various subjects. Field observations made by members have been discussed and recorded.

Mrs. F. R. Snell presented a loose-leaf note book in which

short articles on the local fauna could be written by members.

Short films have been arranged to be shown at each meeting during the Trinity Quarter.

Membership has increased considerably lately and much more interest is being shown in the Society.

P.N.F.N.

LITERARY SOCIETY

During the past six months the society has maintained its full quota, and attendance at meetings has been keen and fairly regular.

We started last quarter by reading Shaw's "Arms and the Man." What anti-romantic effect it had on the Society is not known!

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"Journey's End," by Sheriff, was the next play we read, and we completed it in one sitting. We are grateful to Messrs. D. Pennington, N. A. Davis and N. G. Lyon for reading the parts of Stanhope, Raleigh and Trotter respectively. The realism which they gave to the play added very greatly to our enjoyment thereof.

The quarter was ended by the reading of J. B. Priestley's "Dangerous Corner."

It is suggested that the meetings be varied this quarter by studying and criticising one particular writer, as has occasionally been done in the past. We hope that the Society will support this suggestion with its accustomed keenness, and that attendance this quarter will be at least as good as it has been in the past.

D.T.W.

THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Unfortunately interest in the Society flagged last year and the only two meetings recorded in the minute book were both held in March.

This year, however, over forty boys attended the business meeting called by Mr. Woods. The committee was elected and comprised of W. Cooke as President, A. T. de Villiers, Secretary, I. D. Stoute, and B. Raw as committee members. The committee decided on regular meetings and a compulsory minimum number of meetings to be attended. This has had the effect of keeping up interest in the Society.

The following talks were given:-7th February, "The Marketing Problem," by Mr. Woods; 21st February, "Citrus Farming," by Niven; 7th March, "Stud Breeding of Afrikanders," by Cooke; 21st March, "Fruit Control Boards," by de Villiers; "Afforestation," by Barnes; "Cross Friesland-Afrikanders," by Doming.

This experiment of having a number of shorter talks on one evening has proved a success and will continue to feature in the Society's meetings.

This quarter was started off by Lawton giving a talk on "Horses."

A. T. de V.

ENTERTAINMENTS

AFRIKAANS CONCERT-NOVEMBER 7, 1942.

For the first time in the history of the School an exclusively Afrikaans concert was held, when a fair variety of items were presented by a group of Afrikaans-speaking visitors from Maritzburg, under the leadership of Mrs. Venter. The evening's entertainment proved an unqualified success.

Most popular of the items were the folk dances, enthusiastically and gracefully performed by a demonstration group of ten couples. This display was a new experience to most of the staff and boys. When they happened to know the song to which a choral folk dance was done, the boys joined in the singing with great gusto-even a few boys who don't know a word of Afrikaans.

J. M. ARKWRIGHT, WHO WAS RUNNER-UP IN THE HIGH JUMP (UNDER]

[Photographs by V. C. Roberts*

Besides the folk dancing, there were solo.s by Heather Luyt and Philip Grobbelaar, and some duets by these two singers. The duets were particularly loudly applauded, and encore followed encore till the singers could sing no more.

Mr. G. Badenhorst gave a piano solo and Mrs. du Preez played some of the lighter classics on the violin.

In a short speech the Rector thanked the visitors for coming to entertain the School and congratulated them on their performance, which, he said, the audience had enjoyed so much more because the dancers were obviously enjoying it themselves. After this the School joined in singing "Die Lied van Jong Suid Afrika," a song learnt for the occasion, and the show was over.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT-DECEMBER 9, 1942.

Programme: I. "The First Nowell," for Choir, Audience and Orchestra. II. (a) "Aria," Handel; (b) "Hornpipe" (for Orchestra from "The Water Music"). III. Two chorales: (a) "Wake, O Wake," J. S. Bach (from the Cantata, "Sleepers Wake"); (b) "Jesu, lead my footsteps ever," J. S. Bach (from "Christmas Oratorio"). IV. Carols: (a) "Quern Pastores"; (b) "O, Little One Sweet" (for Choir only); (c) "Wassail Song." V. Two Arias: (a) "Panis Angelicus," Cesar Franck; (b) "Come unto Him," Handel, Mien le Roux. Interval. VI. Carols: (a) "Patapan"; (b) "This Endris Night" (for Choir only, music by John Lea-Morgan); (c) "I saw three ships." VII. "Concerto in B Flat," Handel (for Organ and Orchestra). VIII. (a) "Nazareth," Charles Gounod (for Choir, Audience and Orchestra, arranged by John Lea-Morgan); solo singer: Rev. C. E. Birks; (b) "As our Saviour came to thee," Richard Wagner (from "The Mastersingers of Nuremberg"). IX. Carols: (a) "He smiles

within his cradle"; (b) "Cuckoo"; (c) "Masters in this Hall." Interval. X. (a) "Serenade," Delius (for Orchestra from "Hassan"); (b) "The Bees' Wedding," Mendelssohn; solo piano-forte: Raymond Clausen. XI. Carols: (a) "Whence comes this goodly fragrance"; (b) "Es ist ein' Ros"; (c) "Eastern Monarchs." XII. (a) "Hail Bright Abode," Richard Wagner (from the Opera, "Tarnhauser"); (b) "Gaudeamus Igitur" (with an orchestral introduction and accompaniment from the Academic Festival Overture of Brahms).

This ambitious programme was somewhat marred by lack of organisation-a precedent set the previous year. Even so, a goodish time was had by most, for the carols were topical, and the audience sang, whenever they were allowed, with verve. We were grateful for the assistance of several members of the

Durban Orchestra (who had little enough chance to rehearse), for the singing of Mien Le Roux, and the pianoforte playing of R. Clausen. One wonders, however, whether Christmas carols would not make a more suitable appeal sung, as formerly, in the Chapel. Carols pure and simple, with a majority of popular ones, and with everyone knowing clearly just what was going to happen next!

AN EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT-MARCH 13, 1943.

To stand in front of a hypercritical audience of 350 boys might daunt the most fearless of us, but not the Rev. George Reindorp. He has the enviable gift of being able to project himself into the minds of his hearers, whether they be seasoned sailors of the seven seas, or the rawest preparatory school boys

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in their first longs. His entertainment included parlour games, improvisations on the piano, pertinent remarks on the neighbouring schools and the private concerns of Michaelhouse, and a personal reminiscence of a visit to Tristan da Cunha. This isolated race will probably be alive in the boys' memories long after his jungle drama has been forgotten. We owe Mr. Rein-dorp a hearty vote of thanks for sparing us an evening in his busy round of duty.

ATHLETICS

After a period of very dismal weather, we gladly welcomed Apollo among our many visitors, some of whom had saved their petrol for several weeks in order to reach Balgowan. We appreciate this compliment. The system of allocating points introduced last year was retained. Owing to the war there were no prizes. The standard of running was not so high as that of previous years, only one record being broken and one equalled. Many close finishes, in the open events especially, gave the running, however, continual interest.

Founders were the winners, leading from Tatham by 47 points, and for the fifth time in succession they won the Relay Cup. Lee, Barry, Mostert, Arkwright and McClung distinguished themselves. It was unfortunate that Rymer, who broke five records last year, was unable, owing to an injury, to participate.

After tea on the Terraces, Mrs. J. H. E. Besant presented the Cups.

Long Jump (Open)

1, Mostert; 2, Oberlin-Harris; 3, Mackie. Distance: 18ft. 4in.

Long Jump (Under 16)

1, Green, M. L.; 2, Preen; 3, Strachan. Distance: 17ft. 1ain.

Long Jump (Under 14J)

1, H. Darby; 2, McClung; 3, Gorneman. Distance: 14ft. 4in.

220 Yards (Open)

1, P. Lawton; 2, Lee; 3, Mostert. Time: 24.3 secs.

220 Yards (Under 16)

1, M. L. Green; 2, Preen; 3, R. H. Green. Time: 25.6 secs.

220 Yards (Under 14i)

1, McClung; 2, H. Darby; 3, M. Raw. Time: 27.5 secs.

High Jump (Under 16)

1, Field; 2, Sym; 2, Arkwright. Height: 4ft. 11in.

Mile (Open)

1, Barry; 2, Mackie; 3, Austin. Time: 5mins. 6.6 secs.

Half Mile (Under 16)

1, Arkwright; 2, Skinner; 3, Lowe. Time: 2 mins. 12.8 secs, (equals Record).

- 220 Yards Low Hurdles

1, Lee; 2, Mostert; 3, Howland. Time: 29.4 secs.

100 Yards (Open)

1, Lee; 2, Lawton; 3, Mostert. Time: 11 secs.

100 Yards (Under 16)

1, Preen; 2, R. H. Green; 3, Patchitt. Time: 11.4 secs.

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100 Yards (Under 14Â£)

1, McClung; 2, Raw; 3, Darby. Time: 12.1 secs.

Putting the Shot

1, H. Lister; 2, Oberlin-Harris; 3, Harsant. Distance: 29ft. 7|ins.

High Ju*mp (Open)

1, Brunskill; 2, Oberlin-Harris; 3, Price-Moor and Bull. Height: 5ft. 4Â£ins.

440 Yards (Under 14Â£)

1, McClung; 2, Cunliffe; 3, H. Darby. Time: 60.9 secs.

440 Yards (Under 16)

1, R. H. Green; 2, Arkwright; 3, Lowe. Time: 58.5 secs.

440 Yards (Open)

1, Barry & Lee; 3, Mostert. Time: 55.1 secs.

High Jump (Under 14Â£)

1, Fieldsend; 2, Clayton, Cunliffe & Clarke. Height: 4ft. 4in

Throwing the Discus

1, Brunskill; 2, Chaplin; 3, H. Lister. Distance: 105ft. Ilyins.

One Mile (Under 16)

1, Skinner; 2, Arkwright; 3, M. L. Green. Time 5mins. 9.4 secs. (Record).

Half Mile (Open)

1, C. Austin; 2, Mackie; 3, Barry. Time: 2 mins. 13 secs.

120 Yards Low Hurdles (Under 16)

1. Arkwright; 2, Stubbs; 3, Strachan. Time: 18.7 secs.

120 Yards High Hurdles (Open)

1 Mostert; 2, R. Howland; 3, Lee. Time: 18.4 secs.

Points

1, Founders.....198 Points

2, Tatham151 "

3, Farfield..... 67Â£,,

4, Pascoe..... 49Â£,,

5, East and West..... 46

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RELAYS

4 x 110 Yards Relay (Urder 14J)

1, Pascoe; 2, East; 3, Tatham. Time: 54.8 secs.

4 x 440 Yards Relay (Under 16)

1, Founders; 2, West; 3, Tatham. Time: 4mins. 1 sec.

4 x 880 Yards Relay (Open)

1, Founders; 2, Tatham; 3, East. Time: 9 mins. 23.2 secs.

Under 14i Relay

1, Founders; 2, Tatham; 3, Pascoe. Time: 3 mins. 7.4 secs.

Junior Relay

1, West; 2, Tatham; 3, Pascoe. Time: no recording.

Senior Relay

1, Tatham; 2, Founders; 3, West. Time: 4 mins. 3.2 secs.

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Medley Relay

1, Farfield; 2, Founders; 3, West. Time: 4 mins. 14.6 secs.

Points

1, Founders.....	13
2, T'atham	11
3, West.....	6
4, Pascoe.....	5
5, Farfield and East.....	3

SQUASH

The elected officers for 1943 are: H. M. Bull, School Captain and Captain of Farfield, and the remaining House Squash Captains: D. W. Bradford (East), D. N. Deavin (Founders), C. J. English (Tatham), I. D. Stoute (Pascoe's) and A. A. B. Williams

(West).

In the first match with the boys, played in March, the Staff were fortunate in securing the assistance of Maurice Pennington and Norman Davis, who chanced to be here on leave. This tipped the scale in favour of the Masters, who had not won for nearly three years. Many of the matches were extremely close and the score, 21-12, does not really reflect the relative merits of the teams of fifteen.

A hailstorm this summer played havoc with the malthoid roof and it has been annoying to find copious leaks in heavy rain. The freezing of building materials makes repairs difficult, but the ingenuity of the School carpenter has triumphed before, and should do so again.

SWIMMING

SCHOOL, SPORTS

This year fine weather afforded an opportunity for a good number of spectators to come to our Swimming Sports, despite petrol difficulties.

There is no doubt that the introduction of Standard Times (by which any boy, in his own particular Age Group, may score a point for his House, by beating or equalling a

Standard Time during the Season) greatly raised the standard of swimming. This was confirmed by the fact that seven records were broken, and two equalled.

Two new events, 1 Length Backstroke under 16, and 3 Lengths Breast-stroke Open, have been very successfully introduced into the programme.

Eaat broke its own record of 146 feet in 1937 in the Plunge, by bringing the Team Record to 158 feet 8 inches, Stubbings' plunge of 55 feet was the new individual record.

Mrs. Feetham presented the Cup to the winning House-Tatham.

House Points

Tathams 167, Pascoes 141, Founders 116, East 79, Farfield 4U, West 39.

Team Plunge

1, East; 2, Farfield; 3, Pascoe. Distance: 158ft. 8in. (Team Record).

Individual Record: Stubbings, 55ft. (1943).

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1 Length Free Style Open

1, Walters (P); 2, Harker, R. W. (T); 3, Hersov, B. E. (P).
Time: 17g secs.

Record: 17A secs. Philips, Croad, Walters (Heats).

1 Length Free Style (Under 16)

1, Green, R. H. (Fo); 2, Patchitt (W); 3, Dixon (P). Time:
18 secs. Record.

1 Length Free Style (Under 14-1)

1, Darby, H. (P); 2, Austin, D. G. (Fo); 3, Clayton (W). Time:
20s secs.

Record: 18R secs. Stubbs.

Diving (Open)

1, Harker, J. M. (T); 2, Stubbings (E); 3, Walters (P).

Diving (Under 16)

1, Green, M. L. (T); 2, Standing (W); 3, Youngleson M. A. (T)

Diving (Under 14i)

1, Campling (Fo); 2, Clayton (W) and Field (Fa).

1 Length Back Stroke (Open)

1, Lee, D. R. (T); 2, Stubbings (E); 3, Roberts (Fa). Time.
22R secs.

Record: 22h secs. (Croad, Kelly).

1 Length Breast Stroke (Open)

1, Meyer (P); 2. Lister, H. S. (Fo); 3, Mackie (T). Time.

23= secs.

Record: 21R secs. (Forsyth).

1 Length Breast Stroke (Under 10)

1, Green, M. L. (T); 2, Patchitt (W); 3, Rennie (W) & Lav/ton,
D. (T). Time: 22g secs.

Record: 22A secs. Green, M. L.; (Heat:j, 1943).

1 Length Breast Stroke (Under 14jl)

1, Fieldsend (T); 2, Clarke (P); 3, Campling (Fo). Time.

24 Å£ secs. Record.

3 Lengths Free Style (Open)

1, Harker, J. M. (T); 2, Waiters (P); 3, Henderson, T. (E).

Time: 63:4 secs.

Record: 63A secs. (Philips).

3 Lengths Free Style (Undtr 16)

1, Green, M. L. (T); 2, Green, R. H. (Fo); 3, Stubbs (P) & Dixon (P). Time: 69H secs.

Record: 67?, secs. Harker, J. M.; (Oberlin-Harris).

2 Lengths Free Style (Under 14i)

1, Darby, H. J. (P); 2, Austin, D. G. (Fo); 3, Fieldsend (T).

Time: 45b secs.

Record: 42A secs. (Stubbs).

1 Length Back Stroke (Under 16) (New Event)

1, Green. R. H. (Fo); 2, Dixon (P); 3, Parkin, D. (E). Time: 22H secs.

Record: 21!i sees. (Green, R. H.; Heats, 1943).

3 Lengths Breast Stroke (Open) (New Event)

1, Meyer (P); 2, Lister, H. S. (Fo); 3, Patchitt (W). Time:

84= secs. Record,

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3 Lengths Free Style (Under 141)

1, Austin, D. G. (Fo); 2, Darby, H. J. (P); 3, Field (Fa).
Time: 101R secs.

Record: 97s secs. (Cox).

6 Lengths Free Style (Open)

1 Harker, J. M. (T); 2, Oberlin-Harris (Fo); 3, Harker, R. W. (T). Time: 2 min. 36&£ secs.

Record: 2min. 33g secs. (Philips).

Relay (Under 16)

1, Pascoe; 2, Tatham; 3, East. Time: 1 min. 19& secs.

Record: 1 min. 18| secs. (Pascoes).

Relay (Under 14

1, Founders; 2, Pascoe; 3, Farfield. Time: 1 min. 14g secs.
Record.

Relay (Open)

1, Pascoe; 2, Tathams; 3, Founders. Time: 1 min. 14& secs.
Record.

MICHAELHOUSE v. HILTON

This was held on Wednesday afternoon, 10th March, at Hilton. Although excellent performances were put up by the opposing team in the 1 Length Free Style Open and the

1 Length Breast Stroke Open, their lack of long distance swimmers in all three Divisions told on their score after the first six events.

Our lead of 22 before the last three events was increased by winning the three Relays, which gave us 97 to 60 points. The results were as follows: -

One Length (Open)

1, Lewis (H); 2, Bonellie (H); 3, Walters (M). Time 16.4 secs.

One Length (Under 16)

1, Green ii (M); 2, Patchitt (M); 3, Barnes (H). Time: 17.8

secs.

One Length (Under 141)

1, Tobias (H); 2, Austin (M); 3, Darby (M). Time: 19.2 secs.

One Length Back Stroke (Open)

1, Green ii (M); 2, Lee (M); 3, Thompson (H). Time: 21.8
secs.

One Length Breast Stroke (Under 141)

1, Fieldsend (M); 2, (Colley (H); 3, Thomas (H). Time: 25.6
secs.

One Length Breast Stroke (Open).

1, McMillan (H); 2, Brookes (H); 3, Green iii (M). Time.
21.6 secs.

Three Lengths (Open).

1, Harker ii (M); 2, Lewis (H); 3, Bonellie (H). Time: 63.6
secs.

Two Lengths (Under 16)

1, Stubbs (M); 2, Green ii (M); 3, Hardy (H). Time: 44 secs.

Two Lengths (Under 14i)

1, Darby M); 2, Field (M); 3, Tobias (H). Time: 45.1 secs.

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Diving (Open)

1, Donato (H); 2 Harker ii (M) & Stubbings (M).

Diving (Under 16)

1, Allday H); 2, Green iii (M); 3, Standing (M).

Six Lengths (Open).

1, Harker ii (M); 2, Harker i (M); 3, Latham (H). Time.

2 mins. 37.9 secs.

Three Lengths (Under 16)

1, Ferguson (M); 2, Green iii (M); 3, Stone (H). Time: 67.8 secs.

Relay Race (Under 141)

1, Michaelhouse. Time: 1 min. 19.6 secs.

Relay Race (Under 16)

1, Michaelhouse. Time 1 min. 15.8 secs.

Relay Race (Open)

1, Michaelhouse. Time: 1 min. 11.4 secs.

Final Score: M.H.S., 97; Hilton 60.

INTER-SCHOOLS SWIMMING GALA

Again this year we were able to send a team to the Annual Inter-Schools Swimming Gala in Maritzburg. It was a pity that the athletic training and the training for this Gala clashed. However, although our high hopes were rather damped, the team is to be credited for having obtained a place in every event in which we had a competitor, except the Plain Diving, Open.

Green, M. L., is to be especially congratulated for his 50 Yards Breast stroke Record, under 16.

We gained second place, having been beaten by 13 points by Maritzburg College. We also retained the two trophies which we won last year. The results of the events in which Michaelhouse was concerned are as follows: -

Open 100 Yards Free Style: Harker, J. M., 2nd.

Open 200 Yards Free Style: Harker, J. M., 2nd

Open 100 Yards Breast Stroke: Meyer, 2nd

Open 50 Yards, Back Stroke: Green, R. H., 3rd.

Open Fancy Diving: Stubbings, 3rd.

Under 16, 100 Yards Free Style: Ferguson, R., 1st; Green, M. L."3rd.

Under 16: 50 Yards Breast Stroke: Green, M. L., 1st (Record).

Under 16, 50 Yards Back Stroke: Macdonald, 2nd; Dixon, 3rd.

Open Relay: 2nd.

U'.jlcr 16 Relay: 1st.

The following were awarded their Swimming Colours this year: Walters, D. I.; Harker, J. M.; Hersov, B. E.; Meyer, T. C.; Green, M. L.; Green, R. H.

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CRICKET

On becoming a House Master in January, Mr. A. P. Woods gave up being Cricket Master, a position he has held since August, 1930. Mr. P. de Gersigny took charge of the 1st Game, while Mr. Hebblewaite took over the secretarial duties. We wish them all luck in their new undertaking. We should like to thank Mr. de Gersigny for his continued interest in the School cricket.

The Schools' Week was held in Maritzburg this year. Rain unfortunately spoilt many of the games. We congratulate Gersigny and Harsant on being selected for the Natal Schools XI. Mr. Smith left us at the end of February. Price Moor was elected Vice-Captain in October. Roberts was elected Captain in February.

FIRST XI.

Although not an outstandingly good side the team had an extremely fine record of which it should be proud. To lose only one match was a great achievement. The main feature of the season was the defeat of Hilton twice; the first time in the two-day match played in Maritzburg this season and then again at Hilton in the one-day game. Both were really grand games in which luck favoured us somewhat. We beat D.H.S. twice. In the second game we created a minor record by scoring over 200 runs to win after D.H.S. had declared, a thing that has not happened on the High School Ground. We scored victories over St. Charles twice, Estcourt High School twice, Kearsney and M. Pennington's XI. Of the drawn games two were against Military sides. We were lucky to evade defeat by Kearsney and had a very even draw with Maritzburg College, who defeated us heavily in the return game.

Gersigny captained the side well for the first half of the season. His batting improved, but his bowling was not nearly as effective due mainly to the fact that he was bowling too many different types of balls in trying to get the batsmen out with the result that his length was most erratic. Had he concentrated on good length the batsmen would have got themselves out. He fielded brilliantly throughout. Roberts took over the Captaincy in February and should do well with more experience. His batting improved tremendously and he very nearly got into the Natal Schools' XI. He has a grand square cut, which, however, he overdoes to his cost. Price Moor started and ended the season well, but struck a bad patch in the middle. He is far too impetuous. He kept wicket well throughout. McBride was the most improved player in the side. He bowled with great determination and his fast swingers were always

full of venom. He came on with a rush as a batsman at the end of the season. Harsant had a wonderful run during the

Cricket Week. His batting improved a great deal, but he got out too often by hitting out at the wrong type of ball. His bowling, though useful, was rather disappointing. Twycross batted courageously in several games, but was always shaky against slow bowling. Brunskill has potentialities as a fast

bowler but has rather an awkward action which prevents him from getting the best results. J. M. Pennington was rather disappointing. His shots were too stiff and awkward. Deavin played some useful knocks, but was very weak on the leg

stump. Dawson showed promise as an opening bat but he also had a weakness on the leg stump.

CHEADLE DEFEATING TIDBOALD IN THE BOLSTER BAR

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During the season Colours were awarded as follows:-1st
XI Colours: M. B. Price Moor, S. N. Roberts, C. K. Harsant,

B. J. McBride. 1st XI Blazers: H. C. Twycross, D. N. Deavin,

B. C. Brunskill, J. M. Pennington, J. G. Draper F. G. Dawson
J. W. Chaplin. 2nd XI. Badges: I. D. Stoute, A. I. Robertson,'
A. J. Stubbings, M. J. Arkwright, H. D. Wallace, P. J. Neall
D. R. Lee.

GENERAL RESULTS

P. W. L. D.

15 10 1 4

SCHOOL MATCHES

P. W. L. D.

12 9 1 2

AVERAGES

Batting

Inn. N.O. R. H.S. Av.

S. N. Roberts 15 1 445 74 31.78

C. K. Harsant . . 15 2 342 89 26.31

I. de Gersigny 10 0 249 71 24.9

M. B. Price Moor . . 15 1 288 51 20.57

H. C. Twycross . . 10 3 140 69* 20.00

J. M. Pennington . . 12 2 122 44 12.20

B. I. McBride 12 1 122 48 11.09

D. N. Deavin 12 1 121 29* 11.00

F. G. Dawson 10 0 90 22 9.00

B. C. Brunskill . . 10 2 56 18* 7.00

The following also batted: I. D. Stoute, 4-1- -18-18* A. W.

Mountford, 5-1-17- 6*; G. D. Draper, 5-0- -20-8; T. W.

Chaplin, 6-0-14-11; P. R. Layzell, 3- -0-7-6; H. G. Wallace,

2-1-10-6*; A. I. Robertson, 2-0- -1-1; A. I. Stubbings,

1_0-0-0; A. P. Blaikie, 2-0 -6-6.

Bowling

O. M. R. W. Av.

B. I. McBride . . 155.6 31 434 44 9.86

I. de Gersigny .. 97.6 4 407 39 10.44

C. B. Brunskill . . 98 17 286 26 11.00

C. K. Harsant .. 123.4 12 485 25 19.40

The following also bowled: A. I. Robertson, 14-3- -42-3;

H. G. Wallace, 14-0- -67-3; P. R. Layzell, 14- 1-46-1; A. I.

Stubbings, 8-0-17-4; D. N. Deavin, 4 -0-10-1; A. W. Mount-

ford, 7-1-24-1; S. N. Roberts, 10-0- -62-1.

MICHAELHOUSE v. ESTCOURT HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Estcourt on October 17th. Won by 76 runs. Our

batting on the whole was not impressive in this game. Price Moor batted freely but got out through trying to score too fast. Deavin and Twycross gave able support at a critical stage. Estcourt bowling was steady. Against the slow bowling of Gersigny and Harsant our opponents tried to score quickly and got out.

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Michaelhouse, 137 (Price Moor 46, Deavin 20, Twycross 23 not out; Newton 5 for 28, Anderson 2 for 43, Sinclair 3 for 34).

Estcourt H.S., 61 (Anderson 11, Newton 10; Gersigny 3 for 23, Harsant 5 for 16).

MICHAELHOUSE v. KEARSNEY COLLEGE

Played at the Track Ground, Maritzburg, on October 24th. Drawn. We won the toss and put them in on a wicket which might have played tricks, but which actually played very easily. Our catching was very poor, while Gersigny's judgment in placing his field and changing his bowling was very faulty. Although he got nine wickets Gersigny did not bowl at all well as he bowled so many bad balls. Price Moor before lunch was poor behind the stumps, but after lunch he stumped five batsmen. Gersigny batted extremely well and got himself out foolishly, as did Price Moor and Harsant when well set. Twycross, though lucky, put up a good defence and saved us from defeat. Nathan and Davidson kept a good length.

Kearsney College, 216 (Gillies 25, Baker 59, Nathan 16, Davidson 29, McLeod 15, Jonsson 35; Gersigny 9 for 93, Harsant 1 for 76).

Michaelhouse, 155 for 8 wickets (Price Moor 23, Gersigny 71, Twycross 22 not out, Harsant 18; Nathan 4 for 53, Davidson 4 for 68).

MICHAELHOUSE v. ST. CHARLES COLLEGE

Played at St. Charles on November 14th. Won by 224 runs.

We were too strong for our opponents in this game. Our batting was forceful, while McBride bowled well. Roberts and Price Moor added 101 for the 2nd wicket, while Gersigny and Twycross put on 112 for the 4th wicket.

Michaelhouse, 278 for 6 wickets declared (Roberts 63, Price Moor 42, Gersigny 64, Twycross 69 not out, Deavin 23; Boys 2 for 77, A'Bear 2 for 61).

St. Charles, 1st innings, 54 (Barry 10, Twiggs 14; McBride 6 for 26, Brunskill 2 for 15, Harsant 1 for 7, Gersigny 1 for 2).

St. Charles, 2nd innings, 80 for 7 wickets (Hallot 13, Stevenson 27 not out, A'Bear 15 not out; Gersigny 4 for 35).

MICHAELHOUSE v. MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Played on the Oval on November 21st. Drawn. After our fast bowlers had given us a good start Gersigny and Harsant bowled so poorly that the College batsmen got right on top. Orchard and Rutherford both batted very well and scored freely. Roberts batted in great style and saved us. He got able support from Price Moor and Harsant (both of whom got out to foolish strokes) and Pennington.

Maritzburg College, 234 for 6 wickets declared (Orchard 57, Rutherford 100 not out, Ford 34; McBride 2 for 32 Gersisrnr

3 for 87). ' 6 *

Michaelhouse, 169 for 6 wickets (Roberts 68 not out, Price Moor 13, Harsant 41, Pennington 16 not out; Muir 2 for 52 Chiazzari 2 for 27).

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MICHAELHOUSE v. ESTCOURT HIGH SCHOOL

Played on the Oval on November 28th. Won by 41 runs
On a rain affected wicket the bowlers on both sides were on top and we owed our success to the fact that we had more experience of such a wicket.

Estcourt Hight School, 21 (McBride 4 for 11, Brunskill 6 for 8).

Michaelhouse, 62 (Roberts 14, Price Moor 15, Harsant 11 not out; Anderson 4 for 25, Newton 6 for 28).

MICHAELHOUSE v. HILTON COLLEGE

Played on the Maritzburg Oval on December 11th and 12th.

Won by 22 runs. Although the standard of cricket was not as high as that of last year, nevertheless this match had as many thrills, if not more, and provided a magnificent finish. Despite the fact that the wicket had been covered there had been so much rain that it gave the bowler just that amount of help that it was really a bowlers' match. It may be justly said that Hilton lost the match rather than we won it. They had a better balanced side and should have won comfortably, but lack of batting practice and mistakes in the field cost them dearly. We won the toss and decided to bat, which was a wise decision. Against the fast bowlers we made a good start, but as soon as Smith and Dinkleman came on we were in difficulties. We were saved by the heroic effort of Harsant, whom fortune favoured as he was missed four times. He batted with determination and hit with great vigour. Roberts was good until Smith came on, while Pennington defended stoutly. Hilton never recovered from a bad start, when Arbuthnot got out unluckily. Eaglestone batted well. Hilton would have fared badly but for Walker's hitting at the end when a slight drizzle made things easier for the batsmen and Gersigny did not spread his field enough. McBride bowled really well for us and was ably supported by the others, while our fielding was keen and good.

We started our second innings really badly and never quite recovered. Once again Harsant came to our rescue with a faultless knock. Roberts and Gersigny batted well, but got out through careless shots. Smith again bowled magnificently. Salverson was in fine form behind the stumps for Hilton, catching four and stumping two in the two innings. Set 156 to get, Hilton lost Arbuthnot early, but McMillan and Hull batted confidently, but were bowled by good balls from Harsant. Eaglestone and King carried on the good work and with the score

at 105 for 3 wickets the match looked lost to us. Gersigny then brought on Brunskill, who had had a long rest and his first ball bowled King. The seventh ball of the over was a beautiful

ball, which pitched on the off stump turned sharply and got

Eaglestone's leg stump. He then bowled Salmon with the 8th ball. Gersigny bowled Salverson in the next over and 7 wickets were down for 116, a sudden change in the fortunes of the

game. But with Rayner still in anything might have happened,

at which stage tea was taken. Luckily for us Rayner tried to start hitting too soon after tea and was well held by Harsant, off Brunskill. Walker, after hitting one beautiful four, lifted the next ball to the same spot as the previous one, where Harsant brought off another good catch. Gersigny bowled Smith in the next over and we had snatched an amazing victory. Throughout the game Gersigny captained the side with sound judgment and got the best out of them.

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Michaelhouse, 1st Innings

Roberts, b Smith..... 20

Dawson, l.b.w., b Smith . . 0

Price Moor, b Smith 0

Gersigny, c Salveson, b

Smith..... 7

Harsant, c Walker, b

Smith..... 83

Twycross, l.b.w., b Dinkle-

man..... 0

Deavin, c Hull, b Smith . . 6

Pennington, b Dinkleman 14

Draper, c Dinkleman, b

Smith..... 2

McBride, not out..... 2

Brunskill, st Salveson, b

Smith..... 3

Extras..... 6

Total152

Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-34,
3-37, 4-50, 5-55, 6-102, 7-145,

8-145, 9-149, 10-152.

O. M. R. W.

Rayner 8 2 23 0

Walker 4 0 9 0

Dinkleman . . 12 3 37 2

Smith 14 2 76 8

Hilton, 1st Innings

Arbuthnot, b Brunskill . . 6

McMillan, c Gersigny, b

McBride..... 0

Hull, c Twycross, b

McBride..... 16

Eaglestone, l.b.w., b Gersigny 27

King, b McBride..... 4

Rayner, b McBride 0

Salmon, l.b.w., b Harsant 8

Salveson, b Harsant 0

Dinkleman, b McBride . . 8

Walker, c Dawson, b

McBride..... 44

Smith, not out..... 4

Extras..... 2

Total.....119

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-7,

3-29, 4-47, 5-47, 6-59, 7-59, 8-61,
9-99, 10-119.

O. M. R. W.

McBride 12.6 0 42 6

Brunskill . . 5 0 19 1

Harsant 5 0 23 0

Gersigny 9 0 33 1

Michaelhouse, 2nd Innings

c Salveson, b Walker .. 25

l.b.w., b Walker..... 1
 c Salveson, b Dinkleman 14
 c Salveson, b Smith 27
 not out.....
 b Smith..... 1
 c Hall, b Smith..... 7
 c Arbuthnot, b Smith . . 4
 st Salveson, b Smith 0
 b Walker..... 0
 b Smith..... 0
 Extras..... 4
 Total.....123
 Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-4,
 3-39, 4-64, 5-82, 6-85, 7-97, 8-116,
 9-116, 10-123.
 O. M. R. W.
 Rayner 4 0 13 0
 Walker 8 1 35 3
 Smith 11.1 1 50 6
 Dinkleman 7 1 21 1
 Hilton, 2nd Innings
 b Brunskill..... 1
 b Harsant..... 29
 b Harsant..... 25
 b Brunskill..... 32
 b Brunskill..... 16
 c Harsant, b Brunskill . . 16
 b Brunskill..... 0

b Gersigny..... 4

not out..... 1

c Harsant, b Brunskill . . 4

b Gersigny..... 0

Extras..... 6

Total.....134

Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-53,
3-69, 4-105, 5-110, S-110, 7-116,
8-129, 9-134, 10-134.

O. M. R. W.

McBride 8 4 18 0

Brunskill .. 9 1 31 6

Harsant 11 4 26 2

Gersigny 13 0 53 2

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MICHAELHOUSE v. DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL.

Played on Maritzburg College ground on December 13th.

Won by 181 runs. Although Roberts and Harsant batted well and freely they were rather fortunate as each had one or two lives, due to poor catching by D.H.S. Harsant hit four sixes. He foolishly slowed up when runs were needed quickly and he wanted his century. A drizzle started to fall soon after D.H.S. began their innings, and when Gersigny went on to bowl the ball did not turn but skidded through quickly. He kept a good length and the wicket did the rest with the result that he took

8 wickets in five overs, and D.H.S. were all out in just over the hour.

Michaelhouse, 240 (Roberts 74, Gersigny 20, Harsant 89, Pennington 15; Deane 3 for 44, Donaldson 4 for 89).

D.H.S., 59 (Barber 11, Mun-Gavin 25; Gersigny 8 for 15).

MICHAELHOUSE v. KEARSNEY COLLEGE

Played on the Junior Ground, Maritzburg, on December 17th. Won by 48 runs. On a rain sodden wicket, when batting was always really difficult our experience stood us in great stead. Harsant again batted well while Twycross and Brunskill put up a great last wicket stand. Against good length bowling Kearsney were soon in difficulties and we got them out quite quickly. McBride and Gersigny were almost unplayable on that wicket.

Michaelhouse, 80 (Harsant 21, Twycross 14, Brunskill 18 not out; Nathan 6 for 29, Davidson 4 for 45).

Kearsney College, 32 (Ives 10; McBride 5 for 10, Gersigny 4 for 2).

MICHAELHOUSE v. ST. CHARLES

Played on the Oval on 7th February, 1943. Won by 83 runs.

This was the first match of the quarter with a new captain. Consequently the team lacked confidence and the scores were low. Price-Moor, supported by Roberts, relieved the monotony with a forceful innings. The steady bowling of our fast bowlers, McBride and Brunskill, was too good for the opponents. Scores:

Michaelhouse: 123 (Price-Moor 51, Roberts 27; Cusen 4 for

25, Stevenson 3 for 38).

St. Charles, 40 (McBride 4 for 8, Brunskill 3 for 6).

MICHAELHOUSE v. MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Played at the College on 14th February. Lost by 148 runs.

The timidity shown in the first match was still more in evidence in this one because the team had not then realised its strength. Winning the toss and putting the opponents in to bat on a batsman's wicket ended in a shambles. Orchard, after a shakey start, batted really well. Dawson was the only one who succeeded in keeping his end up for us and his patient 22 was made in 105 minutes. Scores:

College, 226 for 6 declared (Orchard 80, Bestall 43, Rutherford 21).

Michaelhouse, 78 (Dawson 22).

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MICHAELHOUSE v. D.H.S.

Played in Durban on 27th February.. Won by 2 wickets.

Profiting by the previous Saturday's debacle, the team played with a will to win and succeeded. The team, left with over two hundred runs to make in three hours, made them with thirty minutes to spare. McBride's bowling and batting were the match winning factors. Roberts and Price-Moor both batted well and Deavin and Stoute gave able support. Scores:

D.H.S., 205 for 8 declared (Ballard 51, Donaldson 59, Shackleton 30, Andrews 28; McBride 4 for 56).

Michaelhouse: 207 for 8 (McBride 48, Roberts 35, Price-Moor 35, Deavin 25, Stoute 18 not out; Moon 3 for 58).

MICHAELHOUSE v. HILTON

Played at Hilton on 28th February.. Won by 3 wickets.

This was a good game in which fortunes fluctuated rapidly on both sides. McBride again bowled really well and Robertson kept a good length. Price-Moor was at his best behind the stumps and apart from letting through no byes he caught three catches. Pennington, Roberts and McBride were our principal rungetters. Dinkleman's bowling was at one stage devastating and he took wickets with disturbing regularity. Scores:

Hilton Michaelhouse

Smith, l.b.w., b Robertson 9
 Roberts, run out 40
 Walker, c Dawson, b Dawson, l.b.w., b King .. 6
 McBride 2 Pennington, b Dinkleman 44
 Greene, b McBride .. 0
 Harsant, c Salveson, b King, G., c Price Moor, King 3
 b McBride 29
 McBride, l.b.w., b Dinkle-Salmon, c and b Robert- man 36
 son 24
 Price Moor, c Walker, b Dinkleman, l.b.w., b King 9
 McBride 14
 Chaplin, b Dinkleman .. 0
 Salveson, c Stoute, b Stoute, b Dinkleman .. 0
 Brunskill 7
 Wallace, c and b Dinkle-King, D., c Price Moor, b man 4
 Brunskill 12
 Robertson, b Dinkleman 0
 Booth, c Price Moor, b Brunskill, not out 11
 McBride 0
 Edkins, not out 14
 Davies, c McBride, b Robertson 4
 Extras 8

Extras 5 -
- Total 161
Total 120

Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-11,
3-11, 4-46, 5-73, 6-83, 7-89, 8-89,
9-113, 10-120.

McBride . .
Brunskill
Robertson
Harsant ..

Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-91,
3-93, 4-105, 5-115, 6-119, 7-119,
8-148, 9-148, 10-161.

O. M. R. W.
O. M. R. W. King, G 10 2 51 3
16 4 36 5 Salmon . . 4 0 20 0
11 2 32 2 Smith 5 0 40 0
9.4 1 25 3 Dinkleman .. 10.6 3 30 6
5 0 22 0 King, D 1 0 12 0

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MICHAELHOUSE v. I.L.H.

Played on the Oval on 4th March. Drawn. A virulent epidemic of dropped catches marred our effort in the field and enabled our opponents to get 163 runs for 9 wickets on a difficult pitch. Rain stopped play early in our innings. McBride was again to the fore with 4 wickets for 48 runs and Harsant bowled well, but his average was ruined by catches dropped in the outfield. Scores:

I.L.H., 163 for 9 declared (Byron 38, Martin 30; McBride 4 for 48, Harsant 4 for 69).

Michaelhouse, 46 for 3 (Roberts 22; Byron 2 for 7).

MICHAELHOUSE v. 3rd BRIGADE.

Played on the Track, Maritzburg, on 6th March. Drawn.

We put our opponents in to bat on a very wet wicket and play had not been in progress for an hour before the rain came and the match had to be abandoned. Scores:

3rd Brigade, 64 for 2 (McLaren 17, Dawson 17 not out, Byron 16 not out).

SECOND XI.

After Christmas the season was very successful and although the team appeared weak on paper the results belied appearances. The bowling was good and the fielding was excellent. The batting was erratic, but someone always came up to scratch and gave the side a fighting score.

2nd XI MATCHES

P. W. L. D.

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MICHAELHOUSE v. J. PRIDMORE'S XI.

Played on the Oval, on 24th October, 1942. Won by 65 runs.

Michaelhouse, 120 (Layzell 32 not out, McClung 29, C. M. B. Thomas 4 for 39).

J. Pridmore's XI, 55 (J. L. Robinson 18, J. Pridmore 17;

Stoute 4 for 15, Layzell 3 for 2).

SECOND XI v. THIRD XI.

Played on the Oval on 14th November. Won by 128 runs.

Michaelhouse 3rd XI, 24 (D. Taylor 3 for 10, A. Robertson 7 for 11).

Michaelhouse 2nd XI., 152 (Blaikie 30, M. Greene 36, Chaplin 35; H. Robertson 5 for 27).

MICHAELHOUSE v. MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Played at College on 21st November, 1942. Lost by 24 runs.

Maritzburg College, 121 (Moore 51, Hay 19; Draper 6 for 43).

Michaelhouse, 97 (Blaikie 29, Neall 17, McClung 14; Smythe 4 for 35 and Anley 4 for 16).

MICHAELHOUSE v. HILTON COLLEGE

Played at Hilton on 28th November. Lost by 124 runs.

Michaelhouse, 66 (Dawson 25, Blaikie 18; Thompson 7 for 13).

Hilton College, 190 for 2 declared (Walker 69 not out, Wavering 31, Hensman 37, Salmon 38 not out).

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MICHAELHOUSE v. ST. CHARLES

Played at St. Charles on 6th February. Won by 151 runs.

Michaelhouse, 176 (Stoute 49, Harker 30, Arkwright 27, Blaikie 20; Foce 3 for 46, Larkin 2 for 27).

St. Charles, 25 (Gordon 11; Robertson 6 for 8, Arkwright 3 for 6).

MICHAELHOUSE v. MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Played on the Oval on 13th February. Won by 59 runs.

Michaelhouse, 118 (Lee 34, Layzell 25, Neall 23; Fletcher 3 for 12).

College, 59 (Maxwell 15; Robertson 4 for 11, Stubbings 4 for 17).

MICHAELHOUSE v. J. PRIDMORE'S XI.

Played on the Oval on 20th February, 1943. Drawn.

J. Pridmore's XI, 80 (N. M. Benkenstein 25; Robertson 5 for 19; Arkwright 2 for 19, Raw 2 for 19).

Michaelhouse did not bat.

MICHAELHOUSE v. HILTON

Played on the Oval on 27th February. Won by 106 runs.

Michaelhouse, 147 (Neall 54, Layzell 26, Arkwright 17; Tullis 5 for 48).

Hilton, 41 (Masson 21; Arkwright 6 for 15).

MICHAELHOUSE v. I.H.L. XI.

Played on Hannahs on 4th March, 1943. Won by 9 runs.

I.L.H., 96 (Bolitho 41, Traube 20; Arkwright 7 for 23).
Michaelhouse, 105 (Layzell 30, Arkwright 19; Traube 4 for 17, McIntyre 3 for 16).

3rd XI MATCHES

P. W. L. D.

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MICHAELHOUSE v. WESTON

Played at Weston on 31st October, 1942. Won by 1 run.
Weston, 103 (St. Leger 31, Mr. Reid 47; A. Robertson 4 for 24).

Michaelhouse, 104 (Stubbings 35, Lee 28; Mr. Reid 7 for 36).

MICHAELHOUSE v. K. M. Pennington's XI.

Won by 71 runs.

K. M. Pennington's XI, 152 (J. Smith 27, J. L. Robinson 27, J. Pridmore 25; Harker 4 for 34, Stubbings 5 for 25).

Michaelhouse, 223 (Little 79 not out, G. Campbell 43, J. Moor 43; C. M. B. Thomas 4 for 81).

MICHAELHOUSE v. HILTON

Played at Michaelhouse on 28th November, 1942.

Won by 19 runs.

Michaelhouse, 59 (Oberlin-Harris 30; Spence, 6 for 17).
Hilton, 40 (George 17; Raw 4 for 14, Walters 3 for 6).

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MICHAELHOUSE v. K. M. PENNINGTON'S XII.

Played at Michaelhouse on 7th February, 1943. Lost by 2 wickets.

Michaelhouse, 121 (Routledge 34, Taylor 14, McBride 14; A. P. Woods 5 for 13).

K. M. Pennington's XI, 122 for 9 wickets (I. Gersigny 48, J. Pridmore 27; McKenzie 3 for 4; Henderson 3 for 35).

MICHAELHOUSE v. WESTON

Played at Michaelhouse on 20th February, 1943. Drawn.

Michaelhouse, 204 for 9 declared (Hope 55, Dandridge 42, Henderson 24 not out; Blackburn 4 for 41).

Weston, 20 for 2.

MICHAELHOUSE v. HILTON

Played at Hilton on 27th February, 1943. Won by 71 runs.

Michaelhouse, 1st innings, 88 (Shipster 17, Dandridge 16; Mickle 4 for 36, Richmond 3 for 7).

Michaelhouse, 2nd innings, 127 for 4 declared (T. Nelson 50 not out, Shipster 34, Walters 27 not out).

Hilton, 1st innings, 127 (Asher 33, Spence 27; Raymond 4 for 48).

Hilton, 2nd innings, 17 (Raymond 7 for 12, Walters 2 for 5).

OTHER MATCHES

UNDER 16 XI v. HILTON

Played at Hilton on November 28th. Lost by 24 runs.

Hilton, 248 (Addison 55, Masson 44, Booth 39, Crick 36 not out, McMillan 27; Harker 6 for 75, Routledge 3 for 5).

Michaelhouse, 224 (Harker 50, Routledge 33, Shipster 28, Shaw 26, Isaac 25; Levy 4 for 20, Addison 3 for 45).

UNDER 15 XI v. ST. CHARLES

Played on the Oval on November 14th.

Won by innings and 60 runs

Michaelhouse, 170 (M. A. Dyer 40, Strachan 22, Dougall 22; McBride 3 for 4). 2nd innings, 25 for 3.

St. Charles, 1st innings, 36 (Henderson 4 for 9, Arkwright 3 for 4). 2nd innings 74 (de Charmoy 30; Arkwright 5 for 25, Henderson 2 for 3).

BUNNIES

BUNNIES v. HIGHBURY

Played on the Punch Bowl on October 31st.

Won by 5 wickets.

Highbury, 1st innings, 83 (Kimber 33; Dougall 3 for 10, McBride 3 for 4). 2nd innings, 25 for 3.

Michaelhouse, 102 for 9 wickets declared (McBride 28, Dougall 18; Dowell 4 for 31, Cusworth 3 for 18).

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BUNNIES v. KINGS

Played on the Punch Bowl on November 14th
Won by 7 wickets.

King's, 1st innings, 56 (Liversage 20; Field 3 for 12, Darby 2 for 0). 2nd innings, 71 (Liversage 33; McFie 4 for 10).

Michaelhouse, 1st innings, 107 (M. L. Parkin 23, D. M. Parkin 16 not out, McFie 15). 2nd innings, 21 for 3.

BUNNIES v. HILTON

Played on Bailey's on November 28th.. Drawn.

Michaelhouse, 129 (McBride 52, Henderson 23, McFie 21; Shapland 6 for 25).

Hilton, 61 for 4 (Robertson 15, Bentley 14; Fieldsend 2 for 14).

BUNNIES v. HIGHBURY

Played at Highbury on February 20th. Lost by 24 runs.

Highbury, 1st innings, 93 (Pfaff 25, Leather 16; Howland 5 for 15). 2nd innings, 118 for 7 wickets declared (Leather 44, Kimber 31; Young 4 for 31).

Michaelhouse, 1st innings, 69 (Cunliffe 19, Fieldsend 14 not out; Dowell 6 for 28, Cusworth 4 for 32). 2nd innings, 60 for 1 (Purcocks 30 not out, Cunliffe 20).

BUNNIES v. J. PRIDMORE'S XI.

Played on the Punch Bowl on February 24th. Drawn.

J. Pridmore's XI, 155 (Benkenstein 53, Hebblethwaite 49, Barnard 32).

Michaelhouse, 50 for 4 wickets (Fieldsend 19 not out, Young 14).

BUNNIES v. CORDWALLES

Played on the Punch Bowl on February 27th. Lost by 76 runs.

Cordwalles, 1st innings, 40 (Walker 10, Campbell 9; Springorum 4 for 15, Howland 2 for 3). 2nd innings, 134 for 9 wickets declared (Levy 77 not out, Bowes 14).

Michaelhouse, 1st innings, 22 (Brazier 10 not out, Cunliffe 8; Levy 9 for 5). 2nd innings, 76 (Springorum 19, Howland 13;

Walker 2 for 3, McClean 3 for 1).

COCK HOUSE MATCHES FIRST XI.

Farfield won this event quite unexpectedly. This was mainly due to Roberts' good captaincy. He kept his side going well and batted very consistently. West had the best side on paper but overconfidence and poor fielding led to their downfall.

FIRST ROUND

On Hannah's. Farfield beat Tatham by 107 runs.

Farfield, 177 (Roberts 44, Arkwright 69, G. Campbell 17; Mountford 5 for 52; Draper 3 for 46).

Tatham, 70 (Shipster 15, Lee 20).

On the Oval. Pascoe's beat Founders by 50 runs.

Pascoe's, 74 (Raw 18; Brunskill 6 for 39).

Founders, 24 (Taylor 6 for 13, Robertson 4 for 10).

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SECOND ROUND

On Hannah's. Farfield beat East by 104 runs.

Farfield, 191 (Blaikie 29, Roberts 50, G. Campbell 23; McBride 5 for 55, Twycross 3 for 35).

East, 87 (Twycross 36, McKenzie 19; Blaikie 4 for 20, Shaw 5 for 13).

On the Oval.. Pascoe beat West by 12 runs.

Pascoe, 102 (Stoute 22; Harsant 7 for 23, Gersigny 3 for 51).

WTest, 90 (Gersigny 23, M. Pennington 33 not out; Layzell 3 for 37, Robertson 2 for 31).

FINAL

On the Oval.. Farfield beat Pascoe by 147 runs.

Farfield, 1st innings, 81 (Roberts 28, G. Campbell 23 not out; Lazell 6 for 43, Taylor 3 for 26). 2nd innings, 159 (Roberts 60, Johnstone 31, P. Taylor 24 not out; Lazell 6 for 84, Taylor 3 for 47).

Pascoe, 1st innings, 52 (Robertson 17; Blaikie 3 for 17, Arkwright 4 for 31, Shaw 2 for 1). 2nd innings, 41 (Raw 13; Arkwright 3 for 25, Shaw 5 for 10).

Farfield Team: Roberts, Blaikie, Arkwright, Campbell, Shaw, Taylor II, Johnstone, Auret, Bull, Bower, Walker.

SECOND XI.

West, with a sound all round side, won the event fairly easily.

FIRST ROUND

W'est beat Pascoe by 160 runs.

West, 181 (Dandridge 25, Hindle 52 not out, Henderson 50).

Pascoe, 21 (Henderson 4 for 12, Hope 6 for 9).

East beat Tatham by 29 runs.

East, 32 (Addison 7 for 16) and 110 (Douglas 31, Dougall 19,

Strachan 19; Addison 6 for 37, Kinahan 4 for 35).

Tatham, 59 (Douglas 8 for 17) and 54 (Green 20, Bilsland 8 for 17).

SECOND ROUND

West beat Farfield by 75 runs.

West, 131 (Hope 24, Garland 21 not out, Henderson 24; Field 3 for 17).

Farfield, 56 (Henderson 4 for 26, Hope 5 for 24).

East beat Founders by 6 runs

East, 98 (Dougall 48, Robertson 21; Preen 4 for 24, Cannon 3 for 7).

Founders, 92 (Farthing 23, Cannon 20; McBride 6 for 24, Douglas 3 for 42).

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FINAL

West beat East by 5 wickets.

West, 111 (Dandridge 29, Hope 34; Douglas 4 for 45, Bilsland 4 for 17) and 80 for 5 wickets (Garland 23).

East, 42 (Hope 6 for 23, Henderson 3 for 17) and 144 (Dougall 39, McBride 50; Hope 4 for 59, Foster 4 for 30).

West Team: Dandridge, Isaac, Garland, Robertson, Williams, Hope, Hindle, Rymer, Henderson, Patchitt, Foster.

UNDER 15.

This event was won by East, who had a good all round side.

FIRST ROUND

East, 158, beat Tatham, 72, by 86 runs.

West, 173, beat Farfield, 42 and 25, by an innings.

SECOND ROUND

East, 75, beat Pascoe, 51, by 24 runs.

West, 107, beat Founders, 47, by 60 runs.

FINAL

East, 146 and 214 for 2 wickets, beat West, 194 and 130, by 8 wickets. Parkin I made 102 in East's second innings.

East Team: Parkin I, Parkin II, Taylor, Harker III, Maske, McClung, Pyott, Irwin, Kalmanson, Scogings, Brown.

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OLD BOYS' NOTES

OBITUARY

MAURICE WILLIAM BURGESS

"Budge" spent four years at the School, in his last year (1928) becoming a foundation member of Rectors, when Warren Bushell introduced the House system. He has been described as a noble son, an understanding brother, and a faithful friend. It was early evident in his school career that his character fully deserved such praise. Immensely popular, he was a hard worker in the classroom and an outstanding sportsman, playing regularly for the 1st XV and 1st XI. As a School prefect he fully repaid the confidence placed in him and set a fine example in the performance of his duties. In business in Durban for many years, he made a host of friends. Full of energy at all times and ever ready to help in a good cause, his enthusiasm was infectious. For many seasons at full-back in the strong Old Collegians Rugby side, he was a steady rock of defence, and more than once appeared in the Durban side in the annual Intertown match. He regularly supported all the Old Boys gatherings, and always had a smile and cheery word for his friends. When the war came to South Africa with Italy's entry, "Budge" joined the Artillery. After months of training at Potchefstroom, he went North and saw considerable action. He was captured, severely wounded, when our forces had to give way last year. After many anxious months his parents were notified through the Red Cross at Geneva that he died in a field hospital at Derna on June 22nd, aged 32. We offer our sympathy to his parents and brother Pat, who is a prisoner of war.

ANTHONY RICHARD CLAYDEN

"Tony," who came to the School in 1933, was one of a group of senior boys that volunteered to change their loyalties when Ronald Currey started a fifth House-Tatham. That his sound character enabled him to do so successfully was handsomely rewarded by his being chosen in 1936 as House Captain. It was an onerous office, but the rapidity with which Tatham's rose to a position of keen rivalry with the older Houses was largely due to the firm pioneer work of such stalwarts as Tony. He was successful in both public examinations. In his last year he equalled the School record for the 100 yards, a feat which earned him a Fresher's trial at Oxford the following

year, when he went into residence at Brasenose College. His charming personality and solid good sense earned him a host of friends everywhere he went. Soon after hostilities with Germany began, he joined the R.A.F. and got his wings. He passed

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through Durban in a convoy in July, 1941, and happily his mother and sister were able to spend four grand days with him. There followed a long spell of successful operational flying in Egypt, from which he emerged with credit, and then suddenly the news of his death in action. Our deep sympathy goes out to his family in their bereavement.

WILFRED GORDON CROCKETT

The second son of H. L. Crockett, the well-known accountant of Durban, who for 20 years did so much for Michaelhouse cricket by bringing his strong XI to play the School each November, Dick came to us from Cordwalles in January, 1927. Twelve months later he helped to start Farfield under C. W. Hannah. The influence of two such lovers of cricket as C.W.H. and his father was bound to have an effect on him, and it was a great pride to both of them that he became Captain of the Eleven in his last year, 1931. A very fine bowler, he at times batted too with great force. Few who saw it will forget the wonderful 100 runs he and "Bull" Smythe put on in 20 minutes against Hilton in November, 1929! It was fitting that he should end his career as a School Prefect, as he had proved himself to be a good solid citizen. After successfully matriculating, he was articled to Halsey & George, accountants, of Durban, and was still with that firm when the war started. Called up for military training in 1933, he joined the 1st Batt. R.D.L.I. After 3½ years in the ranks, he was recommended for a commission and was promoted Captain in January, 1941. He went North with his regiment and was killed in action at Gazala on June 7th, 1942, though it was many weary months before this sad news reached his parents. In Durban he was well-known and turned out regularly for the Greyville Cricket Club and the Nomads Hockey team. His death at 30 has deprived us of the friendship of a clean, big-hearted sportsman. We know how he is missed in his family circle. Both brothers have seen service, though Ted was captured at Tobruk a few days after Dick received his fatal wounds.

REGINALD LIONEL CROSOER

Rex went into Rectors as a new boy in 1928 and had four rich years here. He was a boy of intellectual gifts and fully deserved his first-class passes in the Junior Certificate and Matriculation examination. Intensely loyal, he did not spare himself when called on to carry out any duty, and everyone liked

him. He was a very sound House Prefect in his last year. After leaving school, he was articled to his father in the firm George Mackeurtan, Son & Crosoer, of Durban, and became a qualified Accountant at the early age of 22. He went to Europe for a holiday, returned to practise on his own, but was persuaded to become accountant to S.A. Slippers (Pty.) Ltd. He was very keen on sport, and was a life member of the Durban Country Club and a member of the Berea

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Lawn Tennis Club. Trout fishing, squash and bridge were the recreations he enjoyed. Early in 1939 he joined the R.D.L.I., and had risen to the rank of Lieutenant when the war started. Promoted Captain in 1940, he was in command of the armoured car platoon when his regiment went North. He received fatal wounds at Tobruk on June 20th, 1942, from which he died the following day in a military hospital. His senior officers have written of his superb behaviour throughout the whole North African campaign. To his widowed mother in Natal and his brother, Michael, in the Tanganyika Service, we offer deep sympathy at the untimely death at 28 of a beloved son and a cherished brother.

RUPERT ALAN DUROSE

Born in 1915, Alan entered Farfield in the middle of 1928 and remained there for 4½ years. Keen about games and work, he was well liked, and was unlucky to have been in that House when there were so many "stars" at the top. Later he joined his father in the motor business and proved thoroughly dependable and solid. He had experience of the Martitzburg and Johannesburg branches, and was for a long time at the Durban head office. In 1937 he enjoyed a protracted trip to Europe, and made a special study of German. Fond of all games, he particularly enjoyed cricket, rugby and golf. As soon as the war started he took flying lessons, and in due course was accepted by the S.A.A.F. as a pilot. He had many operational flights during his eight months' service in Egypt in No. 1 Fighter Squadron, at the end of which only one other pilot had stayed the full course with him. There followed months of Union leave before he rejoined his squadron in Libya. On one occasion he had his oil pipe shot away in action and, landing in the desert, walked 15 miles before reaching our lines-straight into his brother Donald's mess! Some months afterwards he failed to return from a reconnaissance, and nothing further has been heard of him or his machine. It is one more of those sad cases where death has to be presumed, and we sympathise deeply with his parents.

STEPHEN GUYE HAWKSWORTH FAWKES

Guye was a prominent figure in Founders from 1933 to the middle of 1937, and it was no surprise to those who knew him well to see him emerge towards the close of this period as a School Prefect and Captain of the XV. He lived and played with a

gay heart and robust energy, and for him it was a disappointment that his departure for England prevented him from leading the School Rugger side throughout the season. He studied agriculture at Cirencester College and took the keenest interest in his work and all sides of life there. He was Captain of their Rugby XV. He was in the Auxiliary Air Force before the war, and, having already obtained his pilot's certificate, was called up on September 4th,

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1939, and posted to a Spitfire squadron which operated over Northern France. His operational flying with the R.A.F. was marked by the dash and disregard for personal safety that those who knew him well would expect. From a sweep over the Channel on December 8th, 1941, he failed to return and, nothing further being known of his fate, the Air Ministry presumed by the end of last year that he had been killed in action. So many of our gallant young Old Boys have suffered this fate, and we know how bitter the final news is to parents whose hopes have been sustained through many long months. Guye was only just of age. To his father and brother, Fred, now in Burma with an Anti-Aircraft Battery, we send our deep sympathy.

STANLEY ROBERT ELLIS FORRESTER

The younger of two brothers from Durban, Stan, born in 1921, entered East at the beginning of 1935, leaving early in 1938. A quiet, rather reserved boy, he was known best in his House, where his industry and solid character came to be appreciated. There was an underlying suggestion of strength of purpose in all he did. Who will forget his courage in stepping down from the "San" when East wanted one run to defeat West in the final of the Cricket competition? His eye had been closed by a cricket ball and he was in considerable pain. Fate decided he should be bowled first ball—he took his disappointment with a smile. This quiet efficiency characterised all he did. When the war started, he learned to fly and was soon recognised as a "star" pilot. This led to the

S.A.A.F. seconding him for special training with the R.A.F. in Iraq. Sometime later he took part in several destructive bomb raids in the Red Sea, which liquidated the Italian naval vessels lurking there. Ever ready for duty, he went on long reconnaissances during the dark days of Greece and Crete. There came a day when he bombed Crete one morning, and volunteered to go again all the way from Alexandria the same afternoon. Three machines set out and were never heard of again. For weary months during the confusion that followed our evacuation of that island, his people in Durban hoped for news, but his death in action has had to be presumed. He was just 20. They have our very sincere sympathy.

WILLIAM ROYLE GOWTHORPE

Though "Rags" only stayed here 18 months and left at an early age, he made many friends and always looked back at Michaelhouse as his alma mater. He was through the Great War and won the M.C. for gallantry in action in France. We lost touch with him for many years, but knew he was in Rhodesia on a mine, and eventually came back to Natal and was working at Gingindhlovu, in Zululand. He was just the type of man who could not

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resist the call to arms, and when the U.M.R. was mobilised in 1940, "Rags" was with them as a Staff Sergeant. He was killed by a burst of fire at Tobruk as he was endeavouring to escape in a lorry. We understand he leaves a son of 15.

WILLIAM JOHN EDGAR HAGGER

The son of Major and Mrs. Hagger, of Salisbury, "Bill" spent Sh years in Farfield. His natural industry and ability made 1st Classes in the Junior Certificate and Matriculation a foregone conclusion. A good all-rounder, he was an obvious choice for House Prefectship, and when he left in the middle of 1936, he showed every promise of developing into a man of high standards, likely to adorn the Rhodesian Civil Service, to which he was appointed in the Native Affairs Department. It was some time before the Government would release him for active service. He joined the R.A.F. and on the completion of his training was sent to England. We have been unable to obtain any further information beyond the fact that he ultimately was stationed at Malta, and after surviving months of hectic action in the darkest hours of her gallant resistance, was shot down and killed in aerial combat last year at the age of 23.

HENRY WILLOUGHBY HARRIS

"Cart Horse" was a great figure here during the last war. He entered the School in 1916 and left in June, 1920. His weight and strength were of great value to the Rugby XV, of which he ended Vice-Captain with his colours. He was wicketkeeper, "at times brilliant," in the XI and a Sergeant in the Cadet Corps. In school his work revealed the steady, dependable character, which throughout his life remained a dominant feature. Absolutely reliable and honest, he had a much longer spell than usual as a School Prefect. It was a difficult period, with the staff affected by the war, and the great name which Eldred Pascoe built up for the School in the twenties was in no small measure due to the quality of his Prefects, of which "Cart Horse" was such an outstanding example. He returned to the family farm near Donnybrook, and some years later married Molly Walker, of Highflats, and bought a farm in the Ixopo district, which their combined energy soon transfigured. When the war came, Willoughby, though nearing 40, was one of those who felt he must go, and he joined the N.M.R. with the rank of Captain. In our last issue we described his

gallantry and courage which earned him the M.C. Just back from hospital, with the men who loved and respected him so much, he stood the day before the battle of El Alamein, discussing how to tackle a minefield, when a stray bullet in the twilight picked him off and he fell dead-the only casualty. It was cruel news for his wife, son and daughter, who were so elated by the story of his bravery, received but a few days before. A beloved husband and father, he was the type that can ill be spared in any community.

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LOUIE RAYMOND KEENY

The elder of two brothers in East, Ray arrived as a new boy in 1931. For four years he gave of his best to his House and the School. He passed the Junior Certificate and Cape Matriculation examinations in the second class. Possessed of a fine physique, he became as good a forward as we have ever had here on the rugger field, and had his colours for two seasons. He had a strong influence on his House, especially during his last year when he was a School Prefect. When he left, he went over to England to study Mining Engineering at the Royal School of Mines, playing many fine games for their XV. He returned to this country before the war and was making rapid headway on the gold mines. Joining the S.A.E.C., Survey Section, he had a long spell of service "up North" as a Staff Sergeant and was severely wounded in action on October 30th and died on November 9th at the age of 26. His death removes a prominent figure from the ranks of our younger Old Boys. Those who knew him predicted a big future for him in the mining industry. His parents, of the Crown Mines, and brother Frank, serving as a corporal in the same unit, have our very real sympathy.

DOUGLAS DUNCAN McLAREN

The School was founded nearly 50 years ago, and it is natural to expect with increasing frequency the death of its earliest members. But none the less, it is with real regret that we watch the passing of our elder brethren. Douglas McLaren entered the School six months after Canon Todd opened its doors with 15 boys in 1896. He was an outstanding figure before he left at the end of 1898. A Prefect, Captain of the 1st XI, a member of the XV, and a tenor in the Choir-the diversity of his interests and achievements is obvious. A brilliant, hard-hitting bat, he continued to play for the School in League matches as an Old Boy, until he went to the Transvaal, where for a time many critics thought he would play himself into the Springbok side. In recent years he was employed by Rietfontein Mines, Ltd., then under the managership of another O.M., Colonel G. H. S. Loxton. His work was excellent and he became liked and respected by all.

DORRIEN LE TALL NORTON

The only son of Roland, who was a prominent

all-rounder here during Canon Hugh Jones' Rectorship, Dorricn came to Farfield in 1936 after passing his J.C. in the Transvaal. He successfully matriculated the following year and started a business training in Johannesburg. Though he was somewhat diffident and reserved, those who knew him well realised the solidarity of his character. The call to arms saw him join the S.A.A.F. for training as a pilot. He had a long spell of service in Egypt and was wounded in a dogfight. Returning to the Union

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for treatment, he was subsequently posted to an Air School in the N. Transvaal as an instructor, and killed in a flying accident last year. It is the third time we have had to record the death of an Old Boy's son, and in doing so we extend to his parents our deepest sympathy.

GEORGE DOUGLAS STRACHAN

George entered West in 1933. The second of three brothers who were all devoted to their House and served it to their utmost capacity. He was a good all-round games player, but did not achieve the distinction his skill warranted owing to the fact that he did not reach full physical development for a year or two after leaving the School in 1936. In Durban, where he was gaining experience with Randles Bro.

& Hudson, Ltd., he joined the Old Collegians Rugby C'ub, playing first for the Under 20 side and later regularly as fly-half or centre for their very strong 1st XV. He had a quiet, keen sense of humour and an attractive disposition, and was always popular. He went North with the N.M.R. and was wounded when going on guard at Tobruk and a frightened dog rushed past him and exploded a land mine nearby. He was being evacuated on a hospital ship to Alexandria. They were within sight of the harbour when the ship was dive-bombed and sunk, and George is presumed to have lost his life. It was a tragic end to a promising life, and all his family have our sympathy.

PETER JOHN SUSSKIND

"Pete" came from the "Ridge" to West in 1935, having already earned for himself a reputation as an all-rounder above the average. It was a promise which he richly fulfilled here. A beautiful bat, a clever, fast, powerful forward, efficient at all other games, but shining particularly at the high jump, for which he broke the School record in his last year; and with it all an able boy at his work, especially on the classical side-it is an enviable story for any boy. He was well worth his first in the Junior Certificate and Matriculation examinations, and he won several Form prizes. As a House Prefect he revealed innate qualities of leadership, which before had been obscured by his sensitive, affectionate nature. "Life is so full and such fun," he wrote-a spirit inspired by the kindly gaiety of his home. Few who enjoyed the hospitality of "Terlings,"

which Fred Susskind, the old Springbok cricketer, brought to entertain his son's friends, will forget the wholehearted warmth of their host's and hostess' welcome. It was a privilege to watch the happy comradeship of that very united family. He had gone, after leaving, to the Potchefstroom Agricultural College, but war interrupted his new work which he found so interesting, and he joined the Artillery. He was soon selected for a commission and passed high out of a large cadet course. He wrote often from the Libyan front, never failing to mention all

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the O.M.'s he had met-such friendly, alive letters, that one never anticipated the sudden end to his life that came in the early stages of the El Alamein battle. He was selected to go forward as F.O.O. and for 24 hours directed the most effective fire on the enemy advance posts. A chance mortar bomb killed him instantly. His sorrowing parents and sisters know that many, who appreciated Pete's promise, grieve for them in their sadness. He was just 21-a type that would have given richly to the problem of winning the peace.

GUY STEDMAN FOSTER TOLMER

Guy, an only child, was in Farfield for four years from January, 1930. Eager in the classroom, enthusiastic on the playing fields, sensible in all things, he was a type that gave more to the School than he took from it. It was no surprise to us that when he had finished his Degree course so successfully at Rhodes - he achieved a first in English - he should have felt the call to serve youth. He joined the staff of Highbury and soon showed that the qualities, which had made him so successful a House Prefect here and so widely liked at the University, would be lavishly used to develop small boys along the lines he knew to be right. He became a splendid scrum-half, playing for Rhodes and the Durban Rovers, and was often at the School with the Highbury teams. He was released for active service and quickly qualified as a pilot in the S.A.A.F. So great was his skill that he was appointed to the instructional staff and soon earned the respect of his pupils at Standerton and the regard of his senior officers, who have spoken in glowing terms of his qualities as an officer. On December 10th he was killed in a flying accident. It is a cruel blow to his widowed mother. Of Guy it might truly have been said:

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year-

'Give me a light that I may head safely into the unknown.'
He replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That will be to you better than light and safer than any known way.

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of

the day."

ROGER DE YVINTON KELSALL WINLAW

Here only a short time in 1925, Roger went on to Winchester when his father returned to a living in England. He promised to be extremely able. We know nothing more of him except that he was married, and was killed on active service as a Squadron Leader in the R.A.F.

ALLAN HENRY WINTER

Another of our pre-migration O.M.'s has gone. Allan entered the School as a day boy in Maritzburg twelve months before it moved to Balgowan. His

magnificent physique soon gave him advantages over others and for a long time he was a prolific scorer on the wing, getting his colours in 1903 and captaining the side the following year. He was a good bowler and hard-hitting bat-a combination which earned him his Cricket colours as well. He won the Victor Ludorum Cup in Athletic Sports. He was in command of the Cadet Corps and Senior Prefect for his last year-altogether a giant in those early days. He joined his father at Loch Sloy, near Estcourt, and at once began to lay the foundations of the wide reputation he later enjoyed (particularly with sheep). For many years he was an officer in the Carbineers, seeing service in the Zulu Rebellion of 1906. He also continued his Rugby for a time, being selected for Natal on more than one occasion. He was often President of his Farmers' Association and the Inland Fisheries Conservancy, and from his earliest days on the Bushman's River he bagged many a fine brown trout. A magnificent bird shot, his guinea fowl drives at Loch Sloy were an annual feature of the season. He married Kitty Vaughan, and leaves behind four daughters and a son, who had just won the M.M. and been recommended for a commission when Allan took ill last October. He was eventually taken to a brain specialist in Johannesburg, who operated; but Allan never recovered consciousness and died four days later, on November 11th, his fine constitution vigorous to the last. He did not look his 57 years. We shall miss his regular visits, particularly at the Hilton rugger match, which gave him almost as much pleasure as a player. He was indeed a staunch friend of the School, and his family know that we share their loss in a spirit of humble gratitude for a life well spent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

P/O. Ivan B. Cooper, R.A.F-Baltic Sea.

Capt. Dick G. Crockett, R.D.L.I.-Libya.

Capt. Rex. G. Crosoer, R.D.L.I.-Libya.

Lieut. Noel J. Cullum, S.A.A.F.-Libya.

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

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

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

2nd Lieut. Peter Featonby Smith, S.A.A.F.-Libya.

' Lieut. Stanley R. E. Forrester, S.A.A.F.-Crete.

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

Sergt. "Rags" Gowthorpe, M.C., U.M.R.-Tobruk.

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

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

Capt. H. Willoughby Harris, M.C., Botha Regt.-Egypt.

Pte. Geoffrey C. Hart Davis, 3rd Transvaal Scottish-Libya.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

S/Sgt. Roy Keeny, S.A.E.C.

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

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

Inspector C. Beric Mansfield, Police-Abyssinia.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ft./Lieut. Errol W. Seymour-Hosley, R.A.F.-Libya.

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

Lieut. Harold B. Stevenson, S.A.A.F.-Kenya.

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

Sergt. Kelvin B. Strachan, S.A.N.L.C.-Libya

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Squadron Leader Roger Winlaw, R.A.F.-Germany.

MISSING-BELIEVED KILLED

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

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

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

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

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

Sergt/Pilct Bob D. C. Tomlinson, R.A.F.-North Sea.

MISSING FOR MANY MONTHS

John Methley. Gerald Sedgwick. John Simpson. Rex Poynton.

PRISONERS OF WAR-REPATRIATED

Lieut. Brewer Booth, R.D.L.I. Sergt. R. E. Rawlinson, 2nd

Lieut. Ken Mitchell, S.A.A.F. Trans. Scott., att. S.A.M.C.

Lieut. L. W. Payn, S.A.N.L.C. L/Cpl. N. I. Robinson, S.A.M.C.

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

.ourgess.

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

Rev. Peter Cazalet.
Wally Chaplin.
Geoffrey Chennells.
Rev. Jim Chutter.
Edmund Clemmans.
Desmond Comins.
Edward Crockett.
Don Currie.

Raynor Davies.
Dennis Dawson.
Guy Diering.

Henry Dyke.

TCen Evennett.

John Forsdick.

John Fraundorfer.
Llewellyn George.
Guy Gibson.
jack Goldby.

Keir Hall.

John Harker.

Jack Heeley
Eric Henderson.

Ted Heney.

Erland Hindson.
Charlie Jones.

John Kennan.

Tom Kennan.

Peter Kerr.

Rex Kirton.

Winston Ladlau.
Alan Lees.

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

Tom Maling.

Alan McFie.

Douglas McIntosh.
Ken Mackay.

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

Farnie Martens.

Jeff Morphew.

Billy Nairn.

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

A. Oxley-OxJand.
Lewis Pape.

Edward Phillips.
Eric Pond.

Clive Rawlinson.
Roy Roberts.

Jack Robertson.
Maurice Robertson.
Giles Rose.

Mike Rosholt.

Terry Scott.

Jack Shannon.

Courtnell Siedle.

Philip Simon.

Charles Smythe.

William Smerdon.

Ronald Steere.

Edward Stewart.

Pat Stocken.

Lloyd Storm.

Les Symons.

Clifford Tallantire.

Bobs Tatham.

Hugh Thompson.

Ernest Vine Jory.

Peter Wachter.

Colin Walters.

Donald Waterman.

Courtney Wiley.

Edmund Wilson.

John Wilson.

DECORATIONS

MILITARY CROSS

Lieut. James Barrington Mudd, SA.E.C. won this immediate award in Libya in January. The citation says he was "in charge of a section detailed to clear the main road and surroundings of mines west of Buerat on January 17th-18th (near Tripoli). It was necessary for his section to get on to the road ahead of other sections already working Lieut. Mudd led his men and deliberately cleared the route of mines through unusually dense booby trapped and unmarked enemy minefields, skirting the main road which enabled him to reach and clear all the craters in his area. He personally undertook the more hazardous tasks and it was due to his outstanding courage and the fine example he set his men that the work with which he was entrusted was considerably expedited."

DISTINGUISH FI) FLYING CROSS

Squadron Leader Spencer R. P. Edwards, R.A.F., appeared in a recent list of awards. We have not seen the official citation, but know that he was through the Battle of Britain, in Malta, in Egypt, and is now in Ceylon. It seems a fitting reward for such a long period of gallant devotion to duty in some of the

stickiest phases of R.A.F. fighter activities.

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Capt. Eric Ian Humphries Sturgeon was given an immediate award of the D.F.C. on February 15th for carrying out many valuable reconnaissance flights with coolness, courage and the highest example. He has been acting Flight Commander, and the official citation in paying high tribute to his work, refers to his 38 reconnaissance sorties.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

Bdr.-Lance Sergt. John Arthur Hotchin has been with a Rhodesian Anti-Tank Regiment of the 50th Northumbrian Division in the Middle East. The citation says he "fought with outstanding courage when serving as No. 1 of an anti-tank gun in support of the 9th Australian Division near Sidi el

Rahman on October 31st, 1942. At 13.30 hours the enemy launched an attack with tanks and our infantry made local adjustments of their positions which left Bombardier Hotchin without cover and allowed the enemy infantry to approach

within 700 yards of his flank, where they opened fire heavily on him with automatic weapons. Very exposed, and not yet dug

in, Hotchin ordered half his detachment into a slit trench and

remained himself on his gun with two other men for 3i hours under heavy fire of every kind, and, although wounded himself and with his gun repeatedly hit, he engaged the enemy tanks and anti-tank guns throughout this time until his gun was finally disabled Never leaving his gun, he set a wonderful example to the whole of his troop of determination and steady leadership which materially contributed to beating off the enemy attacks on his vital position."

MILITARY MEDAL

Sergt. Philip Henry Lee, of the Natal Carbineers, earned the M.M. for consistent courage and devotion to duty in the Abyssinian and Libyan campaigns, on one occasion assuming command of the Platoon when his officer became a casualty. We have been unable to procure the official citation.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Able Seaman Anthony V. Large, of Durban, received this award "for great fortitude and endurance during many days in a lifeboat after the merchantman in which he was serving was torpedoed in the South Atlantic." This is a brief official reference to a remarkable 39 days of determination which is best described in Tony's own words, and we have published his

account of an epic experience elsewhere in these notes.

OFFICERS OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

(Military Division)

Lieut.-Coi. Walter F. Short has been promoted Officer of this Order for continued distinguished services in command of a Field Survey Company, which is now doing valuable work in the Union.

Lieut.-Col. W. H. (Bob) Evans has received the same award for brilliant work in command of a Railway Construction Company of the South African Engineering Corps in Abyssinia, Syria and Libya.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY MEDAL

The Cape Fortress Commander recently published the following citation in his orders: "Capt. A. Olive-Smith, attached Coast Artillery Training Centre, has been awarded the Bronze Medal of the Royal Humane Society in recognition of his prompt and plucky action on November 1st, 1942, at Robben Island in saving a Sapper from drowning. At the time of the rescue Capt. Clive-Smith's left arm was in plaster-of-paris, due to a fracture."

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

At Sea: Lieut. B. D. Pickles, for gallant service on a S.A. minesweeper in the Mediterranean.

On Land: In recognition of gailant and distinguished services in the Middle East during the period November, 1941, to April, 1942, the London Gazette includes the following names:-

Captain (now Major) C. J. J. Crowe (R.N.C.)

Captain Rev. V. C. C. Shaw (R.N.C.)

Captain (now Major) R. C. Tomlinson, M.C. (R.N.C.)

Sergt. (now Lieut.) E. M. Burchell (R.N.C.)

GENERAL

Constant changcs of military units and other reasons have combined to add to the difficulties of the Honorary Secretary. He pleads once more for news of all O.M.'s, particularly those on active service. It will obviously be so much more difficult after the war to fill in gaps in the Club's records which are accumulating rapidly now. Details of units and changes of war or home addresses are a tremendous help.

BURSARY FOR OLD BOYS' SONS

A new Bursary fur the sons of Old Boys has been founded by an O.M and is ready for award. Applications should be forwarded to the Rector immediately. It will be necessary, of course, for applicants to take the Entrance Examination, but this will not bo used competitively.

OLD CHRONICLES

The Honoraïy Secretary bas a large reserve of past issues of the Chronicle, which he is anxious to reduce. O.M.'s desiring to fill gaps in their series may apply for particular numbers at

one shilling each

PERSONAL NOTES

Pilot Officer Michael Allanson, who is a night fighter pilot, was married on June 27th last year at St. George's, Hanover Square to Miss Bunty Holland. We wish him the best of luck at both jobs! Ian passed through Durban some months ago as a naval cadet.

In spite of heavy duties as Adjutant of his regiment, Captain Pat Asbury has found time to pass the highest examination in Urdu.

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J. A. Adams joined the S. Rhodesian forces early this year and is training near Salisbury.

Congratulations and good wishes to Lieut. Denis Acutt and Lesley d'Almeida, who were married in Durban on April 3rd. He was down on leave after a long spell of operational flying in the North African campaign.

Captain J. M. Arnott, late N.M.R., is on the Natal Command Staff in Durban.

Basil Adams' son arrived here this year. We were sorry to see he lost his father last October. Charlie Adams had a wonderful knowledge of Zululand in the early days.

After getting his commission in the "Q" S.C. last year, John Aubrey returned to the M.E.F. in September, but was back in the Union early this year, when so many of our troop* arrived. He is now stationed at Ermelo and has become engaged to Kathleen Roach.

A. Brookes reports from Capetown University that other O.M. freshers are H. Currey (medicine), R. Hargrave (engineering), A. Langebrink (B. Comm.), and Standish White (medicine).

2nd Lieut. Tubby Borland is with an M. Reserve Field Company at Isipingo. Archie is a Platoon Commander with the

S.A.C.D.C. After many years with the Atlantic Petrol Co., he has gone sugar farming at Entumeni in Zululand.

Good luck to Captain Guy Berry, S.A.M.C., and Ann Walker, of Johannesburg, who were married early in the year. Bryan is doing a course with the Special Signals in Durban-R. G. Anderson being also there.

R. E. Bell, M.P. for Orange Grove, Johannesburg, has had a very busy session, as he was on the Select Committee for Public Accounts.

Meyrick Hudson Bennett was bestman at Mike Allanson's wedding. He took his M.A. degree at Cambridge recently

and this year takes all his medical finals, the M.B. (Cantab) and the M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. (London). Ernest had to leave his young family behind in England when he was posted with the R.E.'s to India. Here he has been on the Burmese front and done a course in the Himalayan foot-

hills. He has since been on the instructional staff at Poona. Hudson and his wife had a recuperative holiday at the Mountain Inn in the Zoutpansberg in March.

D. M. Blackhurst got his degree in Civil Engineering last December and joined the S.A.E.C.

Haydn Butcher recently published his engagement to Miss Mildred Carter, of Richmond.

Gordon Baber, who rejoined the same ship after his measles at Gibraltar, took part in the North African landing, where he had his first taste of divebombing. He spent one or two short leaves in Ireland.

L. B. Ballenden has left Capetown University and joined the Special Signals Corps.

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Mike Barry, in a recent letter, told us something of the exacting nature of hunting submarines in a flying boat in the Madagascar area. He had met Spencer Whiting, who was on that island with an army co-operation squadron, and Neil MacGillivray in Ferry Command.

S. Brightman is in the S.A.A.F. at Lyttelton. Since he left the school six years ago he has been with Rand Mines, first at Corner House and later in the E.R.P.M. office.

Congratulations and good fortune to Captain Ian Scott Barnes and Anne Harcourt Baldwin, who were married in Durban on February 20th. He put up a particularly stout show in the El Alamein battle, when he took command of a strange battery with only two officers left, and though wounded carried on in a very sticky position.

Gordon Blampied writes cheerfully from Camp 107 in Italy, where amongst other things he lectured on Joshua's campaign in the Holy Land, showing that fundamentally an army commander is still faced with the same problems to-day. Through a repatriated doctor we have heard the conditions under which Gordon and his Brigade survivors reached Italy, and we hope later to publish them.

We had a long letter from Captain Douglas Mitchell Baker, who is up north as Adjutant of an S.A.A.F. Squadron, which included the Acutts, Chris Beith, Ian Sturgeon and Ken Strachan.

Chris Beith was shot down in aerial combat over Solium on November 10th. Missing for some time, he has since been reported prisoner in Germany, having escaped serious injury when he crashlanded near Halfaya Pass.

Frank Graham Bell, having completed his training with the R.A.F. in this country, returned a few months ago as a Pilot Officer to England. "Tert" spent a week-end with us in March-he is a Sergeant in the S.A.M.C. with very varied experience in Abyssinia and Libya.

D. rower has been on a number of operational cruises with the R.N., mostly in the North Indian Ocean.

We offer our sympathy to Colin Bain Marais, whose father died some months ago in London. Colin has been an in-

structor with the S.A.A.F. at Standerton for almost a year.

F. B. Barnes was selected for an officer's course at Roberts Heights last year, but after completing three months of it preferred to rejoin his unit, who were going north with the 6th Armoured Division.

N. J. Barnes has been down on leave from West Africa, where he is stationed with the R.A.F. at Tacaradi.

After devoted service as A.D.I.T., Natal Command, Colonel Cyril Baylis was retired at the New Year and is now back at his estate agency business in Durban. His son has joined the S.A.N.F. and is training at the Cape.

Major Guise Beaumont has been at their Eastwolds farm for some months recovering from the wounds he received up North with the N.M.R.

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A. H. Berend has acquired a farm in the Nottingham Road district and is at it as often as he can get away from the demands of his business in Durban.

David Black is joining forces in August with Peter Binns at his rapidly growing Preparatory School, Treverton, at Mooi River. He will be missed at Cordwalles, where he has shown great interest in small boys, particularly in developing their taste for hobbies.

W. R. Boast's long public service in the Department of Native Affairs ended this year with his retirement from the important post of Native Commissioner at Nongoma. He is living at Empangeni, where he has joined a firm of solicitors.

Many of his friends will join in congratulating Brewer Booth on his repatriation from Italy in the first exchange of prisoners of war, though sad to learn that his leg had to be amputated in an Italian hospital.

The Borland twins are fighter pilots in England on the new Typhoon, which has just been released from the secret list.

We offer congratulations and good wishes to Harry Boyes and Nancy Lange, who were married in Johannesburg last Christmas. She had a brother at the school two years ago. He is nearing the end of a strenuous cadet course at Roberts Heights.

Captain D. Broadhurst is an instructor in the S.A.A.F. at Grahamstown.

Peter Brown is one of many O.M.'s who have gone north with the 6th Division.

Good luck to Andrew Milne Buchan and Barbara Willets Scott, of Maritzburg, who were married on January 30th. He has done well as an officer in the S.A.A.

G. Buchanan Clarke is "somewhere in Africa" as a signals officer in the S.A.A.F.

D. Button is nearing the completion of his flying training in the Transvaal.

J. M. Byron is up north with the S.A.A.

J. E. M. Barnes had several pieces of shrapnel in his tail in Libya and has been back in the Union some months.

Ben Carlisle's widow recently arrived in Durban in the W.R.E.N.S. and stays with Judge and Mrs. Carlisle whenever possible.

Congratulations to Michael Crosoer, who announced his engagement to Mary Laughton, of Dundee, in the New Year. He was down on leave from Tanganyika at the time.

Charles Chaplin, the last of six brothers to be here, has been in North Africa for some time with the S.A.C.S. His elder

brother, Eric, married Myra Scott, of Kokstad, last September, and they have our good wishes. He has had several operations on his wounded arm. The eldest of the clan, Spencer, is an enthusiastic fisherman, and for him the loss of trout streams through petrol restrictions has been fully compensated by the excellent bass fishing in the Matatiele municipal dam.

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Bob Crass and the family have returned to Natal and are living at Curry's Post, where he has made great progress and hopes to achieve a complete recovery from his illness.

The Chater brothers, George and Hugh, now both Wing Commanders in the R.A.F., are putting up a good show in Libya and Burma respectively. Geoff is learning to fly at Witbank. When he has his wings, their family record will be unique in our annals.

Ramsay Collins and Mary Boyes were married in Maritzburg on February 24th. He has since gone back to Egypt with the "Gunnery." We wish them all prosperity.

When Gordon Chapman last wrote, he was halfway through his flying training at Bloemfontein and due for A.T.S.

Bruce Cumming was promoted Captain in the S.A.A.F. in the New Year. He has had some leave in the Union, but was back in Tunisia for the final round up. Gordon has completed his Observer's training.

Geoff Chaplin has received further promotion in the Basutoland Service and is now a District Commissioner.

Major Laurence Clarkson has been for some months on the Natal Fortress Command staff in Durban as G.S.O.I., promotion from a staff job at Cape Town. His second son was born in February this year.

J. B. Cox and John Wallace have been on a long cruise, doing their essential training in the S.A.N.F.

Lawrence Crockett is engaged to Betty de Kock, of Constantia, Cape.

Ian Curwen writes his final medical exams at U.C.T. this year.

John Coles went north in the S.A.T.C.

When Capt. Ashley Clive Smith was recommended for the Royal Humane Society medal when he rescued a drowning soldier off Robbin Island, he was feted in the Mess by Major J. B. Farrer, M.C., the senior officer there.

A. J. M. Clesham has completed his recruit's training at a Rhodesian depot.

Antony Doming, an S.A.A.F. instructor at Waterkloof, was down on leave in March.

Basil Drysdale was one to benefit by the Allied occupation of French North Africa. After internment in a desert fortress, they were released, taken to America, feted in New York in terrific style, and ultimately landed in England. He returned to Natal in May.

Ivan Dickinson was commissioned in the R.E.'s on January 2nd and has been through further spccial training.

Geoff Doming has his "wings" and celebrated the completion of his flying training at Grahamstown by announcing his engagement. He reports that G. Blackbeard and B. Pope were on the same course there.

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P. A. Dobson completed his training for a commission in the S.A.E.C. at the end of 1st year in a batch which included R. Cornwall. He has since been doing further training at Potchefstroom, but has now gone north to be seconded to the British Army

L. Dawson-Squibb was mentioned in a January communique of S.A.A.F. activities as having shot down a M.E. 109. There is still no further word of his elder brother who was shot down last November near Akyab in an R.A.F. attack. We are sorry to hear that their father, who was a Governor of the School for a short time, died after a serious illness.

Dr. R. A. Dyer has presented the School with a large number valuable scientific journals of great local value. He is on the Rubber Production Research Committee, the Medicinal Plants Committee and the Fibres Committee.

We wish good fortune to Lieut. Richard de Gale and Barbara Ferris, who were married on April 17th in Salisbury, where they met during his flying training. After con-

siderable operational flying with a fighter squadron, he returned to the Union with back trouble and has had to give up flying.

His many friends will be sorry to hear that Desmond Henwood, who has gone North again with his regiment, lost his mother in April.

We congratulate Spencer Edwards on his triple achievement

in the first two months of this year. As reported elsewhere, he won the D.F.C. in the New Year honours

list; on January 9th he married Gillian Sheila Armitage of Ceylon; and early in February was promoted Squadron Leader and given a fighter squadron on that island.

Ben Ermcn, who is a Flight Lieutenant in the R.A.F., called at Durban in a recent convoy. He married Miss Eve Wiltshire some time ago in England. We are glad to be in touch with him again.

Bill Elliott has found it possible to get away again from Kokstad and is at D.H.Q. in Pretoria.

Robert Earle has joined the S.A.C.S.

Lindsay Evans reports that the copious and regular rains this season have secured them a very fine crop of mealies in the Kroonstad area. Harry writes cheerfully from Libya, having not yet been sent home on leave like so many Springbok troops.

We are glad to know that Jigger Egeland, who had such a marvellous escape when a shell burst a few feet from his head, is back with his hearing reasonably recovered--fit enough too, to get married to Audrey Leisegang, of Durban. The best of luck to them!

We were glad to be able to record elsewhere that Bob Evans' great work up North has been rewarded by: promotion and a decoration. He is now in command of four companies. On one occasion his car was blown up by a mine and an officer next to him killed, but he escaped with comparatively light wounds.

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David Edington takes his final medical examinations at Cape Town University this year.

G. P. English is doing a signalling course at Salisbury, and later goes for "pre-octu" training at Gwelo.

H. S. ("Jackie") Fisher has a commission in the Technical Services Corps and previously had a year on a techno-commercial assignment in South America.

Richard Friel, who had a long spell on the 1st Division Staff as a liaison officer, was in Maritzburg for a good spell and twice visited the school. He has since been on an armoured car course.

John Fraundorfer writes from his Italian prison camp that "he is fit and well and morale is high. Once a week an old Michaelhouse boy who knows a lot about journalism gives a more definite idea of what is going on in the outside world and his talks are appreciated no end by all the chaps. The rest of their news comes from interpreters who translate the local newspapers everyday."

D. Fisher is in his final year at the U.C.T. Medical School.

D. C. Fleischer is back at Cape Town in the Customs Department.

D. S. Fleischer has been flying a Spitfire on the Tunisian front.

Captain P. Francis has rejoined the R.N.C. in command of a Squadron under the new armoured organisation.

John Freeman has command of his unit in the Imperial Army.

J. Fieldsend leaves for India soon on an artillery O.T.C.

Roy Gathorne, on his return from Madagascar, was sent on an officers' course. He finished the cadet training at Roberts Heights in May and is now at Potchefstroom for the rest of it. He played in a lot of good cricket during the weekends.

A. Grice, of the I.L.H., sent a long stirring account of the El Alamein battle which for his little section of 5 reached a climax when they were "spotting for a shoot on some high ground, all of them in a hole 5 feet in diameter and

4 feet deep. Jerry saw them and turned all his local

fire on them for 45 minutes, fortunately failing to secure a direct hit." Soon after the battle he contracted appendicitis and last wrote from a hospital in Cairo.

Good luck to Alan Gowans and Joy Hammond, who were married in Durban on January 21st. He came back with the N.M.R.

John Greig is a Lieutenant in an Australian Infantry regiment. We had not heard of him since he went to that Dominion 20 years ago.

I. G. P. Gersigny has joined the S.A.A.F. and is training at Lyttelton.

D. C. Grice joined up early in the year and after a course at Potchefstroom, secured a transfer to the R.N.C.

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Lieut. Ernest Harriss is now with No. 1 Squadron in N. Africa.

We offer our sympathy to T. E. B. Hill, whose infant daughter passed away in May. He went North with the 6th Div.

Roy Hindle is at Howard College taking Engineering.

George Hayter joined the Native Affairs Department in March,

1940 after the experience he had gained of forestry near Harding. He has charge of large Trust Plantations near Henley. His son and daughter were born in 1939 and 1940. Brother Jimmy was married to Eileen Lilian Roberts in Johannesburg on February 6th. He is a Sergeant in the Natal Carbineers and came back with his regiment in January with a good reputation as a soldier. We wish him and his bride the best of good luck.

John Hickson, now a Captain in the S.A.A.F. Signals, has been at Fortress Air Headquarters, Port Elizabeth, for some months, where he announced his engagement to Freda Viney, of Cape Town.

Michael Harker, who transferred from the Navy last year to the Air Force, wrote at Christmas from Michigan, U.S.A., where he was at a "de luxe camp, where the war spirit is so great that they give holidays a miss and grab every available flying hour." He is immensely impressed by American efficiency.

Jack Heeley writes cheerfully from Camp 54 near Rome in beautiful surroundings. Their main need was extra food.

Geoffrey Holley was down on leave in December from Tanganyika. He is "living next door to the Dar-es-Salaam brewery, and slips across for a quick one with the brewer-very useful but expensive for the shareholders!" Major Jimmy married an American girl from Johannesburg on his return from Egypt where he filled several staff appointments with distinction. We wish them good fortune.

Paul Henwood, Sub-Lieutenant in the Navy, was on the Destroyer Foresight with at least two convoys to N. Russia and then accompanied the famous Malta convoy in August, 1942, when his ship was towed for 12 hours with its stern blown off before she had to be sunk. He escaped but lost all his belongings. On August 27th he married Section Officer Priscilla Welsh of the W.A.A.F., a cousin of David Edington. After an anti-submarine

course he joined H.M.S. Rapid, one of the very latest destroyers, early this year.

Dan Havemann sent a stirring account of bombing the retreating Jerries. They saw the demolition fires in Tripoli the night before it fell on their way to bomb the Axis rear in Tunisia.

Bob Howden is on an officers' course at Roberts Heights.

S.-Sgt. H. V. L. Houghting served with the S.A. Artillery for two years, but on his return to the Union was attached to the N.M.C.

Sid Harris, after some months' experience at sea, was selected for an officers course in the S.A.N.F. We * hear he has successfully completed this at Port Elizabeth.

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V. C. Holding left Howard College last year and joined the "Armoured Signals."

F. M. Hallowes' son and heir was born at Eshowe on November 29th.

The best of luck to Lieut. Alec Harriss, S.A.A.F., and Betty Hofmeyr, who were married on March 27th.

J. Hodgson was for some years with a firm of shippers in Johannesburg before joining the Transvaal Scottish when they went north nearly three years ago.

Ralph Harris, who for five years before the war was general manager of the Associated Manganese Mines in the Cape, joined the Transvaal Scottish in 1940 as a private, later received his commission and transferred to the Engineers. Towards the end of last year he was seconded to the British Army for special duty with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and is at G.H.Q., M.E.F. He has a girl at St. Annes and a boy at Highbury.

Good luck to Bryan Hindson, who, on April 3rd, married Rosemarie Woodhead, whose husband was killed in an air crash in 1940. She has three young stepchildren for Bryan.

Peter Heywood Harris went north with the 6th Division in the S.A.M.C.

H. D. Hall has been training with an Anti-Tank unit outside Cairo, awaiting the arrival of the 6th Division. His cousin Wilfrid is nearing the completion of his flying training in the Transvaal.

News has been received from East Africa that Gordon Jamieson's grave was located in Abyssinia and his remains removed to the Nairobi War Cemetery.

Capt. M. Gower Jackson's last letter reported a further spell in the Military Hospital at Roberts Heights, but they seem at last to have located the cause of the serious internal trouble which resulted in seven months' hospital treatment in the last year. His present M.O. is Captain Monty Lindsay, another O.M. "Jackie" has been Adjutant at the Q Services Reserve Depot.

Dr. A. Langley Jackson is back in the Union on the staff of the Johannesburg Military Hospital.

Jack Jennings wrote from the A.F.V. Training Centre in Febru-

ary, where a number of last year's senior boys have collected, including B. McClung, J. Moor, D. D. Alexander, E. J. Wootten and A. H. Welch.

Neville James has gone North again as Adjutant of an artillery regiment in the 6th Division.

H. A. R. Johnston, who married Miss Cecile Greene, of Muden, last year, is field manager in the Illovo Sugar Estates at Powers Court. We wish them luck.

Lieut. P. A. D. Jonsson recently graduated as a pilot at Standerton in the S.A.A.F.

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Good wishes to Lance Knight and Irene Gillan, of Johannesburg, who were married on February 3rd in Durban.

John Kerr has been back on leave with his parents at Rockmount, Estcourt.

D. A. Johnstone left with the 6th Division as a Lce-Cpl. in the S.A.A.

Robin Kirkcaldie has a daughter, born last year.

Lieut. Ron Lcach's first child, a girl arrived on April 13th. He is on the Instructional Staff at Standerton.

An Egyptian newspaper published a photograph of Major E. M. Lewis, D.F.C., with the words "the only S.A.A.F. pilot who is a flight commander in an R.A.F. squadron in the Middle East." A letter from him stated that he had just returned from a 1,700 mile bombing raid after 91 hours in the air.

G. Lange, who has been at Rhodes for two years, had to take four months off last year to have a series of operations to his feet. He hopes at last to be free of the trouble which handicapped him during his School days.

Capt. A. A. Lloyd was on leave when his daughter arrived in January. He had been posted to an artillery regiment in the 6th Division. He lectured in February to a crowd of

A.F.V. Cadets, which included Lewis Turner, Murray Campbell and John Crookes.

We were sorry to hear that Dennis Lyle, who was captured at Mersah Matruh last June and has been a P.O.W. in North Africa and Italy ever since, lost his father in November.

All O.M.'s will join in congratulating Tony Large on his amazing survival from an ordeal such as falls to the lot of few men. His own letter tells the story elsewhere. We are glad to know that his experience earned him an interview with the Queen and the British Empire Medal.

G. H. le May, after a brilliant double first at Rhodes last year, found himself medically unfit for the army and went to Khartoum in January to join the editorial staff of a new newspaper, "The Sudan Star," for propaganda purposes. He was tremendously busy when he wrote, but likes the work. His journey there was at times hectic but broken by nauseating delays.

Twin sons were born to Kathleen and Owen Lund, of Winterton, on November 18th, weighing 821b. and 721b. They are proud parents.

Good luck to Michael Lee and Jessie Christie, of Johannesburg, who were married in January.

We are grateful to Lieut. Derek Lee for a mass of O.M. news. He is with the A.A. at Cape Town.

Donald Loxton is a Sergeant in the S.A.E.C. and has been in Egypt for 18 months. His father, who farms at Boshhoek, in the Rustenburg district, has collected a shooting party for the low veld to secure biitong for the troops.

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Lieut. "Ginger" Mudd, who is an instructor at the Kimberley Air School, married Miss Joan Cross a year ago. Mrs. Mudd, his mother, decided to settle at Fort Nottingham in May. She is naturally proud of her eldest son Barry's decoration.

All O.M.'s will unite in offering Colin Melville their wishes for success in his new work at Pridwin Preparatory School, where Claud Janion has achieved great heights in Johannesburg after his modest beginnings at Winkle Spruit.

W. R. Murphy began his medical studies at the N.U.C. this year.

R. G. McKenzie, after a long spell with a broken wrist in the Springfield Hospital on returning from Egypt, was posted to the Q.M.S. at Lenz with the N.M.C. He is now at Driefontein, East Rand, and sent a welcome budget of O.M. news. He was removed from the Tobruk hospital two days before it fell.

Maurice McGregor qualified as a doctor last year and has a commission in the S.A.M.C. at Roberts Heights Military Hospital.

Brian McCarthy has successfully taken the exams at the end of his Survey training in the S.A.E.C.

After a year's silence, news has reached Mrs. May, of Durban, that her son Ronald, who disappeared with the loss of Singapore, is a P.O.W. on Kyushu Island.

John Moor has transferred from the S.A.T.C. to the R.N.C.

Barron Norton is to carry on the well known and successful Udine Stud, built up by his late father. He has bought a new stallion and has the good wishes of the racing fraternity.

P. Orton is farming with his mother at Mount Pleasant, Mooi River.

Lieut. J. M. A. Otto has been down on leave after a long spell up north with the S.A.N.M.C.

Dudley Pringle, who was with the N.M.R. throughout its service up North, received multiple wounds from an anti-tank shell at Knightsbridge in June and had six months of hospital. He appears to have made a good recovery and was on leave with his people last December in Maritzburg.

E. A. Philipps' letters from Italy report that he is a "labourer, mixing concrete and unloading bricks all day, for which he was given a little extra food-a much sought after job by the P.O.W.'s."

Many will be interested to hear that Maurice Pennington's bachelor days are over. He married a charming Canadian nurse, Irma Kellington, of Vancouver, last January. After leave in March, he returned to Kaffir's Kraal as Sports Officer. The Hon. Secretary had a wonderful 100 mile scramble on the top of the Drakensberg, catching many new butterflies and moths, and magnificent trout, which had never been fished. Flourishing in mountain streams at

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10,000 feet, they provided a grand addition to the larder. Our tent was frozen stiff more than once, and this in early January! Rex, after finishing a gunnery course at Potchefstroom, transferred to the N.M.R. to get away with the 6th Division, but finally going into the R.N.C., was at the school on embarkation leave in May. Gerald has made the most of several leaves since his return from the North in January.

N. Pougnet headed the list of all engineering apprentices at the Boksburg Technical College with distinction in two subjects and is, now at "Wits" for a year.

A postcard reached us from Eric Pond at Camp 60 where seventeen O.M.'s had created a branch of the Club!

Edward Popham was missing on October 31st as the result of a collision in mid-air 50 miles behind the lines. He was seen to recover from a spin before disappearing into clouds. No further news has been received of him yet. Alick was released from the Rhodesian Civil Service and has been stationed at the Durban aerodrome for some time in the Statistical Section of the S.A.A.F.

Mungo Park Ross takes his finals in medicine at the U.C.T. this year.

D. Pullar is a Captain in the S.A.A.F., at present stationed in West Africa.

Lieut. K. Potts lost his regiment in Tobruk, went to the Middle East O.C.T.U. as an instructor, first in Egypt, then in Palestine, and finally became attached to the Regiment President Steyn. He was married last year in Cairo and now has a son.

E. A. Philipps, who was captured at Tobruk, had a narrow escape shortly before this when the car he was travelling in hit and exploded an anti-tank mine without seriously damaging anyone.

Mike Rosholt has written several letters from Italy. Recently he and others formed a Branch of the Club in Camp 47-the second we have heard of. Stout fellows! He reports that they get plentiful exercise and lectures on a variety of useful subjects. He has happily recovered from his wounds.

Maurice and Jack Robertson both write cheerfully from Italy.

Maurice Renton has joined the S.A.N.F. and is at sea.

Lieut. Ian Robertson went north in the S.A.A.F. some months ago, leaving his pal Derek Robinson at a coastal defence aerodrome in the Western Province.

Johann Rissik is studying engineering at Wits.

John Royston has been furiously building roads and bridges on the Burma front with the Sappers.

E. P. P. Rose was awarded his B.Sc. (Electrical Engineering) last December and is in the Special Signals.

P. E. Richards had 3½ years in London, gaining business experience with the London Union Insurance Company before the war. He had not been back in Johannesburg long before he went off with the Transvaal Scottish.

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A postcard has reached us from Giles Rose, whose P.O.W.

Camp is 75. He has been ill for some time, but has now

completely recovered and is "farming."

D. F. Richards is with the S.A.C.S. in Maritzburg expecting to leave for the North.

E. Sharpe is training with the R.A.F. at Bulawayo.

R. W. D. Stewart was at home on sick leave for several months

after the N.M.R. returned from Egypt in January. The desert had not treated him kindly.

Eric Sturgeon, whom all Old Boys will congratulate on his son's decoration, left Messina three years ago and is practising in Johannesburg as a Chartered Secretary at 309 Anglovaal House. His younger son is in the Y.T.B. at Potchefstroom.

Roy Saville's third daughter was born at Potchefstroom early

this year, where her father is on the Artillery Instructional

Staff.

D. G. Sulin wrote cheerfully about Christmas time from the desert, where he has had a long spell with the S.A.E.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlesinger went by boat and plane to the States

last year to see John at Harvard, where he was making

excellent progress with his studies. He has since joined the American Air Force for training as a pilot.

Neville Sperryn has made a quick impression in the Home Guard and has been recommended for a commission. His two boys are growing into fine lads.

The Shipster twins, who were through the short Madagascar campaign, found time to study the fauna of that zoologically interesting island.

Jock Shannon sent us a postcard from Italy, where he was a farm labourer in the south and learning the language rapidly.

Many old boys will be sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Stain-

bank, of Bellair. Apart from having five sons here in the earlier days, she opened the hospitable doors of "Coedmore" to the Michaelhouse staff and was always a firm friend of the school. Her eldest surviving son, Kenneth, now lives in that striking stone house with its lofty castellated tower.

Lieut. Basil Stubbings, of the K.A.R., married Jean Elizabeth Inglis Miller, of Dar-es-Salaam, on March 17th last year. They had a son in January. Quintin served his time below decks in the Navy, passed first class in an officer's course at Port Elizabeth, and has his commission. He is on a destroyer in the Mediterranean.

John Simpson, Senior Intelligence Officer to an R.A.F. wing in Egypt, went up on November 2nd in a Baltimore on a large bombing raid to see the conditions confronting crews and help him with his work. His aircraft was shot down by

A.A. fire and nothing further has yet been heard of him.

R. G. Southey joined the S.A.A.F. last year and hoped, when he wrote, to start flying about April.

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Courtneil Siedle is one of a large group of O.M.'s in Camp 47, where he is busy learning German and Bookkeeping and shining at baseball.

We congratulate Victor Shaw on a grand "double"! He was mentioned in despatches for splendid example as a padre with the Carbineers and then on January 30th he was married to Yvonne Pavey, of Durban. Good luck to them!

Charles Starling and family went for a month's holiday in February to Underberg, where, in spite of swollen rivers, he had some fine rainbow to his credit.

E. S. W. Simpson has completed his training as midshipman in the S.A.N.F.

David Standing and A. Spratt take their medical finals at U.C.T. this year. We wish them success.

D. W. Standish White was successful in his first year engineering exams, at U.C.T. and has now joined the Rhodesian Engineer Regiment.

Malcolm Smythe is Adjutant to an A.A. Regiment in the Cape.

Capt. J. S. Sinton went back north at the end of last year after a long spell in the Union. He is with No. 17 Squadron. David has his commission and observer's wing and expects to leave the Union shortly.

Arthur Stainbank has been through the new "battle school" training at Kaffirs Kraal. Sharp eyes might have recognised him as the first one to jump 40 feet down into the pool of water, if they saw the film outlining the strenuous training.

B. Strachan has joined the S.A.A.F. after a year at Howard College.

Lawrence Trotter, who has been back in the Union for 18 months, left with the 6th Division. Ken was also in the same crowd.

Bobs Tatham, writing from Camp 47, reports that the scopes for friendly rivalry with Hilton has been widened by a baseball match they had there, when the O.M.'s ran out winners by 27-6. They hope it will be the forerunner of many more such games.

Congratulations to David Turner on his engagement to Phyllis

Geerdts, of Durban. He has been guarding P.O.W.'s near Maritzburg, not yet having recovered from the illness which compelled him to fill a base job in Egypt.

Sgt. G. Thorp has been doing research in Durban under two specialist doctors in connection mainly with vitamins in Army food. He is now back in Johannesburg.

Wing Comdr. G. C. Tomlinson, D.F.C., O.B.E., welcomed the arrival of a son on January 30th. There is still no news of Bob, who did not return last March from a reconnaissance flight over the North Sea.

F. Tucker has a commission in an A.A. regiment at the Cape.

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Lieut. Julian Theunissen, Oxford and Bucks L.I., is with the Paiforce in Irak and has seen something of Bagdad.

M. G. Tidboald expected to join the S.A.A.F. Crash Boat Service in May and train at the Cape.

First Lieut. L. M. Thompson has changed his ship and was delighted to find "Pip" Hall in his new wardroom.

Major D. H. Thompson, R.A.M.C., married Petty Officer Patricia Morris, daughter of the Chief Constable of Devon. She is a "Wren." They honeymooned on Exmoor and have our best wishes. It is eight years since he left the Union.

Lieut. Neville van der Riet went on to Egypt when the Madagascar show was over and did a course in tank gunnery at the R.A.C. He spent some leave in Palestine and Syria and was immensely impressed by the intensive cultivation there, even on the mountain slopes.

Capt. C. N. Wallace sent an interesting letter from Egypt, where he was operating with an N.M.C. M.T. Company.

Vaughan Winter got his commission and special leave to return to the Union by air a few weeks after his father's death. He has had extended agricultural leave.

M. G. White, after a year in an infantry regiment, transferred to the S.A.A.F. and now has his wings and commission.

K. G. Witthaus, who took his first year B.Sc. papers from the school last year, has been admitted to second year courses in all subjects at Witwatersrand University, except the two he missed out here. He reports that J. G. Draper, W. C. Friend and J. G. Sanderson are Freshers there.

M. Wyly has gone to a school at Pietersburg.

D. Wachter has joined the Artillery.

J. R. Whiting has left Rhodes University and is an A.B. in the S.A.N.F. At the University he was a foundation member of the Badminton Club and won his blazer at the game. He was also keenly interested in the technical side of the Dramatic Society.

John Wilson wrote a long letter in May from his tea estate near Kericho, from which the Kenya Government would not release him for military service. Having lost his son and heir some years ago, he has adopted a daughter of 3 and

twin sons born last October. His last leave was spent in England just as war clouds were gathering.

J. H. A. Warner has left Union Film Productions and is now official "camera-man" for the Bureau of Information in Pretoria.

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LETTER FROM TONY LARGE DESCRIBING HIS

ESCAPE AT SEA

25/10/42.

My Dear Mum and Dad,

Really I don't know how to start a letter like this, because I feel like a sort of a Prodigal Son returning from the distant land and whatnot. Anyway I'm equipped again to resume the practice of ordinary correspondence. I'm afraid that Captain

----- went down with the ship when she was torpedoed. I

hadn't seen or spoken to him since just before Cape Town, because a day after we left I went down with a bad go of

tonsillitis (Dr. ----- was not very thorough) and only left the

sick bay on the day we caught our packet. I wanted the S.M.O. on board to take the offending organs out, but mercifully he refrained, and so I live to tell the tale. I got away in a boat and the next few days were really extraordinary. Some day I'll be able to spin you the full yarn. Eventually in a badly-equipped boat (it had been swamped and most of its gear lost) fifty-one of us found ourselves with 1Â£ oars, no rudder, no mast or sail, and three gallons of fresh water, 700 miles from land.

We rigged up a mainsail comprised of a raincoat lining and a dozen shirts. I do not hesitate to say that the most efficient of these was a Ram Brand khaki bought by Ma for Nel's Farm four years ago. Our foresail was a blanket folded diagonally, the mast an oar, and the half-oar used as a steering-oar, and, aided by a steadily prevailing wind, we made about one knot forwards and sideways in the general direction of the coast. We had to ration food and water very low, and after a bit chaps began to get depressed.

We managed to augment our food supplies with raw fish. There was a large shoal which followed us for days and all that was necessary was to drop an unbaited bent nail over the side of the boat and wave it about. The fish, averaging five oi* six pounds did the rest.

Procedure: 1. Slit the fish on underside just below head and squeeze blood into tin. 2: Cut off head and get more blood. 3: Drink blood before it congeals. 4: Get roe, if any, and eat, also liver and heart. 5: Suck gills for blood and eyes for moisture very like fresh water. 6: Skin fish and hang stripped flesh to

dry for next day's consumption. You've no idea how good it all tastes. One day we even tried to catch a turtle, but this was too ambitious and we exhausted ourselves for nothing. Another time a whale came to within ten yards of the boat, wondering whether we were worth a game or not, and scared the life out of us.

Our ration of water was only about half a tot per day, and people began drinking salt water and urine in spite of all the warnings given. For the time they continued perfectly normally, but after a few days the stuff had its effect and they just gave in. Others died of exposure, depression and blood poisoning. On the seventeenth night, with about thirty of us left (by this time none of us were strong enough to take the steering-oar or do look-out) about half-an-hour before a fullish moon rose, a merchant ship of about 4,000 tons passed us about 400 yards away. This was the bitterest blow of all, and people just gave up after that so that four days later there were only nine of us left.

We only had one day's ration of water left now, and I at least was too dry to eat any of our rations but the chocolate, which I ate at night, taking about an hour to get down one small piece 1 inch x h inch x l inch. Our rations were three of these pieces a day, four pieces of Horlicks Malted Milk tablets and a spoonful of Bovril pemmican. There were some biscuits in the boat, but these needed saliva, and were out of the question.

Anyway, about the 21st day, with nine of us left, the wind dropped one evening and later, about two in the morning it rained. Yes, real hone^t-to-God, life-giving rain (fresh water) and for the first time in my life I appreciated it. Not a tantalising drizzle, but a gorgeous tropical downpour. I get excited now as I think of it-standing out there shivering, feeling the strength coming back as I sucked water from thwarts and benches, from the sail, from tins, from anywhere. I must have drank a couple of gallons that night as we filled our water-cans and bottles. Four of the nine were too far gone to recover and died, and one of the remaining five of us had a slight discharge from the ear and seemed to give up. He lived on for several days, but wouldn't eat anything.

We four reorganised the food-rationing to give us about 25 more days, and now we fared quite well. Bowels had worked for the first time after the rain, since the sinking, and as we could now eat the biscuits, a little bulk was provided daily. Our rations were now more substantial, and with the extra clothing we could rig up sun shelter by day and keep warm at night. It also rained fairly frequently and we scarcely needed to draw on the canned water, refilling bottles almost as soon as we'd emptied them. We were still very weak though, and used to have bad times bailing out after heavy rains. Once, too, we had an exhausting morning repairing our boom, which had snapped. One always seemed to be climbing over thwarts, and a 4ft. obstruction after weeks in an open boat on meagre rations is no joke.

Our daily programme was something like this: If it had rained, arise at dawn and bail out, attempt to dry clothes, look around for ship (dawn and sunset seemed most likely times somehow). If it hadn't rained, up about eight o'clock and breakfast as slowly as possible, breaking up biscuit into tiny pieces and eating one by one; after breakfast, talk till sun grew too hot. Rig shelters with overcoats, and try to sleep. Four-ish, as the sun began to weaken we'd congregate to talk, read from the New Testament, eat at five, talk till about nine. This was if the day was fine; but if it had rained, we beetled for our shelters (forward and aft (two in each)). One day it rained hard almost unceasingly, and we were miserably wet and bailing out as it rained, then, and all through the night. If ever I

develop rheumatism I shall know why. If it was fine we cuddled up under coats and slept out; if not, cursed and slept in. Actually sleep is hardly the word; more suitable would be coma. That New Testament I mentioned, property of a R.A.F. sergeant who had died gave me and others, I'm sure, a lot of courage. After the rain, I used to conduct our services, and, odd and unorthodox though they were, they were still services.

I was still confident that somehow, sometime, somewhere, we'd strike lucky. Then one morning we heard a plane, and though we didn't see him, you can imagine the effect. Two days later (36th day) at about 11 o'clock, a plane flew right over our

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heads but did not see us. On the same day we sighted new birds; oil fuel on the water. Next day (we had somehow got two days out in our reckoning and thought it was Sunday, whereas actually it was Tuesday), we sighted a Sunderland in the distance, and turned in feeling that at last we were getting near something. It rained about 3 o'clock in the morning and we beetled for cover and coma'd till dawn, when I felt the need to stretch and got out. There were very dark layers of horizon cloud and one very black spot which might have been something. I called my companion out and we saw it dissolve into nothing. We both felt very optimistic. I went back into shelter; rain stopped. He called me out, and repeat performance of dissolving spot. I had a bad knee and went back again. He stayed out and called me again five minutes later. This time I grumbled because it hurt like blazes to move, but eventually I got out. There, on our four-mile horizon, were about a dozen pinpoints of masts showing up jet-black against the grey behind. What's more, they were real masts and not the vague, elusive things I'd been seeing for the past seven weeks.

CONVOY! I don't know where the strength came from, but I leapt up on a thwart to see them better and started waving madly with a blue jersey. We didn't dare wake the two sleeping forward because of the general depression it would cause if they did pass us by. They were coming towards and across slowly closer. Harry and I talking and praying in whispers. Can see funnels and upperworks. One ship turns either towards or away from us. Oh, God! "Pass one of those rain tins,

Shorty" (excitement thirst). Can see ships signalling to one another. Slowly approaches, and at last, when she's about a mile away, we can be sure. We waken the other two and they are unwilling to come out. "Don't joke about -things like that," tut they do come out, and it's a pleasure to watch them.

We collect ourselves and have a little service of thanks, collect our precious souvenirs, all the gear and wallets, and wait, waving. She's an H.M. trawler, converted from a fishing trawler, and comes alongside, throwing lines. We are mad with joy and begin throwing stuff in board, tins of pemmican and all. They shout to us to leave it all and come aboard. As we heave up I scramble for the side and hands pull me in. Take off coat and life-jacket and sit down on deck. A mess-deck cup of tea, a Navy tot of neat rum, strange astonished faces, strange voices, space - bliss! Then dress our sores and boils. Then FOOD! Sausage, tomato, bread and butter, South African grape jam, tea.

They are all the spirit of kindness and put us in the Chief's

and P.O.'s Mess. They try to make us lie down and sleep, but who could sleep in our happy, excited state? And have we not been on our backs 20 hours a day for the last 381 days? We wander about, longing to eat and eat and eat, but we're on strict orders to go easy at first. She's a grand little ship and her name's engraved on my heart. Freetown is our dream port of the past weeks. We were only 80 miles from the coast when we were picked up. We talk together most of the night, in spite of the rum and heavy sedatives they gave us and arrived in Freetown the next morning.

Then up to Hospital. It's a grand place, situated high above the town where there's a little cool. Again, everybody is very kind (the nurses cracked their last bottle of vintage Cliquot champagne for us) and we are put on special diet. I'm getting fit very quickly and we're off to a rest camp further up the hill in three days time.

On the boat (a wit called her "Marie Celeste" and the name stuck until we heard that plane; from then on she was "Good Hope") our conversation mainly concerned food and drink. The thought of the foods and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) I'd had and not had was one of my main driving forces. Early on in the trip I decided that I must assuage my appetite in five, possibly six, ways: (1) A home steak and kidney pie; (2) A mixed grill at Joe's, in Capetown; (3) A breakfast at Mrs Thomson's in Port Elizabeth, this because they have the finest eggs and bacon and coffee I've tasted; (4) A Perks' Pie meal in Maritzburg Perks' shop; (5) Our snacks at a cocktail party; (6) One of Nel's mutton stews. All these I intend to have some day. Other things, too. A complete run round all the home foods we've ever had (many times) at home; a cold meal at Foadens like Mrs. Tonkin used to give us in the old days (tell her, and ask here to prepare her menu now-lovely salads and things); a curry like I had on Bill Harvey's estate; a canteen meal at the Vic; a thing called a monkey-gland steak, which I had in Jo'burg with Brandons (will you ask Mrs. Brandon if she can find out how it's done?); a pork pie (never had), a slice of gammon and eggs (never had); a Liverpool docker's steak and kidney pie; a steak sandwich at a Y.M.C.A. Canteen near Lime Street Station in Liverpool. I could go on and on ad. inf., but these are a few you can work on. I also intend to go through a milk-bar's menu and have lots of Joy T's Knickerbocker Glories. Thoughts like these kept me going.

I decided, too, that I would do my utmost to get out of the Navy, get back as fast as a ship could carry me; but I reckon I'll go through quite quietly now, and go on to Paul. I should have loved to spend the survivor's leave at home again, because it would probably mean Christmas with you, and then U.K. in the spring, but I think that Paul has been without seeing any of the family for long enough, so I expect my cable will read "Proceeding Paul" or something like that.

I am not yet as fat as Mum would like me to be, and still have odd bits of bone and rib sticking unbecomingly out, but the hospital and I co-operate very closely in making up for lost time. I can safely say that I never ate so much in my life. I'm to have a thorough check up on my heart as soon as I get up, but the old bird carried me through uncomplainingly, and I personally consider the heart panic a lot of hooley. Three boils

and a recovered knee. Otherwise O.K. All love

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