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SCHOOL NOTES.

Summer Term, 1942.

Dearth of news is a curious feature to complain of in wartime. So much is happening in the outside world and at a speed that is quite bewildering. By contrast the compiler of such notes as these finds his material dwindling. It is hard to make copy out of the prosaic and parochial events of a School Term beset by wartime limitations.

“The trivial round, the common task
Will furnish all we need to ask.”

So runs a well-known hymn, but the sentiment has little consolation for a harassed Editor. News, in his sense, is something more than routine. You cannot make “copy” by saying: “Form V have greatly enjoyed their Physics periods.” “Handwriting in the Lower School is on the upgrade.” “A record number of false agreements in Latin has been perpetrated by Form IV.” He wants fixtures, athletic contests, plays in the Woodland Theatre, speeches on Founders’ Day, Scientific Expeditions. Even poultry statistics begin to pall in time. (Soon there may be few hens left.)

We do claim to chronicle all school events of outstanding importance. And we print every scrap of information about Old Boys that we can lay our hands on. Indeed, like *Oliver Twist*, we are perpetually asking for “More.”

Work goes on—more work than ever, but incidental excursions and distractions are severely rationed. We have plenty of plain fare, but extras are now “on points.” And we all know what points are like. Never was so much dependent on so few.

Term began on Friday, 1st May. The Easter vacation had been remarkable for a spell of fine, if somewhat cold, weather, and the reviving sun gave us some good days for potato planting.

The work was arranged in the same plan of strips and shifts as last year and was carried out most expeditiously. We are becoming nothing if not agriculturally minded and farming expeditions became quite a feature of our half-days later on in Term.

Mr G. B. Jay, who had been teaching at Frensham Heights School came to take Miss Alway's place for the Term. Otherwise there were no Staff changes.

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We had a visit from Mr Shoran Singha on Sunday, 3rd May. Quite a number of boys went to hear him preach at the Congregational Church in Cirencester, and that afternoon, in the Library, he gave a most interesting talk on India, and later conducted House Prayers in Hall. His visits are always stimulating and we were glad to welcome Mrs Singha on a subsequent informal occasion.

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On Saturday, 30th May, a large number of the school saw Walt Disney's film, "Dumbo," in the Picture House at Cirencester. It had its moments—the erection of the "Big Top," the Emmet-like Circus Train, but there was much that might well have been omitted. Disney is an inventor of considerable ingenuity but he is far from impeccable in taste.

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That same evening Miss Barlow and Miss Stanford gave a most enjoyable recital of music which is reported elsewhere.

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An Exhibition of Ministry of Information Films took place in Big School on Wednesday evening, 3rd June. Now that we no longer have our own film shows they were very acceptable.

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Commemoration Day fell on June 5th. The weather was perfect and notwithstanding transport problems many succeeded in getting quite far afield. The kitchen front is to be congratulated on its provision of picnic fare—a matter of considerable difficulty these days.

It was a pleasure to have Dick Wheeler in our midst again—after a long absence. His colleague, Syd Hopkins, who accompanied him, was also a popular visitor. On Monday, 7th June, he gave a talk on "Wrestling." It was a comprehensive—not to say an "all-in"—survey, and his illustrations left little to the imagination.

A Parents' Day was held very simply on Saturday, June 20th. A notice will be found under a separate heading. Though shorn of nearly all traditional procedure of Founder's Day, it proved a most successful and pleasant reunion.

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The Sunday after Founder's Day is usually one of relaxation. This year it was signalled by a Defence Exercise in which the

Local Defence Committee, our Fire Fighting and First-Aid Parties took part. Now that "Exercise Mowbray" is a thing of the past, the various post-mortems, etc., having taken place we shall be giving away no military secrets if we allude to it at this safe distance. We understand that the College Fire Fighters gave a very good account of themselves and that the First-Aiders did yeoman service. The day was not without its humours. So little inimical did the attacking forces appear that at one juncture they were mistaken for friends.

In the evening there was a School Concert in the Music Room, an account of which appears elsewhere.

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On Tuesday, 30th June, a party of boys went off on a farming expedition to Mr Whittaker's farm at Syde beyond the Beech-pike on the Gloster Road. They were transported by lorry and these trips became features of Tuesday and Thursday afternoons until the end of Term.

Starting on a large field, yellow with charlock, they set to work weeding and later on turned over to the slower and more exacting job of thinning out swedes.

There is satisfaction in being on a job where you can see the results of your labour. These outings were popular—no doubt partly because of the tea intervals—but the gangs really got down to their work and we understand that the help we were able to give was greatly appreciated.

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On Wednesday, 1st July, we had a lecture on Free France by M. Eyrier—one of General de Gaulle's right-hand publicists. He had, perhaps, little startling to tell us about the Free French movement, but the account of his own escape to freedom across the Sahara made memorable hearing. It was all the more convincing because M. Eyrier himself was nothing if not modest about his own achievements. Of his enthusiasm and devotion there could be no question.

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The Headmaster of Kingham Hill School, Rev. D. F. Horsfield, is no stranger to us, but on Wednesday evening, 8th July, we met him in a new role when he gave a most interesting lecture on Romania. He has a penchant for wandering in the most out-of-the-way places, and his lecture illustrated by slides of his own making was lit up by his own inimitable brand of humour. A most enjoyable evening.

On the following Sunday, 12th July, he preached at School Matins, revealing yet another aspect of his vigorous personality.

He was the second of the visiting preachers we have had this Term, for on Sunday, 14th June, we were privileged to hear a sermon from the Rector of Cirencester, the Rev. R. H. Such.

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On Sunday, 19th July, the Fire Fighters and First-Aid Parties were present at a showing of A. R. P. films in the Regal Cinema, Cirencester.

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At the London School Certificate Examination held in July the following passed: R. Brain, F. T. Luffman, N. P. Morris, J. J. North, R. T. Wood, J. F. Alder, D. M. Grant, B. W. Plenderleith, and A. F. Harrison. Of these, three obtained Matriculation exemption.

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At the London Higher School Certificate Examination in July

L.H. Hyett and P. A. Cutts obtained Certificates, their main subjects being Mathematics and Physics. L. H. Hyett was awarded a Kitchener Scholarship.

At the Cambridge Higher School Examinations held at the same time M. A. Bullen obtained a Certificate in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry; P. G. Forrest in Mathematics, Physics and Zoology. Both these candidates were granted State Bursaries.

M. A. C. Levett, S. A. Trayhurn, D. Montgomery, and W. P. Thomas obtained Certificates in History and English.

S. J. Curry and A. R. Margetts in the same examination obtained Higher Certificates in Zoology, Botany, and Physics; J. Owen in Mathematics, Physics and Zoology; and A. W. Morris in Botany, Zoology, and Chemistry.

R. G. Lawrence entered College at the beginning of Term.

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Term ended on 29th July. The following boys left, to whom we extend our Valeté; —

M. A. Bullen, P. A. Cutts, L. H. Hyett, G. W. Ivens, H. S. Palmer, M. A. C. Levett, P. G. Forrest, S. A. Trayhurn, C. D.

M. Barnett, A. W. Morris, F. J. Sime, F. T. Luffman, I. G. Barnett, and A. Baxby.

MRS NOEL WILLS.

Old Boys will wish to join with us in very warm congratulations to Mrs Wills on her marriage in Scotland, during August, to Squadron-Leader H M. Sinclair, of the Royal Canadian Air Force. We wish them both every happiness.

At her request no wedding presents was the order, but she was given an old engraving of Rendcomb that used to hang in the Library and of which she did not possess a copy. This was accompanied by an inscribed memento signed by everyone at the College.

THE GENERAL MEETING.

Officers, Michaelmas Term, 1942.

- Chairman—W. P. Thomas.
Council—C. E. H. Tuck, S. J. Curry, A. R. Margetts, W. P. Thomas, J. Owen, J. C. Beck, D. A. C. Smith.
Meeting Selection Committee—W. P. Thomas, A. R. Margetts, C. E. H. Tuck, J. Owen, S. J. Curry.
House Committee—J. F. Alder, R. W. T. Buckingham, N. P. Elson, J. M. Henshaw, D. G. Knight.
Games Committee—A. R. Margetts, N. P. Morris, D. A. C. Smith, D. H. Hill.
Senior Shopman—R. Brain.
Shopmen—D. M. Grant, R. T. Wood.
Banker—A. F. Harrison, M. C. Harries.
Apprentice Banker—B. W. Plenderleith.
Breakages Man—J. J. North.
Price Committee—J. C. Beck, J. F. Alder.
Secretary—R. T. Wood.
Auditors—J. M. Trickett, R. E. Hayward.
Apprentice Auditors—D. G. Knight, M. R. F. Butlin.
Finance Committee—J. E. Carus-Wilson, R. T. Lindsay, R. M. Lewis.
Entertainments Committee—N. P. Morris, A. F. Harrison, P. A. T. Griffiths, P. G. Draper, D. M. Grant.
Cycle Committee—N. P. Morris, R. I. G. Hale, K. E. Banks.
Meeting Almoner—P. S. W. Beck.
Paperman—D. Montgomery.
Amplifier Committee—F. H. Dutton, N. C. Stone, M. C. Harries, J. E. Carus-Wilson, N. P. Elson.
Magazine Committee—R. T. Wood.
Drying Room Committee—J. F. Alder, D. H. Hill, M. C. Harries.
Jam Man—G. H. Bye.
Mowing Man—G. H. W. Bodman.
Public Work Man—J. Owen.
Tennis Groundsmen—N. M. Wood, R. Brain.
Groundsman—D. H. Hill.
Games Secretaries—
 Football: R. A. S. Primrose.
 Hockey: M. C. Thompson.
 Cricket: Not elected.
Games Wardens—
 Tennis: N. M. Wood.
 Hockey: R. T. Lindsay.
 Cricket: D. M. Grant.
 Football: R. Brain, G. H. Davis.
 Indoor: E. A. Jones, R. G. Lawrence.

Record Committee: S. J. Curry, J. C. Beck, C. E. H. Tuck.

Salvage Committee: M. J. Bedwell, R. A. S. Primrose, P. A. T. Griffiths.

End-of-Term Entertainments Committee— W. P. Thomas, J. Owen,
J. C. Beck, N. C. Stone, D. Montgomery.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

Roll of Honour.

Flying Officer George Kenneth Noble, R. A. F. Reported missing in operational flight over Italy, 12th January, 1941. At Rendcomb January, 1928—July, 1932. Subsequently Public Works Contractor until joining the R. A. F.

Pilot Officer John G. Young, R. A. F. Reported missing, September, 1942. Came to Rendcomb as Classics Master from Trinity College, Kandy, in September, 1939. With the R. A. F. since January, 1941.

Distinctions.

Military Medal—

T. D. Wright. South African Armoured Unit.

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R. M. Ingleton is a Captain in the Royal Marines.

D.C. Vaughan, who is in India, is now a Captain in the Royal Engineers. (His mother, Mrs Vaughan, who will be known to some Old Boys, has a Commission in the W. A. A. F.)

E.R. S. Gillham is a First Lieutenant on an M. L.

N. Slade has been appointed Casualty Officer at Bristol Royal Infirmary, a position on which he is warmly to be congratulated. He expects to join the Navy in February, 1943.

J. F. Spencer is a Pilot Officer in the R. A. F. He was trained in South Africa.

A. E. Brain is at an O. C. T. U. in the Midlands.

R. F. Butler is in the Royal Navy.

L. B. White is in the R. A. F.

Sub-Lieut. E. R. S. Gillham was married on Saturday, 1st August, at St. Mary's Church, Wargrave, to Inese, the daughter of Mr and Mrs A. C. Bertelli.

J. R. Harmer is in the Fleet Air Arm.

D. C. Terrett has a post in the Ministry of Supply.

C. D. M. Barnett, M. A. C. Levett, H. S. Palmer, and P. B. Lane have been accepted for the Fleet Air Arm.

Morris Lane is still with B. T. H. Since he last wrote he has passed the Higher National Engineering Certificate with credits in both electrical subjects, has obtained a City and Guild's Certificate and Second Class Honours in his B. Sc. Engineering. Many congratulations to him. At present he is working in the Research Laboratory, but has been provisionally accepted for a Technical Commission in the Navy. Last season he played hockey for the B. T. H. First Eleven, securing 25 goals out of 54.

The engagement is announced between Ronald, son of the late Mr Frank Richings, Manor Cottage, Aylesbury, and of Mrs Richings, Stoke Mandeville, Bucks, and Barbara, youngest daughter, of the late Mr Alphonsus Benson and of Mrs Benson, Silverdale, N. Staffs.

We apologise for not having previously recorded the marriage of Mr R. M. Winter to Miss Margaret Wildey, which took place earlier in the year. Mr Winter is at present stationed in Scotland.

Lieut. P. K. Wright (Intelligence Corps) was married this summer prior to his sailing on Overseas Service.

Mr Oliver Morel and Miss Adelaide Alway were married at Bristol on 12th September, 1942. Their present address is Cockshott Lane, Froxfield, Nr. Petersfield.

OLD RENDCOMBIAN SOCIETY.

In the hope that it may stimulate interest, bring in suggestions to the officers of the Society, or reassure any members who are feeling the same way, we print below the relevant part of a letter, which Mr Lee-Browne has received from a recent Old Boy, together with the main portion of the reply that was sent to him.

Date of letter—October 9th, 1942.

Dear Mr Browne,

I am writing this letter with a certain amount of diffidence and in the hope that you will take it in the spirit in which it is written. I say this because I wish to make a few remarks about the Old Boys' Association which may sound critical but are not intended to be acrimonious.

My experience has been that the Old Rendcombian Association as an effective body is non-existent. I know that it has been a particularly unfortunate period as everyone is so busy, but it is also a particularly important one. I have had absolutely no communication of any kind from the O. R. Association nor any news of the School since I left, except by magazines which have arrived most irregularly and only after continual reminders. My experi-

ence may have been particularly unfortunate, but the few O. R. 's I still correspond with seem to have had fairly similar experiences. Actually I do get news of the School through ~~occasional private~~ letters, but at times I miss items of news for a long time. It does seem to me that the O. R. Association should be a live part of the School and these days it is practically impossible to visit either the School or other Old Boys. A deep affection for the School could be assisted by some link through the post.

I do hope this does not sound too critical, but these thoughts have been through my mind for some time and I think it only right you should have them. I am very willing to have difficulties, etc., pointed out and to do anything I can remedy them. I should be interested to know if other Old Boys have felt the same things.

Yours ever,

Rendcomb College, Cirencester, Glos.
October 10th, 1942.

Dear X,

The answers to your letter are as follows:

(1). On the outbreak of war, or shortly after, the entire Old Rendcombian Committee plus Chairman were called up or otherwise involved in the war.

(2) . Dick Wheeler offered to take on the Secretaryship temporarily and since then has, on and off, been ill; and geographically isolated for the whole period. He has now asked to give up and Anthony Perkins has volunteered to take over the work temporarily.

(3) . The war-time Chairman is D. C. Terrett and if you have views on the whole subject I should advise you to get into touch with him and/or Anthony Perkins—the latter's address is; c/o St. John's College, Oxford.

(4) . It has at least twice been agreed that it is impossible to try and hold any kind of Old Boys' Gathering at the College during the war. With the oldest of the original twelve boys only now 35, the overwhelming majority of O. R. 's are actually in the Services or tied by Government or reserved occupations. Travelling is impossible and "leaves" never seem to coincide.

(5) . I am afraid that at the College, I can arrange no more than we are doing at present. All Old Boys know that they are welcome, either singly or in twos or threes, whenever they like

to come. More people have availed themselves of this hospitality during the last three years than at any other time in the history of the School. I get hold of every scrap of information I can about Old Boys and this goes into the Magazine, but I won't pretend that it is an easy job, or that either people or their friends are particularly co-operative in sending it along! Apart from the fact that I would be, on the whole, against the O. R. Society being organised from the School, there is not one of us that has anything approaching the amount of free time that would be necessary to do it.

(6) . Magazine Service. We make no claim that this is efficient at present. R. N. D. W. has got more than enough to do and the printers take from five to six weeks over each issue, with the result that publication takes place towards the end of each term. The address list has been in the hands of no less than five people since the war began, none of them knowing anything about the people concerned. It is not surprising that both addresses and subscription lists tend to get out of date. I can only say that we do our best.

(7) . Contact through the Post. I do not believe that a circular letter will ever give adequate return during a war for the work and expense involved. What interests one generation of Old Boys does not interest another. Current news and minor doings are of no interest except to boys who have recently left. Major happenings are all recorded in the Magazine. What everyone wants most is information about his contemporaries, and then the general knowledge that the place is going on strongly. I have a heavy correspondence with individual Old Boys, the bulk of which I deal with in the holidays. On two or three occasions I have sent a circular news letter to groups of six or eight Old Rendcombians who happen to have written to me about the same time and who happen to be more or less contemporaries. Old Boys can write to each other at this address and we will forward letters to the last address in our possession. Curiously enough, this is a service which is very little used. It just is not possible to do more. Having said all this, I hope you will still feel that I am more than willing to co-operate in any effective action which you, or a group of you, may devise. We could do duplicating and even the sending out of stuff from the College. One is much aware of the pity of the almost complete dispersal of the O. R. Society at the present time, but our age group being what it is, I do not see what more can be done to hold the Society together.

I am glad you wrote and I accept your criticism entirely in the spirit in which it was sent, but I hope this reply will put the matter right for you.

Yours ever, D. W. L-B.

PARENTS' DAY—20th JUNE, 1942.

The asphalt is deserted. The last of the few—the very few— cars has disappeared down the drive. The last of the parents departed buswards, and there is the familiar sound of desks and furniture being moved back, under Mr James' supervision, to their wonted places. The sun is still shining. It has shone all day. And groups of people still in their Sunday best are sauntering about, some of them feeling a little lonely. All are agreed it has been a good day. There has been no fuss. Everybody has had time to talk to their friends. People are saying: "What a good idea it was to have tea in the Gym. And we didn't have to listen to long speeches." "Or be on duty in the Lab." "It was just like a family party."

This, indeed, is exactly what it was. We feel that we have achieved the ideal balance between the formal and the casual—the only kind of Founders' Day that is justifiable in war-time.

Mrs Wills was able to be with us— a gracious visiting hostess rather than a guest. It was, incidentally, her last visit to us as Mrs Wills, and we were delighted to find she had brought Squadron Leader Sinclair with her.

In the circumstances the plan of the day quite naturally decided itself.

A Parents' Assembly in the Big School. The Headmaster, oddly enough, has moments of excessive modesty. He does not like his speeches reported. One suspects it was a Discussion Period he was really out for; one in which there should be the freest exchange of ideas between the parents and himself. And that was, indeed, what he succeeded in getting.

Afterwards there was tea in the Gym. The long buffet tables looked charming—as always the flowers were a high spot of the day—and the ease with which everything went makes it unlikely that we shall ever want to revert to anything more formal.

The Laboratory Shows were abandoned this year. They had been so good that it was time to give them and those responsible for them a rest. But there was a Puppet Show at the House, a display in the Art Room, and a Manual Exhibition in Saul's Hall.

Our guests were entertained, and they had a chance to talk to us. What more is there to say? It was done without extravagance or ostentation, or inroads upon precious time. And that is surely what is needed in these strenuous days.

THE PUPPET PLAYERS.

The Puppet Players presented a show at Rendcomb House on Parents' Day, 20th June. Subsequent performances were given for the College and the village.

The curtain rose on a "Prelude for the Harp," devised by R. S. D. Balter. The lady swept the strings elegantly and energetically. Possibly a little too protractedly, for harpists cannot be expected to turn somersaults to enliven their harping.

This was followed by "Toy Town Adventure." The scene was a bosky meadow, with an elfin-like turreted town in the distance, designed and painted by P. S. W. Beck. The plot, as was fitting, consisted of a series of surprises. A policeman disappeared mysteriously down a burrow, whereupon a hue and cry was raised. His re-emergence eluded the searchers and instead a rabbit—quite naturally suspected as an enchanted one—popped up. After a number of diverting episodes the mystery is dispelled and all ends happily with a mayoral picnic party.

The cast was as follows: —

Policeman	R. W. T. Buckingham
Larry the Lamb	C. B. Lane
Denis the Dachshund	E. A. Jones
Mrs Goose	E. A. Jones
Sentry C. B. Lane
The Inventor	T. T. Walters
Mayor	G. H. Bye
The Magician	R. T. Lindsay
The Rabbit	R. W. T. Buckingham

The concluding item was a farce entitled "The Wash Tub," adapted from the French of Pathelin.

The setting was a mediaeval interior and the plot dealt with a henpecked husband's revenge. His shrewish wife confronts him with an exorbitant list of demands, dumping on to him all the household chores, including that of laundering. She herself, however, falls into the washing copper and notwithstanding the imprecations of a shrill mother-in-law, her spouse refuses to extricate her until she recants.

The speaking and the manipulation were of a high order and the situations were well handled. The players were as follows: —

John	N. M. Wood
His Wife	A. F. Harrison
The Mother-in-Law	P. S. W. Beck

MUSIC.

Summer Term, 1942.

One does not ordinarily expect events under this heading during the Summer Term, but we have been fortunate in our visitors, and in addition there was a School Concert of our own making.

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On Saturday, 30th May, we had a return visit from Miss Barlow (piano) and Miss Stanford ('cello). These musicians are adepts at programme-making and their brief words of introduction provide a very useful running commentary. Their playing is marked by verve and brightness. In short there was not a dull moment.

Out of a liberal (but not too lengthy) programme the following are the items we especially enjoyed: —

Ave Verum—Mozart (for the 'cello)).

Après un Reve—Faure and La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin —Debussy (for the piano).

The concluding group of Welsh Folk Airs arranged for piano and 'cello by the players themselves ended the recital on a fitting note of gusto.

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We are not going to stay anything more about the School Concert which took place on Sunday, 21st June, except to remark that it was even more appreciated than the first of its kind reported in our last number. Here we are at the real business of musicmaking, the surest road to real understanding. We print the programme in its entirety, and thank the contributors collectively for a very agreeable hour of music.

Form I: Song, "The Traction Engine"—Marchant.

R. I. G. Hale: Piano, "Little Waltz"—Swinstead.

D. J. Dodwell and Miss Carnell: Piano Duet, "Tambourin"—Old French.

P. A. Cutts and R. T. Wood: Violin Duet, "Romance and Rondo"—Mazas.

I. M. Bryce and Miss Carnell: Piano Duet, "Dialogue"—

Zilcher.

J. C. Beck: Piano, "Berceuse"—Heller.

D. G. Knight, M. R. F. Butlin, M. C. Harries: Piano Trio, "Ballata"—Gurlitt.

Form II: Chorus, "We Thank Thee, God"—Bach.

N. M. Wood and Mrs Manifold: Duet for Treble and Descant Recorders, "En Revant de Noces"—Old French. Duets

for Treble Recorder and Guitar, "Gathering Peascods" and "The Black Nag"—Old English.

C. Carus-Wilson: Piano, Neapolitan Dance—Tchaikovsky.

Form III: Song, "Marianina"—Italian Folk Song.

P. A. Cutts and M. A. Bullen: Violin and Piano, Sonata in D—Schmitt.

P. G. Forrest and S. J. Curry: Piano Duet, Spanish Dance—Moskowski.

M. A. Bullen: Piano, "Sarabande"—Grieg.

S. A. Trayhurn: Song, "Bois Epais"—Lully.
(accompanied by C. E. H. Tuck).

C. E. H. Tuck: Piano, "Fantasie in D minor"—Mozart.

M. A. Bullen and C. E. H. Tuck: Piano Duets—Walton; Norwegian Dance—Grieg.

Form VI: Chorus, Cavalier Song—McLeod; Worship—Geoffrey Shaw.

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On July 5th Miss Virginia McLean gave a Pianoforte Recital. It was not the first time she had played to us, for she had already done so in Mrs Lee-Browne's room, and we remember a Sixth Form music period when we heard, among other things, some vivid Poulenc and Grovlez. As a matter of fact she was continually being asked to play during her stay here, but this, so to speak, was her first public appearance.

It was playing of a fine order, marked by precision and brilliance. Her Bach was clear cut and exact. (She played the Minuet and Gigue from the French Suite in E flat.) Her Beethoven (Sonata, Op. 31, No. 2, 1st Movement) had an ample lay-out and comprehensive grasp, but it was when she got on to her modern romantic and descriptive pieces that we liked her best.

She played a group that began with Schubert's "Moments Musicaux," and included Debussy's "Doctor Gradus and Parnassum," and his "Cakewalk." This was followed by Grovlez' "Petites Litanies de Jesu" and ended with Debussy's "L'Isle Joyeuse," a lovely, difficult work, all too seldom heard.

Having said this, we find we have not mentioned her Brahms and Chopin. She gave us a delightfully balanced programme and we are much indebted to her and to Miss Carnell, to whose good graces we owe the presence of such a talented and generous visitor in our midst.

CRICKET REPORT, 1942.

We were again able to play cricket twice a week for part of the Term, although towards the end we went farming on most games afternoons. The first pitch was in better condition than during the previous season and Bill Smith and the Games Committee are to be congratulated in this respect.

The First XI was potentially the strongest for several years and out of a total of seven matches won four, drew one, and lost two. The College had its first fixtures with the Cotswold School and although our First XI proved too strong for them they later beat an "A" XI after a close and interesting game.

North Cerney once again proved more than a match for us. Although we have now had a long line of defeats at their hands, this fixture is looked forward to by all the team.

The batting was strong and on three occasions the team got over a hundred runs. Curry, Smith, and Trayhurn rarely failed to get a good score, and Curry, although disappointing in the early part of the season, made several good scores towards the end including a very fine innings of 68 not out against Kingham Hill. Among the later batsmen Margetts, Montgomery and Owen did well. For the bowling we relied mainly on Trayhurn and Palmer, with Margetts and Owen as reliable change bowlers. Luffman was disappointing; he invariably tried to bowl too fast and rarely achieved the success he might otherwise have had. The fielding was better than usual. Tuck in particular needs mention for his speed and accuracy in returning the ball. Among the more junior people, Hill showed himself to be a good all-round player, and should be very good in seasons to come.

Palmer, as Captain, did a great deal to contribute to such success as the team enjoyed. He was a better and more effective captain than he was the previous season, and he will be sadly missed in next year's XI. He was an excellent all-round cricketer, having as a batsman the ideal blend of caution and aggression.

1st XI Results.

Saturday, May 16th. v Kingham Hill. Home. Won.

Rendcomb, 51. Smith 18, Margetts 12, Curry 10.

Kingham, 33. Margetts 4 for 5, Trayhurn 3 for 9, Palmer 3 for 11.

Saturday, May 23rd. v Dean Close 2nd XI. Away. Drawn.

Dean Close, 62. Trayhurn 4 for 16, Palmer 3 for 17, Luffman 2 for 15.

Rendcomb, 14 for 0. Smith 13 not out.

Saturday, June 6th. v Cotswold School. Home. Won.

Rendcomb, 126. Trayhurn 42, Palmer 28, Owen 17 not out.
Cotswold School, 19 and 28.

Saturday, June 13th. v Kingham Hill. Home. Won.

Rendcomb, 128 for 7. Curry 68 not out, Trayhurn 29. Kingham
Hill, 28. Owen 5 for 3, Palmer 3 for 2, Trayhurn 2 for 9.

Saturday, June 27th. v Dean Close 2nd XI. Home. Won. Dean Close, 54.
Palmer 5 for 22, Trayhurn 3 for 22, Owen 2 for 4.

Rendcomb, no for 7. Trayhurn 34, Smith 27, Curry 25.

Saturday, July 4th. v North Cerney. Home. Lost.

Rendcomb, 27. Montgomery 12, Curry 8.

North Cerney, 87 for 6. Palmer 3 for 19, Margetts 1 for 9.

Saturday, July 25th. v North Cerney. Home. Lost. Rendcomb, 28. Tuck
10.

North Cerney, 46. Trayhurn 4 for 11, Margetts 2 for 5.

Junior XI.

Saturday, June 6th. v Dean Close Colts. Away. Lost.

Rendcomb, 29. Hill 18 not out, North 15 (Second Innings). Dean
Close, 79. Luffman 6 for 33, Hill 3 for 27.

“A” XI.

Saturday, July 18th. v Cotswold School. Away. Lost. Rendcomb, 60 for 7
declared. Barnett 14, Morris, A. 13. Cotswold School, 76 for 8.
Thompson 4 for 31.

RUNNING.

The North Cerney Race, postponed at the end of the Easter Term,
was run on Tuesday, 19th May. There was a small entry and the times
were below average. In spite of this there was quite an exciting finish, H.
S. Palmer sprinting down the Drive and ending neck-to-neck with J. C.
Beck, whom he beat by one-fifth of a second. Results: —

1st. H. S. Palmer, 25 mins. 49 secs.

2nd. J. C. Beck, 25 mins. 49 secs.

3rd. D. M. Grant, 30 mins. 27 secs.