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THE IMPALA

Editorial

We mentioned in our last issue that there was some doubt whether the School Fund would be able to stand the strain of another "Impala" this term. This doubt was happily dispelled when we discovered that the July number had been less of a financial loss than had been feared. Our eventual goal, to be realised at some future date, is to publish three issues every year, or one each term. In the meantime we shall have to be content with two issues a year.

The Editorial Staff, after due consideration, has decided to award the prizes for the best contributions to this issue as follows:—

Drawings:

1st Prize—K. F. P. Tighe "Sentimental Evening."

2nd Prize—J. F. Williams "Homeward Bound."

Articles:

1st Prize—Not Awarded.

2nd Prize—G. St. G. Catchpole "Safari up Mount Kenya."

Photographs:

Prizes divided between C. Yarinakis for a fine view of the School Quad, and M. Allsop for "A. Munro's Record Long Jump."

We decided not to award the 1st Prize for an Article since, in our judgment, none of those submitted reached a sufficiently high standard. The prizewinners

should collect their awards from Mr. R. H. Barton as soon as possible.

We should like to take this opportunity of advertising our new scheme to increase our circulation; briefly, any boy leaving School may deposit Sh. 5 with Mr. Barton, and he will then receive — post free — copies of the "Impala" for the next two years, i.e., four issues in all.

The improvement in public morality that we commented upon in our last Editorial seems to have been maintained. Long may it continue. In any case, the pleasant absence of complaints about the School's behaviour is still noticeable.

Finally, we should like to thank all those who have, in any way, contributed to this issue or assisted in its production, not forgetting the Advertisers and the Staff of the *East African Standard* Printing Department.

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Captain: M. J. Darling

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School Notes

In September there were 586 boys in the School, 496 boarders and 90 day boys. The dates for next year have been announced as follows:—

1st term: Friday, 21st January to Tuesday, 5th April.

2nd term: Friday, 6th May, to Tuesday, 2nd August.

3rd term: Friday, 9th September to Tuesday, 12th December.

Building activity seems to have ceased in the School grounds for the first time for some years, but there has been erected a new Dhobi House. It is hoped that three of the pitches prepared from the ground formerly used by the Scott Laboratory will be ready for use in the middle of next year. The rest of the new grounds will have been cleaned by the end of this year. The murrum hockey pitch may be relaid after the season is finished. The P.W.D. have pitched the drive to the Main Buildings, but we wish they would do something to the back drive—now termed Entrance B—and some proper paths to the classrooms would be a good idea. Ask the Macbeth audiences what they thought about it!

GAMES

Tennis is still played despite the poor condition of the courts. The School Handicap Tournament was won by the backmarker, M. Slapak, who beat N. B. Hooper in the final, 9/7, 6/1. A School team consisting of Mr. E. J. Boase, M. H. Shaw, Mr. J. W. Riddell, J. P. Engelbrecht and A. Schacht lost to Nairobi Club. The Annual Athletics match against Alliance High School was held at Kikuyu and was won by the Africans by 43 points to 21. Hawke won the Boxing Cup. The winners at the various weights were:—Catchweights: E. D. McCrae. Welter: J. Sprague. Middle: A. Munro. Light: P. McInnes. Bantam: D. W. Allen. Fly: W. A. Kirk. Mosquito: J. J. Woods. Midge: A. B. Allen. A. Munro was adjudged the best boxer.

VISITORS

We are grateful to the following clergy who have preached at the School services: Rev. H. J. Church, Rev. J. Gillett, Rev. W. Scott Dickson and Rev. J. Good. The Bishop of Central Tanganyika broke his

journey on his return from the Lambeth Conference in order to hold a Confirmation Service in the Cathedral; 73 boys from Prince of Wales School were confirmed. We also wish to thank the following for their most interesting lectures: Dr. Worthington, Chief Scientific Adviser to the E.A. High Commission, who spoke on "Fish"; Mr. C. V. Darling, of the E.A. High Commission, who lectured on the Gold Coast; Dr. E. A. Lewis, from the Veterinary Laboratory at Kabete, described methods of Tsetse Fly Control; and Mr. Will Evans, President of the Kenya National Farmers' Union, emphasised the importance of farming in Kenya. Other distinguished visitors were Stephen and Sarah, the Chimpanzees, though they hardly come into the same category.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Films are frequently shown in the Hall on Saturday nights, while House dances get more and more attractive with floral and paper decorations and coloured lights. The School has walked to matinees of the "Hamlet" and "Oliver Twist" films in Nairobi, and also attended the Dress Rehearsal of "Elijah". There was a special performance for the School of the staff production of "Macbeth", and a considerable number of boys even saw it again later in the week. Perhaps they were still trying to find out what it was all about.

ACTIVITIES

Clubs and societies are not limited to those whose secretaries have written an account of their doings in the "Impala". Almost every taste is catered for, from bridge to stamps. The African Affairs Society paid a visit to Embu in the holidays to delve into the ways of Local Native Councils, and was it not the Astronomical Society that failed to see the eclipse of the sun from the top of the Ngong Hills? We particularly congratulate G. W. Griffin on the revival of the 2nd Nairobi Scout Troop. A Camera Club functions unseen in the Dark Room, while the Games Committee performs gymnastics of a mental variety almost equal to that of the P.T. squad.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Messrs. Forrest and James have spent much time lately trying to discover how the School may be clothed adequately, uniformly and cheaply. They have

been in communication with firms both at home and abroad and hope to produce a workable scheme which may begin to function partially next year. New House is wondering how to vary their sombre hue in a House tie.

MISCELLANEA

We are very grateful to Mr. Constantinides, who has presented a cup for House football, and to Mrs. Cuthill, who has contributed to the cost of the cups awarded to the winners of the Cross Country. We are also indebted to the Editors of the "Commentator" and the "Old Cambrian News Bulletin" for certain information. We acknowledge with pleasure receipt of: "The Elizabethan", "The Corian", "Uppingham School Magazine", "The Cheynean", "The Taylorian", "Bryanston Saga", "Hutchins School Magazine", "The Hiltonian", "The Laxtonian", "The Swan", "The Trident", "The Cholmelian" and the "Ousel".

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Staff Notes

With the return of Mr. E. G. A. Atkinson from leave in September, the School possesses a complete staff, probably for the first time on record. But we cannot imagine that this state of affairs will last long, and daily we expect news of fresh departures. We welcome two additions in Mr. R. W. Walmsley, who has been teaching at Clacton-on-Sea since demobilisation from the R.A.F.; he was stationed in the Middle East; and Mr. D. S. Gammie, who has taught in Scottish schools, and also served with the R.A.F. in Canada, Egypt and Kenya.

An outbreak of influenza has caused havoc in the Staff Room, and Mr. Forrest has been kept busy with the unpleasant job of finding unwilling substitutes for the sick. Although Mrs. Forrest's name does not appear in the Staff List for either last term or this, yet she has very kindly helped to fill the gaps left by Mr. Dodd's departure in July and Mr. Walmisley's illness this term. Mr. C. Hurst arrived last term to teach commercial subjects, but was almost immediately kidnapped by the Department to look after its Examination Section during Mrs. Frieslich's absence on leave.

Mr. Riddell returned from his Rhodesian trip minus a motor-bicycle and *plus* several pounds of plaster of Paris, but has since resumed his usual activities. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Spencer on the birth of a third daughter. The Staff have raised teams to play the School at hockey, cricket and football, but have failed to enter for the Cross Country. They entered for the Swahili Exam but (some) also failed. But can they act? (See the account of Macbeth).

From the Matrons, Mrs. Moon and Mrs. Thomson have left, and their places have been filled by Miss D. B. Jones and Miss D. Muddle. We were pleased to see Mrs. W. Isherwood again: she has made a remarkable recovery from her serious illness.

As for former masters, we hear that Mr. A. J. Raymer is at the Arab School, Mombasa; Mr. W. N. Cheadle is still in England and pondering the possibilities of Bechuanaland. Our congratulations to Mr. F. W. Johnson on making the top score in the Officials v. Settlers cricket match; he is soon taking charge of a new Teacher Training establishment at Maseno. Mr. H. W. Stokes, the Senior Education Officer for Nyanza, is going on leave. Messrs. B. A. Astley, N. B. Larby and

B. T. H. Lindahl still run the School, but from the Education Department Head Office, where Mr. G. H. F. Beare has so revolutionised the Accounts Section that we now all get our salaries. We were pleased to hear that Mr. A. V. Hatfield's daughter is making a good recovery from infantile paralysis: he is at Kisii African School.

LATE NEWS.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. R. H. James on his appointment as Headmaster of Duke of York School. The School will find it hard to fill the place of a man who was on the Staff at the very beginning of Prince of Wales and we shall miss him and his family—and possibly the horses. A full "obituary" will appear in our next issue. Mr. E. M. Cobb and Mr. H. E. Watson have gone on overseas leave. We welcome Mr. C. E. Kitchener and Mr. V. Donovan Daft while Mrs. M. M. Forrest has made another of her frequent appearances in the Staff Room.

Cock House Result

(Third Term, 1947)

We regret the omission of this important item in our last number.

		Clive	Hawke	New	Nich.	Rhodes
Cricket	(100)	28.55	37.67	1.74	15.25	16.78
Football	(50)	6.40	10.77	12.14	9.03	11.66
Cross-Country	(50)	6.99	11.63	7.43	11.15	12.63
Work	(200)	24	56	48	32	40
Total	(400)	65.94	116.07	69.31	67.43	81.07
Place		5	1	3	4	2

COCK HOUSE

2nd Term 1948.

	Points	Clive	Hawke	New	Nich.	Rhodes	Scott
Football	100	12.06	19.85	13.65	13.17	19.68	21.59
Athletics	100	11.11	21.15	18.02	25.12	17.09	7.51
P.T.	20	3.49	3.44	3.01	3.25	3.20	3.61
Work	220	38.13	29.33	32.27	35.20	44.00	41.07
Total	440	64.79	73.77	66.95	76.74	83.97	73.78
Place		6	4	5	2	1	3

House Notes

CLIVE HOUSE NOTES

Housemaster	Mr. E. J. Boase
Assistant	Mr. G. C. Knight
Head of House	E. W. Balson

Prefects: R. A. Beazley, K. C. Brian-Boys, H. P. de Bruin, M. J. M. Erritt, B. A. Sinclair.

Clive started the rugger season high-heartedly, but a most unfortunate thing happened; after the first match we came off the field a team of cripples, and thenceforward had no chance. We managed, however, to beat New House, who were considered to have a strong side. It was a pleasure to see the cripples of the last XV. playing "gaining ground" with great vigour. We were handicapped in the Sports, for the two fastest runners in the House were unable to compete, K. C. Brian-Boys and J. M. Dowe. Special mention must be made of D. K. Strachan and D. A. G. Hardy for their magnificent efforts. On the whole, we have not been so successful this year as last, especially in cricket. We have only three members of the School XXII, and when they are out, all hope is given up. The fielding is better than the batting. Soccer prospects are brighter and we hope to find ourselves near the top by the end of the House matches.

Mr. G. C. Knight was welcomed as the assistant master of Clive in the place of Mr. L. R. Dodd, who, we learn, is shortly to be married. J. L. H. Sharp, who was a Clive prefect in the Junior House, has left, and his place has been taken by P. H. Verdon, who we hope is enjoying his new position. B. A. Sinclair was made a new house prefect at the beginning of the term. House Colours were awarded for the first time this term. We congratulate E. W. Balson, R. A. Beazley, K. C. Brian-Boys, H. P. de Bruin, D. N. Balson, E. I. Johansson, R. E. G. Cheshire, P. D. Owen-Thomas and G. W. Cottar on being awarded their House Colours.

House Dances are growing more popular every term and the boys always look forward to them. The Gym has been our Dance Hall for some time now; it is always very successfully decorated and the girls always seem to enjoy themselves. Finally, Clive House on the whole has been very remarkable, not only for the courage of its small inhabitants on the games field, but also for the brains they mostly seem to possess. (We seem to have heard this one before!—Ed.)

HAWKE HOUSE NOTES

Housemaster Mr. E. G. A. Atkinson
 Assistant Mr. W. R. Salmon
 Head of House S. B. Moscoff

Prefects : J. P. Engelbrecht, C. E. Hummer, L. H. St. J. Shelton, A. C. Wisdom, C. Yarinakis, H. W. Nightingale.

Our hopes, which ran so high last term, were only partially realised. We did not manage to win the Cock but we certainly excelled ourselves in many sporting activities. Indeed, the capture of the Boxing Cup is now a fait accompli and our P.T. teams won second place. For the first time for many years we won the Junior Rugby Football Cup, and in the Athletic Sports we were again second. We should like to congratulate T. H. Constantinides on winning the Howard Scott Cup for the 100 yards. In work we ought to have done considerably better than we did.

This term has seen a number of changes. We were pleased to welcome back our Housemaster, Mr. Atkinson, from his leave in England, and are glad to hear that he and his family thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Consequently, Mr. Gilboy, our temporary Assistant Housemaster, left us. Our sincere thanks are due to him for his friendliness and the great interest which he took in our activities. S. B. Moscoff has succeeded T. H. Constantinides as Head of House.

Our termly Dance was exceptionally successful, and we should like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Jones for the refreshments, and Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson for their assistance. One fault, however, cannot pass unmentioned—it was too short! After a long period of oblivion, ping-pong has once again come to the forefront in our Common Room. A ladder and some tournaments have been in progress, and a keen interest has been shown by the House in general, and the Juniors in particular. Our soccer players, under the enthusiastic leadership of C. Yarinakis, have been energetic and are third in the Leagues. The prospects for cricket are very encouraging and there is a great possibility of our retention of the Cricket Cup—by now almost a tradition. We have some good players among our cricketers and S. B. Moscoff, A. Swan and H. W. Nightingale have played for the School XI. Our Captain, S. B. Moscoff, has received his School Colours, which he certainly deserved.

Besides inter-House competitions and matches, several Hawke individuals have distinguished them-

selves in School activities. W. J. Zwart won the Form 3 Reading prize, and C. J. Stewart, A. G. Chater and J. J. Woods acted in the production of "Macbeth". In addition, several Hawke boys helped behind the scenes, and Mr. W. R. Salmon, our Assistant Housemaster, was Stage Manager. Hawke will be well represented in the boxing match against St. Mary's by D. W. Allen, A. B. Allen, P. W. Eckhardt and J. J. Woods.

We cannot and will not predict events, and it is yet too early to forecast any successes. It is not, however, too early to hope for the best, so good luck to everybody!

NEW HOUSE NOTES

Housemaster M. J. H. Stewart
 Assistant Mr. W. J. H. Liversidge
 Head of House J. Fraser, succeeded by D. B. Williamson

Prefects : C. T. Carter, T. T. Fjastad, L. J. Gill, L. J. Rupinas, A. Schacht, B. C. Eccleston, G. J. du Toit.

Our expectations in the Sports were partially fulfilled; we won the tug-o-war and were third in the Sidney Davis Cup, a reasonably good achievement. At the beginning of this term we started with high hopes for soccer which, despite the untimely loss of J. Fraser and P. F. Doe, are still well in evidence. Although fully aware of the fact that we were somewhat inferior to the other Houses in cricketing talent, we determined to improve on the lamentable performance of last year, and such success as we have achieved is largely due to the efforts of the 2nd XI. We are now hard at work practising for the Cross Country and await the results with interest.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Jones for the excellent supper which she prepared on the evening of our House Dance, and also to thank the girls who came for their co-operation in making the evening such a success. Several of us are facing the prospect of School and Higher School Certificate examinations at the end of the year and view it with some trepidation.

It was with great regret that we said goodbye to J. Fraser, who had ably captained the House since May. He was a keen, just and efficient House Captain as well as a very fine soccer player, and we wish him the best of luck in the career that he has chosen.

NICHOLSON HOUSE NOTES

Housemaster	Mr. F. H. Goldsmith
Assistant	Mr. J. E. Duff
Head of House	M. H. Shaw

Prefects : M. Slapak, A. Munro, J. G. Davidson, J. van der Merwe, M. L. Allsop, M. J. M. Kirk.

Since our last Notes, we have achieved a great success. We won completely and utterly the Sidney Davis Cup, which is now enjoying the fourth year of its residence on our shelves. Moreover, we had the good fortune to beat New House at the last change-over in the A. Composite Relay, and are, we believe, the first House to win both Composites. This victory was doubly gratifying in that no less than 40 members of the House contributed to it.

This term, encouraged by the successes of last term, we are working with a will and enjoying ourselves on the games field. In the cricket XI, H. L. C. Hunter, who is accused of never hitting the mat, is bowling well ; P. R. St. J. Cox, P. McInnes and C. Slapak are showing promise in all departments of the game, while R. D. Archer is maintaining A. Munro's fielding tradition. We are not doing particularly well at soccer but we enjoy it. J. G. Davidson, the captain, C. A. Papadopoulos, K. J. Cormack, R. B. Randall and D. H. Alcorn, have played particularly well. We have several boys who, although not brilliant, can do the Cross Country in good times and we hope to be able to retain the Navy Cup.

Nicholson plays a very important part in the other activities of School life ; "Macbeth", "Elijah", Chess, Photography, Philately, Art and Aero-Modelling all absorb our attention. The House Dance figured as a major event of the term ; it was considerably enlarged so that it was the first dance for many. Certainly everyone, including our guests from Loreto Convent and Kenya High School, enjoyed it. Our thanks go to Miss Downe and Mrs. Goldsmith, who did so much to help.

But, most important of all, we can claim to have had a happy year under the efficient administration of Mr. F. H. Goldsmith, Mr. J. E. Duff and Mrs. Balmer, and each individual has worked and played his best in the true Nicholson spirit.

RHODES HOUSE NOTES

Housemaster	Mr. R. H. James
Assistant	Mr. C. M. Taylor
Head of House	M. R. E. Durand

Prefects : J. P. Karnezos, N. T. M. Karnezos, D. E. Powrie, G. P. Meintjes, M. C. Tremlett, D. J. T. Carnie, W. W. Wood.

In last term's issue of the "Impala", we said we hoped that the Cock would continue to adorn the Common Room shelf. Well, it is still there ! We surprised ourselves by coming first in work and in the Sports we did well in the relay races ; otherwise our results were disappointing. We won the 4 x 800 yards and broke the record for the 4 x 440. But measles played havoc in the House and caused many a headache for the organisers of the Composite Relay teams because people were always coming and going to and from the Sanatorium and the lists were constantly being changed. Nevertheless, the Cock remains with Rhodes, mainly due to the fairly high standard of rugger (thanks to the untiring efforts of E. D. McCrae), and our work.

This term, so far we are 5th in the soccer League matches and in cricket both teams won against Scott, lost to Hawke and won against Clive. Mr. James's Archery Club is still functioning as strongly as ever, although its numbers are limited to ten. The Club meets on Wednesday afternoons. On several Sunday evenings this term Mr. James has entertained a few boys to serious music and light refreshments. He has also started a play-reading Circle, which meets on Wednesday evenings and is enjoyed equally by Mr. James and the boys. But we have only met twice so far, owing to rehearsals for "Macbeth" engaging his attention.

Last term we were unfortunate in losing our Head of House and School, E. D. McCrae, who has left Kenya and gone back to that country "the wrong side of the border". In his last letter, he said he had settled down and found the U.K. not so bad as he had been led to believe, especially as regards food. We wish him all the best for his University career in Scotland. Now Rhodes, under the leadership of M. R. E. Durand, is striving hard to retain the Cock for the third term in succession, and so break our own record.

SCOTT HOUSE NOTES

Housemaster	Mr. E. M. Cobb
Assistant	Mr. A. K. Fyfe
Head of House	M. R. Higgins

Prefects: M. J. Darling, N. G. Hales, H. Horn, M. C. S. Philip, N. W. M. Price, E. H. O'Hara.

We had a very successful second term, both in work and in games, the only disappointment being our inability to prove ourselves good at Sports. Rather unexpectedly, we came first in the Inter-House P.T. competition; our juniors were third in their group, and the seniors first in theirs. Although we were the only House to enter for all weights in the Inter-House Boxing competition, we did not do as well as we had hoped. Norman Price was our only boxer who fought his way into the finals.

We were sorry to hear at the beginning of this term that H. A. Rutherford had left owing to his accident on Longonot. But we were pleased to see again David Robertson, who had been on holiday in England, and to welcome seven boys who had come up from Intermediate. The Common Rooms seem much quieter this term, as some people think it is about time that they got down to a spot of work in view of the fast approaching examinations. Much more work has been done this term and our half-term reports on the whole were quite surprising.

In the field, our soccer players have won the first round of League matches, while the cricketers are plodding along and are so far third in the Cricket Cup. The House has a large number of boys taking part in different activities in the School, such as "Elijah", the Band, and many Clubs. We have also several boys in the School Cricket and Soccer XXII. With any luck we should come out very well at the end of this term—we might even win the Cock.

We held our House Dance on October 16, which proved to be a very great success. A new attraction was added—we had supper in the Quad in front of the House, and with coloured lights and the moon, the party was a really merry one. Many of our more senior boys will be leaving at the end of this term, and we

take this opportunity of wishing them good luck and thanking them for the hard work which they have done to put the House on its feet.

INTERMEDIATE HOUSE NOTES

Housemaster — Mr. B. D. Spencer.

Assistants: Mr. N. R. Chadwick and Rev. I. J. McCulloch.

Head of House — G. W. Outram.

Prefects: A. K. Catchpole, S. N. Efstathiou, R. F. H. Howarth, H. A. Krause, P. H. Verdon.

Why didn't somebody venture to compose some notes for the last issue of the "Impala"? That's better left as a rhetorical question. Something must be said very rapidly about last term which was made particularly enjoyable by the regular entertainments on Saturdays and Sundays at Mr. Spencer's house, the film shows put on by G. W. Outram, the opening of Mr. Chadwick's considerable library, to anyone in the House who knew how to treat books, the birth of our own Newspaper and the excellent show put on at the end of the term under Mr. McCulloch's guidance which revealed a wealth of dramatic talent including B. Lennox-Browne, T. E. Dimopoulos, I. D. Gregson, K. J. Elliott, G. McKnight, J. J. H. Garbett and K. F. P. Tighe.

This term we still find ourselves in the trough between the Junior and the Main Block; hence when it does rain, we are to be found wallowing in the mire and our proximity to the Sanatorium seems to encourage the existence of invalids. However, no more complaints!

At last we have acquired a Common Room, where the muddy days can be spent in comparative comfort. Here our small stock of games lives, and here the "Inter-Comm." can be read by all who want to know what is going on in the House. This newspaper has been well run by K. P. F. Tighe, then R. E. Stobbs, and J. F. Williams. The Prefects find that locking up at night has now become a very much extended operation and the Common Room lights, windows and doors are a constant source of anxiety. The House has supported the new Scout Troop in large numbers and some busy people in the House find every moment filled with one activity or another.

The cricket season on the Top Field has revealed some talent which will soon be required by the School XIs. Some of those who have had a particularly good season are:— C. G. D. Brown, H. G. Campbell-Gillies, F. R. Lipscomb, J. W. Lucking, and M. E. Tucker. Others have played and captained their teams well. P. J. W. Homer has shown everybody how hard a ball can be hit and how runs are to be made by looking for them all the time. Football on the Lower Field has given those unfortunates who do not take kindly to cricket a chance to throw their weight about which they have done to some purpose.

We congratulate L. J. de Jager on his fine running in the cross-country, and incidentally, he and P. M. Prinsloo put in some arduous hours clearing the trees and bushes round the buildings in our campaign against mosquitoes. R. Newall distinguished himself in the P.T. display, being chosen for the special squad. We also congratulate P. C. D. Allen on his part in Macbeth and also our two Assistant Housemasters who did so much in the whole show.

It should be plain to the reader of these notes that we are an extremely busy and lively House, partly, no doubt, because we are, perforce, on the move all day. We work here, sleep there, eat in another place and play somewhere else. Our Housemaster lives down that road, our Banker lives yonder. Despite this dispersal we are a united House and shall be sorry to say goodbye to all that the word "Intermediate" means.

JUNIOR HOUSE NOTES

Housemaster Mr. A. H. David

Assistants: Messrs. F. F. Gilboy, F. C. Harris, N. A. Horley, J. O'N. Pearson, J. W. H. Riddell.

Head of House G. St. G. Catchpole

Prefects: G. G. Bompas, A. E. Johnson, C. J. Nicholas, D. F. Thompson, J. L. Beecher.

We came back at the beginning of this term to find that there had been an almost complete change of Staff. Mr. Gilboy is now in charge of our games, Mr. Harris is the House Banker, and Mr. Pearson has also joined us. Only Mr. David, the Big Chief, and Mr. Horley remain from the beginning of the year. J. L. Beecher has taken the place of J. L. H. Sharp in the prefects.

There are one or two innovations in the House system. Each of the three dormitories is in charge of a master, who is responsible for the administration of

that dormitory. A Scout Troop has been started and now several of us are keen Scouts, while more of us hope to join the Troop soon. We wonder who it was who brought white mice into the House? It seems that unless we are careful, the place will be overrun, and then Mrs. Poppleton *would* have a nice job. The Library has moved into the old prefects' common room, and there the peace-lovers amongst us can retire and quietly read a book or play a game of draughts—but Sunday evenings!

We are now all involved in House cricket or soccer matches, and are all able to have two games a week owing to a very complicated "bottoms-up" system, which seems to be working very satisfactorily. We started cross country training recently, and have so far had one race for points, in which Scott is well ahead, followed by Rhodes.

At the end of this term we will all be moving up, most of us into Senior Houses, but some will have to go into Intermediate. All the prefects will be leaving except Bompas and Beecher, and we wish the new prefects and next year's Junior House the best of luck for 1949.

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Cricket

The 1st XI started the season under the severe handicap of having lost most of last year's Colours, while M. H. Shaw and M. Slapak decided that the imminence of Higher Certificate would prevent them from taking a prominent part in School cricket. Thus it was necessary to bring into the team several young and inexperienced players. M. R. Higgins was nominated Captain, and faced the difficult task of welding a new team together. It was noticeable that, as the season advanced, the fielding and backing-up improved in quality. But there is still need for improvement in general keenness on the field.

On the whole, the bowling has been good. Higgins and E. W. Balson open the attack and have usually managed to dismiss their early opponents cheaply. Both have been bowling fast and accurately. S. B. Moscoff, though given fewer opportunities, has proved a dangerous change bowler. A. Munro and N. Steven also bowl but have yet to learn the cardinal virtue of length. The batting has been disappointing, although Higgins, Balson, Munro and Moscoff have all made some useful scores. Most of the batsmen lack the ability to treat each ball on its merits, and the elementary forward and back shots are conspicuous by their absence. School Colours were awarded half-way through the season to Balson and Moscoff. B. C. Eccleston has shown himself to be an excellent scorer and has spent much time making batting charts.

Sept. 18: School vs. Railway. Away. Won by 5 wickets.
Railway 126 (Higgins 6/38).
School 160 for 5 wickets (Higgins 61*, Balson 44*).

This was an exciting match in which the opening School batsmen failed and left it to the powerful hitting of Higgins and Balson to redeem the situation and to win the game with an unfinished partnership.

Sept. 19: School vs. Wanderers. Home. Lost by 45 runs.
Wanderers 180 for 7 wickets.
School 135 (Munro 57).

The Wanderers batted consistently, most of the side making good scores. School started badly, losing four wickets for 23 runs. Then Munro made a flashing 57 before being stumped, but could not entirely retrieve the bad start.

Oct. 3: School vs. Machakos. Away. Won by 11 runs.
School 149 (Higgins 43, Stephen 25, Balson 25).
Machakos 138 (Higgins 4/26, Balson 4/48).

The School batted first and scored 149 in just under two hours, despite good bowling by Halstead. Machakos went in after lunch, and in five minutes both their opening batsmen were back in the pavilion for a single. But when Halstead joined Mousley, they pushed the score up to 50 before being parted. Another stand of 61 between Crawford and L. Mousley put Machakos into what appeared to be a safe position, but then the side collapsed and were dismissed for 138. Higgins, Balson and Stephen all bowled well.

Oct. 9: School vs. Sir Ali Muslims. Away. Lost by 45 runs.
Muslims 80 (Balson 4/15, Moscoff 4/20).
School 35 (Moscoff 10).

Moscoff and Balson bowled well, having most of their batsmen in difficulties, and we appeared to be safe. But our batting collapsed completely, Asghar taking 7 wickets for 17. The School batsmen seemed to have entirely forgotten how to deal with any kind of bowling, whether good or bad.

Oct. 10: School vs. Old Cambrians. Home. Lost by 58 runs.
Old Cambrians 94 (Alexander 22, Sheppard 43, Higgins 5/30, Hunter 3/9).
School 36 (Hunter 10, Ogilvie 8/22).

The School did well to dismiss a strong side for such a small score, but it was a bad week-end for the School batting, and we were quite unable to cope with the fast bowling of Ogilvie, who was well backed up by Randall.

Oct. 15: School vs. Uganda Kobs. Home. Drawn.
Uganda Kobs 128 for 8 wickets (Higgins 4/47).
School 97 for 4 wickets (Slapak 43*).

Kobs batted very slowly, taking 2 hours 20 minutes for their runs, Higgins and Moscoff both bowling well, and left the School only 1½ hours to get the runs. Slapak made a good score and Shaw scored rapidly, but play was stopped by rain for 15 minutes, which undoubtedly saved the Kobs from defeat.

Oct. 16: School vs. Railway. Home. Won by 16 runs.
School 70 (Stephen 23).
Railway 54 (Balson 6/25, Higgins 3/27).

Nobody did very much with the bat for the School, except Stephen, who played well. Railway started disastrously against the lively and accurate bowling of Higgins and Balson, losing 6 wickets for 14 runs. Eve and G. C. Knight partially retrieved the situation, but once they were parted the remaining wickets fell quickly.

Oct. 24: School vs. Civil Service. Home. Lost by 8 runs.
Civil Service 61 (Balson 4/14).
School 53 (Balson 16, A. Swan 14).

Civil Service were soon in difficulties against good bowling by the School, especially Balson, and lost two wickets for 4 runs. Victory seemed assured but again the School batting failed. The first ball claimed a victim, and the side crumbled against Thrower and E. J. Boase, who took 7 wickets for 30. Only Balson and Swan shaped well, most of the side being beaten by the spin and googly bowling of their coach.

Batting Averages to date :—

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Top Score	Average
M. R. Higgins	8	1	143	61*	20.42
E. W. Balson	8	1	114	44*	16.28
A. Munro	5	-	77	57	15.40
A. Swan	6	3	43	14	14.33

*Not out

Bowling Averages to date :—

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. R. Higgins	94.1	18	244	28	8.71
E. W. Balson	69.1	16	228	24	9.50
S. B. Moscoff	31.3	2	116	12	9.67

M. R. Higgins is a very conscientious captain and can always be relied on to conduct the XI satisfactorily. He is straightforward and efficient, and works hard for the sake of the game. Perhaps he does not yet appreciate his responsibilities in maintaining the enthusiasm of the team and he must remember that the happy team is the winning team. He is becoming increasingly proficient in the setting of his field, and with experience will become a good captain. His own high standard of play, both in batting and in bowling, is an example to the whole XI.

SECOND ELEVEN

Captain — M. J. Darling

Up to the end of October, the 2nd XI have had a fairly full programme of seven matches, of which they have won two and lost five. Three fixtures have, unfortunately, been scratched. This is not a great record. The team is very keen, but lacks consistency; good bowling is rarely backed up by good batting and vice versa. At the beginning of the season we got our opponents out for reasonable scores, but the batting broke down. Recently we have made scores of 152 for 7 and 112, but on each occasion have suffered defeat. We have several bowlers, but they are all of the medium-quick variety, and are incapable of bowling a length for more than a few overs. We sadly lack a good slow bowler, and it does not appear that one is forthcoming. The weakness in batting is caused by a deplorable tendency to draw away from balls on or outside the leg stump, and a failure to get the left leg across to balls outside the off stump. The result is that many scoring chances are thrown away; wickets are also lost in playing back to over-pitched balls and half-volleys, which is a pity. As this kind of thing does not generally occur in practice, it is largely due to nervousness on the big occasion.

The fielding is the best feature of the side. Real enthusiasm is shown in this department of the game, and this is most encouraging. Some very good catches have been held and very few dropped, and the picking-up and throwing-in have vastly improved during the season. M. J. Darling has made a good captain; starting from scratch without having captained a side before, he is willing to learn, never hesitates to ask advice, and his judgment in handling the side becomes

riper as his experience increases. Taking things all round, we enjoy our cricket, even if we do not win many games, and we have great hopes of finishing up the season better than we started it.

E.G.A.

Results:—

- Sept. 18: School vs. Civil Service. Home. Lost.
School 55 (Fjastad 13).
Civil Service 150 for 5 wickets.
- Sept. 22: School vs. R.A.F. Eastleigh. Home. Lost by 60 runs.
R.A.F. 136 for 9 wickets (Redman 5/15).
School 76 (Darling 20).
- Sept. 26: School vs. Kenya Police. Home. Won by 20 runs.
Kenya Police 36 (Woods 3/4, Cox 3/7).
School 56 (Cox 15).
- Oct. 2: School vs. Parklands. Home. Won by 1 run.
Parklands 85 (Redman 4/22).
School 86 (Johansson 27).
- Oct. 16: School vs. Civil Service. Away. Lost by 5 wickets.
School 152 for 6 wickets (Johnson 39, Paterson 38).
Civil Service 153 for 5 wickets.
- Oct. 23: School vs. Old Cambrians. Away. Lost by 60 runs.
School 112 (Nightingale 23, Sargent 20).
Old Cambrians 172 for 4 wickets.

JUNIOR COLTS

Results:—

- Oct. 20: School vs. Nairobi Primary. Won by 23 runs.
Primary 33 (Swan 3/13, Rushworth 3/2).
School 56 (Swan 14).
- Oct. 23: School vs. Kenton College. A tie.
Kenton 59 (Swan 4/14).
School 59 (Southall 18).

Other matches have been arranged against Pembroke House and St. Mary's. There are some very promising young players amongst the Colts this season. M. Swan, the captain, is beginning to handle his team capably, besides being a very useful opening bowler and a good forcing bat. M. M. Southall keeps wicket efficiently and bats well, though not chancelessly. P. H. Jones bowls steadily and has many pleasing strokes, which, when fully developed, should result in his becoming a first-class batsman. J. G. Bell, J. H. F. Bristow and P. F. Rushworth are other members of the team who are coming on well. Fielding needs considerable improvement, but everyone possesses the utmost keenness and goodwill, and, on the whole, few chances are missed.

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Athletic Sports

The Finals were again decided on two afternoons, the Relays on Saturday, July 31, and the remainder on Bank Holiday, August 2. The weather was kind on both days, so there were plenty of spectators. The Cups were presented by the Chief Secretary, the Hon. J. D. Rankine.

The outstanding runner of the meeting was undoubtedly P. F. Doe, who not only set up four new records in the B events, but equalled the A time for the Hundred and surpassed it in the Furlong. It is a pity Doe will not be here next year. In the A events, T. H. Constantinides won both the sprints, but was excelled by M. H. Shaw, who set new records in the Quarter and Half, won the Mile, was second in the Long Jump and Cricket Ball, and third in the Hop, Step and Jump. A. Munro made a magnificent long jump of 20 feet. Standard times for certain events were included in the preliminaries and carried points. Nicholson House were worthy winners of the Sidney Davis Cup, much to the delight of Mr. E. K. Light, whose enthusiasm had carried them to victory in 1947.

Results :—

A Events

- 100 yards—1. T. H. Constantinides, 2. J. Fraser, 3. D. B. Williamson. Time 10.6 sec.
 220 yards—1. T. H. Constantinides, 2. J. P. Engelbrecht, 3. D. B. Williamson. Time 24.1 sec.
 440 yards—1. M. H. Shaw, 2. J. Fraser, 3. T. H. Constantinides. Time 53.4 sec. = record.
 880 yards—1. M. H. Shaw, 2. G. W. Outram, 3. D. W. Allen. Time 2 min. 8.6 sec. RECORD.
 One Mile—1. M. H. Shaw, 2. A. E. Johnson, 3. D. W. Allen. Time 4 min. 58 sec.
 120 yards Hurdles—1. R. G. D'Ahl, 2. G. J. du Toit, 3. M. Innes-Walker. No Time.
 Long Jump—1. A. Munro, 2. M. H. Shaw, 3. J. Fraser. Distance 20 feet. RECORD.
 High Jump—1. C. P. Papadopoulos, 2. L. J. Rupinas, 3. J. P. Engelbrecht. Height 5 ft. 1½ in.
 Cricket Ball—1. A. Munro, 2. M. H. Shaw, 3. K. C. Brian-Boys. Distance 97 yds. 2 ft. 3 in.
 Hop, Step and Jump—1. A. Munro, 2. J. P. Engelbrecht, 3. M. H. Shaw. Distance 40 ft. 3½ in.
 Putting the Shot—1. M. R. E. Durand, 2. R. J. Rodda, 3. C. F. St. V. Mercier. Distance 34 ft. 7 in. Record.
 Obstacle Race—1. A. Munro, 2. J. Redman, 3. M. R. E. Durand.
 Tug of War—1. New House tied with Nicholson, 3. Hawke.

B Events

- 100 yards—1. P. F. Doe, 2. D. R. Ralling, 3. N. T. Constantinides. Time 10.6 sec. RECORD.
 220 yards—1. P. F. Doe, 2. D. R. Ralling, 3. N. T. Constantinides. Time 24 sec. RECORD.
 440 yards—1. P. F. Doe, 2. D. A. G. Hardy, 3. E. C. Brooks. Time 57.8 sec. RECORD.
 880 yards—1. D. A. G. Hardy, 2. E. C. Brooks, 3. R. J. Truran. Time 2 min. 17.8 sec. RECORD.
 One Mile—1. A. B. Allen, 2. D. A. G. Hardy, 3. E. C. Brooks. Time 5 min. 13.3 sec. RECORD.
 120 yards Hurdles—1. A. Swan, 2. B. Zagoritis, 3. W. K. Welmans. Time 19.7 sec.
 Long Jump—1. P. F. Doe, tied with N. T. Constantinides, 3. D. R. Ralling. Distance 17 ft. 9½ in. RECORD.
 High Jump—1. A. R. P. Martin, 2. I. S. H. Paul, 3. R. McPhee. Height 4 ft. 9½ in.
 Cricket Ball—1. A. L. Archer, 2. P. F. Doe, 3. H. F. Fjastad. Distance 89 yds. 2 ft. 0½ in. RECORD.
 Hop, Step and Jump—1. R. J. Truran, 2. B. Zagoritis, 3. H. F. Fjastad. Distance 37 ft. 8½ in. RECORD.
 Tug of War—1. Rhodes, 2. New House, 3. Nicholson.

C Events

- 100 yards—1. I. Sarikas, 2. J. W. Winter, 3. R. van Emmenis. Time 11.7 sec.
 220 yards—1. I. Sarikas, 2. J. W. Winter, 3. S. H. L. Engelbrecht. Time 26.3 sec.
 660 yards—1. N. G. J. Millican, 2. J. W. Winter, 3. R. Outram. Time 1 min. 47.4 sec. RECORD.
 90 yards Hurdles—1. S. H. L. Engelbrecht, 2. D. H. F. Bristow, 3. D. K. Lewis. Time 15.4 sec.
 Long Jump—1. I. Sarikas tied with J. W. Winter, 3. R. van Emmenis. Distance 15 ft. 10 in.
 High Jump—1. S. H. L. Engelbrecht, 2. J. W. Winter, 3. R. van Emmenis.
 Cricket Ball—1. A. L. O. Wirths, 2. R. B. Randall, 3. I. Sarikas. Distance 63 yds. 2 ft. 9½ in.

A Relay Events

- Composite 1st Teams—1. Nicholson, 2. New House, 3. Rhodes. Time 4 min. 20.8 sec.
 Composite 2nd Teams—1. Nicholson, 2. New House, 3. Hawke. Time 4 min. 25 sec.
 4 x 110 1st Teams—1. Hawke, 2. New House, 3. Nicholson. Time 47.8 sec. New Event.
 4 x 110 2nd Teams—1. Nicholson, 2. Clive, 3. Rhodes. Time 49.1 sec. New Event.
 4 x 220 1st Teams—1. New House, 2. Hawke, 3. Nicholson. Time 1 min. 39.2 sec. RECORD.
 4 x 220 2nd Teams—1. Nicholson, 2. New House, 3. Rhodes. Time 1 min. 45.5 sec.
 4 x 440 1st Teams—1. Rhodes, 2. New House, 3. Hawke. Time 3 min. 45 sec. RECORD.
 4 x 440 2nd Teams—1. Rhodes, 2. Clive, 3. New House. Time 3 min. 58 sec. RECORD.
 4 x 880—1. Rhodes, 2. Clive, 3. Hawke. Time 9 min. 22.3 sec.
 Mile Medley—1. Hawke, 2. Nicholson, 3. New House. Time 4 min. 5.4 sec.

B Relay Events

- 4 x 110 1st Teams—1. Nicholson, 2. New House, 3. Hawke. Time 49.5 sec. New Event.
 4 x 110 2nd Teams—1. Nicholson, 2. Clive, 3. Scott. Time 53 sec. New Event.
 4 x 220 1st Teams—1. Nicholson, 2. New House, 3. Hawke. Time 1 min. 44.3 sec. RECORD.
 4 x 220 2nd Teams—1. Nicholson, 2. Scott, 3. Hawke. Time 1 min. 51.4 sec. RECORD.
 Obstacle Team Race—1. Scott, 2. Clive, 3. Hawke.

C Relay Events

- 4 x 110 1st Teams—1. Hawke, 2. Rhodes, 3. Nicholson. Time 55.1 sec. New Event.
 4 x 110 2nd Teams—1. Hawke, 2. Nicholson, 3. Rhodes. Time 57.7 sec. New Event.
 4 x 220 1st Teams—1. Hawke, 2. Rhodes, 3. Nicholson. Time 1 min. 54 sec. RECORD.
 4 x 220 2nd Teams—1. Hawke, 2. New House, 3. Nicholson. Time 2 min. 2.1 sec.
 100 yards under 13—1. C. F. Smith, 2. J. S. Durbin, 3. M. Swan. Time 12.7 sec.
 4 x 110 Inter-School Relay—1. Prince of Wales, 2. Kenton, 3. Parklands. Time 54 sec. RECORD.
 100 yards Old Boys—1. D. M. Woodford, 2. R. J. Munro, 3. G. Nicholson. Time 11.4 sec.
 Standard Times A.—1. Rhodes, 2. Clive, 3. Hawke.
 B.—1. Clive, 2. Scott, 3. Rhodes.
 C.—1. Clive, 2. Hawke, 3. Nicholson.
 Sidney Davis Challenge Cup—1. Nicholson 272½, 2. Hawke 229½, 3. New House 195½, 4. Rhodes 185½, 5. Clive 120½, 6. Scott 81½.

Boxing

Prince of Wales School 7: St. Mary's School 2.

This match held on Saturday, November 6, was of a standard not seen for many years. Both teams showed a remarkable knowledge of the art and the fitness of Prince of Wales was note-worthy. All the fights were fought with plenty of pluck, and St. Mary's were outstanding in this respect.

Atomic Weight (special contest): R. Newall (P. of W.) beat F. Ehrlich (St. M.).

Newall outclassed Ehrlich whom he had in difficulties from the start and the fight was stopped in the first round.

Light Weight (special contest): P. W. Eckhardt (P. of W.) beat B. Driscoll (St. M.).

Both fighters, who showed good foot-work and style, received and gave heavy punishment. Eckhardt won on points.

Mosquito Weight: J. R. J. Phayer (St. M.) beat J. J. Woods (P. of W.)

Phayer gave a very good account of himself; his punches were delivered with more force and won him a points verdict.

Midge Weight: A. B. Allen (P. of W.) beat M. Booth (St. M.).

Allen had Booth in difficulties early in the contest with his good boxing, but Booth showed tremendous pluck by going on to the end after taking severe punishment.

Feather Weight: D. O. L. Drummond (P. of W.) beat D. Boy (St. M.).

Drummond won by a technical knock-out in the third round. Boy started off well but could not stand the pace.

Atomic Weight (special contest): M. T. F. Whitten (P. of W.) beat E. Fernandes (St. M.).

Although Whitten was smaller than his opponent, he managed to win the fight on points. Both fought well and showed plenty of confidence.

Fly Weight: T. Facey (St. M.) beat E. N. Brannstrom (P. of W.).

Facey gave a very good account of himself. His reach was an advantage to him, but Brannstrom made up for his defeat by his pluck in attacking most of the time.

Welter-Weight: J. Redman (P. of W.) beat R. Pearce (St. M.).

Both attacked throughout the fight with Redman punching harder and faster, thus winning on points.

Welter Weight: J. D. Sprague (P. of W.) beat C. Proctor (St. M.).

This was one of the best fights of the day. Neither showed any sign of giving way. Both boxers showed considerable knowledge of the game and should go a long way. Sprague won on points.

Bantam Weight: D. W. Allen (P. of W.) beat G. Dyus (St. M.).

Allen kept cool throughout the fight and had Dyus in difficulties a number of times. His punching and footwork were first class and won him the fight.

Light Weight: B. Zagoritis (P. of W.) beat V. Kane (St. M.).

This fight was packed with plenty of hitting but little skill. Both men gave no quarter and hit with tremendous force.

Middle Weight: A. Munro (P. of W.) beat I. Barratt (St. M.).

Munro boxed coolly and confidently against a very plucky opponent and displayed true sportsmanship in refusing to take advantage of his superior ability. The bout was stopped in the second round.

Mr. T. R. Spence had very kindly travelled down from Nakuru to referee the match and presented the Ruben Cup to A. Munro the School Captain. Our very warm thanks go to W/O Wilby for his first class instruction and to Mr. Riddell for his successful training.

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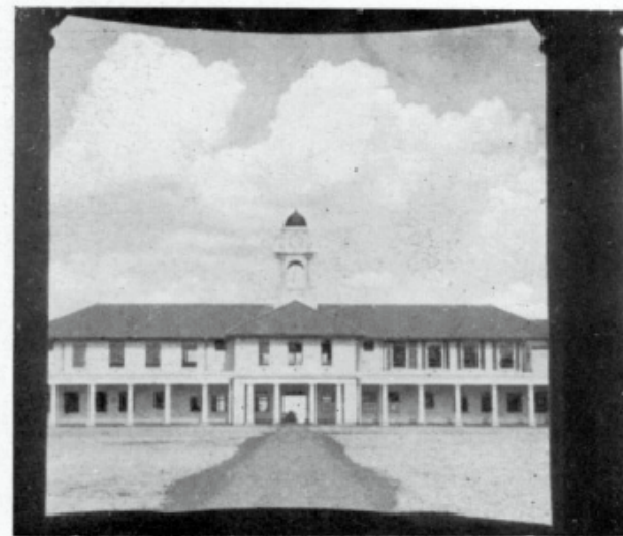
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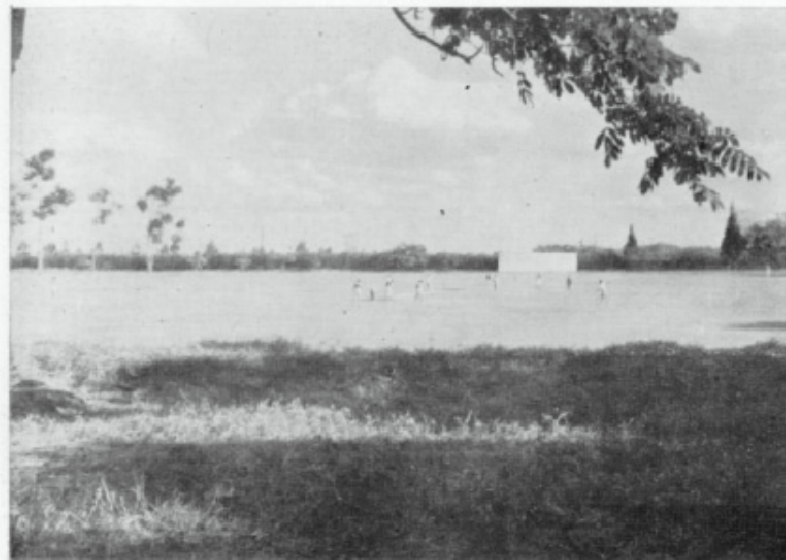
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Long Jump 20 ft. (Record) A. Munro.

M. Allsop.

The Rugger Tour

About half-term, it was decided to hold another Rugby tour, now an annual event. E. D. McCrae, the Captain, wrote to Nakuru Athletic Club and the Kitale and Eldoret Sports Club for fixtures. Unfortunately, Nakuru were rather late in answering, and the fixture would have had to be cancelled, had not various kind people offered lifts to the members of the XV. The match was fixed for Thursday, August 5th, but most of us were in Nakuru by the previous Tuesday, where we spent a very pleasant day and a half with our excellent hosts. The game was rather late in starting and, owing to the supposed early departure of the up-train, we could not play for as long as we should have liked, but a good, vigorous game more than made up for that. The Nakuru team was mostly made up from the XV that won the Enterprise Cup, so this helped to console us for a defeat by 14 points to 8. The School backs played very well, especially T. H. Constantinides, who made a solo run to score an excellent try. Unfortunately, A. Munro had to play full-back instead of in his usual position of stand-off. The forwards, however, were not up to their usual form. Still, it was a very enjoyable match.

After a hurried shower and change in the Club House we rushed off to the station, only to find that the train was not due to leave for another 45 minutes, so we dispersed. When we returned, we found that no accommodation had been booked for us, but after a hurried consultation with the Station Master McCrae managed to get us all on the train; the only place to try to sleep was in the dining-car, but sleep seemed out of the question. However, with various degrees of discomfort we eventually reached Kitale, where we were met and immediately taken to the Kitale Bakery. The Sports Club treated us to a magnificent breakfast and then we dispersed for the rest of the morning.

Something was wrong with the XV that afternoon (too much breakfast? Ed.) and, without Munro, who had a disabled leg, we did not distinguish ourselves. Suffice it to say that Kitale beat us by a comfortable margin. After the match we were pleasantly surprised to find that a dance had been arranged for us at the Kitale Sports Club; so after a very welcome bath, we

assembled again in the evening and, needless to say, we enjoyed ourselves immensely.

The next day, after a lazy morning and a muddy drive to Eldoret, we played our hardest in the last match of the tour. What a match! The forwards played well—easily their best performance of the tour—and the backs were also excellent. It was a good, hard, clean game from start to finish, neck and neck all the way, to end in a draw—14-14. Eldoret Sports Club also had a little do (as they called it) laid on for us, but that description was somewhat modest. There was dancing and revelling until two in the morning, when the down train was due to leave. A very fitting conclusion to a most enjoyable tour.

We would like to thank most sincerely those people who transported the XV to Nakuru, our very kind hosts at Nakuru and Kitale, and especially the Kitale and Eldoret Sports Clubs, who gave us such magnificent parties.

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First Eleven Results

Sept. 30	School 3	Railway 3	Drawn
Oct. 2	School 4	No. 1 General Hospital 3	Won
" 6	School 2	R.A.F. Eastleigh 4	Lost
" 13	School 0	Caledonians 7	Lost
" 16	School 1	Army Ordnance Corps 1	Drawn
" 23	School 4	Command Pay 1	Won

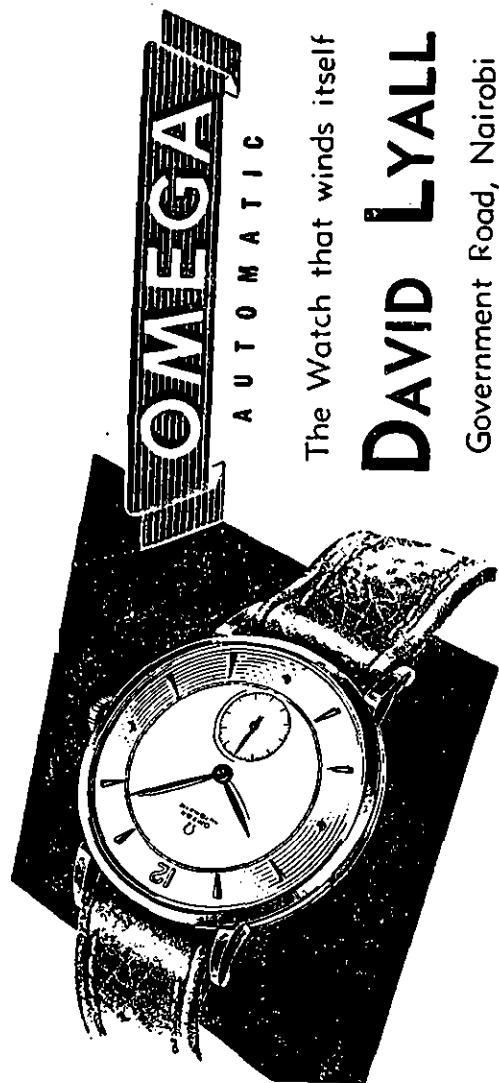
Second Eleven Results

Sept. 29	School 2	Staff 1	Won
Oct. 7	School 1	British Legion 2	Lost
" 9	School 1	R.A.F. Eastleigh 2nd XI 1	Drawn
" 14	School 5	No. 1 Gen. Hospital 2nd XI 3	Won
" 20	School 1	British Legion 5	Lost

The Soccer season has been very satisfactory so far and everyone in the School has been getting at least three games a week. Two rounds of House Leagues are to be played and one round of House Matches. At the end of the first round of Leagues, Scott House was leading, while Rhodes are favourites for the House Matches since they have more members of the XXII. The standard of play is still far below that of the major games since there is a notable absence of scientific ball control, and an inability to exploit good opportunities to shoot in both 1st and 2nd XIs.

J. Fraser, who was Captain for the season and a very steady full back, has left suddenly and his place has been taken by G. W. Outram. So far the 1st XI has not shown convincing form, particularly in the forward line, but the defence has been very sound, with L. J. Rupinas and H. P. de Bruin playing steadily. J. P. Karnezos has played some good games at right-wing, while J. P. Engelbrecht and S. N. Efstathiou, in the centre, have been useful.

R.H.J.



Cross Country

A Race — Nov. 11, 1948.		B Race — Nov. 9 1948.	
1. Rhodes	135½	1. Nicholson	215
2. Hawke	295½	2. Rhodes	267
3. Nicholson	341	3. New House	290
4. Scott	357	4. Scott	305
5. Clive	366	5. Hawke	365
6. New House	370	6. Clive	422
Individual Placings		Individual Placings	
1. M. H. Shaw (Ni)	31.22	1. T. G. Price (R)	33.46
2. A. E. Johnson (R)	31.54	2. F. C. Daniel (N)	33.47
3. { M. C. Tremlett (R) 32.11		3. J. N. J. Roets (N)	34.03
(D. W. Allen (H)		4. D. A. Forrester (Ni)	34.10
5. S. Georgulas (N)	32.31	5. C. M. R. Platt (N)	34.35
6. G. R. Ryan (H)	32.39	6. M. G. Prettejohn (R)	35.01
7. S. R. Bleazard (S)	33.22	7. A. R. Faull (Ni)	35.07
8. D. K. Strachan (C)	33.29	8. H. M. May (S)	35.13
9. K. J. Cormack (Ni)	33.46	9. D. A. G. Hardy (C)	35.23
10. G. P. Meintjes (R)	33.59	10. E. I. Johansson (C)	35.23
Order for Navy Cup: 1st Rhodes, 2nd Nicholson, 3rd Hawke, 4th Scott, 5th New House, 6th Clive.			

Golf Club

President Mr. D. Anderson
Secretary D. E. Powrie

The Golf Club started its third year of existence with 14 members. During the past two years the Club has had many ups and downs (mostly financial!) and has seen many golfers come and go. The standard of play has improved since we first started, but it will be a long time before most of the members are good players. We hope to arrange an away match next term with a Naivasha team. A competition of our own is fixed for the last week of November, and the scoring will be Stableford. Members have been playing regularly this term except for a fortnight's break while Mr. Anderson was on safari. Some boys have been playing on Sunday mornings, arranging their own transport.

VALETE

- The Forms given are those in which a boy entered and left. Rem. = Remove, 4 or 5 Eng. or Bio. = Engineering or Biology. An indication is given of a boy's destination where it is known. Apologies for errors and omissions.
- AIRD, R. A.—Jan.—July 48. Rhodes. 5 Eng. To study Science.
- BROOKS, A. E.—Jan. 46—June 48. Clive/Scott. 1x—3d. To Railway.
- BECK, P. J.—Jan. 45—June 48. Clive. 1c—4 Eng. Sch. Cert.
- CAMPBELL-GILLIES, M.—Jan. 47—July 48. Clive/Scott. 6d—1e.
- CONSTANTINIDES, T. H.—Sept. 45—Aug. 48. Hawke. 3d—5 Arts. Sch. Cert. Sch. Prefect. Head of House. Cert. A. Rugby XV. Football XI. Shooting VIII. 100 yards. St. George's Soc. Essay (2nd). To tobacco production.
- FIELD, A. W.—Jan. 44—July 48. Hawke. 6d—4 Bio. Sch. Cert.
- FORBES-WATSON, H.—Jan.—July 48. Scott. 2d. To farming.
- HAWKINS, B. H.—Jan. 44—July 48. Grigg/Clive. 6a—4 Arts. Sch. Cert. Acted in Housemaster. To Civil Service.
- KEITH, C. H.—Sept. 47—July 48. Nicholson. 6d—1e.
- MCCRAE, E. D.—Jan. 43—Aug. 48. Rhodes. 6b—5 Bio. Sch. Cert. Sch. Prefect. Head of House. Head of School. Rugby Colours. Football Captain. Athletics Captain. Hockey 2nd XI. Sgt.-Major. Secretary Debating Society. Ran Tuck Shop. Acted in One Act Plays, Housemaster and Julius Caesar. To farming via Glasgow.
- McMINN, C. A. R.—Jan. 46—July 48. Nicholson/Scott. 6c—2c. To Army Apprentice School.
- MAINGAY, L. St. J.—Jan.—Aug. 48. Rhodes. 6a. To school in New Zealand.
- PAGE-MORRIS, J. A.—Sept. 45—June 48. Nicholson. 1d—4 Bio. Sch. Cert. House Prefect.
- PHAYER, J. R. J.—March—July 48. Nicholson (Jun.). 1c—1x.
- PRETORIUS, J.—Sept. 47—July 48. Scott. 6d—1d. To Army Apprentice School.
- POTGIETER, N. M.—Jan.—July 48. Nicholson (Inter.). 6d—6e.
- RAND, I. C.—Jan.—Aug. 48. Scott. 4 Eng. To Vet Lab. Kabete.
- RUTHERFURD, H. A.—Jan. 44—July 48. Rhodes/Scott. 6c—4 Bio. Sch. Cert. House Prefect.
- SHARP, J. L. H.—Jan. 44—Aug. 48. Clive. 6b—4 Bio. Sch. Cert. House Prefect. Acted in Julius Caesar. To St. Thomas's Hospital.
- SKINNER, R. J.—May—July 48. New. 1d.
- SMITH, A. V.—Jan. 46—Apr. 48. Rhodes. 6c—2d. Reading Prize. To R.A.F.
- SPIRA, V.—Jan.—Aug. 48. Rhodes. 1x.
- TONNET, J. M.—Jan. 45—Sept. 48. Grigg/Scott. 1c—3e. To aeronautical engineering.
- WATSON, C. E. P.—Sept. 46—July 48. Grigg/Nicholson. Rem.—5 Bio. Sch. Cert. House Prefect.
- WIDDOWSON, C. J.—Jan. 46—July 48. Grigg/New. 6b—2b.

King's Day

Monday, October 11, was a lovely warm day, and many parents and friends had assembled in the Quad when H.E. the Governor and Lady Mitchell arrived at 9.45 a.m., to be greeted by the Royal Salute played by the Band under Drum-Major E. W. Balson. Since the J.T.C. is temporarily non-existent, there was no guard of honour, but 120 boys gave an excellent display of P.T. This was followed by a brief appearance of the new Pipe Band and some clever gymnastics by a special squad. We congratulate Mr. J. W. Riddell on the standard achieved. The whole School wore button-holes or rosettes of their House colour.

The service and speeches took place for the first time in the School Hall, and those who were unable to gain admittance to the Hall were able to listen outside by means of loudspeakers. The service consisted of two hymns, the Old Hundredth and "Turn Back O Man", the usual Lesson from Ecclesiasticus, read by M. H. Shaw, Head of the School, and prayers read by Arch-deacon Beecher.

The Headmaster welcomed the guests and expressed the appreciation of the School at the presence of His Excellency. After deploring the death of Sir Geoffrey Northcote, Chairman of the School Committee, he continued:

"It has been a busy year. In January, we accepted 174 new boys, a feat made possible only by the completion of the fourth of the new boarding houses. We might have lain like a boa-constrictor digesting an enormous meal; but the vitality of the School enabled this intake, 30% greater than the previous year's to be absorbed at once, and take its place without fuss in the full life of the School. Of course, the excellent work done by the Primary Schools was really responsible.

"We are equipped for 455 boarders without overcrowding; we have 497 at the moment.

"I am profoundly thankful that Government has decided not to increase any further the size of this School, and I venture to compliment Government on the courage of its decision to start at once to build a new school, within easy reach of Nairobi and of ourselves. We shall do all we can to help and encourage that school. We look forward eagerly to the day when it is large enough to be our rival, and provide that competition and stimulus which at present we lack. More

selfishly, we shall be glad when it relieves our overcrowding. It is all very jolly to have nearly 600 boys here; but it does tax our drains, playing fields, gymnasium and studio beyond their proper capacity; and it does impose burdens on Sanatorium, Bursar and Headmaster which we bear gladly and cheerfully, but with the hope of some relief.

"In our boarding accommodation, we are in the main very fortunate; and I sometimes feel guilty that we are so much more comfortable than Kenya High School. I have not so far made any fuss about the accommodation for tuition and other activities, for I knew that at present little could be done to extend it. However, I think it right to state publicly, for future reference, that our laboratories, workshop, studio and other teaching rooms are well below the standard of the ordinary English public school; and they are very far indeed below the standard normal to the state-aided secondary school in England. They can only be improved by the expenditure of much money; I am well aware that the money is not at present available, and therefore I am content to make the best of the limited facilities. This may be inevitable, but it is not efficient.

"The Old Cambrian Society, thanks to the energy of its officers, has made further and important progress during the last year. I very much look forward to attending at the end of this month the formal opening by Your Excellency of the new Club House. This Club House, and the fine grounds round it, are at present the most obvious achievement of the Society, but by no means the only one."

He briefly reviewed the principal events of the year—the inauguration of Scott House, Examination results, records in athletics, the victory in the Craig Cup competition, the performances of "Messiah", "Elijah" and St. Luke's Passion, the stage productions of "Warn That Man" and "Macbeth", and said:

"Thanks to Mr. Anderson and his helpers, we have added a bag-pipe section to our band—16 very keen boys go weekly to Nairobi to learn that difficult and dreadful art.

"Two enterprising boys have this term started a Scout troop in the Intermediate and Junior Houses, selecting 36 initial members out of 66 applicants. I wish that I could get a first-class Scout master here; for eventually I want a good troop for keen juniors, and also a small select senior troop, which can train future Scout masters. Quite apart from European troops, the

need for men able to help Indian and African troops is great.

"Unfortunately, the J.T.C. has not yet been revived. General Dimoline, after his visit a year ago, took an immense amount of trouble. The J.T.C. scheme is being considered by the War Office; but it is tied up with the question of local military forces in Kenya; and perhaps by now the file has got lost!

"I will take this opportunity of thanking the Kenya Arts and Crafts Society for the loan of pictures which adorn two of the Dining Halls, and also the British Council for the exhibition of pictures they lent us last term.

"It is not yet easy to induce boys to submit articles for the 'Impala'—now a vastly improved magazine—or for the 'Commentator', which was run last term very successfully as a weekly paper.

"It is my aim to get training overseas for as many boys as possible. Unfortunately, the scheme which I invented in 1946 proved impracticable; this was for Kenya boys to volunteer to be conscripted into the British Army. They would have got a change of scene and a good general training. On their return to Kenya as hardened young men they would have been of real value to many employers, including Government.

"Of the 150 boys who left during 1947, 33 have gone overseas to Universities, apprenticeships, etc.; 18 younger boys to schools overseas; 31 went to Kenya farms; 22 to various local apprenticeships, 31 to local business and 12 to Government Service.

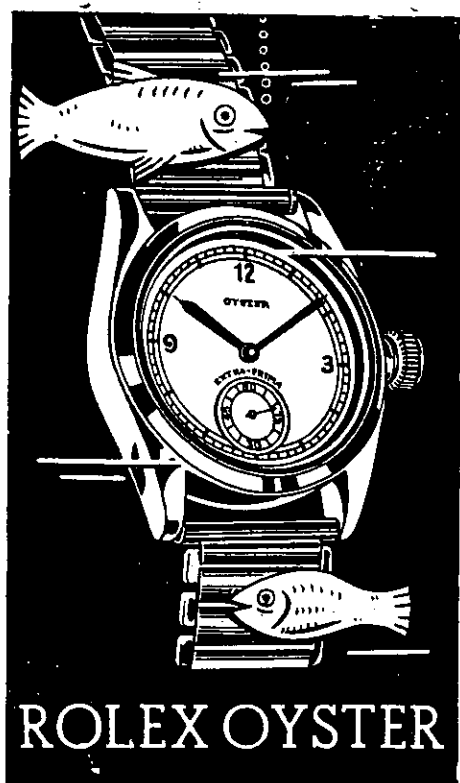
"Of the boys leaving this year, most have found their own openings; I have been asked to help find farm jobs for five or six boys, engineering apprenticeships for another five or six, business jobs for about a dozen.

"Two things will presently make it easier for East African boys to take training or employment in Nairobi. The Y.M.C.A. will build a fine hostel, just below the new Police mess at the bottom of Hospital Hill. Also, there will soon be a Technical Institute, which will be of great value to the boy who goes into business and also to the engineering apprentice.

"Here I will add that I deplore the very high starting salaries that are sometimes offered to boys. I know that it costs an up-country boy a minimum of Shs. 250/- a month to maintain himself in Nairobi; but I don't think that justifies an untrained boy being offered £20 or £25 per month for a start. I tell boys that they ought to be thankful for £5 a month for the

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first six months, until they have proved themselves—or even that they ought to pay for the privilege of being employed at all!

"Many boys who live in Nairobi have enormously enjoyed the holiday jobs so kindly arranged for them by Rotary. Some have got good permanent jobs as a result of this preliminary experience.

"Many other Nairobi boys are keen to spend part of the holidays on farms. Up-country farmers who are prepared to have a boy for part of the holidays are doing a real kindness to the boy; they are also doing something to break down the growing breach between town and country, something to increase the future supply of good workers on the land.

"Five months ago, that great lady our gracious Queen Elizabeth made a speech which has received too little publicity. She spoke of the complication of present day life, and went on to a paragraph which I will quote verbatim.

"Indeed, a right judgment in all things is an ideal at which we can all aim, and a good education will help us to attain it. The knowledge of facts, or events, is of no value if the mind is insufficiently trained or self-disciplined to understand them, to pass judgment on them, and finally to act quickly, boldly and clearly upon that judgment. Therefore, I would like to name the qualities which I believe we need, the three Ds—the elder brothers of the three Rs: first, discernment, the ability to judge between the false and the true, the essential and unessential; second, decision, the power to turn judgment into action; and third, design, the art of giving practical form to a plan of action."

"Discernment. Decision. Design.

"How do we try to develop those qualities? To what extent are they qualities that can be developed in schoolboys, as opposed to university students?

"Discernment can be fostered in the classroom, and in the school services; but even more in conversations between masters and individual boys, or groups of boys. How vast, in Kenya, is the range of problems that require discernment! Problems of race, of politics, of finance. I think that education in discernment can begin with the very young, and be continued through life.

"Training in Decision and Design will normally only be possible for older boys, for it is they who have decisions to make, designs to invent. A boy who carries responsibility must use these qualities; this is one rea-

son why I am anxious to spread some bearing of responsibility over a larger number of boys. I believe we must reshape our system somehow, to make boys 'doers' rather than 'listeners'.

"I have been pleased with the prefects lately. In Renn Davis, David Woodford and Ewan McCrae we had, for five terms, boys of outstanding quality and ability as Head of the School. Davis, the sensitive scholar and musician, who schooled himself for the rough and tumble of responsibility from which it was his natural inclination to shrink. Woodford, the clear-headed man of affairs, who combined athletic vigour with marked dramatic and literary ability. McCrae, the golden hearted, reliable rock, utterly devoted. These three, of whom any school could be proud, supported by many others whom I shall always remember gratefully, have left a deep mark on the School.

"I want to say a special word in praise of the 12 prefects who year by year run the Junior and Intermediate House.

"I think that nowadays the majority of prefects realise the immense value to themselves of the responsibility which they bear. Naturally, they make mistakes. It is right that they should, for few can learn except by making mistakes. It is right also, I think, that their mistakes should cause (as they sometimes do) inconvenience or annoyance to those over whom they rule. For I am all against life being too smooth or easy; 'tis good for a dog to have fleas, to keep him scratching; 'tis good for a boy to meet mild injustice or mild tyranny—he will meet them in the outside world. By meeting them young he may grow to loathe them, and so stop himself from imposing them on others. Needless to say, we see to it that a bad prefect's power to be unjust or tyrannical is very strictly limited!

"Everything worth having is associated with a risk. A good boy won't grow into a fine man unless he is adventurous; if he is adventurous, he may break his neck. He can't learn responsibility without there being a risk of mild chaos caused by his failure. He can't learn initiative unless he is free to make mistakes.

"I therefore quite deliberately give boys much freedom—they do not abuse it and I think learn much from it. Equally deliberately, I give prefects much work and much responsibility—they do the work very well and carry the responsibility a little better every term.

"Discernment — decision — design. Word spinning is a game fascinating to the spinner, if not to his hearers! Could not one add discretion and, above all, discipline? Not merely understanding of, and obedience to, an externally imposed discipline, though that valuable thing is as sadly lacking in Kenya as it is elsewhere; but self-discipline, one of the most valuable qualities we can strive to let boys develop.

"Those of you who love mountains may have had an experience like mine in Tasmania 16 years ago. We set out to climb a small mountain in unmapped country, heavily timbered. For six hours we toiled upwards, through fairly thick undergrowth. Never was the top visible; we could only plod uphill in the faith that uphill lay our goal. Suddenly we emerged from the bush, and there before us was the peak. It seemed at first that nothing lay between us and it save a uniform gentle slope, covered with short grass. But when, rejoicing, we stepped forth, we found that the grass was long, that there were many potholes and many rocky gullies. The last two hours to the summit were in fact hard work, though we were encouraged by knowing just where the summit was.

"Until the end of 1947, this School has been plodding uphill, through thick bush. My predecessors bore the major share of the burden, and have my gratitude for the fine work they did. Numbers always outstripped accommodation; staff was never adequate to the task. All energies were concentrated on struggling along, in the faith that the effort was in the right direction, that presently the summit would be visible.

"Early this year, I think we emerged from the bush, and stood on the verge of what appeared to be the smoother, easier slopes. Let us not be deceived. Let us rather be thankful that the path still lies uphill, that the going will not be easy.

"What is the summit? I make no secret of it—any good school must aim to become a parish of the Kingdom of God upon earth. Every boy and every master must be able to reach the most perfect stage of spiritual, mental and physical growth of which he is capable. I look for the day when boys may leave here aflame with love for God and men, self-dedicated to the service of God and men, seeking nothing for themselves save the opportunity of work to do and strength to do it. This is no hopeless or idealistic aim, to which only those richly endowed with brains may aspire. The dullest boy in the dullest form has in him a spark of

the divine life. He can become honest, upright, confident, unselfish, industrious, reliable; he can, by his sheer goodness of character and his courage, become a shining light to all who know him; the salt of the earth, the solid rock upon which a better world can be founded.

"That is the summit. Upon myself and my staff there falls the terrific responsibility of so shaping the curriculum of studies and of life here that the School may continue to walk uphill, and not imagine that all is now done because we are out of the bush. Our own skill and spirit are inadequate for the task; we need advice and encouragement and constructive criticism. We need divine help; this will surely come if you, and all who wish this School well, will join your fervent prayers to ours."

His Excellency, Sir Philip Mitchell, expressed his pleasure at being able to pay another visit to the School, and joined in the Headmaster's tribute to Sir Geoffry Northcote. He continued:

"I was very glad to hear your Headmaster say that he was profoundly thankful that Government has decided not to increase any further the size of this School; you will note, however, that he did not say that he was surprised to learn of this decision; and I will tell you why. A critical situation arose recently when we learnt that the buildings of the old Infantry Training School at Nakuru, on which we had been relying for a new school, were required by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, and would not be at our disposal. With a hundred boys to be provided for by the end of January and no really suitable buildings available anywhere, you may imagine that there was a flap. After personally examining every suggestion that anyone could think of, I came to the conclusion that the only practicable thing to do was, in the first place, to start building a new school on a suitable site as soon as possible, and secondly, to send the new draft to the Prince of Wales' School until their own buildings were ready. That seemed to me to be a nice, tidy arrangement which would have met the difficulty and given us time to build the new school. Mr. Thornley, the member of my Executive Council responsible for education, accepted this conclusion, but obviously with some trepidation, which I found difficult to understand, for he is a resolute man from Yorkshire. The same trepidation was perceptible in the highest circles in the Education Department. I had not long to wait, how-

ever, to discover the reason for it, for immediately the decision became known to the Headmaster, I had one of those painful interviews with him with which no doubt most of you are familiar; I had the slight advantage that it was in my study and not in his, but the result was what you would have expected. It began by my saying 'You've got to take another hundred boys next January', to which he replied, 'You've got to build a new school'. I said I couldn't build a new school by the middle of January, and we argued about it and the whole question quite a bit. But, as I have said, the result was what you would expect, and we have, in fact, decided not to send the new draft here, to build the new school at once, and to build it as rapidly as possible, although there is no hope that we shall be able to get it finished, even to the extent of being able to take a hundred boys, by the date on which it should open: there will inevitably be some delay, but the Public Works Department will put their backs into this job *con amore*, and I venture to predict that they will show us all that, given the tools, they can do the job—and do it quickly and well.

"Having taken that decision, the next thing to do was to find a site and a name. We have found what I think is a very good site indeed at the corner of the Forest Reserve near the Langata Forest Station, which we shall lease to the school from the Forest Department, so that the staff and pupils will be forest squatters.

"I am very happy to be able to tell you also that, having sought the permission of His Majesty the King to use the name 'Duke of York's School'—because it was as Duke of York that he visited the Colony—I have this week received his authority to do so: and I have no doubt that His Majesty will take a lively interest in its successful establishment. The new school will not start off with the extensive marble halls and sybaritic luxury in which you luxuriate here at the Prince of Wales' School. It will have to be an austerity school as far as buildings are concerned, anyhow to begin with, but I make no doubt that the staff and pupils will be absolutely first-class, and that the adventure of starting a new school in this way, bearing the King's title, will inspire boys and staff alike to do their best.

"We cannot hope to be ready by January next with sufficient buildings for a start; but the hundred pupils have to be provided for, and there are no appropriate buildings that I can think of to be had anywhere. In

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the circumstances I have decided that the best thing for me to do is to vacate Government House for about two months, except for a part of the old building and the Executive Council room, which we must retain for the transaction of business, and turn it over to the Duke of York's School for them to start in, so that the new school, proudly bearing the King's title, will start its existence in the King's house; and that seems to me entirely appropriate.

"Your Headmaster spoke just now, after quoting a remarkable passage from a speech by Her Majesty the Queen, of the desirability of adding to the qualities to which Her Majesty referred, the quality of discipline. In this episode between your Headmaster and myself about the hundred boys requiring places in school next January, you have an admirable example of discipline, and especially that self-discipline of which your Headmaster spoke; the disciplining of myself by himself. But, joking apart, the episode was in fact an admirable example of discipline—of that discipline which enables a man—which, indeed, compels a man—when he sees that a thing is wrong, to go straight to the highest authority and say 'This is wrong and must not be done'."

Sir Philip welcomed the re-introduction of Scouting and foresaw the early revival of the J.T.C. He was deeply concerned about the future of boys leaving school, to whom he said:

"It is evident that not only are colleges and training institutions in the United Kingdom going to be abnormally pressed for places for many years to come, but the costs are now such as to make them prohibitive to a large proportion of our young people who will need professional training. Reliance on South Africa for education and training after leaving school is more difficult now, not only because of congestion there too, but because, as the policy of bilingualism down there becomes more and more effective, it becomes more and more difficult for a boy or girl possessing only one language to take a diploma or degree, since in almost every institution it is a virtual certainty that some of the essential lectures and tuition will be in Afrikaans. It is clear, therefore, that we have got to do a lot more for ourselves.

"I am glad to say that a beginning is being made in the Colony at once, in that the Egerton School of Agriculture will open next February for the first time as an agricultural college, having completed its first

task of concentration entirely on special training of new settlers. It is unquestionably the right order of priority that the first provision of this kind should be made for agriculture. There will be a two-year diploma course, at the end of which successful candidates will be entitled to put 'Diploma of Agriculture (Egerton)' after their names. That will be a qualification not only for posts in the Government service, for which qualified local candidates will, of course, have a preferential claim, but for managerial posts in agricultural enterprises outside—and they are likely to be many and important. We must undoubtedly give close and early attention to developing this diploma in association with studies in forestry and veterinary science, so as to broaden its scope and the opportunities it offers, even though we must recognise that we cannot yet provide means of acquiring full professional qualifications—that must remain one of the peaks we should have before us and plan to scale. Meantime, we may be sure that a diploma course organised and carried through by Mr. Booth and his talented staff will be a qualification which will soon be recognised widely as being very valuable.

"We have good hopes of having a Technical Institute established here in the near future, and I believe a Commercial Training College of an important kind is planned by a very well-known firm in the United Kingdom. There are also a variety of apprenticeship schemes available, and it will probably now be possible to get young men from here accepted for enlistment in the technical services of the Royal Navy, the Army, and the Royal Air Force; anyhow, if any want to try, I will see that they get all possible help.

"Those are useful beginnings, but manifestly the time has come when we have got to think on much broader lines and much further ahead than that, and that brings us face to face with the awkward question of finance.

"How I wish the wealthy people of our own race in the Colony—and there certainly are such people—how I wish that they could be seized with enthusiasm and emulation by the example of the Aga Khan and the Bohora community, and place at my disposal the funds to establish an Institute of British Education, for that is what we need at this stage!

"There can be no doubt that a University of East Africa will come into existence in the lifetime of most of you boys present here to-day—a university which

will, of course, make provision for all races and will have colleges appropriate to everybody resident in East Africa; but that is a long way ahead at this stage, and what is wanted now is some central institute enjoying complete academic and intellectual freedom, directed by a first-class governing body, and disposing of sufficient funds to set on foot the many and diverse processes which must lead, through the development of such institutions as the Egerton School, the Technical Institute, and other things of that kind, as well as special training overseas, to the establishment of a group of institutions and a wide range of studies capable of becoming in due course the foundations on which a university may be established. There is such a tremendous opportunity here to-day to do, not only for British young people but for the territories at large and for all who live in them, a service of outstanding merit and importance, equal to that performed in other lands by great men like Carnegie, Rhodes, Rockefeller or Beit; just think of the incalculable benefits that the Beit Trust has conferred upon Southern Rhodesia! What a wonderful opportunity! Will there be any to take it?"

He fully agreed with the Headmaster's inspiring words on "the summit", but he wished to add "It is vitally important that there should be a summit always before us—and always out of reach. There are a good many tired and disillusioned people—Weary Willies—about in the world to-day, and we are not without our share of them here in Kenya; a good many of them, I think, must be tired, over-tired, at the thought that if they are not careful, one day they may have to do some work. One consequence is a sort of mixture of cynicism and defeatism and, if I may be permitted such an expression, of what-the-hell-ism, which finds its outlet in continuous complaint, whining and grumbling and deprecating and slandering and all the rest of it. I suppose there are poor fish in every pool, and that can't be helped, but it is tremendously important that there should be plenty of active, keen, fighting fish. Believe you me, you will never do any good in the world to yourselves or anybody else unless you approach every day with zest and zeal and delight; unless you have a summit always in front of your eyes, to strive towards, and in your hearts a deep, real and devoted loyalty to your King and love of and pride in your people and your country; and unless you totally reject the Weary Willies and their silly nonsense and grubby habits.

"But if you really think that this lovely country is no good ; that the King's Government is plotting to do you harm ; that Britain is down and out ; that there is no sense in having a King ; if you really think that there is nothing in front of you worth having in life, that Indians and Africans are dangerous savages who are scheming all the time to destroy you, and that anyhow nobody is going to give you a square deal because you are Kenya, or anyhow East African born ; if you really think that and all the rest of the silly nonsense, well—go out into the garden and shoot yourselves : you will at least perform one useful function, as fertiliser.

"But if, combined with a real faith and belief in God and in the Christian way of life which you have been learning at this School and I hope in your homes, you have also the inspiration of loyalty to the King, to Britain and to the Commonwealth, and especially to this country in which you have made your homes, and to which you owe all that you have and all that you are ; if you can see that life may well be dangerous, even more dangerous for the next generation than for the last, but that it is tremendously worth while, and that there are on all sides things tremendously worth doing—if only they are done zealously and well ; if you can see that the other races are human beings like yourself, differing from you in many ways, lacking many things which you and yours have enjoyed for centuries, desperately needing leadership and guidance towards the better future to which they aspire as much as you and I ; why then you will find the world very much to your taste and opportunity continuously within your reach, opportunity for doing things which you will be glad to remember afterwards ; and you will be the sort of young men this country, the Commonwealth and the world need : and, I may add, the sort of young men that I have not the slightest doubt most of you in fact are.

"May I end by quoting to you some verses dated 1942, and written of the Pilgrim Fathers who founded the first American Colonies, but applicable in many ways to us, who are founding a new Colony in this part of Old Africa ? Here they are :—

'What were you carrying, Pilgrims, Pilgrims?

What did you carry beyond the sea ?

We carried the Book, we carried the Sword,
A steadfast heart in the fear of the Lord,
And a living faith in his plighted word
That all men should be free.

'How did you fare there, Pilgrims, Pilgrims?

What did you build in that stubborn land ?

We felled the forest and tilled the sod
Of a continent no man had trod,
And we stablished there, by the grace of God,
The rights whereby we stand.

'What are you bringing us, Pilgrims, Pilgrims?

Bringing us back in this bitter day ?

The selfsame things we carried away :

The Book, the Sword,

The fear of the Lord,

And the boons our fathers dearly bought :

Freedom of Worship, Speech and Thought,

Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear,

The liberties we hold most dear,

And who shall say us Nay ?

"If a bitter day should come upon us again, which God forbid, we must be sure that we have the courage, the faith and the devotion to carry back to the help of the Commonwealth the incomparable things with which we have been started on our journey—the selfsame things we carried away. But we shall have nothing to carry back if we have not preserved those things, if we have slipped by sloth into the ways of the Weary Willies.

"That, no less, is the measure of our privilege and of our obligation : and might well serve us as the summit upon which to fix our eyes with constancy and faith."

At the end of the speeches, the acting Director of Education paid a graceful tribute of thanks to His Excellency, the National Anthem was sung, and the School gave three cheers for Sir Philip Mitchell. The guests were entertained in the Main Dining Hall, and then went on to inspect the very interesting exhibitions of books, stamps, art and carpentry. The first of these won high praise from our contemporary "The Sunday Post".

Book Exhibition

An Exhibition of Books was held on King's Day this year, with the two-fold object of enabling members of the School, their parents and friends to see Mss and Books which they would not otherwise have an opportunity of viewing, and of encouraging a love of

books. The exhibition was planned to show the development of book production from the earliest printing — pre-printing manuscripts being a form of introduction. It would be impossible in this notice to mention all the exciting books on view, but important exhibits were a fragment of a Psalter on vellum c. 1450, a page from Caxton's printing press, two "breeches" Bibles dated 1509 and 1608, a Bible and Prayer Book printed by Charles II's binder (1673), a beautiful example of the fine 18th century Cambridge printer, Baskerville, and first editions of Charles Dickens' Pickwick Papers (1837 and 1838). There were also examples of 19th and 20th century illustrators, and a section was devoted to modern binding 1900-1938. The onus of organising the Exhibition fell on Mr. Chadwick, and he and Mr. Spencer, who helped with the arrangement, are to be congratulated on an enterprise, both fascinating and important, which gave great pleasure to a large and appreciative number of visitors. E.G.A.

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The Scientific Exhibition

During the second week in August, the Nairobi Scientific and Philosophical Society held their first Scientific Exhibition, in the School laboratories. The Exhibition was opened at 5 p.m. by Sir George Sandford, K.B.E., C.M.G., who was introduced by the Society's President, Dr. B. A. Keen, D.Sc., F.R.S. Eight rooms and two first-floor balconies were in use.

In one room, the Radio Society of East Africa exhibited a complete working amateur radio station, including transmitters and receivers of various types. During the Exhibition, the station contacted many amateurs in other countries. Also exhibited were two recorders, a "Webster" steel-wire recorder, and a "Sound-Mirror" metallised paper-tape recorder. The wire recorder was of great assistance during the Exhibition, as many of the visitors recorded their voices, and a number were obviously surprised at the results. The recordings on both recorders are made by means of magnetism.

In the adjoining room, a sound of machinery could be heard. These were working calculating machines, exhibited by the Statistical Department. On the wall were some charts of population. Also in this room was the Meteorological Department, surrounded by innumerable instruments. Besides the instruments used on the ground, there were some Radio Sonde instruments. These are small thermometers and other instruments, which are carried into the air by gas-filled balloons. The instruments are, in effect, miniature radio transmitters, which emit different radio impulses, which vary according to the temperature, atmospheric pressure and wind velocity. These impulses are received by receivers on the ground, and are de-coded to give the required information.

In the next room, the school mineral collection, and some East African minerals and geological maps, on loan from the Lands, Mines and Surveys Department, were on show. There were some fine mineral specimens in the exhibit, including a large crystal of Ruby Mica and some specimens of gold-bearing quartz, as well as ores of many other metals. The other half of the room was filled with many interesting items exhibited by the East African Agricultural Research Institute, Amani, Tanganyika Territory. One of the tables was covered with many of the Institute's publications, including two

booklets, written in German. These were printed when the Institute was a German Research Station, before the Territory became part of British East Africa. Alongside this table was a relief model of the Amani district. There was also a working model of the method used for measuring sunlight, using a photo-electric cell. There were examples of cassava, bred for disease resistance, and many specimens of different plants, including the ivory palm, and a walking stick made from the ivory-nut kernels, which looked very much like ivory.

The other room on the ground floor contained a sisal exhibit, showing a model of double row sisal spacing, and many samples of sisal fibre. This was exhibited by the Sisal Research Stations of East Africa, who also displayed some charts on sisal growing. A member of the Coffee Research Team was also in this room, showing the methods used in the continuous electrical determination of moisture in soil, and the rapid measurement of the wilting point of soils. Some electromagnetic experiments were also done in this room by Senior members of the school.

On one of the first-floor balconies, the Nairobi Model Engineering Society displayed some of their many models, including miniature engines, a model locomotive and some model aeroplanes. Two of the aeroplanes, a Diesel tow-line model and a model jet plane, were flown on the main playing fields during the Exhibition, and drew many interested spectators. Model aeroplanes in various stages of construction were also shown.

In the room adjoining the balcony were many different interesting exhibits. Immediately inside the door was a large model of a pyrethrum drier. This was part of the exhibit arranged by the Pyrethrum Board of Kenya, who also showed the many stages in the analysis of pyrethrum powders, and also an interesting example of the action of pyrethrum powder on weevils. The Veterinary Research Laboratory, Kabete, exhibited a very interesting display of parasitic worms, and the methods of immunisation against rinderpest, in the past, the present and the future. Some members of the School exhibited some skeletons, including that of a frog, and of a rabbit, and some other biological specimens. They also showed some culture experiments. Exhibits of insects, and the transmission of certain diseases, and also how these diseases may be avoided, were displayed by the Medical Research

Laboratory, Nairobi. The Nairobi Municipal Public Health Department showed how infectious diseases are controlled. A very interesting exhibition of the stages in the manufacture of salt and soda products at Magadi was displayed by the Magadi Soda Co. Ltd. The exhibit showed all the stages, from the raw Trona, as the crystallised soda, straight from the lake, is called, to the finished product.

On the other first-floor balcony there were two telescopes, a 3-inch refracting telescope and an 8.5-inch reflecting telescope. Unfortunately, the moon was seldom visible, owing to the clouds. On the table there were some astronomical maps, diagrams, and some very interesting photographs.

One of the remaining rooms was fitted out as a cinema, and two film shows were given on each of the three days, at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. The films were very kindly lent and shown by the British Council, and were on very interesting scientific subjects, including "Steel", "Plastics", "Kew Gardens", "The Life of Pin-Mould", "The Making of Dyes", "Looking Through Glass", and others.

In the next room the Industrial Research Board showed the manufacture of pottery and fertilisers. Electric furnaces, made from local materials, were also displayed. Some members of the School demonstrated X-ray apparatus in the dark room. They also displayed a burglar alarm, using a photo-electric cell—a ray of infra-red light, which is invisible to the human eye, is directed onto a photo-electric cell. If this ray is broken, a bell rings. The Government Chemist demonstrated the use of ultra-violet light for chemical analysis. He also demonstrated a refractometer, and a spectrometer. The spectrometer breaks up various substances, an electric light, sunlight, burning sodium, into spectrums, and is used for comparing the spectrums of different substances. The principle of the spectrometer is that the light emitted by an element, if it is allowed to pass through a fine slit and be analysed by a prism, is found to consist of a number of fine, bright lines of varying colours. These are known as the spectrum, or spectral lines. Every element possesses its own system of spectral lines, serving to characterise the element and to show its particular structure. The spectrometer acts as the fine slit and the prism.

The last room contained purely chemical exhibits. Some members of the School showed methods of

measuring acidity and alkalinity. The different strengths of the acids and alkalis were shown, with a comparison of the different indicators—Litmus, Methyl-Orange and Phenolphthalein. There was also an exhibit showing the preparation of pigments for paints, by precipitation, and also the preparation of sulphuric acid. There were also three experiments with starch. One of them was the method used to determine the amount of moisture in a starch specimen—the specimen was distilled with chloroform, and the water vapour was measured off a scale. The distilled chloroform was then siphoned back into the boiling flask. The other two starch experiments were to distinguish different kinds of starch, and also the extraction of fatty material from a specimen.

The Exhibition was very successful. Over 600 people visited it during the three days, and no-one seemed at all disappointed in it.

R.J.W.

The Library

The borrowing facilities of the Library are not so widely used as they might be (an average of 50 books are borrowed per week), but as a reading room during study periods and other free moments, it holds an important place in the life of many boys. Nearly a hundred books have been added to the shelves during the last three months, bringing the total to nearly 1,800 books, and we hope to add a considerable number in the near future. On behalf of all users of the Library, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking many members of the School Staff who have put a tremendous amount of work into the Library, and also I should like to thank my two assistants for all the work they are doing there.

J. L. Beecher,
Librarian.

The Band

As in 1947, the Band paraded on Sports Day, and again succeeded in producing a satisfactory salute after the prize-giving, in spite of the exertions of the Composite Relays. The Band also sounded the Retreat at Muthaiga on one day of the Kenya Polo Association's Nairobi tournament. Though perhaps a trifle stale

during the second Term, enthusiastic practice early this Term restored it to its best form for King's Day. Once again the turnout and marching were smart, and the playing of Drums and Bugles confident and vigorous. Lately Sergeant C. F. Mercier has assisted the Staff production of "Macbeth" with appropriate bugle fanfares.

The Band hopes to be restored in the near future to its former status as J.T.C. Band; meanwhile, it has carried out its weekly Flag Parades regularly. Next year will see many changes in the Band's personnel, and the N.C.O's. have done good work in training the recruits to fill the gaps. Sergeant A. E. Brooks has already left, while D. O. L. Drummond has been able to return to duty. The following promotions have been made:—Corporals: A. K. Catchpole, P. D. Owen Thomas; L/Corporals: D. A. Hardy, D. O. L. Drummond. J. N. S. Mouton has been promoted from recruit to bandsman.

King's Day was also enlivened this year by the first appearance of the Pipe Band, which performed attractively between the P.T. and gymnastic displays. The players were:—Pipes: J. P. Bruce, N. S. Gordon, D. K. Strachan; Drums: E. H. O'Hara, P. D. le Riche, J. C. Fox. The tunes included "Scotland the Brave" and the "Skye Boat Song". Strachan and le Riche also have aided "Macbeth" with Pipes and Drum. The Pipe Band is sponsored by the Caledonian Society of Kenya, and its members are grateful for the encouragement and instruction they have received from the Society.

CONCERT CLUB

The third meeting of the Concert Club was held on Sunday, June 13, and again we were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sim, who allowed us the freedom of their house for the occasion. The packed audience heard some surprisingly musical renderings of Sea Shanties old and new, sung by tenors and basses. Mr. Dodd and Mr. Spencer gave the third and last of their musical "cross-talks"; this time on dances through the ages. Mr. Dodd, who has now returned to England, will be sorely missed at these little concerts, not only for his tenor voice but also for his infectious enthusiasm. Some rash members of the audience volunteered to suffer, at the wily hands of Mr. Goldsmith, a musical quiz. One of his more outrageous questions was: Find the hidden composer in these sentences: "The

dog tore a piece out of his trousers" and "The fish rose as the bait hove in sight" and so on.

An entertaining evening was brought to an end by our special guest of the evening, Mr. Fenton, an Old Cambrian, who played to us on his violin, accompanied by Mrs. Barton.

It is impossible to mention all the singers who took part, but the trebles deserve a word of praise for their singing of the Rounds off stage, and the tenors and basses, who were bold enough to sing solo verses in the Shanties.

DISCUSSION CIRCLE

We started our activities halfway through the year with Mr. Lamont as Chairman and W. Young as Secretary. Our weekly meetings proved so popular that membership had to be limited to ten from each Senior House.

A recent feature has been visits from outside speakers, beginning with Mr. Collison who gave us a very instructive and entertaining talk on China.

The following week, Mr. Gray Attwell delighted us with an exposition of Radar, which bats used for thousands of years before man thought of it.

Our Debates are informal and every boy is encouraged to state his view, even if he has little to say. Such exchanges of ideas on a wide variety of subjects have obviously considerable educational value.

W. Young.

WOODWORK CLUB

Secretary — N. von Berg

At the beginning of the year the Woodwork Club lost many of its craftsmen, including R. A. Beazley and P. H. Verdon, who had been making a large boat. However, we pulled up our socks and set out to meet the requirements of King's Day, but relied more upon our classwork than Club work. The Junior Club did their share when they had time to relax from the crystal sets, which leave the Club on Wednesdays in a never-ending stream. We showed trays, wax-polished book-holders, handkerchief boxes and ashtrays of various descriptions. Whether it is a rumour or not, we believe that our lathe has at last arrived in Nairobi. Mr. Anderson visited Meru and procured a very fine piece of ebony. At the moment a bedside table is being made, and a slip-catching machine is being devised for the use of the School XXII cricket teams.

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AEROMODELLING CLUB

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The Club has made considerable progress this term. There are several new members, and everyone is engaged in building or test-flying their models. The standard of the models is rising rapidly, and two enterprising modellers are building a 'plane of their own design. The supplies of balsa wood in Nairobi are increasing and relieving the shortage, which has slowed down the progress of all the model Clubs. There are indications that a competition might take place at the end of this term. The membership of the Club is now at its permitted maximum, but next term there will be a few vacancies for new members.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman
Secretary

Mr. E. M. Cobb
M. C. S. Philip

On June 12, the Society held a debate in the Library with two guests from the Staff as the principal speakers. Mr. L. R. Dodd proposed and Mr. N. R. Chadwick opposed the motion "That this house deplores convention". M. C. S. Philip and R. F. Howarth respectively seconded the two speakers. This debate was one of the best held by the Society, the two principal speakers making excellent speeches and tremendously enlivening the proceedings. The motion was carried by 11 votes to 8.

A Play Reading was held in Mr. E. M. Cobb's house on June 27. The play read was "The Winslow Boy" by Terence Rattigan. This was enjoyed by all and the evening voted by all to be a general success.

On July 24, the Society staged a Mock Trial before the whole School. Mr. Brian Figgis very kindly accepted an invitation to act as Judge and played his part to perfection. The prisoner at the Bar was E. D. McCrae, charged with "habitually wasting time". Counsel for the Prosecution was Mr. E. M. Cobb, and Mr. C. M. Taylor defended the prisoner. After many witnesses of different kinds had been heard, the jury found the prisoner guilty, and the Judge sentenced him to be banished from the State of Cambria.

At the beginning of this term it was decided at a business meeting of the Society to remove the limit to

the number of members. This is to ensure a working nucleus for the beginning of each year, which will enable the Society to keep its head well above water. Eight further members were therefore admitted, bringing the membership of the Society to 23.

On October 2, the Society held a "snap-debate". During the evening ten subjects were debated and every member of the Society spoke. Despite this, everyone enjoyed it and the evening proved to be very amusing.

On October 23, four members spoke to the Society on subjects of interest. S. E. Napier Bax gave a detailed account of the progress of the 1914-18 war in East Africa; R. Maddox described some schools in the United States; M. J. Darling spoke on "Life in a Racing Stable"; and G. St. G. Catchpole rounded off the evening with an account of a safari up Mount Kenya.

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Elijah

Months of preparation had gone into the "Elijah" and it was a great thrill to face our first audience — 800 school children — from the stage of the Empire Theatre on November 8th. Great credit is due to Mr. Spencer who trained us and to Mr. Coltart who had trained the Kenya High School, as well as to the indefatigable pianists, Mrs. Barton and Mr. Duff. The school tenors and basses were reinforced by ten masters, and the High School were also assisted by friends and masters' wives, though not to the same extent. The huge orchestra was a bit overwhelming and we think we should have sung better if we had not been packed on either side of the stage like sardines and if the four parts had not been separated by a mass of trumpets and other noisy instruments; for the sopranos and altos were on one side and the tenors and basses on the other. We should like to thank Jean de Middeleer for the pains with which he put the finishing touches to the Choir and for the forbearance which he showed towards our inexperience, and to congratulate him on the final result.

Mrs. Eva Kenworthy has kindly supplied us with the following criticism of the Concert:—

"With his exceptional gift of lyricism, Mendelssohn is perhaps the easiest of composers to listen to, and the concert presented on the 10th and 12th November by the E.A. Conservatoire of Music included some of the best of his compositions.

The Nairobi Orchestra, conducted by Jean de Middeleer, opened the programme with the overture "Fingal's Cave", a typical example of Mendelssohn's "picture" music. This was followed by the famous Violin Concerto, played by Elizabeth Hunt with the orchestra. Starting rather nervously, both soloist and orchestra gained confidence in the second movement, which was performed with beautiful tone and tempo, never degenerating into the sickly sentimentality which so often mars this movement, and followed by the lovely, dancing third movement.

"The remainder of the programme was devoted to the first part of the oratorio "Elijah", a musical setting of incidents taken from the life of that fierce and passionate old prophet. The composition is for full chorus, soloists and orchestra and in this Mendelssohn's melodic gifts and genius for orchestration are seen to particular advantage, while the choruses are some of

the most impressive ever written. The task of M. de Middeleer, as conductor, was to weld the three sections into an artistic whole, and in this he succeeded. There were moments, perhaps, when the brasses and basses together were too much for the sopranos, but such moments were rare and the balance, on the whole, was good.

"The choral singing was above the average in tone and quality and great credit goes to the boys and girls taking part — to the girls for sweet tone and to the boys for clear enunciation. A little more attack or "bite" on "Baal, we cry to thee" would have helped to build up the tension, but "Thanks be to God" was grand and full.

"One of the best items of the performance was the quartet between the leading soloists, Joan Keogh, Rebe Edmond, Reginald Deacon and Richard Coltart in "Cast thy burden upon the Lord" — all voices blending beautifully and singing as one in feeling.

"Richard Coltart as Elijah was a tower of strength, never failing with his expressive and intelligent interpretation to maintain interest in the story — even though one knew the cloud would appear he made the waiting for it exciting. And as the youth who saw the cloud appear, Audrey Cochrane's clear choir-boy's voice was exactly right.

"Joan Keogh as the Widow sang her part with suitable pathos: she has a charming soprano voice. As an Angel, Rebe Edmond's lovely soprano, already well-known in Nairobi, was heard to advantage in "Woe unto them"; which was particularly impressive.

"The part of Obadiah was taken by Reginald Deacon. He has a fine voice and every word was clearly heard: to him fell "If with all your hearts", which he sang with much warmth and feeling.

"The orchestra comprised 53 players (surely the largest number yet to be mustered in Nairobi?), drawn from all sections of the community, some professional, others amateur, but all putting in hour after hour of hard practising week after week for the love of music and to the great benefit of the community. The girls and boys of the Kenya High School and the Prince of Wales, who were privileged to work with this orchestra and M. de Middeleer, must have gained inspiration from the experience and are doubtless hoping, as we are, that rehearsals for the second part of "Elijah" will shortly be on their way."

E.K.

WARN THAT MAN

by VERNON SYLVAINE

Produced by JUDITH WOODS

Characters in order of appearance :

Lord Buckley (of Buckley Hall)	Guy Catchpole
Miss Conway, his secretary	Antony Chater
Brent, the butler	Anthony Catchpole
Mellows, of the Secret Service	Edward O'Hara
Frances, niece to Lord Buckley	Nicholas von Berg
"Mellows"	Michael Innes-Walker
"Brent"	Marcus Durand
"Miss Conway"	J. J. Woods
"Lord Buckley"	Maurice Slapak
"Charles"	Richard Truran
"Wilson"	Herbert Munk
Johnny Cooper, an actor	John Beecher
Leonard Fisher, a Theatre Manager	Jeremy Needham-Clarke
George Hawkins, Stage-door Keeper	Michael Darling
First Despatch Rider	Charles Mercier
Second Despatch Rider	Hans Worth

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Stage Manager	E. J. Clarke
Scenery assisted by P. Beckley, N. Gordon, J. Rehm, E. Strong and others	W. Read Salmon
Set Construction and Painting assisted by N. T. H. Karnzs.	R. McLellan Sim
Lighting and Effects	E. J. Clarke
Stage Staff: Mr. Alvanos, D. F. Corroyer, D. E. Hilbourne, M. W. Jansen, E. I. Johansson, H. van der Stegen	
Costumes	Trudi Cobb
Business Manager	Ray Barton

A Parish Magazine's account of the Annual Fete is expected to mention kindly by name all those who arranged and helped at the event. Any use, however, which a School Magazine's notice of a School Play may have, lies in its ability to assess the play and its performance fairly, and to indicate, if possible, any weaknesses which could be eliminated in future plays, as well as singling out the points of special merit in the production under review.

Vernon Sylvaïne's play, "Warn That Man", is a difficult play for amateurs. Its dialogue, though amusing in many places, is monotonous in style; its plot lacks much variation of type in its incidents; the whole play was written for, as well as about, the time of the London "blitz"; and, above all, the play was written as a vehicle for the particular individual acting talent of Mr. Gordon Harker, in the part of George Hawkins.

Set against these difficulties, however, is the fact that there is plenty of action in the play, of a straightforward "Put up your hands, you so-and-so" variety; there are plenty of dead bodies; and a lot of fun. Realising all this, the producer, Mrs. Judith Woods, had obviously decided to whip the production along at a good spanking speed; this wise decision she carried out admirably, and the utmost credit must go to her for the fact that never once, even for a minute, did, or could, the audience lose interest in the play, or feel that the production was dragging. With a cast inexperienced in timing and subtle inflection, and a play of no great intrinsic merit, that is no light achievement.

Of the individual actors, some were born actors; others had acting talent patiently thrust upon them. Nicholas von Berg is of the former group; he has a nice sense of timing and movement, and "acts in" to the others on the stage admirably: it is to be hoped that he will be seen again in future stage productions. This sense of dramatic timing has little to do with the size or importance of an actor's part, and, in this production, it so happened that it was most noticeable in three small-part actors—J. J. Woods, Jeremy Needham-Clarke and Charles Mercier. All these three know how to make their voices express their minds, and they should all take every opportunity to see and hear good stage or cinema acting, and to develop their innate acting interests and experience.

Michael Darling, who took the part played in London by Gordon Harker, acted well and with energy: and if he would give some further study to the art of

phrasing and timing, he would easily eliminate his tendency to become inaudible through shouting or gabbling his lines. On the night on which the writer saw the play, it was noticeable that Darling's audibility was much greater in the last scene than in the earlier parts of the play: in this last scene he was varying and controlling his timing of phrases: and a little more practice in this matter will amply repay him by greatly increasing his effectiveness as a forceful actor.

Maurice Slapak's performance as the bogus Lord Buckley was much less confident: he appeared unsure of his lines, and not fully inside his part. This may perhaps point a moral that, in future school plays, it is better to draw a cast from middle school boys, rather than to use senior boys who are overburdened with many School activities and responsibilities. At all events, a glance at the programme of "Warn That Man", when combined with a consideration of the forms and seniority of members of the cast, gives some grounds for such a suggestion.

Guy Catchpole gave a solid and steady performance as the real Lord Buckley. He is among those who have earned their acting talent by hard work, and deserves a special mention for his refusal to alter his speed of talking to that of the other characters round him on the stage. John Beecher did well in his part and preserved his individuality throughout: his slight tendency to notice the audience too much, and not to "play in" to the other actors sufficiently, will disappear with practice in living and not merely acting his part.

The other members of the cast must not mind if they are not mentioned by name: they all played their parts competently, and they will all benefit from noticing, when they go to a good film or play, the variations of tone and speed by which a professional actor or actress obtains the desired effects. Before leaving the subject of the performances themselves and the production of "Warn That Man", one must pass the verdict that this was a spirited and very enjoyable production, reflecting great credit on all concerned; with the lion's share of the credit being due to Mrs. Woods.

The last paragraph of this notice must consider the stage effects and lighting. The "Warn That Man" production suggested that it will be probably necessary to transfer some of the lighting to the back beam, to form a back batten which will eliminate dark patches and shadow from upstage scenery, but no praise is too high for all that has been already achieved by

Mr. E. J. Clarke, the Stage Manager, and others in the building and equipping of the School Hall stage. It is an acquisition from which innumerable boys will be able to gain hours of much profit and enjoyment.

I.J.M.

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Staff Entertainment

No time could be better for unrepressed amusement and relaxation than the evening after the morning on which class books are committed to locker and store for the duration of the holidays. Nor, do we think, can there be a more appropriate expression of this mood than a staff entertainment. Having endured, perforce, the belligerence of teachers in front of the blackboard for so long, it is agreeable to be given the opportunity of sitting back and enjoying their antics before the footlights.

Perhaps this explains, in part, the unqualified success of the staff entertainment held in the School Hall at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 31st July. In part, because there is no doubt that the show would have stood on its own merits at any time.

The tempo of the fun never flagged for a moment, and great credit is due to the producer, Mr. Clarke, who so skilfully combined a series of individual efforts—many of them hastily, even frantically, improvised and rehearsed amidst the pressure of end of term work—into a slick non-stop variety programme lasting two hours. In this respect one must also mention Mr. Sim, an imperturbable stage carpenter, whose frequent appearances to bridge any momentary gaps between turns did much to maintain the continuity of the laughs, and Mr. Knight, who, besides his own performances as vocalist and accompanist, kept up a lively flow of melody on the piano.

And now for the turns. The staff quartet, Messrs. Clarke, Knight, Spencer and Hurst, with Mrs. Spencer at the piano, dressed up some old nursery rhymes in the "New Look", rendered a nautical song (in which the stage carpenter felt an irrepressible urge to join), and finally—and this was the item that drew the heartiest applause—commented in topical verse on the recent activities, sporting and academic, of each House.

Mr. McCulloch produced two sketches. In the first we were introduced behind the scenes of a broadcasting studio, where a "technical hitch" garbled together in a highly diverting manner; a running commentary on a Nairobi race meeting (Mr. McCulloch), and two talks, that of Mr. Gilboy as a Headmaster, and that of Mr. Chadwick as a local farmer, both speaking on the subjects dearest to their hearts. In the second we were transposed to Ye Olden Days where Mr.

Chadwick as Ye Bolde Knight was decked out by his trusty knave, serf, or minion (Mr. Gilboy) in a selection of kitchen utensils by way of armour and sallied forth to Ye Wars, whilst his Faire Ladie dallied at home to sing a ballad of more modern vintage.

Mrs. Wood entertained us with a sketch illustrating how dangerous it can be when characters (Miss Wilson as the maiden, Messrs. Riddell and Gilboy her rival swains) suit, all too literally, the action to the word; particularly when the medium is colloquial English.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilboy took the subject of English a stage further in two easy lessons. In "Dumb Friends" proving to everyone's satisfaction that English can be expressed perfectly without a spoken word, and in "Eye Wash" illustrating the dangers inherent in quoting Shakespeare to one's washerwoman! What a happy stage partnership these two form!

Messrs. Knight and Watson then gave a lively impersonation of two temperamental pianists in a duet.

The stage was by no means dominated by the male members of the staff, for their wives were also well to the fore. Mrs. Pearson took us into the sphere of Modern Languages with two Viennese songs and a rumba from South America. A weird and wonderful musical instrument performed, whose component parts were wives chosen for their ability to hold a particular note when prodded by Mrs. Spencer, the "player" of this instrument.

But the pièce de resistance was undoubtedly the pantomime at the end. Beneath the traditional tutu skirt of the ballet could be discerned Mr. Riddell's husky legs executing a pas de deux. Messrs. David and Stewart made a hefty pair of twins, the latter effectively disguised in the uniform of the Kenya High School. Mr. Barton made a somewhat sinister appearance in top hat, mustachios and opera cloak, ignobly abetted by as foul a pair of miscreants as has ever slunk on to a stage—Messrs. Cobb and Liversidge.

So ended a most hilarious evening. It was difficult to say at the time who enjoyed themselves most, the audience or the staff taking part. In entertainment value it has certainly earned itself a place in the School activities. Let us hope the staff entertainment becomes a regular feature.

J.O'N.P.

Macbeth

The Weird Sisters	Meg McCulloch, Trudi Cobb, Esme Fyfe
Duncan, King of Scotland	George James
Malcolm, son of Duncan	M. C. S. Philip (S)
Donalbain, son of Duncan	P. G. Brown
Lennox	Frank Harris
Sergeant	Geoffrey Knight
Ross	Alastair Wardrop
Macbeth	Frank Gilboy
Banquo	Neil Chadwick
Angus	Peter Cobb
Servant	Colin Stewart (H)
Lady Macbeth	Judith Woods
Macduff	R. McLellan Sim
Portress	Chris Gilboy
Fleance, son of Banquo	Barrie Lennox-Browne (S)
Murderers	Hugh Hunter (Ni), Jeremy Marshall (Ni), John Taylor (S)
A Lord	Arthur David
Lady Macduff	Eileen Wilders
Macduff's son	Jeremy Woods (H)
Messenger	P. C. D. Allen (In),
Doctor	Ray Barton
Lady in Waiting	Doreen Wilson
Seton	P. G. Brown
Siward	Michael Goldsmith
Young Siward	Anthony Chater (H)

Produced by Ian McCulloch

In "Macbeth" Shakespeare probably wrote some of his finest poetry. His imagination was a tip-toe, and the swift rush of events as the tragedy pursues its relentless course carries the reader or spectator along like a river at floodtide. Thoughts are born, deeds planned and instantly put into action. "Murder most foul" hangs on the air, the smell of blood is in the nostrils and evil lurks in every corner.

Just how to stage this masterpiece is the problem which confronts every producer. Shall the witches be mere voices pregnant with evil which float out of the storm, or figures of realisation complete with beards and horrid cackling laughter? Is the ghost of Banquo

to be a bloodstained horror, or something seen only in Macbeth's anguished imagination?

Ian McCulloch compromised very cleverly. His treatment of the witches, chanting in the manner of a Greek chorus and carrying grotesque bearded masks which they donned at the approach of Banquo and Macbeth, was original and effective. If these scenes lacked some of the evil mystery associated with them, they certainly held nothing of absurdity which sometimes results from an overdose of realism.

It was an excellent idea to make full use of the centre aisle and side doors of the auditorium. This widened the scope of the "picture frame" stage and gave the theatre a true Shakespearean flavour. This was especially effective in the swift rush forward of the three murderers as they fell on Banquo and Fleance. The stage management throughout was excellent; scene followed scene swiftly and smoothly as the action of the play demands. A great deal of time and care must have gone to the achievement of such results.

Frank Gilboy played the onerous part of Macbeth with fine fervour and dramatic ability. He was not all of Macbeth, and was too inclined in the earlier scenes to "sound and fury", instead of building up gradually step upon evil step to the culminating tragedy of Macbeth's eventual madness. Judith Woods gave a painstaking performance in the extremely difficult part of Lady Macbeth. Neil Chadwick was a most likeable and believable Banquo. His diction was delightful and he spoke Shakespeare as he should be spoken.

There was an amusing performance by Chris Gilboy as the porter (turned into a portress for the occasion). It seems improbable, however, that in those wild and warring times a woman would have been guardian to the main entrance of the castle.

Other members of the long cast acquitted themselves well, with especially natural performances by Jeremy Woods as young Macduff, and Barrie Lennox-Browne as Fleance. The small part of Siward the elder was excellently played by Michael Goldsmith.

Special mention must be made of M. C. S. Philip, who undertook the part of Malcolm at short notice with excellent results and no suggestion of nervousness.

All connected with the production are to be congratulated on their courage and enterprise in staging this most difficult of Shakespeare's plays.

Mollie Donovan Maule.

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We have received another thoughtful study of the production from which we print extracts, since it is interesting how two students of Shakespeare can arrive at such different conclusions. The Editor agrees with neither but has refrained from expressing his own ideas.

"There are two approaches to the study of Shakespeare — the scholarly and the dramatic. The Scholar says — These plays were written for an audience 300 years ago, but times, manners and environment have changed. We must understand *his* environment, and study, and certainly, produce his plays as he himself would have produced them. The Producer says — Shakespeare has been dead for 300 years. The theatre he wrote for no longer exists. We must, therefore, adjust his plays to the requirements of a modern audience, and perform them so that they can be understood by the theatre-going public of today.

"Ian McCulloch, a bold and imaginative producer, obviously belongs to the latter class. His Macbeth was a pleasing performance for a modern audience, with all the elaboration necessary to produce that complete illusion which the theatre of today has come to require, but, we may enquire, is he entitled to 'monkey with' those essentials of the play on which the whole action of the tragedy depends? I refer to the witches. Now I am aware that there is in Holinshed a passage which runs as follows, 'By common opinion these women were eyther the weird sisters, that is (as you would say) ye Goddesses of destinee, or else some Nimphes or Faeries', and there is no doubt that Shakespeare seized on this passage at once to surmount a difficulty, which is, how to make a criminal of such a hero. He could not do it by mere madness. That would be revolting and unconvincing. But he did it by hallucination, the hallucination which seizes on a great and good mind, and leads it to its doom, and it is obvious that he did not intend his witches to be 'Nimphes or Faeries', by the various uncomplimentary references to them. I think, therefore, it is a pity that we saw these elegant

ladies appearing in the guise of witches, and I doubt if even a *modern* producer has the right to tamper with this mainspring of the play, even if he, to salve his conscience, tries to smooth over his action by the artificial expedient of giving his witches masks with which occasionally to hide their features.

"Frank Gilboy had made a close study of the part of Macbeth. He acted well, was entirely audible and ably brought out the changes in the character, particularly towards the end of the play when the man is surely the victim of sincere remorse. An admirable performance. Judith Woods showed to the best advantage in the sleep-walking scene which she played with judgment and restraint, giving a convincing portrayal of a mind overwrought and brought near to breaking point by the terrible chain of past events. George James's Duncan was a sincere portrait of a dear, kind man accompanied by diction of a high order, but perhaps Neil Chadwick as Banquo showed us the best acting of the play. He spoke deliberately and pleasingly and no point was lost. Michael Goldsmith showed plainly that he is cut out for bigger things in future productions. He speaks well and resonantly. A word of praise is due to M. C. S. Philip who at short notice played confidently the part of Malcolm.

"Great credit must be due to E. J. Clarke for his splendid lighting effects, and to the Stage Manager, W. Read Salmon. His scenery was simple and effective. But he had too much to do. So many breaks in the sequence of the play are not conducive either to the unities of the drama or the comfort of the audience. Finally, let me congratulate Ian McCulloch warmly on an interpretation of Macbeth with which not everyone will agree but for which we owe him a debt of gratitude. He gave us a most pleasant evening of entertainment, undoubtedly daring and original."

SCOUTS

A Scout Troop was formed here when the School began, but it had disappeared before the war. During the August holidays, however, it was revived in the fertile and energetic mind of G. W. Griffin; and at the beginning of term he started a Troop among the Juniors and Intermediates. There are now 40 boys in the Troop. A Senior Patrol of eight boys has just been

started in New House, and it is hoped that the same thing will happen in other Houses in the near future. We have already held one camp fire, which was rather in the nature of a dress rehearsal, and before the "Impala" is published, we shall have had a second, to which over 50 Scouts and Guides have been invited. We also plan to hold a week-end camp for Patrol Leaders and Seconds. This will be a training camp as we hope to camp for a week at the end of the term with the whole Troop.

J. L. BEECHER,
Assistant Troop Leader.

School Badges

Much work has been done by the Games Committee in clarifying the system of games badges, etc., during the year. The award of House Colours has also been revised. The new House Colour is in the form of a chevron, bearing the name of the House, which may be worn immediately beneath the School Badge on the blazer. This replaces the rectangular House Badge which everyone is entitled to wear. House Colours may be awarded to those few who do exceptionally well for their Houses on the field of Sport. They may be earned for one game, or for a combination of games, and are awarded at any time during the year, entirely at the discretion of those in charge of the House.

The next Badge that an Athlete may win, will probably be a School XI or XV. These badges are awarded by the Captains of the games concerned, usually to anyone who has played three matches for a School team, and are spaced round the School Crest. The Cricket "XI" is half-way down the right hand side of the Badge, the Hockey "XI" opposite on the left hand side, and the Rugby "XV" below it. A selected few are given their School Colours, chevrons bearing the name of the particular game, which are worn beneath the House Colours.

Finally, for the exceptionally brilliant, there remain Honours Caps. These are awarded by the Captain at the end of the season and repose upon the receivers' mantelpieces as cherished relics.

M. H. Shaw.

Sentimental Evening

In a flame of golden glory flows the sunset,
Yellow-tinted the amber, windswept grass.
The crimson glow paints the purple violet,
And the jocund birds into the folding night pass.
The emerald foliage grows dark upon the trees;
Rose clouds linger in a pale blue sky,
As the scent of jacaranda blossom fills the breeze,
The day smiles and is fill'd with rapture — then
must die.

K. Tighe.

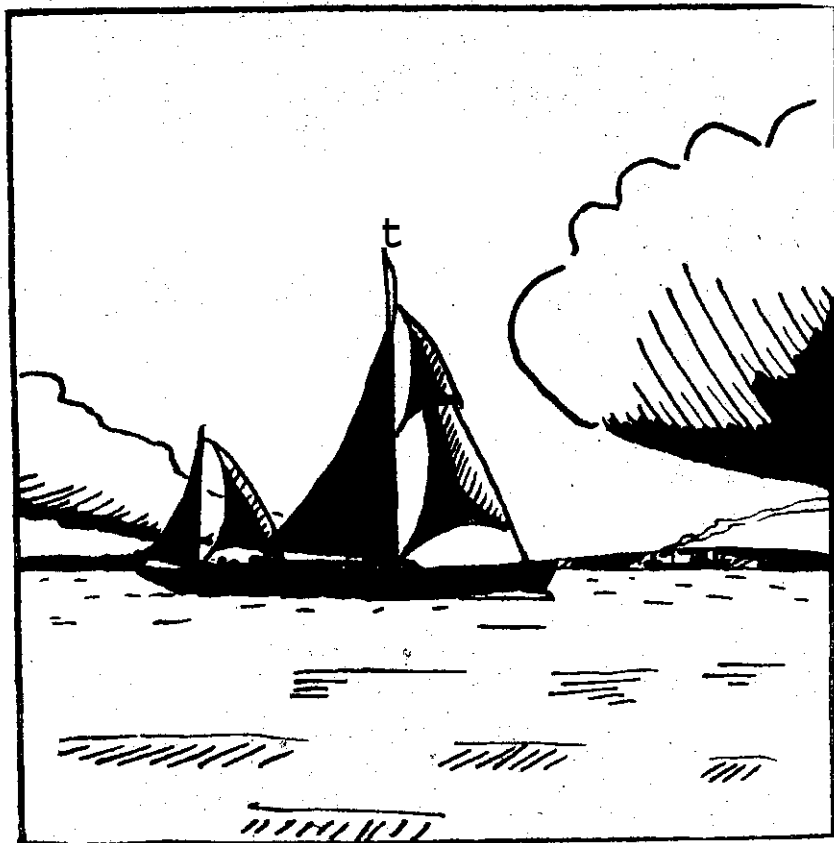
Floreat Benjamin Hall Kennedy

Said the Plosive to the Fricative—
Shall you and I be wed,
And have lots of Plural Palatals
Around our Nasal bed?

For if Liquids could but Aspirate
And Dentals would combine,
Or if Labials could Conjugate,
How singularly fine!

Said the Fricative quite firmly—
I regret, dear Plosive mine,
Your proposal's quite irregular,
I really must decline.

Ludovicus.



A Mount Kenya Safari

A party of us from Rhodes decided to make a trip up Mount Kenya during the holidays, and later a party from the Kenya High School decided to accompany us. We reached Naro Moru by train on a cold, dreary evening, and were on the point of shouldering our luggage to reach our destination for the night when a pleasant, foreign-sounding voice asked us who we were. He was our guide and we were to spend the night at his house. The evening was spent sitting round a roaring log fire and after dinner we retired, looking forward to the next day's trek. Early in the morning after packing our personal belongings into special waterproof kit-bags, and a good breakfast, we set off in the truck for the mule-camp situated at the base of the mountain. Here we lounged while the mules were loaded, and they started off in a long line in front of us. There were fifteen mules, carrying food, tents, sleeping-bags, our personal kit and all the paraphernalia for a week's safari.

It was a thrilling moment to be actually on the move at last. We climbed very gradually for a long time, going through forest where huge olive, cedar and podocarpus trees towered above us, with thick lianas hanging from their topmost branches. Here and there were clumps of stunted bamboo and below was an impenetrable undergrowth, much of which, as we found to our cost, was composed of stinging nettles. Occasionally we came upon little clearings covered with grass, and often a profusion of wild flowers — violets, wild fuchsias and gladioli. Once we stopped for a short rest on a very narrow ridge which formed the watershed for the North and South Naro Moru rivers, running down the mountain into the depths of the forest below us. Gradually the trees gave way to bamboo which became thicker as the ascent became steeper. Here the going became more difficult owing to the mud which is always present in bamboo forests. Here and there we noticed big game spoor, and elephant droppings were frequent. Above us in the distance we could hear the songs of the mule boys, which were to keep the wild animals at a distance.

We travelled in this manner for what seemed like miles, but still did not emerge from the gloom of the

bamboo which began to pall. Late in the afternoon we quenched our thirst at a small stream; the water was icy cold and very refreshing. A short time afterwards we heard clanging which was caused by the boys driving in tether-posts for the mules. We emerged into a wide clearing where a fire was already burning and the tents had been pitched at the side. Immediately we put on warm clothes, for we were 10,000 feet up, and at that height, once a person feels cold, he will never get warm however much he wears. After a cup of tea we sat round the fire and stayed there during and after supper. At last we went to our tents' dead tired after the day's climb.

The next thing I knew was to find the early morning sun shining on the side of the tent, so after dressing as hurriedly as I could in that cramped space, I crawled outside to look round. I was struck by the beauty of the place. The sun was just visible over the tops of the trees, and all the leaves were bordered with hoar-frost glistening in the sunlight; round the clearing grew masses of wild flowers. In the more sheltered spots the frost was still on the ground. Soon everyone was awake, and when breakfast was finished, the mules were again loaded and we set off on the last lap of our climb. The bamboo was soon finished and then we were on the moorlands. There we paused for a while to admire the view. It was literally breath-taking. Far below us we could see Naro Moru and Nanyuki on the plains which stretched across to the foothills of the Aberdares. Further away we could see Nyeri at the foot of Nyeri Hill, which seemed little more than a pimple. When we resumed our journey, the view was soon lost to sight, for clouds blotted everything out.

Now the going became very difficult, for the ground was very steep and covered with tussock grass which was growing in a marsh. Sometimes we had to halt because one of the mules would refuse to move — very welcome halts. We splashed on through the marsh until suddenly, gaining the top of a ridge, we saw below us the Teleki valley enclosed at the far end by a line of peaks; between two of them we saw the lip of the Lewis glacier. Never had we seen a glacier at close quarters, and the sight heartened us as we knew our camp lay beneath it. We were to spend the next five days at an altitude of 13,500 feet.

This was the base camp and from here we walked to all the places of interest. We visited various tarns or mountain lakes which added beauty to the rather desolate landscape; these tarns are usually at the foot of deep depressions up the sides of which are scree (deteriorating volcanic rock). The most interesting is the "Hidden" Tarn which was recently discovered by aircraft; we were only the second party to visit this tarn since its discovery. In a high basin above the camp are two tarns close together where a specially designed and insulated hut has been built by the Mountain Club of East Africa. This is known as Two Tarn Col, very aptly described by the clown of the party as "too darn cold!" But we considered the real triumph to be our conquest of Point Lenana, the third highest peak, 16,300 feet high. The ascent is made along the edge of the Lewis Glacier, very steep and slippery. With great satisfaction we signed the book which is kept at the top, and then made a rapid and exciting descent for the most part on the seats of our pants. At the foot of the Lewis Glacier the Mountain Club has built another hut, where we spent some time resting.

This glacier is the largest of the three on the Mountain and is the source of the Naro Moru river. On the way up a weird note is struck by a Cross perching on a crag, wreathed in mist when we saw it. It was placed there by an Italian missionary who found the bodies of three Africans who, losing their way, had died there. In another part of the glacier is the dead body of an African embedded in the ice in a perfect state of preservation.

The only hours we spent at the Camp were in the morning until breakfast, and in the evening. It was so cold at night that frost would form on the inside of the tent and sometimes the ice on the stream was an inch thick. The mornings were beautiful; it remained warm and sunny until about eleven, when clouds began to form and it was overcast for the rest of the day.

Although I said that the mountain scenery was rather desolate, I do not mean that it is devoid of vegetation. There are four species of plants — tussock grass, giant groundsel, giant lobelia and various mosses and lichens. Some of the groundsel grows into fair-sized trees and we used them for firewood. There is a surprising amount of fauna for so high an altitude. Amongst the numerous boulders are found several species of rat, and higher up rock hyraxes may be seen jumping about the rocks. There is also no lack of bird

life. Metallic blue starlings feed on the little snails which live on the dead lobelia plants, and brightly-coloured sunbirds flit amongst the purplish flowers. Sometimes we saw eagles perched on high crags or hovering in the sky.

We decided to make the return journey in a single day, so after packing and loading for the last time we started off, climbing up the side of the Teleki valley and on to the Naro Moru ridge where lay the path back to the mule camp. Going downwards over the marshlands was far worse than the ascent, and every few steps somebody fell over. Eventually we reached the edge of the forest where the going was easier. We reached the mule camp late in the afternoon, and I still don't know how we did it. The truck was waiting to take us back to Naro Moru.

This safari is well worth doing, but I shouldn't like to do it too often!

G. St. G. Catchpole.

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A Scientist's Shakespeare

(With due apologies).

He urges his fellows to work.

Once more into the Lab., dear friends, once more,
And fill the room up with our industry.
In peace there's nothing so becomes a man
As modest slackness and stupidity.
But when the call of work blows in our ears,
Then imitate the action of the Scientist:
Stiffen the sinews, waken up your brains,
Disguise fair sloth with hard-favour'd energy.

The master chides the pupils for misbehaviour.
Hence, home, you idle creatures, to your places.
Is this a holiday? What! know you not
Being scientific you ought not to walk
Upon a labouring day without the signs
Of your profession? Speak, what trade art thou?
(Pupil) Why, sir, a chemist.
Where is thy test-tube and thy pipette?
What dost thou playing the fool here?
Wherefore rejoice, a thrashing has he earned.
What candidate will follow him in sin?
To visit the Head at his reluctant heels?
You blocks, you stones, you worse than senseless
things!
You silly fools, you stupid youths of Rhodes.

A would-be scientist is experimenting privately.
Round and round the test-tube go,
In the poisoned powders throw.
Copper sulphate and lead ore,
In some nitric acid pour.
Hydrogen sulphide gas as well,
Gives the mess a delicate smell.
Double, double, toil and trouble,
Fire burn and test-tube bubble.

A loud explosion.
O mighty test-tube, dost thou lie so low?
Are all thy experiments, glories, triumphs, spoils
Shrunk to this little measure?
Fare thee well!

B. Collins.

A Letter from Oxford

To the Editor, The Impala.

Dear Sir,

No, I had not forgotten the Oxford letter—in fact, I embarked upon it the second day I was here. I'm doing a lot of work (mainly because I'm so scared of my tutors I daren't slack) and it's very interesting, especially philosophy. I'm rapidly learning to use obscure words and high-falutin' expressions, and to talk about weird things like "existent ialism". It's all great fun. Of course, the Clubs and Societies in this place are fantastic; no branch of human or inhuman activity is left unrepresented, and Bell Ringers' Societies and such things have very odd supporters, all deaf and with bits of cotton wool sticking from their ears. There are all types and sizes, from earnest and bespectacled Classical Scholars to Rugby Blues who are studying Agriculture. Oxford is all I expected. It has a wonderful atmosphere, with learned old professors who look like porters, and porters who look like learned old professors, all the Undergrads, some with *real* Oxford accents, in a great hurry, all talking loudly, with heaps of books, trailing scarves and gowns. While I'm either rushing madly from lectures, or going to play rugger, or going to some Club "do", like the French Club where I invariably talk fluent Ki-swahili to everyone's astonishment.

I came up to Wadham in October and am reading Philosophy, Politics and Economics. I play rugger for the College, and hockey and squash when possible. I'm a member of the Oxford Union, the French Club, the Horsemanship Club, the Oxford Social Services Club, the Liberal Club, etc.

Byron N. Georgiadis came up to B.N.C. in January 1946; he took Law Mods. two terms later and is now on the verge of the High Jump proper — that is, his Finals, before he becomes a barrister. He has played rugger for his College, and tennis, but found games took up too much time. He's a member of the Union, the University Law Society, the Ellesmere Society, and the Opera Club. In his vacs, he disappears, no one knows where, and enjoys himself.

John W. Vail came up in January 1947 and firmly asserts that his only outstanding achievement so far has been to produce one essay a week for his Tutor. A

Rhodes Scholar at St. Edmund's Hall, he is reading Chemistry, specialising in Soil Chemistry, and is looking forward to his return to Kenya. He plays hockey for the College, and occasionally swims for it as well. He is also a member of the Oxford Air Squadron and does a lot of flying.

Jack Sands, another Rhodes Scholar, is at Worcester College. He came up in January 1947 and is reading Agriculture. He is Secretary of his College Hockey Club and also plays squash for the College. He is a staunch supporter of the Air Squadron and a leading light in Worcester, judging from his room-mate's remarks. He has spent one or two vacs. abroad, the last as a farm-labourer in France.

Simon Wollen has just arrived at University College, is reading Law, and has joined the Union and the Yacht Club. He has played rugger and hopes to play for his College. Renn Davies is now at Wadham and also reading Law but doing very little work. He is a member of the Oxford Union, Yacht Club, Horsemanship Club and the French Club. He spends his afternoons rowing (and his evenings trying to convert me to rowing).

Christopher Archer is at the Architectural College, Oxford, and working very hard. He lives out, in lodgings, and can't manage to fit in games or amusements. He is enjoying himself very much but longs to get back to Kenya.

Please give my salaams to all and sundry, and may I have an "Impala?"

Yours philosophically.

David M. Woodford.

Wadham College, Oxford.
1st November, 1948.

A Letter from Cambridge

The Editor, The "Impala."

Dear Sir,

If you give me so little warning, you have only yourself to blame for the result; but I have jotted down a few notes during a lecture and here is the result.

Cambridge has large numbers of people from abroad and it is difficult to find an Englishman. Kenya has contributed her share pretty well. A. Braimbridge is at Downing reading Geography, and besides being

Secretary of the Tusker Club, he finds time to play squash for his college and have a sumptuous 21st birthday party. Tom Stanning is the President of this Club and he has made quite a name for himself in the athletics and rugger worlds, although he was unlucky in his Trial this year. He is at Jesus with J. A. Carman and C. L. Norman, who is reading Agriculture. G. R. Gunson is at Sidney, Sussex, having at last got in after a long wait, and he too is reading Agriculture.

John's has quite a few Old Cambrians, too. The oldest of them is J. R. Nimmo, who is a real old stager, up on some Government course as a D.C. B. U. Middelboe is reading Economics and has got his half-blue for shooting. He shares a set with J. M. M. Campbell, another Geographer, who has been caught by the rowing fiends. I am also at John's and have joined Campbell in the Lady Margaret Rowing Club. George Knaggs is the man for rowing; he has won his Leander Colours and rowed for the 1st Trinity May boat and rowed in the Light Fours this last year. S. F. Powles is also up here but as he lives in Pembroke somewhere, not much is known of him.

The Tusker Club is a home from home although it has not been lucky enough to find permanent premises. It is a very select Club having only 60 members. The membership is confined to East Africans and members of the Forces who served in East Africa during the War. The only rule is that a Baraza/Dinner be held once a term. It has not yet held a meeting this term, the first one being tomorrow.

Last Sunday Cambridge was shaken by the arrival of Lucas Horn and J. R. Hatfield of King's College, London, whereupon a reception committee led by Middelboe and Campbell entertained them. By the way, if anyone feels inclined to export half a dozen O.C. ties, I am sure that they will be snapped up. The thing that strikes one about Cambridge is the number of people. The authorities have labelled huge numbers of streets "one way" and there is certainly very little room when it is crowded with cars, bicycles and undergrads. Government Road on Saturday at midday has nothing on it. Stairs are the curse of this country and to go anywhere one has to go up or down huge quantities. The Backs are as beautiful as they are made out to be but it is difficult to appreciate them when

there is a steady drizzle and it's cold into the bargain. The sets of rooms vary enormously; some O.Cs. you will find in garrets up vast flights of stairs, others in huge and palatial rooms and even in modern flats with heaters all over the place.

Altogether Cambridge is a very fine place.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Winter.

St. John's College, Cambridge.

November 4, 1948.

Old Cambrian News

The Old Cambrians are now the proud possessors of a Club House, which though temporary in character, is the fruit of much hard work. The Club is along the Ngong Road before you come to Dagoretti Corner and playing fields are well on the way. We do urge all boys who leave the School to join the Club and the Society since, as the President pointed out at the official opening by Sir Godfrey Rhodes, it is mainly for the poor in pocket who are unable to join the more expensive Sports and Social Clubs in Nairobi. Up-country members can be accommodated there on their visits to the Capital. The Club runs Hockey, Cricket and Rugby teams which have already made themselves felt in Kenya's sport, but there is always room for the rabbit as well.

The suggested new rates for subscriptions are as follows, but they have not yet been approved by the Society.

The membership to be in two categories: Ordinary and Junior Members; a Junior Member being described as a Member of the Society who is under 21 years of age as on the first day of January of each year.

(a) *Ordinary Members—Subscriptions:*

(i) Members residing or having a place of business within a radius of 30 miles from a centre in which is situated a Club-House — Shs. 90/- per annum, of which Shs. 65/- shall be paid to the Club.

(ii) Members residing beyond the radius defined in (i) above — Shs. 25/- per annum.

(b) *Junior Members—Subscriptions:* Shs. 30/- per annum irrespective of the distance of their residence from any Club, of which Shs. 20/- shall be paid to that Club.

(c) *Overseas Members:* Shs. 10/- per annum.

The Sports Subscriptions as proposed are as follows:—

(a) *Ordinary Members:* Sh. 1/- per match, limited to a maximum of Shs. 10/- per calendar month.

(b) *Junior Member:* Sh. 1/- per match, limited to a maximum of Shs. 5/- per calendar month.

The Old Cambrian Newsletter contained the following in its September number:

"News has been received that J. M. Walker passed out top into the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and is hoping to join the Black Watch next June. Peter Roberts, who is studying for his B.Sc. in Metallurgy, writes and informs us that of the twelve Kenya types at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, nine are Old Cambrians. These are: Dale Robson, V. Beckley and Barry Spence who are taking degrees in Soil Conservation; John Elmer, studying for his B.Sc. in Science; Peter Campbell taking Civil Engineering; L. P. Adams studying Land Survey; James le Poer Trench and Eric Knowlden are both studying Electrical Engineering; and U. V. Blowers is working for a diploma in Quantity Surveying.

Kenneth Durham is doing very well at his School in South Africa and matriculated 7th out of 34 candidates from the school. He is captain of the School tennis team. J. H. E. Irwin is working on his father's farm at Hoey's Bridge. Edinburgh is full of Old Cambrians; K. Johansen, Gavin Scott and R. Munro are all reading for B.Sc. Agriculture degrees; G. C. Irvine is in his third year of medicine, and R. Cox is reading chemistry. J. Kerr and J. Rawlins are at Trinity College, Dublin, while B. Georgiadis has taken his Finals at Oxford. R. G. Simpson is doing Engineering at Loughborough. George Knaggs rowed bow for Trinity in the May Races and was awarded his Leander colours as a freshman — a remarkable feat.

C. J. Kilian is working in the Post Office at Mombasa and P. Egerton-Davies is managing a coffee estate for Hon. W. B. Havelock. A. M. Boase decided against the Uganda Civil Service and joined the Uganda Printing and Publishing Company instead. Congratulations to the seven Old Cambrians who were picked for the Officials vs. Settlers cricket match. One day we hope there will be 22 of them. Good luck to R. S. Alexander on his decision to enter Nairobi Municipal Council and we hope it will not be long before we have our own Members of Legislative Council. R.H.B.

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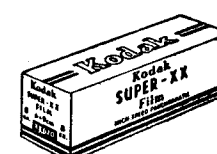
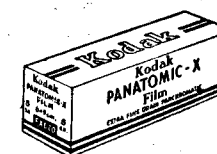
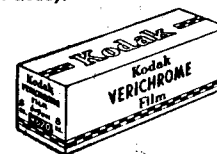
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