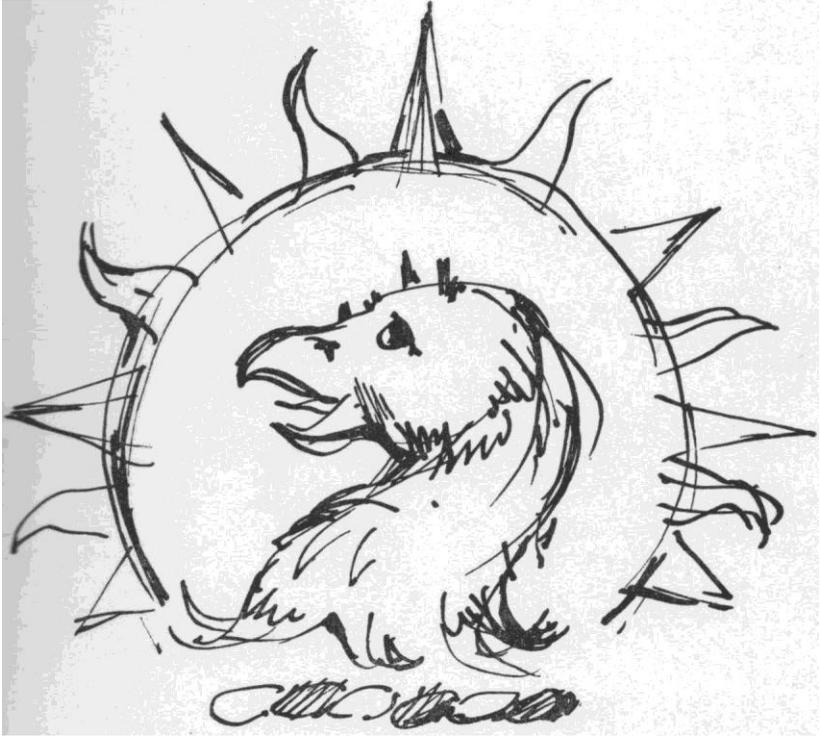


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COLLEGE OFFICERS

Autumn Term, 1965

Senior Prefect—S. H. Shellswell.

Prefects and Group Leaders—L. A. Webb, J. A. Dow, R. J. Edy,
F.R. Glennie.

Prefects—N. S. Whatmough, F. Bolton King, D. J. Maberley.

College Workman—R. B. N. Bryant.

Public Workman—A. A. J. Raddon.

Music Warden—W. T. G. Griffiths.

Choir Librarians—R. Millard, N. M. Moot, K. D. Warren.

Picture Man—F. Bolton King.

Church Ushers—L. A. Webb, R. J. Edy.

Librarians—W. A. Thompson, D. J. Maberley, N. A. Dakin,
R. C. Goodsell, H. M. Peterson.

Manual Foremen—S. H. Shellswell, G. F. Smith, R. J. Wood,
A. J. Pain.

Stagemen—L. A. Webb, F. Bolton King, J. A. Dow, D. P. Kyle,
T. Yuvaboon, G. F. Smith, J. A. Hiscox, D. R. Brown.

Bellringers—F. R. Glennie (Tower Captain), A. A. J. Raddon,
B.F. Pullen, J. A. Hiscox, N. J. Green, R. B. N. Bryant,
R. J. Wood, W. A. Thompson, A. T. Patrick, E. W. Yates,
A.C. Whittles, S. J. Brisk, S. H. Hook, A. J. C. Walker.

MEETING OFFICERS
Autumn Term, 1965

Chairmen—N. S. Whatmough *Secretary*—H. M. Peterson

Rugby Captain—S. H. Shellswell.

Vice-Captain—A. J. Raddon.

Running Captain—N. S. Whatmough.

Tennis Captain—F. R. Glennie.

Games Committee—L. A. Webb, J. B. Marks.

Nominations Committee—R. B. Bryant, S. H. Shellswell,
L.A. Webb, R. J. Edy, C. G. Cattermole.

Meeting Banker—W. A. Thompson.

Shop Banker—G. F. Smith

Boys' Banker—M. J. Dawson.

Games Committee Treasurer—M. R. Barnes.

House Committee Treasurer—W. R. Simpson.

Entertainments Committee—F. Bolton King, J. V. Hemming,
D. F. R. Black, J. C. Reason, N. J. Brown.

Meeting Advisory Committee—C. G. Cattermole, S. H. Shellswell,
N. S. Whatmough.

Council—L. A. Webb, S. H. Shellswell, C. G. Cattermole,
R. B. N. Bryant, N. S. Whatmough, R. J. Edy, F. R. Glennie.

Junior Advocate—J. F. Harris.

Breakages Man—P. W. Taylor.

Cricket Secretary—P. N. C. Evans.

Hockey Secretary—M. W. Harrop.

Rugby Secretary—B. F. Pullen.

Magazine Committee—F. Bolton King, J. F. Harris, H. M. Peterson.

Senior Shopman—R. J. Edy.

MEETING NOTES

Autumn Term, 1965

Meetings this term were mostly rather long, and there was often a tendency to waste time over comparatively trivial matters. Discussion never got out of hand though, and Meetings were outwardly more orderly than in previous terms, except for occasional subdued conversation among members.

The Meeting Advisory Committee pointed out early on in the term that this term was an ideal time for some useful spending of capital, since we had a low games expenditure and an unexpected bonus from the College after investigations showed that we had been paying for College papers and periodicals for some time. After lengthy discussion the Meeting bought new badminton equipment, and replaced the cash-boxes and the cycle-shed vice. It also started buying *Motor-Sport*, and, after research by the Junior Forms Committee, *Interavia* and *The Meccano Magazine*.

The Rule Committee, as previously intended, revised all the duty sheets and prepared a complete file of them, to be kept in the Library.

The Headmaster informed the Meeting that the Governors were thinking of taking steps to decrease the high cost of the Meeting; and to this end, boys might be asked to provide some of their own games equipment, which would reduce considerably the Meeting's largest single expenditure.

SCHOOL NOTES

Late Summer Term and Autumn Term, 1965

The following events of the Summer Term occurred too late for inclusion in the last number of the *Chronicle*.

FOUNDER'S DAY was held on July 10th this year. Reports will be found later in this Number.

We congratulate the following on receiving on July 8th Amateur Swimming Association Personal Survival Awards:

Gold—C. P. Mabblerley, R. J. Wood.

Silver—A. T. Patrick, A. J. Pain, P. V. Sage,
P. J. Hamnett.

Bronze—O. G. Rhys, T. H. Bates, D. M. Toresen, D. M. Tyler,
T. J. Patrick, R. K. Hunt.

We bid farewell and offer our good wishes to the following boys: D. I. Burman, A. J. Cattermole, J. S. Godden, P. W. Hughes, C. G. Jefferies, D. Little, P. R. Milam, M. B. Ogilvie, P. A. Trier, R. J. Verge.

We are glad to welcome the following boys who joined us at the beginning of the Autumn Term: R. B. Billimoria, J. Bush, S. J. Coombes, N. R. H. Evans, J. M. Gray, R. J. W. E. Hanks, N. L. Hillier, D. G. Jenner, N. H. Jowsey, Gray, R. J. Laycock, R. Mace, W. M. F. Nesham, E. M. Parsons, J. C. Potts, R. J. Read, A. C. Robertson, A. D. J. Rose, A. A. Ross, R. A. B. Sampford, B. B. M. Smith, P. L. Smith, A. Thompson, P. E. Topp, J. M. Tyler, N. Willford, T. Willford, C. J. Wood, J. A. Wookey, T. Yuvaboon.

We welcome two new visiting teachers to the music department this term, Mrs. Margot Jeens and Mr. Christopher Gilbert. Mrs. Jeens, who has taught at Rendcomb before, has returned to teach the 'cello, and Mr. Gilbert is starting a new venture in teaching the classical guitar.

We are happy also to welcome Miss Elizabeth Sluman who comes to us from Hill Place School, Stow-on-the-Wold, as Assistant Matron.

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We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Caves on the birth of their daughter, Alison Mary, on November 16th, 1965.

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We acknowledge receipt of *Frensham Heights* magazine, *The Wycliffe Star*, *The Gresham*, *Kingham Hill School Magazine*, *The Cirencestrian*, Oundle School Natural History Society *Annual Report* and *Prior Park Magazine*.

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We would like to thank Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Fell for gifts of properties for the Acting Cupboard.

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The following visits were paid during the term by school parties:

A VIth Form party went to Stratford-on-Avon on October 5th to see "The Comedy of Errors".

On October 15th the VIth Form saw "Antony and Cleopatra" in Oxford.

In Cheltenham on October 21st, VIB saw the film "Tom Jones" and at Cheltenham Town Hall on the 26th Forms V and VI heard a performance of Verdi's "Requiem".

On November 12th Form V and some of VIB visited the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, to see "Henry IV Part I".

A party from the VIth Form attended the Stroud Festival Exhibition on October 20th. A short account appears later.

The College Motor Club visited the Morgan Works at Malvern on November 17th.

On November 18th a party, chiefly from the Middle School, heard a recital by Julian Bream at Cheltenham Town Hall.

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A Royal Naval Careers talk was given on October 1st by Lieut. R. G. Sargent, R. N., and a film was shown in illustration.

On October 21st, Commander Hutton and a Fleet Air Arm Presentation Team presented a demonstration and a film concerning the work of the Fleet Air Arm.

A lecture, illustrated by transparencies, was given on Nigeria on October 30th by Mr. G. C. L. Hadden who has been teaching for a year at the University of Ife.

Films shown this term were: *Three Hundred Spartans*, *Battleship Potemkin*, *Scott of the Antarctic*, *West Front*, *Charade* and *Call Me Bwana*. Some scientific and short religious films were also shown.

Dances were held on October 9th and November 27th and we welcomed a number of ladies for these evenings.

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On the 3rd of June the choir took part in the annual festival for school choirs in Gloucester Cathedral, organised by the Royal School of Church Music. The massed choirs contained over eight hundred voices and the canticles were sung to Stanford in B. Three anthems were sung, each representing a different period of English Church Music. John Blow's "Praise the Lord ye servants" represented the Restoration period, S. S. Wesley's "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace" represented the nineteenth century, and a very exciting modern composition by Arthur Wills, "Behold now

praise the Lord”, with its insistent rhythm, was typical of much of the best of contemporary church music. These three anthems were repeated in Church during the course of the term, the latter being particularly effective.

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Dr. D. Dakin (O. R.) is kindly presenting the College Library with a number of volumes of the New Cambridge Modern History; these are by Dr. Dakin’s request being placed in the library with the Simpson Memorial label. Dr. Dakin has himself contributed a distinguished chapter on “The breakdown of the old Regime in France” to Volume VIII.

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Over fifteen years ago the Cambridge University Press published a book entitled “The Teaching of History”, produced by a Committee of History masters drawn from Public Schools and Grammar Schools in all parts of the country. Of this Committee Mr. James was vice-chairman. This book went through many editions and is now out of print. A new committee has now produced a completely rewritten version which has just been published by the Cambridge University Press. Mr. James was again vice-chairman of the committee.

Old Boys may like to compare J. C. J.’s practice and theory!

THE STROUD FESTIVAL EXHIBITION, 1965

On October 20th, a few senior boys went to see an exhibition of artistic works on display at the Stroud Festival.

The exhibition was divided into three sections. The first was of “Railway Drawings” by David Knight. These were an interesting pictorial account of the development of the railways from their birth to the proposed channel tunnel line. The second section consisted of miscellaneous paintings, sculptures and articles of pottery. Many of these gave pleasing effects. The highlight of the exhibition was a display of paintings by Ivon Hitchens. The balance of his pictures was excellent and he made very effective use of his colours. The full impact of these pictures was lost however, because of the poor lighting and the very cramped space of the room in which the exhibition was staged.

F. B. K.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

Summer Term, 1965

Passes were obtained as follows:

'O'-Level:

- R. B. N. Bryant—Additional Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry
P. R. F. Chanin—English Language, English Literature, History,
Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.
N. J. Dakin—English Language, English Literature, History, Latin,
French, Mathematics, Biology.
M. J. Dawson—English Language, English Literature, History,
Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.
J. J. Fonseca—English Language, English Literature, History,
Latin, French, Mathematics, Biology.
J. S. Godden—English Literature.
R. C. Goodsell—English Language, Mathematics, Physics,
Chemistry. *
M. P. Grant—English Language, English Literature, Latin.
N. J. Green—English Language, English Literature, History,
French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.
W. T. G. Griffiths—English Language, English Literature, History,
Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics.
J. F. Harris—Additional Mathematics.
M. W. Harrop—English Language, English Literature, History,
Latin, Mathematics, Physics.
J. V. Hemming—English Language, English Literature, History,
Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.
A. E. Hillier—English Literature, History, Mathematics, Biology.
J. A. Hiscox—English Language, English Literature, Latin, French,
Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
R. W. Hole—English Language, English Literature, History,
French, Mathematics.
W. A. Laws—English Literature, History.
P. Little—English Language, English Literature, History, Latin,
French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.

D. J. Maberley—Additional Mathematics.
 P. R. Milam—English Language, English Literature, History,
 Latin, French, Mathematics, Biology.
 H. M. Peterson—English Language, English Literature, History,
 Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.
 A. F. Pullen—English Language, English Literature, History,
 Latin, Mathematics, Biology.
 A. A. J. Raddon—Additional Mathematics.
 S. H. Shellswell—Chemistry.
 F. F. Smith—English Language, English Literature, French,
 Physics, Mathematics.
 B. P. Stevens—English Language, English Literature, History,
 Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.
 R. M. Thompson—English Literature, History, French.
 P. A. Trier—French Literature.
 N. S. Whatmough—Chemistry.

‘A’-Level:

* denotes Class A.

(D) denotes Distinction, (M) denotes Merit in the Special
 Paper.

A. J. Cattermole—Mathematics, Physics.
 A. G. Cattermole—Mathematics*, Physics*(D), Chemistry*(M).
 P. W. Hughes—English, History(M).
 C.G. Jefferies—English, Economics and Public Affairs.
 B. Little—French.
 M. B. Ogilvie—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics,
 Chemistry.
 A. J. Raddon— Physics, Chemistry.
 S. H. Shellswell—Mathematics, Physics.
 P. A. Trier—English, History.
 R. J. Verge—English, History.
 L. A. Webb—Physics, Chemistry, Zoology.
 N. S. Whatmough—Mathematics, Physics.

FOUNDER'S DAY

July 10th, 1965

FOUNDER'S DAY SPEECHES:

The Chairman of the Governing Body, Colonel John Godman, welcomed everybody. He referred to the recent modernisation of the kitchens and he hoped many guests would visit them. After the Headmaster's speech (*see below*) he introduced Viscount Cobham, K. G., G. C. M. G., T. D., and outlined his distinguished career, mentioning that Viscount Cobham had been a Governor-General of New Zealand.

Viscount Cobham started by speaking on the question of leadership. He said that some people had the idea that a leader was made and not born. He did not believe in training for leadership; the qualities of a leader were inborn and it was his exercising those qualities that made him a leader. He believed that the led are just as important, and this idea he made the main theme of his speech.

He said that he did not consider valid the statement that "a thing worth doing is worth doing well", as it relied on a definition of "a thing worth doing." Was it in fact worth doing? He used the example of cricket. Village cricket he believed was worth doing, but when the game, like any other sport, was not played for fun, it no longer retained its value as a sport.

It was therefore impossible, he said, to bind everything into set patterns of behaviour. There was the danger that we become so accustomed to precision that we expect it in everything—even human nature. Perhaps there was no solution, but he exhorted his audience to use judgment in deciding. There were two sides to every story and this was found to be the case especially in a democracy.

The perfect person, therefore, he considered should exercise a balance of tolerance and judgement. Bad things should not be tolerated, but he begged that people would not be too hasty in giving judgement. This he considered to be the basis of good democracy and it was this that produced leaders.

Lord Dulverton proposed the vote of thanks, calling the speech a truly masterly talk, and commenting on Viscount Cobham's ability to pick on a theme to develop it to the full.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE HEADMASTER'S SPEECH

I would first like to welcome you all here today: among the guests are the Head Teachers of Gloucester primary schools whose boys have won Foundation places here. As I do not know them all, I would like to ask them to introduce themselves to me at tea. Now, I must pay my respects to the building in part of which we are assembled. Though it is only the forty-fifth anniversary of the school—in fact the school is not much older than I am—the College building has reached its century this year. If you look above you, or indeed below you, you can perhaps see a few traces of increasing years, but in general it serves us very well indeed. Though none of the many guides published to illustrate the charms of the Cotswolds are ever likely to have on their front cover a photo of Rendcomb, the building is particularly suitable for a school. The rooms are large and wonderfully light and the whole has a character which it is very difficult to achieve in a modern building. The architect of this building, P. C. Hardwicke, was also the architect of Charterhouse, the school at which I previously taught. Though he built Charterhouse as a school, by modern standards Rendcomb is, in fact, a considerably more suitable building for school use. We are very lucky to have this building and of course its site, one of the finest that any school possesses in England.

The biggest improvement of the year is of course the modernisation of the kitchen, the construction of a new washup and the extension of the dining hall. The new kitchen has made the food much better and enabled the caterers to give more variety to our diet; the appearance of chips has, I think, been the most popular event since I came to Rendcomb! The dining room annexe, which is not yet decorated, has given us much needed extra space.

In the record of the closing school year, pride of place must be given to our scholarship successes. Michael Stubbs won a science scholarship at Cambridge, Robert Sewell a science scholarship at Oxford and John Schwarzmantel a history scholarship at Oxford. It was good to see the return of the scientists to the scholarship list along with the historian whom we have come to take almost for granted. Three scholarships for a school of 120 is a very remarkable achievement. A grammar school of 800 would have to win 20 scholarships to match it and a public school of 600 with only a five year course

would have to win over 20 to achieve the same proportionate number. There must be very few schools in the country who have achieved this and none I should guess in the West Country or of such recent foundation as this school.

This year Mr. James has undertaken the re-cataloguing of the Library. This is a formidable task as it now contains 5,000 volumes. We are very grateful for the time and trouble Mr. James put into this—much of it during the holidays—and the assistance his wife and Michael Stubbs and the Librarians gave him. We now have for the first time an author catalogue and a system of classification which makes it much easier to find a book. We have also started in the course of the year, on a limited scale, both athletics and camping. These both have an important place in the opportunities that a school should provide.

There are other memories of the year—the builders still in the kitchen 36 hours before the beginning of last September term; ‘A Man for All Seasons,’ a play which gave both actors and audience great pleasure under the able production of Mr. Sells; the magnificent presentation of Sir Winston Churchill’s funeral on T. V. which was watched by the entire school.

Our teams this year have been young and inexperienced as we have the smallest VIth form for many years as the result of the very small entries in 1959 and 1960. In the circumstances they have done well and we owe much to the masters who have coached and encouraged them in difficult circumstances. The situation should become easier after this year when the first of the bigger forms goes into the VIth. I have got considerable encouragement too from the better showing that the junior teams have made this year.

Since last Founder’s Day we have had a general election and it is obviously possible that we may have another before next Founder’s Day! I suppose those in education ought to feel grateful for the current interest shown by politicians in their field—they might be more inclined to feel grateful if it was always clear that the interest was directed towards furthering educational and not political ends.

The two bodies of adults principally concerned with education are parents and teachers. The first aim of a parent must be to secure as good an education for his child as possible and that of a school master to run as good a school as possible. Thus their aims coincide and many current controversies beloved of press and politicians have only limited relevance

to this issue. Comprehensive schools can be good or bad as can grammar and public schools; it is the quality of the school, not the type that matters. There are national issues like the training and supply of teachers which are of far greater importance to the future of good education.

One issue that has been raised is the future of the Independent and Public Schools of which Rendcomb is one. The abolition by statute of Independent schools, is, I believe, out of the question and is advocated only by those at that point of the lunatic fringe of politics where extreme left and right meet together.

But I believe that governments should take a far more positive line towards Independent education than simply allowing its continuance. They should be profoundly grateful and encourage parents who make the sacrifices that Independent education involves. They are not only carrying out the fundamental duty of a parent in securing what they judge to be the best education for that particular child, but they are bestowing a social advantage on the country as a whole by increasing the total of money that is spent on education. Though I work in an Independent school, I should count myself a hypocrite if I suggested that there was no need for the state to spend money on education. I find it difficult to regard as anything else those who claim they are interested in education and yet wish to prevent parent's spending money on the education of their children. Education needs all the resources it can get and it is right and natural that parents should be prepared to make greater sacrifices for their own children than other people's children.

The demands on government expenditure in the modern world are immense, 100 years ago the entire government expenditure was £60 million; today this suffices to pay only for the expenses of collection of our income tax though this does not make allowance for the fall in the value of money. The days of small government outlay have gone forever. Apart from the vast sums spent on welfare and defence it is almost impossible for the new and exciting modern industries and technologies, aircraft, space research, computers, atomic energy, to develop without substantial subsidies from the government; anything the individual can do for himself in education makes it possible for the country to put more into such ventures.

There seems to me to be two dangers in the enormous increase of government expenditure in the field of social,

educational and welfare services. First, we may starve the new industries and technologies of the money they must have. It is no good giving a first class education to able children if they have to emigrate to get the best opportunities after they leave University: moreover, a society that concentrates on pensions and welfare at the expense of new techniques and industries gives the impression of a drab society that reflects too much the interests of the older age groups; it is the drabness of England which some of the younger and abler people in the country find so discouraging.

Secondly, we are in danger of creating an irresponsible society. I was brought up on the belief that in improvement in material conditions would automatically cure the ills of society. This was always a naive belief and events in recent years have disproved it. One of the main causes of the senseless violence and hooliganism among children and adolescents has been parental irresponsibility and many feel that the welfare state, however unintentionally, has contributed to this. One of the principal factors, sometimes I think the most important, in the success of the Independent schools, is that the parents have committed themselves to the school which they choose and support it. I would like to thank all parents here for the help and loyalty that they give to Rendcomb. It is of enormous value to us.

Thus I feel assured of the future of the Independent schools—but there is one very grave problem which most people would like to see solved.

Practically all the Independent Public Schools are boarding schools and a great number of people feel that the opportunity for a boarding school education should be made available to a wider section of the community. The Chairman of H. M. C. suggested recently that public schools should make 40% of their places available to boys assisted by the government. Rendcomb is in the fortunate position of having attained the position which most of the bigger schools wish for.

The crux of the question is financial and I did not think the Chairman of H. M. C. was realistic on the difficulties here. It seems to me that Rendcomb perhaps is the model to follow and that its experience might well be a guide to others. We rely on three sources of finance—the parents, the support and cooperation of the Local Education Authority and others and the

endowment gifts of the Founder and his family. I feel sure that the problem of opening the Public Schools to more boys can be solved best by co-operation between these three sources, parents, public authorities and private benefaction. But of course the ability of any of these to pay depends on the prosperity of the country as a whole. We must not be afraid to be prosperous and, like the Americans, we must take a more positive attitude to the making of money if we are to provide the education which we would like our children to have.

I am sure that we can reckon on the continuance of the generosity of private individuals, trusts and firms which has long been a tradition in this country as well as support from parents and public authorities.

I would like to conclude by saying that it was such a benefaction that has made and makes the work of Rendcomb possible, and this is the occasion to remember with thankfulness the generosity of the Founder and his family and his farsightedness in pioneering a school which may well become a pattern for the majority of public schools in the future.

SWIMMING AND DIVING DISPLAY

This year is was decided to hold a swimming display as a main afternoon attraction. It was an informal display, the idea being to show to parents boys using the swimming pool and not just showing them a large expanse of water.

The display started with simple 'header' dives, and gradually worked up to the more complicated types. Thanks to the installation of the new metre board a greater variety of dives was possible. It was used for head-stand dives and similar styles involving a feet-first entry, also twists and tuck dives. 'Belcher' dives, named after the creator, who demonstrated these extremely well, were also possible on this board.

On the spring-board somersaults and twist dives were demonstrated particularly well by A. E. Hillier, J. A. Hiscox and C.P. Kyle. This section of the display was completed by a simultaneous dive by all the performers who then swam a fast length from the deep end, to the applause of the onlookers.

The second section was given to the demonstration of personal survival, Bronze, Silver and Gold standards. This consisted of swimming fully clothed, treading water, undressing

in the water and swimming a given number of lengths in a certain time. All the performers had passed one of the standards previously in the term. (See School Notes.)

Those taking part were: C. P. Maberley, R. J. Wood, P. J. Hamnett, A. J. Pain, A. T. Patrick, P. V. Sage, T. H. Bates, R. K. H. Hunt, W. Longman, T. D. Patrick, O. G. Rhys, D. M. Toresen and D. A. Tyler.

ART EXHIBITION

Art at Rendcomb is experiencing a revival. This was the impression gained from the exhibition on Founder's Day. There were many contributions from the lower and middle school, but once again the sixth form entries were sadly lacking.

The lower school provided many enterprising and original compositions. Some members of Form I showed obvious talent. A. C. Whittles, in Form II, contributed some lively works and M. R. Dow's work showed great promise from the Third Form exhibitors.

The middle school showed a more mature range of paintings; P. V. Sage making a bold attempt at Surrealism.

For a one man exhibition, the Sixth Form corner proved that J. A. Dow had been quite industrious, producing some effective pastel drawings and figure sketches as well as designing a Surrealistic poster advertising the Founder's Day concert.

Several attractive oil paintings were also on show, notably some realistic bird studies by P. V. Sage. The pottery exhibition showed that that section of the art room is still popular, many interesting bowls and some amusing modelled heads by Form I being on view.

THE WOODWORK EXHIBITION

Although the woodwork exhibition was smaller than those in recent years, emphasis was once more laid upon graceful design. However, function and ease of construction were by no means overlooked, and the exhibits, the majority of which had been made by the lower forms, provided a wide variety of finish and decoration.

Pride of place undoubtedly went to the gun-case, completed except for the gun supports which have yet to be added. The cabinet with its two-drawer table-base is in Brazilian rosewood

and beech, and the highly polished surfaces were a fitting reward to the many hours of work devoted to the finish. Annotated drawings of the joints flanked the cabinet and provided visitors with an insight of the work involved in the construction. We hope that it will not be too long before the cabinet is completed and presented to Mr. T. Wills.

One corner of the exhibition was devoted to musical instruments of the psaltary and zither type. Made of plywood and mahogany, these instruments were also surrounded by their working drawings.

Coffee tables of differing coloured woods were also in evidence, and various book-racks and record racks, the product of First Form activity, were tastefully displayed around the room. A wall telephone unit in English oak brought a truly contemporary aspect to the exhibition, whilst a bedside cabinet with a slotted door provided a compromise between “old” and “new” ideas. Smaller articles of furniture, the back-bone of all woodwork exhibitions, were displayed amongst the pottery and art exhibits.

FOUNDER’S DAY CONCERT, 1965

To conclude Founder’s Day this summer, the newly formed Choral Society and a string trio gave a short evening concert. Mr. Jenkin conducted the Choral Society and Mrs. Foster accompanied on the piano. We were pleased to have with us Elizabeth Baker (Soprano) and Barrie Thompson (Bass), who took solo parts in the concert.

The programme opened with three modern Hungarian folk songs by Matyas Seiber. These were light-hearted and extremely effective. They required a certain amount of vocal agility, and at times the voices were used almost as orchestral instruments. The songs were “The Handsome Butcher,” “Apple, Apple” and “The Old Woman.”

Following this, the string trio—Bill Griffiths, Henry Peterson and Alec Thompson—played a Suite in C major by Matthew Locke. This work was very typically seventeenth century, there was a lot of canonic and imitative movement about it, and the atmosphere was dignified and charming. There were four movements, Fantazia, Courante, Ayre and Sarabande.

The programme concluded with the main work of the evening; The Choral Society, with Elizabeth Baker and Barrie Thompson sang J. S. Bach's "Peasant Cantata." This is one of Bach's few secular choral works, and it contrasts with the church cantatas in being simple and merry. Mr. Jenkin, Mrs. Foster and the Society had put it many months of practice to prepare this cantata, and it was very rewarding to find that the audience was so enthusiastic. The most popular part of the concert was the final chorus, of which the Choral Society sang an encore. It will be very pleasing if future musical ventures are as successful as this one.

CRICKET SUPPLEMENT, 1965

The following matches were played too late in the season for inclusion in the last number of the *Chronicle*.

July 7th.

v. COKETHORPE SCHOOL. (Home). Lost by 8 wickets.

Rendcomb: 53 (Glennie 25)

Cokethorpe School: 54 for 2 wickets.

When put into bat, we started soundly until an interval for rain. After this, the batting disintegrated except for Glennie, who slammed a belligerent 25, and Hillier: the efforts of the remaining batsmen were a disgrace. Our bowlers contained the opposition well, particularly Hillier and Little who both bowled economically and aggressively for long spells against some dogged and unenterprising batting.

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Under 15 XI

July 7th:

v. COKETHORPE SCHOOL U. 15 XI. (Home). Won by 7 wkts.

Cokethorpe 66 (Black 3 for 14).

Rendcomb: 68 for 3. (Longman 26 not out, Hitchman 23).

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Because of rain, the 1st XI unfortunately had their last match of the season, v. North Cerney C. C., cancelled.

RUGGER REPORT

Rugger Retrospect, 1965

With a relatively small leave at the end of the summer term, we were fortunate to have a nucleus of experienced 1st team players with which to begin team building. As there were about 20 players of 1st XV standard there was a certain degree of competition for places on the side, and this had a marked beneficial effect on a number of the younger players.

The pack was somewhat on the light side, and was at a disadvantage in the scrums. We came off rather badly in the tight, and although showing much liveliness in the loose, we were very slow at obtaining a quick clean heel. The most effective attacks in rugger are those which start from a rapid heel from a loose scrum. This was admirably shown in the Marling match (not by us unfortunately). The line-out play was rather untidy and gave the scrum-half many nightmares. In spite of all these failings, the team had a fair measure of success. The aim always being to score tries, rather than just prevent them being scored.

The season started with a resounding victory over Dean Close 2nds. The score would have been much greater had we been more careful with our passing close to the opposition's line. The backs moved very smoothly and always looked dangerous. The wings were especially swift, and in all the games played to date they gave the opposition a lot of bother. The Whitefriars match, played without Dow, showed how much our line-out work depended on him. This was in fact a very untidy game, and we made presents of two tries to our opponents. The Marling game brought out our better qualities, and we held a very good side to a margin of 6 points. This was the best result against a Marling side for quite a few years.

The game against Cokethorpe will long be remembered for the amount of blood that flowed. We played for three-quarters of the game with only 13 men, and at one time had only 12. However, the depleted ranks threw everything into attack, and just missed victory in the dying seconds when the opposition levelled the score with a try. This game showed how matches are won or lost by tactics. Cokethorpe kept the game very tight, and gave our defence a comparatively easy task. Had they thrown the ball around more, we could not have held out with so many gaps and people playing out of position.

The Cheltenham College fixture ended with the teams sharing 28 points. One lesson learnt from this game was how costly penalty kicks can be. Cheltenham were awarded three from which they scored 9 points. We scored 3 very good tries, but our carelessness cancelled them out. Against Cirencester G. S. we were very much under strength, but managed to record our first victory over our local rivals. In this game Harrop dropped a remarkable goal, from a seemingly impossible position. This was just one example of his very quick seizing of an opportunity, which can make him a match winner.

One innovation started this season was the use of neutral referees for our home games. These are provided by the County Society, and have proved very popular with the players. Their use ensures complete impartiality, and also allows the coach a chance to see his side play without distraction by judicial duties.

As far as outstanding personalities are concerned, mention should be made of a few. This does not mean that those whose praises are unsung are any less meritorious. Hillier's play at full-back has improved immensely, and he has added a devastating tackle to his armour. His fielding of the ball creates great confidence in the side. Of the new members of the side, special mention must be made of Hiscox who played at blind-side wing-forward. He joined the side initially due to an injury to Hole, but showed so much skill and enthusiasm that he became an established regular. Shellswell captained the side very well and his own play showed much more confidence than last year. When he played at out-half he varied his tactics very skilfully and seems now able to sense when to make a break, or when best to use the tactical kick—that lethal weapon of a good out-half. Particular mention must also be made of his place kicking which rarely let the side down. His tally of points from the boot alone in 6 matches was 20. Above all his personal leadership of the side contributed greatly to its spirit and success.

October 2nd.

v. DEAN CLOSE 2nd XV. Won 23-0.

For the first ten minutes Dean Close attacked hard, and aided by some very bad handling by our backs came very near to scoring. However play was gradually moved towards our opponent's line and Glennie went over after a loose scrum. A few minutes later a defensive error by the opposing full back

enabled Harrop to touch down his own kick-ahead. Dean Close attacked strongly after half-time and we were unable to clear our own line in defence—one of our weakest points last year. Eventually the pressure was relieved and we remained in our opponents half of the field until the final whistle. Smith (2) and Shellswell scored tries in the second half and altogether four tries were converted.

Team: Hillier A., Smith G., Marks, Shellswell, Smith L., Harrop, Raddon, Dow J., Kyle, Glennie, Webb, Dakin, Green, Pullen, Hiscox.

October 20th.

v. WHITEFRIARS 'A' XV. Lost 14-8.

Dow and Pullen were unable to play because of injury and this limited our possession from the set-pieces. Aided by the wind in the first half we held play in the Whitefriar's territory, and a three-quarter movement led to Smith L. running through five opponents to score in the corner. A series of infringements at the back of the scrum gave Whitefriars three penalties of which only one was converted. In the second half Whitefriars attacked hard and helped by the wind used the high kick to great effect. Although on our own line for a great part of the second half we still managed a few breakaways, but lack of backing up prevented these from getting far. Our only score in the second half was from a penalty goal kicked by Shellswell. We were slow in the first half to realise the benefit of the high kick.

Team: Hillier, Smith L., Marks, Shellswell, Smith G., Harrop, Raddon, Curtis, Kyle, Glennie, Webb, Dakin, Hiscox, Green, Hole.

October 23rd.

v. MARLING 'A' XV. Lost 12-6.

Dow, Pullen and Fonseca replaced Curtis, Hole and Harrop, but although possession improved the tapping back from the line out was so bad that the three-quarter line was often caught by the opposite scrum. This was not helped by the back row's efforts to confuse the opposition and Raddon! The covering was not up to the standards of the previous matches and the Marling backs were allowed to run with the ball too much. The scrum showed signs of more fight in the loose; however Marling were always forcing the pace and their possession from the loose mauls

demonstrated their superiority in the arts of slipping and the quick heel. Our six points came from two penalty goals.

Team: Hillier, Smith L., Fonseca, Marks, Smith G., Shellswell, Raddon, Dow, Kyle, Glennie, Webb, Dakin, Green, Pullen, Hiscox.

October 27th.

v. COKETHORPE 1st XV. Drew 3-3.

During the first half we lost both Kyle and Dakin because of injuries, but the pack put up what has been their best performance to date. With many people playing in unfamiliar positions and with no back row at all at times, the defence, although strained, held under constant pressure. The loose play from our forwards was a magnificent example to the rest of the team and for the first time this term the pack fitted together. Though forced to defend a lot, attack was the main theme—one break by Smith G., playing at out-half, nearly producing a score. Our three points came from a penalty goal, and it was only due to a try scored just on no-side that we were denied a victory.

Team: Hillier, Smith L., Fonseca, Marks, Smith G., Shellswell, Raddon, Dow, Kyle, Glennie, Webb, Dakin, Green, Pullen, Hiscox.

October 30th.

v. CHELTENHAM COLLEGE 3rd XV. Drew 14-14.

The injuries from the previous match necessitated changes in the composition of the side, Curtis, Edy, Hole and Harrop coming in for Dakin, Kyle, Hiscox and Marks. Our play showed signs of staleness and the only time the pack asserted itself was when we were three points down. If our three-quarters had taken advantage of Cheltenham's weak handling behind the scrum we could have improved a lot on our score. Smith G., went over for a try after about five minutes and just before half-time a quick penalty resulted in Green crashing over in the corner. In the second half Smith G. scored again from a blind side break by Curtis and Edy ran superbly from the 10 yard line to score by the posts. One try was converted. A bad point about our play was the number of penalties which were given away—they almost gave our opponents the game.

Team: Hillier, Smith L., Fonseca, Shellswell, Harrop, Raddon, Smith G., Dow, Edy, Glennie, Webb, Curtis, Pullen, Green, Hole.

November 3rd.

v. CIRENCESTER GRAMMAR 'A' XV. Won 11-0.

Although our opponents lost a man almost at the start of the game their loose play was such that we turned round with no score to either side. Play had been mostly on our own line, and as in the King's, Gloucester match last year we seemed unable to clear the ball away. Immediately after half-time Dakin broke through a line-out to score, and ten minutes later Raddon dodged his opposite number at a five yard scrum and scored near the posts. The latter try was converted. Towards the end we held the Cirencester team in their own 25 and from a loose scrum the ball was fed to Harrop who dropped a goal.

Team: Hillier, Smith L., Fonseca, Shellswell, Smith G., Harrop, Raddon, Curtis, Edy, Glennie, Webb, Dakin, Green, Pullen, Hole.

Players:

A. A. J. RADDON (vice captain). His determination and enthusiasm were a great asset to the team, and he provided a very successful link between the pack and the three-quarters. Playing behind a pack that was giving him little protection and the ball not cleanly from the line-outs he suffered a lot of punishment, and frequently had to resort to a kick into touch to avoid losing ground. His defence was invaluable and his covering greatly helped the three-quarters.

L.A. WEBB. As pack leader his loose play was an inspiration to the rest of the team. Always in the thick of it, he encouraged younger members of the team and led by example. He formed an effective combination with Dakin in the second row and worked hard the whole time to get possession. His falling and tackling in defence were especially noteworthy.

J. B. MARKS. He unluckily broke his nose midway through the season and although this prevented him from missing only two matches his drive in the three-quarter line was sorely missed. A determined runner, he was always looking for the break, and his tackling in defence was what the threes relied upon. At the beginning of the season he had a tendency to run across the field with the ball immediately prior to passing it, but this vanished later in the season.

A. E. HILLIER. A good full back with a very safe pair of hands. His anticipation and positioning were perfect and his kicking for touch improved throughout the term. He must try to avoid "ducking out" of trouble when he has fielded the ball, a full-back's first job is to clear his own lines safely. The low tackles which he produced time and time again when our line was threatened were a major part of our defence. A valuable asset to next year's team.

G. F. SMITH. A determined player. His running was very strong and he has developed the outside break very well. Although his handling could be improved, in times of heavy pressure, as against Cokethorpe where he played at out-half for most of the game, he was reliable and able to get the ball safely away. His play in the loose exchanges was very heartening and he was very quick into the tackle.

L. SMITH. A fast runner with the ball, he showed in the first two matches that he was not to be stopped by half-hearted tackles. Once or twice he was inclined to hang on to the ball too long, but in the main these were isolated incidents. He backed up well and his tackling was effective even if a little unorthodox. He was quick to use the kick-ahead in attack.

J. J. FONSECA. Fonseca came into the team in place of Harrop and developed during the term into a competent three-quarter. His defence was sound and his running was sure, but his passing could benefit from more practice; he is reluctant to pass off the outside foot and to straighten up while the pass is in progress. He combined well with Smith L., and frequently drew the wing as well as his opposite number before passing the ball out.

M. W. HARROP. His attacking play was very good and he was quick to spot the opening and go for it. However, his defence is very suspect; a break caused by the opposite out-half can be very dangerous. He has developed the high attacking kick well and all at all times he kept a cool clear head. His drop goal against Cirencester was an excellent achievement. In wet weather his standard declines as he is essentially a dry-ball player, but with practice in defence he will be invaluable next year.

B.F. PULLEN. A very fast number eight forward, he linked up well with the three-quarters and his strong, hard running gained valuable ground. He tended to try to do too much on

his own at the base of the set-scrams; he must realise that it is worthless picking up the ball without the scrum half's foreknowledge. In attack he was sometimes guilty of hanging on to the ball for too long. Quick passing and backing up are more fruitful. His play at the back of the line-outs with the wing-forwards was very good.

N. J. GREEN. Green was the open wing-forward this year and was very conscientious in his play. He was quick to seize upon mistakes at the back of our opponents scrum and his loose play in both attack and defence was excellent. In the first few matches he was inclined to forget the offside rule, and he must beware of using a kick ahead when surrounded by players, several times it was charged down. It is unfortunate that due to a broken arm he will be unable to play for the rest of the term.

J. A. HISCOX. Hiscox showed a most marked improvement in his game this term. Playing for the first time in the scrum this year he was a little unaccustomed to the offside laws with relation to the blind-side wing forward, but after the first match he took great care to obey these. He was very quick to stop any blind breaks by the scrum-half and to help Raddon in defence. However in common with the other members of the back-row he was inclined to over-elaborate (without success) in the set scrums.

R. W. HOLE. At the beginning of the term Hole failed to get a place in the team but his spirit and enthusiasm did not diminish while he was an onlooker. When eventually he gained a place his performances displayed 1st fifteen material. He was quick to break back from the set pieces and to cover in defence; his falling was especially worthy of mention. In attack he was shrewd, and very useful to the side as a stand-by scrum-half while Raddon was held up by loose play.

N. A. DAKIN. His play was very aggressive and he was always one of the first to get into a loose scrum. His line out play was mainly that of "punching" through and robbing the scrum half, although he was entirely capable of going it alone as he clearly demonstrated in the Cirencester match. Despite his fire, he seemed to be rather at a loss when he emerged from loose scrums, and at the beginning of the season was inclined to be caught offside by just standing around.

D. J. CURTIS. Curtis was called upon when Dow J., and later Dakin, were injured. He acquitted himself commendably in the front and second rows. Never hesitant, his aim was always to get the ball over the opponents line. His all round defence was good, but he must learn to cover more quickly; a little more aggression and attacking spirit and he will become a first class forward.

D. P. KYLE. At first he was a little inexperienced in the duties of hooker, but after a few matches his striking was excellent and he formed a good relationship with his scrum-half. Receiving a quick throw-in, he often had the ball back before the scrums were completely down and this gave the backs greater freedom from marauding forwards. His line-out work and loose play were good, and the short ball to him in the line-outs always gained us ground.

R. J. EDY. Edy showed a lot of "bite" in his loose play and was never undecided about what to do next. His hooking was slower than Kyle's and consequently the props had to help him a little more, but he settled down well and gave us our fair share of the ball. His drop kicking, although not used, showed promise and his defence was adequate; the hooker by virtue of his position in the set scrums cannot cover the three-quarters in defence unless he is very fast.

F. R. GLENNIE. Since last year he has improved his speed and his performance over the season was extremely commendable. With Dow J. he developed a good understanding in the line-outs and a feature of our loose play was the way in which these two backed each other up. A very determined player, he performed best under pressure—his work against Cokethorpe is an example of this. However it is the front row who usually force the pace of a game; both he and Dow must try to go harder and to dominate the whole time, not in spirited bursts as we have seen this season.

J. A. Dow. Dow's size generally meant that he was the target for the opposition in the line-outs and consequently although he often managed to catch the ball he was not always able to give a clean pass back. He must beware of tapping back at all costs in spite of the attentions of his opposite number—the scrum-half must have a clean pass. With Glennie he realised the effect of helping the hooker in the scrums, and his play in the loose was very good.

Under Sixteen XV

Two fixtures were arranged this term and they proved very worthwhile, giving boys too old for the junior teams but not quite good enough for the firsts a chance to play for the school.

The first match was against Kingham Hill on their ground. Half of the team had previous experience in the first XV, and this was especially noticeable in the scrum where Rendcomb was definitely superior. During the first ten minutes Simpson scored twice down the wing, and before half-time another two were added. The first, scored by Harrop, resulted from a well-judged kick ahead, and the second was from Gray who made a break near the opponents' line. In the second half Kingham roused themselves considerably and some good, hard rugging followed. There were only two further scores, a penalty goal by Kingham and another try by Gray.

The members of the 1st XV all played creditably in the scrum, Dakin being especially prominent. Veasey and Curtis acquitted themselves well as did Simpson and Harrop outside the scrum. The latter captained the side and made a good job of this always difficult task. Special mention must be made of Gray C. who proved invaluable and of Yuvaboon whose kicking was very good.

The following played: Fonseca, Dawson, Black, Yuvaboon, Simpson, Harrop, Gray C., Hitchman, Kyle, Curtis, Dakin, Veasey A., Pullen, Hole, Hiscox.

Result:

v. KINGHAM HILL. Won 19-6.

Under Fifteen XV.

The team this year had a very strong three-quarter line and consequently in the early matches against younger, although usually strong sides, proved that they could get the ball along the line to score tries. The pack was young and inclined to be a little slow on to the ball—however, with more spirit and fire from individuals it could develop into a strong part of next year's side.

The first match was against Dean Close Yearlings and gave us a good start to the season. Due to our size we gained possession from the loose and set scrums and the three-quarters were fed the whole time (15 of the 16 tries came from the three-quarters).

The next match against a strengthened Marling U. 14 side gave us an overwhelming victory, once again the tries coming from the three-quarters. We narrowly lost to Cokethorpe, the three-quarters lacking power and direction partly due to illness. Against Cheltenham College the speed of the opposition into the tackle upset the backs and they never really settled down. The scrum played well but there was no effort to dominate play by the three-quarters.

A fixture was arranged midway through the term against a Kingham Hill U. 15 side, and although we fielded, upon request, a strengthened side we were soundly beaten. The pack was outplayed by their heavier more experienced opponents and the three-quarters were forced to defend.

In general the three-quarters were strong and made many openings. Against stronger defences, however, they failed to take advantage of poor backing up. Black, Yuvaboon and Simpson worked well and always looked dangerous. In the scrum Collins hooked well but the bigger forwards were often guilty of a lazy pass from the line-out and failed to stop forwards breaking through. Dow, at number eight, worked hard in the loose. The full-back, Taylor, played well in this difficult position. Finally, Yuvaboon's kicking filled a gap that has been present for the last two years and shows promise for the future.

Tries during the season: Simpson 14, Black 8, Yuvaboon 5, Gray C. 3, Belcher 2, Longman, Hook, Dow 1 each.

Yuvaboon 15 conversions.

The following played: Taylor, Jones, Simpson, Yuvaboon, Black, Belcher, Gray C., Reason, Dow M., Sage, Longman, Rees, Wapshott, Collins, Mabblerley C., Hook, Barnes.

Results:

DEAN CLOSE YEARLINGS XV. (Home). Won 62-12.

MARLING U. 14 XV. (Home). Won 54-8.

COKETHORPE U. 15 XV. (Home). Lost 14-16.

CHELTENHAM COLLEGE YEARLINGS XV (Home). Lost 5-31.

KINGHAM HILL SCHOOL XV. (Away). Lost 0-21.

Under 13½ Fixtures

This side played two matches during the term. Against Kingham Hill our backs were far too strong and the scrum secured the majority of the ball.

Oakley Hall proved to be a strong well drilled side and only in the second half did the strong running of the three-quarters make an impression on the score.

In both matches the team worked as a unit, tackling, backing up and passing reaching a high standard.

Team: Treasure, Jones, Johnson, Rees, Gray J., Belcher, Brown D., Hillier N., Dow M., Patrick T., Rhys, White, Wapshott, Collins, Walker.

Results:

KINGHAM HILL U. 13½. (Away). Won 21-0.

OAKLEY HALL XV. (Away, played at home due to condition of ground). Won 18-5.

Finally, we would like to take the opportunity of thanking the Linen Room, Mr. Fry, and the masters, Mr. Caves, Mr. Burden, Mr. Jenkin and Mr. White, for all their help over the term, and to Hitchman for his duties as linesman.

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OLD BOYS' NOTES

We offer our congratulations to:

Mark Whittering on his marriage to Miss Juliet Sewell at Southampton.

C. S. Brisley and Mrs. Brisley on the birth of a daughter—their second child.

F. S. Richards and Mrs. Richards on the birth of a daughter. M. G. Richards and Mrs. Richards on the birth of a son.

M. B. Shephard and Mrs. Shephard on the birth of a daughter—in Vancouver.

H. E. Gough on getting a first class in the Final Honours School of Modern History at Oxford.

M. H. Gleeson-White of Trinity Hall, on his election to a Fellowship at University College, Cambridge. Dr. Gleeson-White has for some years been university bacteriologist to Addenbrooke's Hospital at Cambridge.

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Bernard Brooks writes to say that he and his wife will be away until May 1966 on a trip to New Zealand, going out via Panama and returning via Singapore.

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W. Y. Willets, who wrote two justly famous volumes on Chinese Art for the Pelican Series some years ago, has now published an amended and greatly enlarged edition published at eight guineas by Thames and Hudson.

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The Rev. A. G. Ensor (1926-31) has returned after many years abroad and writes that he would be interested to hear from any contemporaries of his. His address is "The Rector's Cottage," Newton Green, Nr. Sudbury, Suffolk.

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The London Dinner was held at Renny's restaurant on November 13th. In the unavoidable absence of the Headmaster and Mr. James, Mr. Fell ably represented the College, and gave an interesting account of developments at Rendcomb.

Mr. Tooze was present as the guest of the Society. During the course of the evening Bob Jones, with a happy speech, presented Mr. Tooze with a cheque on behalf of the Society as a mark of its appreciation of his work for the College. Mr. Tooze suitably responded. A. Dainty who had organised all this, was unfortunately unable to be present. The following members were present:

R. G. Betterton, A. Smith, D. R. Griffiths, R. J. Kendal, M. J. N. Bryant, E. R. Morris, D. G. Griffiths, A. E. Shield, C. C. Richardson, R. J. Parnell, J. Tooze, R. H. Jones, C. J. Brisley, N. R. Meakin, D. J. Tovey, J. B. O'Brien, D. Dakin, G. E. Page, S. Boardman, A. C. Magor, A. J. Cattermole, F. Jones, M. H. Combe Martin, N. A. Perkins, E. J. Miller, C. E. H. Tuck, M. E. Stubbs, P. N. W. Osborn, J. B. Fell, A. C. Lucker, C. Taylor, D. Field, P. L. Field, F. Fisher, P. D. Quick.