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We very much regret the late publication of this edition, due to difficulties completely beyond our control.

HONOURS.

L. V. Crawford, O. R. Research Fellowship, Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

P. Gilbert. Open Scholarship, Loughborough College.

B. R. Paish. County University Award.

D. W. Brown. County University Award.

J. E. Gooding. County University Award.

P. Gilbert. County University Award.

R. F. Stimson. County University Award.

OBITUARY.

J. A. van Coillie, 1941-1957.

It is with deep regret that we record the death in Cirencester Memorial Hospital on the 30th of September of Jon van Coillie.

Jon came to Rendcomb in 1954, having until then lived in various parts of the world, in places for example, as far apart as Singapore and Cheltenham. He was quick and active and it was only natural, therefore, that he should find Rugger congenial. He had an imaginative flair which showed itself in his acting. This was something he really enjoyed, and in the last two productions at Rendcomb he was given important parts: Newsboy, in "Emil and the Detectives," and Long John Silver in "Treasure Island," and there can be little doubt that through his death we have lost a potentially good actor.

We extend to his parents and elder sister our sincere condolences.

COLLEGE DIARY.

Summer Term, 1957.

May

1. —Term began.
11. —1st XI v. St. Stephen's Cricket Club. Away.
16. —1st XI v. Dean Close A XI. Away.
18. —1st XI v. Cheltenham Cricket Club 2nd XI. Home.
2nd XI v. Dean Close 3rd XI. Home.
20. —Party to Stratford. "King John," at the Memorial Theatre.
25. —2nd XI v. Kingham Hill. Home.
29. —1st XI v. Sir Thomas Rich's. Away.
U 15 XI v. Sir Thomas Rich's. Away.
31. —Commemoration Day.

June

1. —1st XI v. Cheltenham College 2nd XI. Home
U 15 XI v. Cheltenham College Junior Colts.
5. —1st XI v. Cheltenham Grammar School.
U 16 XI v. Cheltenham Grammar School U 15. Home.
11. —A XI v. Kingham Hill 1st XI. Away.
U 14 v. Kingham Hill. Away.
Party visits New Theatre, Oxford, for a performance of “The Marriage of Figaro” by the Sadlers Wells Company.
13. —Choir takes part in Public Schools’ Festival Evensong at Gloucester Cathedral.
15. —1st XI v. Prince Henry’s Grammar School. Home.
2nd XI v. St. Stephen’s Cricket Club. Home.
19. —G. C. E. A/S Level begins.
22. —FOUNDERS DAY.

July

3. —1st XI v. North Cerney Cricket Club.
10. —Cheltenham Town Hall, for concert by the Halle Orchestra.
13. —1st XI v. Marling Grammar School. Home.
U 15 XI v. Marling Grammar School Colts. Home.
19. —Confirmation Service, St. Peter’s Church, Rendcomb, conducted by The Lord Bishop of Tewkesbury.
- 19 and 20. —Performance of stage version of “Treasure Island.” Big School.
20. —Choir sings at wedding of Miss R. M. Lane and Mr. J. W. Watson, Rendcomb Church.
21. —School Concert in Clock Hall.
24. —End of Term.

COLLEGE OFFICERS.

Christmas Term, 1957.

Senior Prefect—R. F. Stimson.

Group Leaders—R. F. Stimson, M. A. B. Forster, I. A. N. Campbell, C. Handoll.

Prefects—D. W. Brown, S. R. Merrett.
 College Workman—R. D. Comley.
 †Public Workman—G. H. G. Herbert.
 Music Warden—D. W. Brown.
 Librarians—S. R. Merrett, I. A. N. Campbell, J. B. Gooch, D. W. Brown, M. van den Driessche.
 Manual Foremen—M. A. B. Forster, R. D. Comley, D. R. Poole, D. R. G. Griffiths.
 Poultrymen—G. H. G. Herbert, J. F. W. Beard, R. W. Taylor, H. E. Gough, D. M. Tucker.
 †Furniture Committee—P. G. Auden, R. Bolton King, P. K. Dale.
 Stagemen—P. G. Auden, G. H. G. Herbert, P. G. S. Airey, R. F. Stebbing, R. A. Dauncey, N. J. Price, M. L. Board, D. M. Tucker.
 Music Librarian—R. F. Stimson.
 Choir Librarians—P. B. Happleston, L. de V. Wragg. Pictureman—J. E. Gooding.
 Collections and Deck Chairs—M. Whittering.
 Lampmen—R. F. Stebbing, M. van den Driessche.
 Q. P. Concerts—J. R. Alder.
 † General Meeting Elections.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Summer Term, 1957.

At the end of the term a large number of boys left, and we send them our warmest wishes for every success in the future. They were: J. R. Ellis, R. J. Lawson, J. B. R. Browne, P. Gilbert, B. R. Paish, M. G. Cooper, H. A. Gough, A. P. Hayes, C. H. Thomason, J. A. Richards, J. D. R. Paine, M. R. Horton, J. G. Scudamore, J. D. F. Barke, M. T. Lancashire, D. B. Brook and R. H. Tingle.

And we welcome M. F. Ashe-Jones who came at the beginning of the term.

We also welcome our new Health Matron, Miss M. A. Cox, who comes to Rendcomb from Sebright School. Miss Cox was unable to take up her appointment at the beginning of term, and in her place we were delighted to welcome an old friend, Miss E. Bather. She says she has now retired, and to prove it has bought a cottage at Batheaston, in Somerset, but it is difficult to imagine her knitting and watching television. She is much more likely to be away from home looking after friends or acting as “locum tenens,” as she did here.

And to prove our point, we hear that she has gone to a school in Sussex for a few weeks to help them over a difficult period. We send her our warmest good wishes in her retirement, whether it is spent watching television or helping lame dogs over stiles, coupled with our thanks for coming to our aid.

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Mr. G. F. Graty left at the end of the term. He has been appointed to an administrative post in Tanganyika with the Royal Society for the Blind, and after a period of training in London, he is to sail early in 1958. We hope he will be very happy in his new work, and couple our good wishes with sincere congratulations on his marriage to Fraulein Berthi Kunzi, who comes from Switzerland, where they were married in August.

Mr. Graty will be remembered not only for his work in the Manual, and for the excellent work of some of his outstanding pupils, but also as House Tutor at the Old Rectory.

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We also said good-bye to Mr. C. C. Banks, M. C., D. F. C. For the last two years Mr. Banks has been teaching Latin, and we are most grateful to him for coming out of his retirement to help us through a difficult period, particularly since he moved from Cheltenham to Bredon, in Worcestershire, soon after he started coming here and thus had a long double journey each day.

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Mr. D. R. Buchanan, who has been our Art Master, has left to take up an appointment at the Swindon School of Art. We hope he will enjoy his new work to the full.

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We are grateful to Mr. M. S. Lee-Browne for the gift of a number of Penguin books.

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The Bishop of Tewkesbury held a Confirmation Service for the College in Rendcomb Church on Friday, the 19th of July.

General Certificate of Education, 1957.

In the June examination at Advanced and Scholarship level the following results were obtained:

J. R. Alder—Botany*, Zoology*.

- D. W. Brown—History*, English*.
(Dist.)
- J. B. R. Browne—English*, French.
- R. D. Comley—English*, History*.
- M. G. Cooper—Physics, Chemistry.
- M. A. B. Forster—Physics.
- P. Gilbert—Mathematics*, Further Mathematics, Physics*,
Chemistry.
- J. E. Gooding—English*, French, History* (Dist.).
- H. A. Gough—Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
- C. Handoll—Botany*, Zoology.
- P. Hayes—Zoology.
- R. J. Lawson—Chemistry, Botany*, Zoology*.
- S. R. Merrett—English*, History*.
- J. D. R. Paine—History.
- B. R. Paish—Botany*, Zoology.
- R. C. Pilkington—English, History.
- J. A. Richards—History.
- R. F. Stimson—Mathematics*, Further Mathematics, Physics*,
Chemistry.
- C. H. Thomason—Botany, Zoology.
* Scholarship papers.

D. W. Brown, P. Gilbert, J. E. Gooding, B. R. Paish and R. F. Stimson have been given County University awards from their respective Local Authorities. H. A. Gough is to receive a grant in respect of other training.

O Level Results:

P. G. S. Airey, P. G. Auden, T. L. H. Benbow, R. A. Cockrell, R. A. Dauncey, J. R. Ellis, M. van den Driessche, D. R. G. Griffiths, G. Harrison, J. G. Scudamore, R. F. Stebbing, J. R. Windsor. Seven of these passed in seven or eight subjects.

D. R. G. Griffiths passed the Grade V Associated Board Examination in Flute playing, with distinction.

We Acknowledge with Grateful Thanks:

A useful and much appreciated violin from Mr. J. F. van

den Driessche. A generous collection of books on birds from Major C. H. A. Ferguson—the five volumes of the Handbook of British Birds, by H. F. Willerby (with F. C. R. Jourdain, N. F. Ticehurst and B. W. Tucker); Birds of the Ocean, by W. B. Alexander; Call of the Birds, by Charles S. Bayne; How to Know British Birds, by N. H. Joy; The Young Bird Watchers, by A. F. C. Hillstead; Bird Music, by A. L. Turnbull; The Art of Bird Photography, by E. Hosking and C. Newberry; The Way Birds Live, by E. A. Armstrong; The Blackbird, by A. F. C. Hillstead; The Birds of Brewery Creek, by Malcolm MacDonald; Bird Life in Two Deltas, by G. K. Yeates.

Our warm thanks also go to John Gough for two books for Laboratory Library—"Introduction to Plant Anatomy," by Eames and MacDaniels, and "The Invertebrata," by Borrodaile, Eastham, Potts and Saunders. And also to Philip Griffiths for a gift of books—Ivanhoe, The Bride of Lammermoor, Rob Roy, Quentin Durward; Kidnapped and Catriona, The Master of Ballantrae; Hereward the Wake; The Cruise of the Cachalo; Moby Dick, The Last of the Mohicans; Pride and Prejudice; The Three Musketeers.

The Library.

We are happy to report that the furnishing scheme for the Library is now complete. The bare boards in the centre of the floor are now covered by two fine Wilton carpets which, to minimise wear, are square so that eight turns are possible. The predominant colour is a deep red with an over-all pattern that makes for some safety against accidents. They feel most luxurious and transform the room.

The Governors have presented ten Parker Knoll chairs, and the General Meeting contributed £100 towards the cost of the carpet and underlay, but the bulk of the cost was borne by the remainder of the War Memorial Fund which is now closed.

There are several people whom we should like to thank on behalf of the School. Mrs. Huntly Sinclair generously gave the material for the curtains; for this we are particularly grateful because available funds did not make curtains possible. The Headmaster and Mr. J. C. James (not forgetting Mrs. Lee-Browne and Mrs. James, whose advice was invaluable) have, over many months, spent a great deal of time on the project, and their efforts were considerably complicated by a series of price rises. We must also mention D. R. Poole who made the supports necessary to lift the alcove bookcases clear of the floor, J. R. Ellis who made the newspaper racks, and D. R. Griffiths who made oak tops for

the table. The oak bases to the tables were made in the Manual before the war when the deal tops were covered with cloth.

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Commemoration Day.

What glorious weather we had this year! Nobody, surely, could have failed to enjoy themselves in such unspoiled sunshine.

Less remarkable were the expeditions themselves, for none of these could be described as more than mildly adventurous. Among the more imaginative were the expeditions to Oxford and to the Severn Wildfowl Trust. The rest of the School, however, generally fell back on the old favourites. As always, a number of people spent the day on the river at Tewkesbury, a choice most suited to the temperature. The cycle ride proved as popular as ever and did not have to be abandoned because of bad weather as is, unfortunately, all too common. Walking attracted rather more than usual, several people doing as much as fifteen miles, under a blazing sun. A considerable number spent the day at home or with their parents. Thus "Commem. Day" was certainly no failure. However, one noticed the unfortunate absence of that sense of triumph occasioned in the past by completing an ambitious itinerary for example, cycling the one hundred and sixty miles to Stonehenge and back.

MEETING OFFICERS.

Winter Term, 1957.

Chairman—J. R. Alder.

Secretary—R. Bolton King.

Games Captain—S. R. Merrett.

Field Secretary—M. A. B. Forster.

Games Committee—R. D. Comley and I. A. N. Campbell.

Boys' Banker—D. R. G. Griffiths.

Meeting Banker—P. G. S. Airey.

Games Committee Treasurer—R. A. Cockrell.

House Committee Treasurer—R. A. Dauncey.

Finance Committee Treasurer—F. A. G. Ferguson.

Auditors—J. R. Alder and J. R. Windsor.

Finance Committee—G. S. Bartlett and D. M. Tucker.

Senior Shopman—C. Handoll.

Breakages Man—I. S. C. Airey.

Entertainments Committee—J. F. W. Beard, J. B. Gooch, J. R. Windsor,
S. D. Hicks and K. H. Stimson.

Shopmen—H. E. Gough and P. B. Heppleston.
 Classical Record Committee—J. E. Gooding, D. W. Brown and C. Handoll.
 Jazz Record Committee—M. A. B. Forster and R. D. Comley. Cycle Committee—R. W. Taylor, N. J. Price and M. Whittering. Amplifier Technicians—P. G. Auden and J. R. Alder.
 Paperman—M. J. N. Bryant.
 Drying Room Committee—M. D. Naish, J. C. Malpass and M. C. Jones.
 Financial Advisory Committee—R. F. Stimson, R. Bolton-King and C. Handoll.
 Record Committee Treasurer—D. R. Poole.
 Cricket Secretary, 1958—R. A. Cockrell.
 Rugby Games Wardens—M. van den Driessche and J. M. Webb.
 Hockey Games Warden—G. J. Taylor.
 Cricket Games Warden—R. P. S. Harrison.
 Tennis Games Warden—J. Goodborn.
 Cricket Groundsman—G. Harrison.
 End of Term Entertainments Committee—G. H. G. Herbert, P. G. Auden, H. E. Gough, R. W. Taylor and R. F. Stebbing.
 Tennis Groundsman—R. A. Dauncey.
 The Council—R. F. Stimson, R. D. Comley, G. H. G. Herbert, J. E. Gooding, C. Handoll, M. A. B. Forster and D. W. Brown.
 Selection Committee—R. F. Stimson, D. W. Brown, J. E. Gooding, M. A. B. Forster and C. Handoll.
 Rule Committee—J. E. Gooding, R. D. Comley and D. W. Brown.
 Nominations Committee—R. F. Stimson, J. E. Gooding, D. W. Brown, I. A. N. Campbell and P. G. S. Airey.
 Sledge Committee—M. D. Naish, G. Harrison and J. Shaw. Senior Rugby Groundsmen—D. R. G. Griffiths and J. F. W. Beard. Junior Rugby Groundsman—A. N. Hill.
 Billiards Committee—J. Shaw, R. A. Dauncey and R. A. Cockrell.
 Magazine Committee—J. E. Gooding, D. W. Brown and I. A. N. Campbell.
 Hockey Secretary—I. A. N. Campbell.
 Football Secretary—R. D. Comley.

GENERAL MEETING NOTES.

Summer Term, 1957.

The Meetings this term were notable for the high standard of debating; much of the spirit and initiative which, in the last few terms, has been lacking, was once more apparent.

Many members of the Meeting thought that the money formerly belonging to the Gryphons Society which has remained dormant in the Meeting Bank for so many years should be put to use. However, opinion was divided as to how it should be used. Should it be transferred to the Meeting Reserves or should a picture or rug be bought for the Library? Eventually it was decided to purchase books dealing with open-air subjects with which the Gryphons Society was particularly associated.

Books were again discussed with a proposal that the Meeting should join the Seven Arts Book Club. These books, on all topics connected with the arts, are issued once a month for an annual subscription of £5-15-0; optional books are also available. The proposal was passed and a committee of five members was elected to select the optional volumes for the Meeting. However, in the next Meeting the Headmaster said that Mr. and Mrs. James and he were agreed that the Club did not meet certain requirements and in view of this the Meeting decided to abandon the idea of joining the Club and the committee was dissolved.

Continual complaints by the House Committee Treasurer that he was having difficulty in obtaining breakages money led to a major debate on the system. It was generally agreed, from experience, that appeals to members' consciences would do little good and it was proposed that all breakages debts should be paid off within the first week of the term after the one in which they were incurred. This proposal was rejected, as were amendments that a sliding scale should be introduced giving a certain time for the paying of stipulated amounts. The Headmaster stressed that the less regulated and more flexible the system the better, and suggested that at the end of each term the House Committee Treasurer should give him a list of people with payments outstanding from previous terms, together with a statement of the amount paid by each person during the term. This was agreed to.

Another important debate concerned the present electoral system. It was argued by some members that the Nomination Committee is an essentially undemocratic body and since it had served its purpose of creating more interest in elections it should be dissolved. Furthermore, the committee might develop into something of a clique and it would be better if the stimulus of

nominating were shared amongst all. Against this it was contested that the Nominations Committee is in no way dictatorial and gives, as a guide, the carefully considered opinion of five senior members of the Meeting; the opportunity to nominate was still left open to all members. In addition the Committee was thought to have important work to do in making possible a wider distribution of offices in the lower school and several members considered that were the Nominations Committee to be abolished, the interest recently created in elections would gradually disappear. The proposal was defeated.

A bill of £10-12-0 for lost cutlery which the Headmaster had received promoted the final important debate of term. Discussing who should pay the bill, the point first brought forward was: How much of the loss was due to “fair wear and tear”? In a meeting arranged especially to discuss the matter the Headmaster demonstrated conclusively that hardly any of the loss was due to “fair wear and tear” and the focal point turned to how, and not by whom, the money should be paid. The Meeting, it was agreed, had only been used in the past because it provided the most convenient method of collecting money. It was thought that the impact would be greater if a more personal element, such as paying the money separately an independent tax collector, were to be introduced. A proposal to this effect, incorporating the clause that only three-quarters of the bill should be paid by the Meeting, was passed and accepted by the Headmaster. Those people who were leaving were asked to pay their share before the end of term, and the rest of the school, less new boys, were to pay the balance in the Christmas Term.

FOUNDER’S DAY.

Saturday 22nd June, 1957.

(Reprinted, by kind permission of the Editor, from the
“Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard.”)

The award of a “very generous” grant to Rendcomb College by the Industrial Fund for the Advancement of Scientific Education in Schools, in connection with their policy of encouraging the training of young scientists, was reported by Lieut. Colonel John Godman, chairman of the Governors, at the School’s Founder’s Day on Saturday.

Lieut. Colonel Godman said the grant would be used towards adapting some of the former stables into laboratories and towards equipping them. It meant the School would be able to improve on its already good record of scientific education and that

a lot of the strain would be taken off the staff. Moreover, it was a wonderful tribute to Rendcomb.

Earlier, Lieut. Colonel Godman had spoken of the recent death of Lord Dulverton, a brother of the School's founder, the late Mr. Noel Wills, and himself a most generous benefactor to Rendcomb.

"Without him the College could not have been carried on," Lieut. Colonel Godman declared. "But the material aid he gave was only a reflection of his never-failing regard and affection for his brother's school.

"From the foundation of the College until his death he was a member of the governing body, and in a life that was very full indeed of large and important interests I know Rendcomb held a very high place in his affection."

Lieut. Colonel Godman also referred to an increase in the school fees during the past year, the first since 1950. "Believe me, no one disliked doing that more than we," he said. "We postponed the evil day as long as we could. And when we did make this increase we made it a fairly substantial one, in the hope that we may be able to keep our fees stable for an appreciable time."

Another financial award to the School was announced by the Headmaster, Mr. D. W. Lee-Browne, in his annual report. He said the Dulverton Trust had made a gift of £1,000 to the School music department, and this had cleared at once all their difficulties over instruments.

Mr. Lee-Browne said music continued to flourish in the School, and he urged parents of boys who wished to learn instruments other than the piano to try and make this possible.

Two practices which he said were on the increase among employers were condemned by Mr. Lee-Browne. The first, a tendency by prospective employers to ask to see a boy's school report, he described as "intolerable," as schools might tend to colour their reports with this in mind instead of giving parents the unbiased information they desired.

In some ways more iniquitous was the practice of writing to headmasters for a reference after the boy had actually been appointed to the job. Both these practices were opposed by all the teachers' professional bodies.

Guest of honour at the speechmaking was Admiral Sir William Tennant, K. C. B. He told the boys: "Life really is all fun provided you do not make your own hells. The fellow who leads a decent, clean, hard-working life has a fairly decent time in this world. I am sure integrity pays."

“There are those who are so frightfully keen to throw bricks at tradition. But I would give you this advice: before you are ready to turn everything down about the past, make quite certain that you have something better to put in its place.”

Sir William was thanked by Major P. D. Birchall. Later, a P. T. display and an exhibition of work produced in the art room and workshop were provided for the visitors.

“TREASURE ISLAND”

By R. L. Stevenson.

Adapted for the stage by Susan Richmond.

Big School, July 19th and 20th, 1957.

CAST

Tom Taylor, an old gardener	John Goodborn
Matthew Sparkes, a fisherman	Peter Hayes
Mrs. Hawkins	Paul Harrison
Captain Bones	Geoffrey Taylor
Jim Hawkins	Hugh Gough
Dr. Livesey	David Poole
Black Dog	David Tucker
Pew	Jonathan Shaw
Squire Trelawney	Michael Naish
Gregory, Squire's butler	Anthony Hill
Supervisor Dance	Martin Jones
Dick	Paul Heppleston
George Merry	Paul Harrison
Long John Silver	Jon van Coillie
Captain Flint, Silver's parrot	John Malpass
Captain Smollett	Simon Hicks
Job	John Goodborn
Hunter	David Tucker
Morgan	Peter Hayes
Israel Hands	Richard Whittall
Ben Gunn	John Malpass
Redruth	Jonathan Shaw
Gray	Anthony Hill
Joyce	Geoffrey Taylor

“If this doesn't fetch 'em, kids have gone rotten since my day” said Stevenson. It was soon evident that the children of 1881 had not become rotten, and to judge from the continued popularity of the book, neither has the present generation, though their horizon has been widened by the prospect of space travel. But, adventure is adventure whether it is met on the high seas in a windjammer or in high altitude in a rocket.

The Englishman lives too close to the sea to be sanguine about it. He has personal experience of balmy days on the beach

(though not enough of them, alas!) but the sea-stories he likes must have the endurance of “Lord Jim” or “Typhoon” or the conflict of loyalties which occur when reading about a mutiny— in the “ Bounty ” perhaps.

“Treasure Island” has mutiny, it has a shipwreck, in fact all the necessary requirements of a good sea story. But a good book does not necessarily make a good play; a stage adaptation is not merely the allocation of dialogue to character actors. Miss Susan Richmond—herself an actress, producer and teacher of drama—has provided something which is a play in its own right, Stevenson’s excellent descriptions are well translated into spectacle by careful attention to detail in the stage directions and, almost without exception, by using Stevenson’s own words. Miss Richmond calls for a great deal of action demanding accurate timing on the part of the cast. With so much going on it was obvious that this problem had been carefully rehearsed; the result was excellent.

The cast is too long to be able to mention each player individually. Almost all of them showed a good sense of character and their interpretations were convincing. Among the best of these characters studies was Jon van Coillie as Long John Silver; this was a big part making demands not only in gesture and in movement but also on the voice. His was a fine performance full of vitality throughout. Our memory of it serves only to underline the loss we feel at his death.

Trelawney was played by Michael Naish who effectively brought out the stubborn side of this gentleman’s character, while at the same time pointing to his willingness to listen to his friend Livesey, played by David Poole. Poole, though good, could perhaps, have made even more of Livesey’s coolness in the face of Trelawney’s impetuosity, particularly when Captain Smollett, played with authority by Simon Hicks, had warned Trelawney of the dangers of having recruited a crew without first having engaged a captain.

John Malpass was Ben Gunn; there was a certain wistfulness about his interpretation. Gunn, with hair and beard bleached by the sun and bent double like an old man from the rigours he had been through, made one feel admiration for his pluck and sympathy for the man who had learnt to subsist on roots and herbs and who yearned so very much for some English cheese. Malpass also provided the voice for Silver’s parrot (most realistically made by the stagemen); he censored a nautical parrot’s vocabulary enough to make it acceptable without becoming tame. The self-styled “Captain” Bones, haunted with the fear of losing the map and hunted because of it, was vigorously played

by Geoffrey Taylor, who was also the seaman Joyce, one of the crew of the "Hispaniola."

Jonathan Shaw, besides being Pew, the blind ex-mutineer from the first crew, was also Redruth, one of the Estate Hands whom Trelawney had brought with him from home. Shaw's performance was particularly good; he brought out clearly the complete change in Pew from the whining beggar to the unscrupulous pirate who would stop at nothing to get the map. Redruth was a complete antithesis to Pew: homely and faithful to Trelawney, for whom he gave his life, where the other was rough and unscrupulous, his fine character was clear from the way Shaw played it, and his death was very moving.

H. E. Gough, as Jim Hawkins, had a long and exacting part—he appears in every scene. It is not a character part; it is a straight part, one in which it is not easy to make an impression, yet Gough sustained it well all the way through from the opening scene in the Inn to his outwitting the mutineers on Treasure Island. Paul Harrison had two very different roles. He was first Mrs. Hawkins, landlord of the "Admiral Benbow," the mother of Jim, and then George Merry, one of the troublesome crew with little time for Captain Smollett. Anthony Hill, Peter Hayes, David Tucker and John Goodborn were the others with dual roles.

Once again the Stagemen did excellent work. The sets were painted by B. R. Paish and C. Handoll, and one, "Stockade," drew applause from the audience on both nights before the first line could be said. The music was provided by a Male Voice Choir singing sea songs and shanties specially arranged by Mr. Tooze. These were well sung, but could have been more lively, they wanted to be rougher and more raucous. In other words, too refined for sea dogs.

This was a good production. It was vigorous, the action proceeded smoothly and worked up to a fine climax at the end. There were, it is true, some examples of bad articulation and some over-acting, but if the players enjoyed themselves on the stage as much as those who watched them, then all is well.

MUSIC.

Once again the College is deeply indebted to the Dulverton Trust. As has already been reported, the Music Department has received a generous grant for the purchase of new instruments. So far we have bought four pianos, a violin, a viola, a bassoon and a horn. Of the four pianos, two are grands. A Blüthner, reserved for concerts, is in Saul's Hall, and a smaller one by Monnington and Weston is in the Music Room. The others are

uprights: a Steinway, which is kept in the Dining Hall and is used for prayers and for practising by senior pupils, and a Blüthner which has been put in the Old Rectory. The grant is by no means exhausted and further purchases will be made when suitable instruments can be found. With the increase of musical activity in schools, instruments of all kinds are not easy to buy; new ones are an important, though small, part of the nation's Export Drive.

We have also bought a very fine amplifier which is installed in the Music Room for teaching purposes. It is a "Leak," as used by the B. B. C., and it has been fitted in the old gramophone cabinet; the three Wharfedale loudspeakers are in a separate acoustically designed enclosure.

Once again the choir had a busy time. An invitation to sing at the wedding in Rendcomb Church of Miss R. M. (Sally) Lane, of Northmoor, Rendcomb, to Mr. J. W. Watson, was accepted with pleasure. The service began with an Introit which Mr. Tooze had written specially for the occasion, and during the signing of the Register the anthem, "Praise Thou the Lord," by Heathcote Statham, was sung.

The full choir sang, as usual, at the Public Schools Festival Evenson in Gloucester Cathedral on the 13th of June. This year the conductor was the Director of the Royal School of Church Music, Mr. Gerald Knight.

A section of the choir (tenors and basses) provided the incidental music and "entr'actes" for the stage version of "Treasure Island" which was given in Big School on the 19th and 20th of July. Further details appear elsewhere.

There were three visits to concerts and one to the opera during term. We went to Cheltenham to hear the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra on the 23rd of May, and the Halle Orchestra on July the 9th and 11th. On the 11th of June about 30 people went to the New Theatre, Oxford, to see the Sadler's Wells production of "The Marriage of Figaro."

Concert in Clock Hall: Sunday, July 14th, 1957.

No more pleasant way of putting the audience in a receptive frame of mind could have been devised than beginning, as the College Orchestra did, with the flowing melodies of Thomas Arne. His music was represented by the delightful "Symphony in F," which, despite its name, is really an overture. Arne's gift

for composing a simple, tuneful melody were well emphasised by the Orchestra, whose playing augured well for the more difficult works to follow.

Next came the Minuet from the Quintet for Clarinet and Strings in A (K. 581) by Mozart, in which the soloist was R. J. Lawson. One of Mozart's most exquisite later works, this quintet is an excellent example of the perfect blending of the solo instrument with the accompanying strings, while still preserving the essential individuality of the clarinet. Although some difficulty with the arpeggios was noticed, R. J. Lawson effectively brought out the melodiousness of the minuet.

The audience were then swiftly transported from the eighteenth century to the present day when two movements were played from the Serenade for Strings by the Swedish composer-critic Dag Wiren. The Orchestra was perhaps at its best here. In the "Moderate," the pizzicato strings created exactly the right atmosphere of mystery, while the second violins, and later the firsts, sang the wistful melody with beautiful tone. The "March" was played with verve, much credit for which must go to Miss Keil, whose leadership in this gay movement was an admirable inspiration to the rest of the Orchestra, as indeed it always is throughout all our concerts.

The major work of the evening was the Concerto in D for Flute and Orchestra (K. 314) by Mozart, when the soloist was J. D. R. Paine, whose playing showed a remarkably mature technique. Apart from a not unnatural tendency to speed up the first and last movements, the performance was of a very high quality.

For the final work, the choir took their places at the foot of the front stairs and sang "We love the place," from the "German Requiem" by Brahms. This is surely one of the most moving choral works ever written, and though the choir had perhaps sung it better at the afternoon's rehearsal, they did it full justice. Although the Orchestra had comparatively little rehearsal with the choir, and the choir little experience of singing the work with an orchestra, they combined admirably. "We love the place" provided a fitting end to a pleasant evening.

We are grateful to the ladies and gentlemen who came to play in the orchestra; most of them were old friends, but several were our guests for the first time.

Members of the Orchestra: Violins—Miss W. Keil (leader), Mrs. N. Mackworth-Young, Miss E. Williams, Mrs. K. Goodman, Mrs. M. Lenoir, Mrs. N. Wilkinson, Mr. G. F. Graty, H. A. Gough, J. F. W. Beard, J. Shaw; Violas—Miss H. Holborow, Mr. D. R.

Buchanan, Mr. R. C. Simpson; 'Cellos—Mrs. B. E. Bendixson, Miss C. Trafford, Mr. C. M. Swaine: Bass—Mrs. M. Simpson; Flutes—J. D. R. Paine, D. R. G. Griffiths; Clarinet—R. J. Lawson.

AFTER-EXAMINATION ACTIVITIES.

A small group of boys was engaged in following a pipe from a catchment pit out to its source across a field at Southmoor. This operation was part of the unravelling of the mysteries of our water supply, the details of which were described in a recent issue of the chronicle. In spite of frequent confident assertions that the spring "couldn't be more than another two feet," it was not found by the end of term when some hundred feet of trench had been dug, the depth varying between two and six feet. Considering that much of the work had been carried on in torrential rain, the esprit de corps was magnificent. One enterprising "worker" undertook to run the mile over to College in order to fetch the post for his colleagues. This daily exercise served a double purpose: the runner was training for the North Cerney race!

Another small group was occupied with the reconstruction of part of the Laboratories. Two of the old stables are being converted into a new Laboratory workshop, and a dark room for optical work. This work also entailed digging trenches, this time for drains. The group spent much time on the floor of the workshop fitting together pieces of brick which had been broken when some of the old stable fittings had been removed. Their work was a very real help in the extension of the laboratories. *

The other major activity after examinations took place in Mr. Haywood's house at Kennel Bottom. A small group of boys lined the roof of the two attics with heat insulating material. This turned out to be an extremely awkward job as any nails hammered in too hard might break the slates on the roof. Consequently, all holes for nails had to be drilled. Further difficulty was experienced in cutting pieces of board to fit the very irregular shape of the roof. Furthermore, the board had to be cut outside the house as the full length could not be carried upstairs.

* In our next issue we hope to include a full account of the work on the new laboratories which will, by then, be complete. —Ed.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

Old Boys who accepted invitations for Founder's Day, June 22nd, 1957: Mr. and Mrs. P. Binks, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Betterton, S. /Ldr. and Mrs. B. J. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Godsell, The Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Hook, Mr. and Mrs. F. Nevel.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Trayhurn, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. J. Eyles, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Pullin, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Cutts, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Faulks, Mr. P. A. T. Griffiths and fiancée, Mr. E. J. Miller and fiancée, A. T. Brooks, J. K. Comrie, M. Hancock, M. D. Richards, D. G. Vaisey, A. Harrison, G. E. Page, T. Gay, D. T. Hart, E. Webster, C. J. Brisley, W. S. Morgan, J. M. Rolfe, R. F. Butler, H. P. Dainton, P. C. Burns, M. J. Edwards, J. D. Sinclair.

B. J. Brooks, D. F. M., is now serving at Royal Air Force, Leeming, Yorkshire, and is commanding the Armament Squadron of No. 228 Operational Conversion Unit at that station.

We Congratulate:

R. M. Lewis, who has obtained a degree in Law at London University;

Mr. and Mrs. John Baillie on the birth of their son in June;

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald G. Daubeny on the birth of their son in July;

P. B. Marwood, who has been awarded a B. P. University Scholarship, started to read Chemical Engineering at University College, Swansea, in October.

P. M. Sumsion, who was married on August 6th, 1957, to Miss Sarah Noble.

W. S. Monroe, who has obtained the Diploma in Architecture of the Welsh College of Advanced Technology.

W. S. Morgan, in a letter to Mr. Lee-Browne, referred to his pleasure at finding on the First Floor the black picture frame with the removable back and the heavy brass stand that was made by the Founder himself and given to the College in the early 1920's. This fact was not known to the Headmaster or to anyone at present in the College. The matter was referred to Mrs. Huntly Sinclair who also remembers the Founder making the gift.

We congratulate Keith A. Statham on his marriage to Miss M. R. Lawrence, at Brigg, Yorkshire, on 22nd June, 1957. Statham is the joint composer of the new revue, "Share My Lettuce," now running at the Comedy Theatre, London, after a successful "tryout" at the Lyric, Hammersmith. Of the notices we have seen, most have been favourable, the exception being "The Daily Telegraph." "The Times" found fault with the production, i.e. the work of the producer, not the show, but added that "the company (was) supported by an unusually good score."

The following Old Boys visited College during term: W. Burns, T. T. Walters, M. E. Knight, T. D. A. Semple, J. L. Russell, E. R. S. Gillham.

“GOLF.”

There is a peculiar and irresistible charm about this game, as played at Rendcomb, so free from the thrall of rules and regulations, which will always endear it to many people. In the last few years it has had an increasingly large following and there is little doubt that the 20-odd minutes which it takes to play a round provides a refreshing break. Questioned as to where the charm lies, the enthusiasts would give a wide selection of answers, ranging from the beauty of the fresh green sward, perhaps, to the silent breath-bated atmosphere of the more tense struggles. At all events the pleasant surroundings of the course, its close proximity to the College and the preference for a more leisurely form of exercise than that offered by tennis, say, give relish to this skill of hand and eye, whose appeal has spread to all sections of the school.

We must not, however, be too laudatory of this “golf.” A more exact designation would be “putting” or “miniature golf,” but the indignant pride of the golfer who hacks unavailingly at a ball buried in the sand or the high-jump pit claims some recognition of the extra hazards to be found there and on the lower terraces, to those encountered on the simple greens at the seaside and in city parks. Therefore, at Rendcomb we play golf and do not putt. In fact, “putt” never enters our minds, still less is it spoken.

The course, so strongly defended, runs along the lower terrace (where the Flying Field, a veritable eater of golf balls, proves a constant menace to sporting activities) and thence up the terraces by-passing the High Jump to a hole treacherously placed on the slope near the gate into the Park. From here the golfer walks down to the final hole near the cricket nets.

Although it is a short course, a mere twelve holes, it has spelt death to many a budding golfing career, there is nevertheless a streak of tenacity in the Briton who will not admit defeat. This accident of character, leading to a consequent enthusiasm, led the Entertainments Committee to organise a Golf Tournament. It was intended for the whole school but the large junior entry was somewhat offset by a surprising reticence among the seniors. However, the venture was successful and the final, in which H. E. Gough defeated G. H. G. Herbert made a fine ending to a popular out-of-school activity.

THE SHOP.

Tucked away in a remote comer of the building, the Shop is unknown territory to a few people, while to most it is an irreplaceable part of their daily life. Due largely to the efforts.

of a very efficient Senior Shopman, who held the office several times while he was at Rendcomb, the Shop has seen a considerable revival since the end of sweet rationing, and is now doing excellent business. Old Rendcombians will doubtless remember those joyful occasions during the war when it was announced that the Shop contained a new stock of Horlicks and Ovaltine tablets, and how as sweets became more plentiful this joy was reserved for the small stocks of sweets which began to appear.

Two wholesalers have served the Shop very consistently and efficiently till now—Mr. Williams, of Gloucester, and Messrs. Gilletts, of Cirencester. The former deserves a special mention, for in all our difficulties, such as small stocks, and in spite of petrol rationing, he has undeniably been a good friend to a succession of Senior Shopmen.

Although sweets and chocolates are the chief contributors to our Shop's fairly substantial turnover, the stock of inedible goods is comprehensive and quite important. One of the difficulties is to keep it moving with the times—to follow the trends in popularity of various types of razor blades or shaving cream, and to assess the current vogue in writing paper, toothpaste, and so on. One of the latest examples of this is the inclusion of shuttlecocks on account of the Meeting's recent decision to add Badminton to our list of indoor entertainments.

An attempt was made recently, largely due to the rapidly increasing range of goods in stock, to modernise the Shop. The small central showcase was moved to one side, two large squares of the top of the counter were sawn out and replaced by plate glass. Sweets are now displayed on two shelves immediately beneath this glass, and the arrangement seems likely to prove adequate for some time to come.

CRICKET REPORT.

1957—J.C.J. has handed over the first game to Mr. Haywood. 1932 to 1956—twenty-four captains, twenty-four games committees, secretaries, numberless groundsmen, games wardens and first games, and, for good measure and 25 years, the third game in the summer of 1957 before he becomes a “non-cricketer” in 1958. What memories are here of patience and humour and level-headedness, of wrath sometimes, of withdrawal from the fanatics—and memories too for those who through the years have been able to watch Rendcomb cricket growing in stature. Since the war J. C. J. has been, moreover, the architect of the new games field as well. Yet there can scarcely have been anywhere, a Master of Cricket more devoted or more detached, more successful, yet minding less about success. The clock has not mattered to him

We offer him our grateful thanks, not only for ourselves but for all those we know would wish to be included.

A middle period of hard wickets was preceded and followed by spells of wet, slow ones. Only one game was rained off, the last match of the season, and in that respect we were lucky, although the change in state of the pitches made batting difficult for the inexperienced. The 1st XI had H. A. Gough with three years' experience, R. J. Lawson, J. R. Ellis, R. C. Pilkington, and C. Handoll with two. This necessitated the finding of six new players. Next year there may be eight players from the 1957 side. We were again fortunate to have visits from Mr. A. E. Wilson, whose help and guidance made a great difference to the standard of the games. The nets were in great demand and sixty-five people used them out of a possible eighty-five.

The 1st XI was an unbalanced team, starting the season with three pace bowlers, two off spinners, one left-arm orthodox bowler, and only four recognised batsmen. At the end of the season we had reduced our pace bowlers to two and increased our batsmen to six. Except for Gough the batsmen were disappointing, individual scores of 20 being surpassed by only three other batsmen. Most of the wickets were shared by three bowlers. The bowling was backed up by an attacking field and, except in the slips, good close catching. Rendcomb has not had a good slip fielder since R. A. Powell left and efforts to find or make one might perhaps be started in the middle school. The "out" fielding however was slack and throwing-in was bad.

R. J. Lawson opened the innings at the start of the season and returned to this position after a mid-season spell at No. 5. His temperament was perhaps suited to that of an opener but his technique was suspect. He had a crooked backlift and an awkward way of playing forward which necessitated the dragging of his back foot. He hit loose balls hard, however, especially on the leg and was a safe leg-trap fielder.

M. R. Horton opened the innings for the entire season. On true wickets he was successful, but as soon as the ball began to lift he was in difficulty, mainly through not getting his body behind the ball. He had, however, a very nice cover-drive off the back foot. As a fielder he was keen but erratic.

R. D. Comley opened for a few matches in the middle of the season but experienced little success. He is as yet slow on his feet but has a long reach and hits hard. As a close fielder he was adept at snapping up half chances.

H. A. Gough batted at number three and had a most

successful season. He was an attacking batsman and was exceptionally severe on inaccurate bowling. His century against St. Stephen's was the first made by a Rendcomb senior. He also kept wicket well and showed a marked improvement on last season's form. He must, however, acquire the habit of getting up close to the wicket for medium-fast bowling on good pitches. As captain, his field placings were inclined to be too adventurous but he handled his bowling capably.

Bad judgment cost J. R. Ellis many runs. At the beginning it looked as if he was in for a good season, but he then started hitting across the line of well-pitched bowling. When on form his driving was very good, off either front or back foot. He was a promising off-break bowler using his height well, and he fielded safely in the deep.

After starting the season low in the batting order, R. C. Pilkington ended as No. 5, and played several useful innings. Although ungainly, his defence was solid and loose balls were treated with contempt if not style. As a left-arm orthodox bowler he had one failing—an unwillingness to flight the ball on batsmen's wickets. He had the satisfaction of taking a hat-trick against North Cerney, and as a fielder he was the one reliable thrower in the side.

J. A. Richards quickly assumed the role of middle of the order hitter and on true wickets was reasonably successful. He had a crooked backlift which caused him to swing across the line of the ball, but he played his cricket with a cheerful carefree attitude that was refreshing.

S. R. Merrett, although in the side as a second-string off-spin bowler, showed signs of becoming a batsman. With luck he was capable of staying in for some considerable time. He spun the ball more than Ellis but his length was erratic.

Both opening bowlers enjoyed successful seasons. C. Handoll took more wickets than in the two previous seasons put together. He was slow to reach full speed but was always dangerous, due to his changes of pace and direction. Perhaps his best ball was the one rarely used, the leg cutter, which turned back to beat the tentative forward stroke. He was promising as a batsman but his approach was rather lighthearted. He was a safe fielder with a strong but inaccurate throw. R. F. Stebbing started the season as a promising stock bowler but soon assumed the role of opening bowler. He bowled very well on two occasions and thereby established his place in the side. His strength was variation of pace, coupled with a fast yorker that accounted for many of his victims. He did little but hit the ball hard and high

when batting and was inclined to be insufficiently awake in the field. Both pace bowlers had admirable temperaments and retained their control under punishment. J. R. Alder opened the bowling early on but enjoyed no success. Although fast he bowled too short. His fielding was weak. He could be a very good bowler if he would pitch the ball up more. G. H. G. Herbert played in one match after success for the 2nd XI. He should be useful next year.

R. A. Cockrell played in the last three matches with some success. He was essentially a back-foot player and did not get right over his forward shots. His fielding was reliable.

RESULTS

1st XI and "A" XI. Played 10; won 7; lost 2; drawn 1.

Saturday, May 11th

1st XI v. St. Stephen's C. C. Away. Drawn.

Rendcomb 137 (Gough 105). St. Stephen's 82 for 7.

Rain stopped play.

The highlight of this match was Gough's century, scored in 112 minutes. The St. Stephens' bowling was accurate but just short of a length. This worried too many of the Rendcomb batsmen and only Horton, who scored 15, and Merrett, who stayed 41 minutes for 2 not out, gave Gough any support.

Thursday, May 16th

1st XI v. Dean Close "A" XI. Away. Won by 4 wickets.

Dean Close 138 (Ellis 5 for 39, Pilkington 4 for 31).

Rendcomb 139 for 6 (Gough 50, Horton 31, Ellis 24).

Dean Close won the toss and batted on a slow, damp wicket. For the first hour runs came quickly against the pace bowling, but as the wicket dried out the ball began to turn. Dean Close dropped from 105 for 3 to 138 all out in the space of 18 overs. Rendcomb made a good start, Lawson and Horton putting on 38 for the first wicket. Gough made his runs very quickly and the later batsmen scored steadily.

Saturday, May 18th

1st XI v. Cheltenham Town 2nd XI. Home. Won by 8 wickets.

Cheltenham 71 (Merrett 3 for 11).

Rendcomb 81 for 2 (Gough 67 not out).

On a wet wicket a relatively weak Cheltenham side was quickly dismissed, Merrett bowling intelligently. The score would

have been even lower but for several dropped catches. A partnership of 57 between Horton and Gough soon settled the match.

Wednesday, May 29th

1st XI v. Sir Thomas Rich's. Away. Won by 36 runs.

Rendcomb 121 for 5 (Gough 50, Lawson 25 not out).

Sir Thomas Rich's 85 (Handoll 5 for 22).

Consistent batting throughout enabled Rendcomb to build up a good total on a fast true wicket. Lawson at last showed good form, as did Richards, who hit a bright 13. Handoll bowled very well and deserved his wickets.

Saturday, June 1st

1st XI v. Cheltenham College 2nd XI. Home. Lost by 4 wickets.

Rendcomb 101 (Ellis 32).

Cheltenham 103 for 6.

In addition to Ellis, who batted delightfully, Pilkington did well, scoring 16. The "tail" wagged more than usual but unfortunately not enough. The bowling and fielding were off form and Cheltenham experienced little difficulty in obtaining the necessary runs.

Wednesday, June 5th

1st XI v. Cheltenham Grammar School. Home. Won by 2 wickets.

Cheltenham 56 (Stebbing 7 for 21, Handoll 3 for 17).

Rendcomb 57 for 8.

On a fast wicket, damp on top, the ball reared quite dangerously for the first hour. Stebbing and Handoll bowled admirably, and made excellent use of the conditions. After a few early shocks Rendcomb scraped home, due mainly to a diligent 16 by Lawson, and a violent 12 not out by Stebbing.

Tuesday, June 11th

"A" XI v. Kingham Hill. Away. Won by 3 wickets. Kingham 47 (Ellis 4 for 10, Pilkington 4 for 12). Rendcomb 51 for 7.

On a good batting wicket with the ball turning only slowly, it was fortunate for Rendcomb that the Kingham batsmen appeared to be mesmerised by Ellis and Pilkington, neither of whom bowled really well. Rendcomb batted poorly, only Pilkington (15) and

Lawson (12 not out) showing any initiative.

Saturday, June 15th

1st XI v. Prince Henry's Grammar School. Home. Won by 53 runs.

Rendcomb 86 (Ellis 42).

Prince Henry's 33 (Handoll 5 for 18, Stebbing 4 for 13).

Prince Henry's won the toss and put Rendcomb in, a decision which probably cost them the match. Apart from Ellis, who batted very well, Gough (16) and Pilkington (12) helped the total. The pitch was beginning to break up by the time Prince Henry's batted so that only the opening bowlers were needed.

Wednesday, July 3rd

1st XI v. North Cerney C. C. Home. Won by 58 runs.

Rendcomb 116 for 3 declared (Gough 87 not out).

North Cerney 58 (Pilkington 6 for 9).

The Rendcomb innings lasted only 23 overs, an average of 5 runs per over. North Cerney were soon in trouble but due to relaxation on Rendcomb's part they nearly lasted out time. Pilkington's bowling included a hat-trick taken just in time.

Saturday, July 13th

1st XI v. Marling Grammar School. Home. Lost by 2 wickets.

Rendcomb 56.

Marling 59 for 9 (Stebbing 7 for 28).

Ineffective Rendcomb batting on a poor wicket produced a total which was in the event very nearly large enough. Only Pilkington (15 not out) and Horton (15) played well. With the Marling score at 44 for 4 there seemed little hope, but Stebbing aided by safe catching, put us back in the game before Marling deservedly won.

Second XI.

The 2nd XI had a successful season, winning all three matches. A. P. Hayes captained the side intelligently and is to be congratulated. R. A. Cockrell batted well in the first two matches and was thereafter picked for the 1st XI. J. D. R. Paine, who also kept wicket and G. H. G. Herbert scored freely. Only once did the side score less than 100. C. H. Thomason and P. G. Auden provided an entertaining, if unorthodox, opening pair. The most successful bowler was M. van den Driessche, a quick spinner. In the three matches he took 8 wickets for 18 runs. The rest of the wickets were shared by the pace-men, D. R. G. Griffiths, R. W. Taylor, B. R. Paish and J. R. Alder, and by

spinners R. A. Cockrell and C. H. Thomason. Griffiths was probably the fastest bowler in the school but lacked control. Paish was also erratic, probably through trying for too much variety. R. W. Taylor had a good high action although he was a little inclined to be too stiff. I. A. N. Campbell also played in the side as a “hitter” and with short bowling was reasonably successful.

The part that the 2nd XI plays in the success of a term’s cricket is not always fully understood. It should be recorded that although they had 7 matches less than the 1st, which usually meant no cricket for them on those days, their spirit remained excellent.

2nd XI results:

Saturday, May 18th

v. Dean Close 3rd XI. Home. Won by 55 runs.

Rendcomb 120 (Paine 32, Cockrell 31, Herbert 21).

Dean Close 65 (Thomason 4 for 22).

Saturday, May 25th

v. Kingham Hill 2nd XI. Home. Won by 6 wickets.

Kingham 59 (Paish 4 for 14, Driessche 3 for 8).

Rendcomb 82 for 9 (Cockrell 23).

Saturday, 15th June

v. St. Stephen’s C. C. 2nd XI. Home. Won by 6 wickets.

St. Stephen's 52 (Alder 4 for 22, Driessche 3 for 7).

Rendcomb 100 (Paine 35 not out).

Junior XI’s

Five matches were played, four being lost and one drawn. Yet in the Junior School last term there was more potential than there has been for a very long time. Keeness was evident and the slip-catch machine was in great demand, a good sign for the future. R. A. Cockrell captained the side until he went to the 1st XI. He was disappointing as a batsman in the Junior XI but bowled well on occasion. G. J. Taylor confirmed some of the promise he has shown as a batsman and was also a useful spin bowler. J. Shaw quietly and efficiently took over the captaincy of the side but did not make as much progress with the bat as had been hoped. R. P. S. Harrison, despite a rather awkward style, collected some useful scores; but was slow in the field. H. E. Gough was a promising batsman but never quite found his form. He kept wicket with keeness and success. P. B. Heppleston was also a promising all-rounder. A straight and upright batsman,

he had little success in matches and will be wise to rid himself of one or two very risky shots that are too often his downfall. As a pace bowler he seemed unable to pitch a constant length. N. J. Price opened the bowling with Heppleston. He was fast, and despite a tendency to inaccuracy, was really promising. J. C. Malpass possessed the enviable knack of bowling googlies and leg-breaks.

Junior XI results:

Wednesday, May 29th

U. 15 v. Sir Thomas Rich's Grammar School U. 15. Away.

Lost by 9 wickets.

Rendcomb 36 (Taylor 20).

Sir Thomas Rich's 37 for 1.

Saturday, June 1st

U. 15 v. Cheltenham College U. 15. Home. Drawn. Cheltenham 120 for 7 declared.

Rendcomb 57 for 7 (Cockrell 20).

Wednesday, June 5th

U. 16 v. Cheltenham Grammar School Colts. Home.

Lost by 11 runs.

Cheltenham 58 (Driessche 5 for 18, Cockrell 3 for 5).

Rendcomb 47 (Driessche 13, Gough 12).

Tuesday, June 11th

U. 14 v. Kingham Hill U. 14. Away. Lost by 42 runs. Kingham 96 (Tovey 3 for 23).

Rendcomb 54 (Harrison 17).

Saturday, July 13th

U. 15 v. Marling Grammar School U. 15. Home. Lost by 8 wickets.

Rendcomb 31.

Marling 42 for 2.

Of the 47 Rendcomb wickets that fell in Junior matches 31 were taken by opening bowlers; and it was the pace bowlers that most worried our batsmen. The fielding was fairly keen, with Shaw and Heppleston excelling in the deep, and Taylor stopping many in the slips. Of the 30 wickets taken by the Junior XI's, only 5 were the result of catches.

Third Game

Third Game last term was supervised exclusively by Mr. James, and several promising cricketers emerged. A. D. Heppleston, C. B. Stillwell and D. J. Tovey were useful all-rounders. All three played in the Under 14 XI. D. J. Thomason, K. A. Walker and R. C. Jones were promising bowlers, while M. A. Gooding, P. K. Dale, J. T. Wood, G. S. Bartlett and D. A. Cook had all grasped the fundamentals of batting. J. T. Wood was a promising wicketkeeper.

We would like to thank Mr. Haywood, Mr. Hull and Mr. James for all the time they spent in umpiring and coaching, and Mr. Telling and his assistants for all they did to make cricket even possible after a succession of seasons that had played such havoc with the squares.

NORTH CERNEY RACE.

Monday, July 10th, 1957. First, M. R. Horton, 22 minutes 22 seconds; second P. G. Auden, 23 minutes 13 seconds; third, H. A. Gough, 24 minutes 44 seconds.

Record: 22 minutes 11 seconds, J. C. Maslin, 1931.

NATURAL HISTORY SUPPLEMENT.

December, 1957.

Moths of the Rendcomb District, Part Four.

(See introduction, Vol. XI, No. 1, December 1956.)

Brephidae.

Monoeteniidae.

Birch Orangewing. Orange Underwing. *Brephos parthenias*. Geometridae.

Hemitheinae.

Geometridae.

Large Emerald. *Hipparchus papilionaria*. *Geometra papilionaria*. Lesser

Emerald. Small Emerald. *Hemistola immaculata*.

Common Emerald. *Hemithea aestivaria*. *H. strigata*.

Geometridae.

Sterrhinae.

Sterrhidae.

Scalloped Wavelet. Small Scallop. *Sterrho emarginata*.

Bibband Wavelet. Bibband Wave. *S. aversata*.
Chalk Wave. Lace Border. *Scopula ornata*.
Reddish Wave. Small Blood-vein. *S. imitaria*.
Blood Vein. *Calothysanis amata*.
Beech Mocha. Clay Tripple-lines. *Cosymbia linearia*. *C. trilineararia*.

Geometridae.

Larentiinae.

Hydricmenidae.

Chimney Sweeper. *Odezia atrata*.
Shaded Belle. Shaded Broad Bar. *Ortholitlia chenopodiata*. *O. limitata*.
Chalk Belle. Chalk Carpet. *O. bipunctaria* ssp. *cretata*. *O. bipunctaria*.
Mallow Belle. Mallow Moth. *Larentia clavaria*. *L. cervinalis*. Large Silver.
Treble Bar. *Anaitis plagiata*.
Pale Seraph. Early Tooth-striped. *Nothopteryx carpinata*. *Trichopteryx carpinata*.
Glossy Scallop. The Tissue. *Triphosa dubitata*.
Barberry Scallop. Scarce Tissue. *Calocalpe cervinalis*.
Dark Scallop. Dark Umber. *Philereme transversata*.
Large Chequer. Argent and Sable. *Eulype hastata*.
Willowherb Chevron. Small Phoenix. *Ecliptoptera silaceata*. Dark Chevron.
The Phoenix. *Lygris prunata*.
Straw Chevron. Barred Straw. *L. pyraliata*. *L. dotata*.
Bose Chevron. Barred Yellow. *Cidaria fulvata*.
Mottled Chevron. Broken-barred Carpet. *Electrophaes corylata*. Marbled Chevron. Common Marbled Carpet. *Dysstroma truncata*. Green Chevron. Autumn-green Carpet. *Chloroclysta mixta*.
Pine Conifer. Grey Pine Carpet. *Thera obeliscata*.
Early Juniper Conifer. Chestnut-coloured Carpet. *T. cognata*. Reddish Conifer. Pine Carpet. *T. firmata*.
Dark-barred Carpet. Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet. *Xanthorhoe ferrugata*.
Busty-barred Carpet. Bed Twin-spot Carpet. *X. spadicearia* Silver-ground Carpet. *X. montanata*.

Garden Carpet. *X. fluctuata*.
 Pale Bedstraw Carpet. Wood Carpet. *Epirrhoe rivata*.
 Dark Bedstraw Carpet. Common Carpet. *E. alternata*.
 Green Carpet. *Colostygia pectinataria*. *Calostygia pectinataria*. Yellow
 Shell. *Euphyia bilineata*.
 Beautiful Carpet. *Mesoleuca albioillata*.
 Clematis Carpet. Pretty Chalk Carpet. *Melanthia procellata*.
 Rose Carpet. Shoulder Stripe. *Earophila badiata*.
 Champion Rivulet. The Rivulet. *Perizoma affinitata*.
 Sandy Rivulet. Sandy Carpet. *P. flavofasciata*.
 July Highflyer. *Hydriomena furcata*.
 May Highflyer. *H. coeruleata*. *H. impluviata*.
 Winter Moth. *Operophtera brumata*.
 Dark Autumnal. November Moth. *Oporinia dilutata*.
 Barred Autumnal. Autumnal Moth. *O. autumnata*.
 Limespeck Pug. *Eupithecia centaureata*.
 Larch Pug. *E. lariciata*.
 Large Oak Pug. Brindled Pug. *E. abbreviata*.
 Juniper Pug. *E. sobrinata*.
 V Pug. *Chloroclystis coronata*.

To be concluded.

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Miscellaneous Notes, May 1st to September 1st, 1957 Plants.

Few records of unusual plants were made during this period. R. J. Lawson found a single plant of Henbane (*Hyoscyamus niger*) near Rendcomb Lake on ground recently scoured of its vegetation. A dense growth of thistles, mostly Spear Thistles (*Cirsium. vulgare*) but with some Woolly Thistles (*C. eriophorum*), appeared on the same exposed earth, showing how rapidly these plants under good conditions can colonise bare ground.

In the local woodlands the Nettle-leaved Bellflower (*Campanula trachelium*) flowered in unusual profusion, but several of the orchids, notably the Bird's Nest Orchid (*Neottia nidus-avis*) and the White Helleborine (*Cephalanthera damasonium*), had a poor season.

Insects.

Two interesting and somewhat unusual insects were captured

in June. One, to be found commonly enough in the right places, was picked up from the asphalt in front of the college. It is the parasitic fly *Stenepteryx hirundinis*, usually found clinging to Swifts, Swallows or House Martins, or in their nests. The insect is armed with enormous tarsal hooks with which it clings to its host and its wings are so narrow that flight is impossible.

The other curious insect, found in Clifflerdyne Wood by J. M. Webb, is a member of the *Hemipetra*, a leaf-hopper known as *Centrotus cornutus*, and is notable for two horn-like processes at the front of the thorax and for the great prolongation of the pronotum into a narrow plate lying above the abdomen.

On June 23rd a small party from the College visited the gravel-pits at South Cerney in search of dragonflies. Many nymphs were captured for the aquaria, and adult dragonflies seen included many of the very locally-distributed *Orthetrum cancellatum*, several *Libellula quadrimaculata* (not previously noted at South Cerney), and a fine specimen of the Emperor Dragonfly (*Anax imperator*), a very scarce species in this County.

Birds.

The mild winter weather hastened the nesting of many birds which normally begin breeding in the earlier days of spring. Later species were not affected in the same way owing to cold winds in April. In addition to species mentioned earlier (see Vol. XI, No. 3, p. 19), Tawny Owl and Buzzard may be noted in connection with early nesting. Young Tawny Owls, just beginning to fly, were found out of their nest near the Cirencester Lodge, Rendcomb, on May 1st, indicating that eggs must have been laid in late February. Of more interest was the discovery of the nest of a pair of Buzzards on April 26th, the nest containing on that date three eggs (one chipping) and a young bird. The first egg here must have been laid on March 26th or 27th, a very early date.

A hybrid Greenfinch/Goldfinch spent all winter in Lower Rendcomb. It was very tame and evidently an escaped cage-bird. In late April and early May this bird, although apparently without a mate, built three nests in succession and laid two eggs in the third. These later disappeared. The nests were much more like those of Goldfinches (which were nesting in Elders nearby) than Greenfinches, although somewhat less tidily constructed. Each was lined with thistle-down.

Two Hobbies circled high above Lower Rendcomb on August 19th, and the occurrence of two Ravens at Upper Cobberley on August 28th is also worthy of note.

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