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#### EDITORIAL.

To the schoolboy, the Summer Term is indeed one of varying fortunes. When the Upper School pit their wits against the wily examiner, the juniors are content to toy and beat bat with ball. While the fifth form makes a feverish effort to memorise the work of five years, the first form recuperates after the strain of the first two terms. This year, however, the former group is phenomenally small, and last year's record-breaking number of examination entries will remain unchallenged for a period of twelve months at least Only three poor souls will make tracks for the Girls' Grammar School, the centre for this year's Higher School Certificate. Nevertheless, we wish all these, and the fifth form, every success.

In accordance with the social upheavals of our time, the school has introduced revolutionary ideas of its own. A one-shift dinner system has been introduced! That which was pondered by the masters, thrashed out by the Debating Society and dreamed of by the kitchen staff is a reality. The masters have accepted their increased administrative burden admirably, the prefects have graciously abandoned their lordly table to dine with the "commoners," while the school as a whole has entered into the co-operative spirit of the enterprise. Although the scheme is still in its infancy, there is every indication that it will be accepted as a permanent institution. This should be a great asset in the winter when society meetings will be held without the necessity of disturbing the rhythm of a shift system.

Despite this social revolution and the academic climax, the school field continues to act as our "showroom" with regard to sport. Indeed, with additional jumping pits and shot circles, a cricket pavilion which has eventually lost its austere coating of creosote, and a sight screen in an advanced stage of construction, Morgans can provide better recreational facilities than at any time during its long history. To celebrate this triumph, the sun has collaborated by putting in an unprecedented run of appearances, an occurrence which has been appreciated by all (with the possible exception of the Horticultural Society).

Actually, the only adversity has been the monotonous regularity with which the school trophies have been won by Wyndham House. The eight trophies so far decided have all gone the same way, and few exceptions are likely in those remaining. Nevertheless, it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and the wholesale departures of the Wyndham seniors at the end of term should lead to an interesting scramble for honours next year.

But before that, the school is scheduled to have some six weeks' relaxation. In some cases it is well deserved, in others it is a moot point, but in all it will be gratefully accepted. It is hoped that everyone will make intelligent use of this time, and return refreshed-prepared to uphold for yet another year the fine traditions of Dr. Morgan's School.

#### SCHOOL OFFICERS.

M. J. Chilvers School Captain:

School Vice-Captains: T. David, K. A. Ware.

Prefects A. B. Brown, J. P. Munn, P. Thorak, P.

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Vice-Captain M. G. Waddleton.

Secretary: P. Haggett.

Swimming: Captain: M. J. Chilvers.

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#### HOUSE NOTES.

#### CROMWELL HOUSE.

House Masters: Mr. J. C. Brydon, Mr. J. G. Heseltine, Mr. G. Vaughan-Jones.

House Captain: P. Thorak.

House Secretary: P. Haggett.

Cricket Captain: C. N. Bruton.

Vice-Captain: B. Lock.

Athletics Captain: A. B. Brown.

Swimming Captain: P. Thorak.

Rugby. Cromwell finished the Rugby season second in the inter-house League and, although beaten in a keen struggle with Wyndham they obtained the distinction of being the only house to score against the champions. In retrospect, the house can regard the 1948-9 season with a certain amount of satisfaction as it gave great promise of a strong house XV for next Autumn.

Cross-Country. There again we must look to the future, as although the house came third in the Senior and Intermediate races, the Juniors, by sheer weight of numbers, obtained first place with 71 points.

Athletics. A poor entry by Cromwell produced its inevitable results—the house came last in the sports with only 75 points. Individual competitors did extremely well in most cases but a cocerted effort by all boys is needed before the house has any chances of obtaining the coveted Catlow Bowl.

Cricket. This has been a rather disappointing summer for Cromwell as both the Senior and Junior XIs lost their matches in the inter-house knock-out competition. The house could only field mediocre teams and were well beaten in both games by stronger houses. Increased facilities for practice and some measure of the luck which has so far eluded us, should produce a much needed improvement in the coming season.

Swimming. A neck and neck struggle with Wyndham finally resulted in Cromwell being forced to yield the Masding Cup to the all-conquering champions. So keen was the contest that the result hung in the balance until the very last event, but at last our three year spell has been broken. Swimming in all age-groups was encouraging and we hope next year to regain our former position.



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#### HOPTON HOUSE.

House Masters: Mr. H. L. Middle, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. C. Uzzell, Mr. Skilton.

House Captain: J. P. Munn.

Vice-Captain: Secretary: J. A. Eames.

Cricket Captain: P. M. Braine.

Athletics Captain: P. Williams.

Swimming Captain: J. P. Munn.

As we have found in every school activity, the most serious difficulty in the Senior section of the House is sheer lack of numbers. This was particularly evident in the case of the Cross Country, when it was only by force of numbers that Wyndham managed to beat us. The enthusiasm of the Juniors and Intermediates, however, contrived to pull us up to within five points of Wyndham's total of 186. High places were secured in the Senior event by Munn (3rd), Williams, P. (4th), and Drew (5th). In the Intermediate event Williams, J., ran 2nd and Payne, 4th.

Athletics. A great improvement upon last year's performance brought Hopton second place in the School Sports. Outstanding achievements for Hopton were Denbury's 98 ft. 6 ins. in the Senior Discus, creating a new School record, and Watts' 118 ft. 8 ins. for the Intermediate Javelin. Watts also won the Intermediate Shot. Other individual winners were Slocombe (Inter Long Jump), Payne (Inter High Jump), Acland (880) (Inter.), and Westcott (Junior Shot).

Cricket. Thanks to an excellent all-round display by Dickens, who took five wickets and carried his bat for 52, Hopton Juniors easily defeated Wyndham Juniors, and so qualify to meet Fairfax in the Final. The Senior team, however, were not so fortunate, losing to Fairfax by 5 wickets. Sparkes, A, was unluckily run out off the second ball of the match, but this was only a temporary setback. Drew (4), Slocombe (10) and Eames (12) kept the score moving steadily along. Payne coming in at No. 5 hit out at the bowling, but he lacked sufficient support. He was eventually out for 16, and at the end of 25 overs Hopton had 56. Fairfax going in to bat found runs fairly easy to obtain and Harvey hit a quick 20.

The Intermediates have had a very successful year and it is to them that we look, as well as to the Juniors, for abundant success in the future.

#### FAIRFAX HOUSE.

House Masters: Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Cudlip, Mr. Bollom.

House Captain: B. S. Westcott.

House Vice-Captain and Secretary : D. S. Richards.

Cricket Captain: B. S. Westcott.

Vice-Captain Cricket: J. M. Stuckey.

Swimming Captain: D. Vowles.

Athletics Captain : A. Orley. House Prefect : J. M. Stuckey.

Fairfax has had a fairly successful summer season. We were third in the school sports, due mainly to the proficiency of our Juniors, notably V. Ball, who won the Junior 100 yards and High and Long Jumps. We scored 79 points altogether of which most were for 2nds and 3rds. Farrance won the Intermediate Discus. The Seniors, however, have distinguished themselves in the cricket field having seven players in the first eleven most of whom play regularly. Our Senior cricket team beat Hopton by 5 wickets. We must congratulate Westcott and Harvey on being 1st and 3rd in the batting averages; so far Westcott has an average of 10.57 with an aggregate of 74 and highest score of 33. Harvey's average is 7.67 with an aggregate of 23 and highest score of 15, not out. In the swimming sports Fairfax were third with 56 points. Vowles won the championship and MacAllister in the intermediate plunge did 45 ft 51 inches, which beat the senior result by about 5 feet. Farrance was also prominent in the races and next year Fairfax will have a strong swimming team.

## WYNDHAM HOUSE.

#### HOUSE OFFICIALS.

House Masters: Mr. Storey, Mr. Rees, Mr. Overy, Mr. Lipscombe.

House Captain: M. J. Chilvers.

Vice-Captain and Secretary: K. A. Ware.

Athletics and Swimming Captain: M. J. Chilvers.

House Prefects: T. David, M. Waddleton.

Last term Wyndham House told of great hopes This term we tell of great achievements. Our success at Rugby was outstanding. The House team not only retained the Rugby Cup, but defeated a team picked from the rest of the school by 6 points to 3 after a magnificent solo try by Waddleton which he scored in the last five minutes.

This success was followed by victory in the cross-country field. Here Wyndham carried away the cup for the best House Performance while Lancastle was the worthy individual winner of the Senior event. Our congratulations are also extended to Langford who led the field in the intermediate section.

Following this grand effort, the House successfully retained the Athletics Trophy, thus having won it for the FOURTH consecutive time. In this year, however, Wyndham captured ALL the individual cups in addition to the House Prize. Chilvers took the William's Cup for the 220 yards, Waddleton took the Eaton Cup for the 440 yards, while Lancastle beat Williamson and David (T.), both also of Wyndham, to win the Hacking Cup for the mile. Chilvers deserves an additional word of praise for winning three events outright and being placed a close second in a fourth. We also wish to congratulate Chilvers on his appointment to the position of School Captain.

In the realm of cricket our Junior team had the misfortune of losing the first match against Fairfax. The Seniors, however, improved their indifferent performance of last year by defeating Cromwell House by a very substantial margin.

At last we have completed the very elusive double by winning the Masding Cup for Swimming as well as the Catlow bowl for Athletics. On Monday, the 27th of June, a day which was crowned with glorious sunshine, the House won the Swimming Sports after a very exciting finish. Once again team spirit as well as individual prowess was responsible, the result being in the balance until the last two events.

In the comparatively new sphere of the school, tennis, we are very proud to announce that the four players who have reached the semi-final in the Singles' Competition for the Heseltine Cup are all members of Wyndham House. This ensures that this cup will be brought to the House for the second year in succession.

As regards teams representing the school, Wyndham has supplied several members of the Cricket XI. In the Inter-School Sports and County Schools Sports we provided much of the talent that was present in the School's teams.

We are exceedingly proud of our record year and we are hoping that next year we shall be able to equal it and make a few minor improvements.

#### CRICKET NOTES.

This has been, on the whole, a fairly successful season for the First XI marred only by two humiliating defeats. Of the eleven matches played so far this season, five have been won, three lost, and in three time-limit matches, no decision was reached. At the beginning of the season only a few regular First XI players remained from last year, so that the strength and composition of the team were unknown factors. Several new players were tried out in early games and the batting order switched with varying results—this was, perhaps, the cause of the failure of many players to settle

down to the form they had displayed in practices.

Bowling and fielding have been adequate, but batting has been decidedly 'patchy.' On occasions, individual players have done remarkably well but the scorebook shows a surprising lack of consistency in the scores of all the recognised batsmen. Despite the paucity of fixtures, the Colts' and Second XIs are proving of great value as nurseries for the First XIs of the future. A few junior players have been given a trial in senior games and have by no means disgraced themselves.

We should like to thank Mr. Jacob for umpiring a number of our games and the time he and Mr. Uzzell have spent in giving invaluable coaching and net practice to the First XI and Colts' XI respectively. Thanks are also due to Mr. Jacob, Mr. Heseltine, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Lipscombe for playing for the School in

evening matches.

Unfortunately matches with Bridgwater Police, Over Stowey, Huntspill, and Othery had to be cancelled owing to a variety of reasons (ranging from downpours to hay-making) but the following is a brief survey of the matches played to date:—

May 6th v. P.O. Engineers, Taunton (Home).

The visitors, having won the toss, batted first in this '20 over' evening match and amassed 74 runs in quick time against steady bowling. N. Reynolds made top score for the PO Engineers with a breezy 25, while Mr. Heseltine (5-39) and Westcott (4-33) bore the brunt of the attack, backed up by some keen School fielding.

The School had an early set back when Connibeer was caught in the slips off Quick in the second over for 0. Mr. Jacobs came into hold the fort and he (20) and Hughes (19) batted serenely on against a varied attack. When stumps were drawn, Morgans were 25 runs behind with 9 wickets in hand.

May 7th v. Sidcot School (Away).

LOST.

Steady bowling by Westcott (5-17) and Williamson (2-17) and a devastating two overs by Hughes (3-3) dismissed Sidcot for only 40 runs on a good wicket. The School fielding was good, and the team had every reason to feel pleased with itself for dismissing their strong opponents on their own ground, but when our team batted, the shock bowling of Rutter (3-7) and Trott (6-3) utterly routed them for a mere 18 runs, 8 of which were Extras!

May 13th v. Spaxton C.C. (Home).

WON

In this electric evening match School just managed to obtain the winning run off the last ball of the day! Spaxton batted first and collected 87 quick runs against a varied School attack. For Spaxton Loxton's 37 included two sixes and four fours while Bruton (2-19) returned the best bowling figures for Morgan's. Although the School lost both Mr. Jacob and Mr. Lawrence with only eight runs on the board, a cavalier 37 by Mr. Heseltine improved the position. Wickets fell quickly as the batsmen took risks for quick runs, and eight wickets had fallen before Williams took two off Thresher's last ball to win this exciting game.

May 14th v. Elmhurst Grammar School. (Away). WON.

The feature of the Morganian innings was an excellent opening stand of 46 between Hughes (21) and Drew (20) against an accurate Elmhurst attack. After this pair had been separated, wickets fell quickly (e.g., 6 wickets fell between 62 and 64) but a ninth wicket stand of 14 between Westcott and Yard improved the position, and the innings closed at 86.

As steady bowling by Westcott and Williamson produced little result, Bruton wisely decided to try out his two new bowlers. Baker (5-9) and Stuckey (2-6) rose to the occasion in their first match for the First XI and Elmhurst were dismissed for 48 runs, 20 of which were made by their captain, Turner. An encouraging away victory

by the School.

May 20th v. Bridgwater Police C.C. (Home). WON.

A rather 'patchy' innings by the School, in which a last wicket unbroken stand between Mr. Heseltine (28 not out) and Williamson (11 not out) was the only outstanding feature, was declared closed at 75 for 9 wickets. The Police are apparently better at stopping traffic then stopping bowling, for they were dismissed for 54 runs in 12 overs—Williamson taking 4-5.

May 21st. Huish's Grammar School. (Home). LOST.

A black day for the School which we would do well to forget. The home team were hard put to raise a paltry 15 runs against the bowling of Tuffin (5-1) and Trump (4-13), while Huish amassed a grand total of 127 for 5 wickets! Westcott was the only bowler of note and did well for 3-28 in eleven overs, three of which were maidens. I tactfully pass on to the next match.

May 24th v. Fiddington C.C. (Home).

A bad start by the School was soon amended by a good third wicket stand between Mr. Jacob (18) and Waddleton (10), but scoring was slow, and after 20 overs only 54 runs were on the board with 5 wickets down. Fiddington, taking full advantage of a weak School attack, soon collected a quick 87 for the loss of 5 wickets—Graddon (23) and Cridge (21) demonating the bowling. Lancastle was the best of the School bowlers with 3-19.



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May 27th v. Combwich C.C. (Home).

Once more the School made a bad start to their innings—the first wicket falling in the second over for one run. Waddleton (11) and Westcott (16) retrieved the position, but after three unfortunate run outs the innings closed at 52 for 7 wickets. In contrast to Morgan's, the feature of the Combwich innings was the opening partnership of 31 between Granter (23) and Kibby (10). After these two had been parted the rest of the side collapsed against some good bowling by Williamson (6-14) and Westcott (3-3). An unbroken last-wicket stand just saved Combwich from defeat as at close of play they were 49 for 9 wickets.

May 29th v. Othery C.C. (Home).

WON.

Othery were unfortunate in being unable to field their strongest XI as only nine players arrived, and were easily beaten by a strong School side. Waddleton made the highest score of the season so far with a sparkling 42—ably supported by Williamson (17)—and the innings was declared closed at 100 for 7 wickets. Othery were completely overwhelmed by the accurate bowling of Williamson (2-8) and Westcott (6-12) and could only muster 21 runs in reply.

June 4th v. Cranleigh C.C. (Home).

LOST.

The School did well to score 64 runs against a strong Cranleigh Club XI, after the ninth wicket had fallen at 46. The heroes of this last wicket stand were Westcott (10\*) and Barnett (9), while Mr. Lipscombe and Waddleton had made between them the bulk of the earlier runs. The innings of the Cranleigh Club centred round R. James who graciously retired after a brilliant 52 which included four sixes and three fours. After the School total had been passed the players hit out lustily at the School attack, wickets fell more quickly—the last seven wickets falling for only 11 runs—and the innings closed at 88. Drew returned the best bowling figures with 3-15.

June 16th v. Westover School and Staff (Home). WON.

The only points worthy of note in the Westover innings were an attacking innings of 26 by Redding, and some outstanding bowling by Williamson who bowled 9.4 overs, which included 5 maidens, and took 7 wickets for 15 runs. When nine Morganian wickets had fallen for 62 runs (27 of which were contributed by Mr. Heseltine) in reply to Westover's 71 things looked black for the School, but an amazing last wicket stand of 50 runs between Westcott (33) and Harvey (15\*) took the score to 112 and won the game.

#### FIRST XI AVERAGES (up to June 22nd.).

Batting		In	nings.	Not out.	Agg	High Score.	Av.
Westcott			8	1	74	33	10.57
Waddleton			10	0	96	42	9.60
Harvey			6	3	23	15*	7.67
Williamson	`		9	3	43	17	7.17
Hughes			10	1	62	21	6.89
Drew	•••		7	0	40	20	5.71
Bruton			6	0	27	9	4.50
Wilkins			10	4	15	5*	2.80
	(0	ualific	ation	: 5 innin	os).		

Also batted: Ball, 4; Baker, 0, 0; Barnett, 1, 9; Connibeer, 0, 1; Lancastle, 0, 0; Langford, 3; Stokes, 1; Stroud, 0, 1; Stuckey, 0, 0, 0; Yard, 0, 2\*, 5, 4\*.

Bowling		Overs	Maidens.	Runs	Wickets.	Av.
Williamson	 	52.2	17	122	26	4.69
Hughes	 	9.4	1	33	6	5.50
Westcott	 	61	16	152	24	6.33
Baker	 	13.5	- 1	44	6	7.33
	(Qu	alification	n : 5 wie	ckets)	El BALLINES	

Also Bowled: Barnett, I-I-0-1; Bruton, II-2-67-2; Drew, 5-I-25-3; Lancastle, 8-2-19-3; Langford, 0 I-0-0-1; Stuckey, II-I-37-3; Waddleton, 9-0-31-2.

#### Catches.

Wilkins, ct 5; st 1; Hughes, 6; Waddleton, 3; Harvey, 3; Williamson, 2; Westcott, 2; Bruton, 1; Chilvers, 1; Connibeer, 1; Lancastle, 1; Yard, 1.

#### PERSONAL CRICKET NOTES.

Bruton: The cares of captaincy may have affected his batting this season. We hope that by the time this magazine is published our skipper will have recorded some high scores and revealed the promise of past seasons.

Waddleton: He has played a valuable part on more than one occasion with the bat. He uses plenty of back-lift right from the start of his innings, which signals, "Bowlers beware" His 42 against Othery was one of the highlights of the season. A sound, keen fielder at cover and useful change bowler.

- Hughes: The lot of an opening bat is not always an enviable one, but he has faced the task with nonchalance. His stroke play is often delightful, but he must remember that it's 'the runs that count.' He fields well in front of the wicket. He throws and catches with verve especially between the fall of opponents' wickets!
- Drew: Usually a sound bat with good style. He has a good off drive and fields well.
- Westcott: He has had a very good season with bat and ball. He can move the ball from leg in a disconcerting manner not only to opposing batsmen but to our wicket keeper as well. Fielding characterised by leisurely movement and apparent reluctance to field the ball. Batting low down in the list, he has retrieved a bad position several times by his aggressive tactics.
- Wilkins: A reliable wicket-keeper who has been out of luck with the bat so far.
- Williamson: He has had a very successful season. His bowling is accurate and aggressive. A very useful player to have in the side, he shows great promise.
- Harvey: Although not a distinguished wielder of the willow his fielding has been brilliant at times.

#### TENNIS.

The interest in tennis in this School, largely initiated last year by Mr. Heseltine, has not increased appreciably. The tennis court, which is usually known as the Sxith-form court, is, in spite of much attention, in rather a bumpy state. The Fifth-form court, I am sorry to say, has received little or no attention. I sincerely hope that this is due to the earnest revision in progress in view of the forthcoming Oxford School Certificate Examination.

In the Singles Competition, for the Heseltine Cup, there was an entry of 27. This competition has at the moment reached the semi-final, the remaining players being Chilvers, Waddleton, Ware and Williamson. The final of this competition is scheduled to take place on Speech Day.

On June 30th a combined team from this School and Bridgwater Grammar School for Girls will play a mixed doubles match against the British Cellophane Company. Two doubles matches have also been arranged between a Sixth Form team and a team from the Girls' Grammar School. As well as team matches an American Tournament has been fixed with the girls. This is due to take place on July 16th.

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#### ATHLETICS.

CROSS COUNTRY.

March 28th.

The race was run on a fine spring day. There was an excellent entry which was particularly noticeable among the Seniors. WYNDHAM won the GILLARD CUP from HOPTON by 89 points to 62, thus avenging their narrow defeat of last year.

In the Senior Race Lancastle (W.) came in first in 23 mins. 13 secs. Bastin, J. (C.) was his nearest challenger. Munn (H.) was a close third. He and Drew (4) had been leading the field for most of the way.

Langford (W.) was first home in the Intermediate race but the event was won by Hopton (68 points) from Fairfax (64).

Fuller (F.) won the Junior Race but the event was carried off by Cromwell.

#### SPORTS DAY.

JUNE 2nd.

We were fortunate in having a bright, sunny day but a cool breeze affected the times. WYNDHAM won the Catlow Bowl with 169 points. Hopton were second with 107. There was a close finish for third place between FAIRFAX (79) and Cromwell (75).

Chilvers (W.) won the two Senior Sprints in II seconds (100 yards) and 25.2 (220). Lancastle (W.) (880 and Mile) and Waddleton (W.) (440 and Long Jump) were also outstanding performers. The Senior Shot event went to Chilvers (W.) with a put of 40 ft. 3 ins. and Denbury's achievement in the Discus (98 ft. 6 ins.) establishes a School Record.

Outstanding amongst the Intermediates are:— Lewis (W.) in the 100 yards and 220 yards; Abraham (C.) 440 yards; Ackland (H.) 880 yards, and Watts (H.) Shot and Javelin.

We have two promising Juniors in V. Ball (F.) (who won the 100 yards, High Jump and Long Jump), and Sharkey (W.), 440 yards.

The new Cup for the best Senior individual performance goes to Chilvers (the Hellier Cup).

#### RECORDS.

The following records are waiting to be beaten :-

100 yards.	D. Williamson	(1938)	10.8 secs.
220 yards.	J. Martin	(1934)	26,4 secs.
440 yards.	P. J. Phennah	(1945)	56 secs.
Mile	J. A. Reid	(1947)	5 mins. 5.6 secs.
Long Jump.	Thorne	(1938)	18 feet 4 inches.
High lump.	Tate	(1944)	4 feet II inches

Events.		
No. I-100 yards.	Junior.	
Ist, V. Ball (F.); 4th, Davis (F.).	2nd, Harris (H.);	3rd, Sharkey (W.); Time: 13.4 secs.
No. 2-100 yards, I	ntermediate.	
1st, Lewis (W.); 4th, Sendell (W.).	2nd, Slocombe (H.);	3rd, Abraham (C.); Time: 12.0 secs.
No. 3-100 yards, S	enior.	
1st, Chilvers (W.); 4th, Waddleton (W.)	2nd, Brown (C.);	3rd, Orley (F.); Time: 11.0 secs.
No. 4-220 yards, I	ntermediate.	
1st, Lewis (W.); 4th, Sendell (W.).	2nd, Slocombe (H.);	3rd, Gumm (C.); Time: 27.8 secs.
No. 5-220 yards, S	enior.	
1st, Chilvers (W.); 4th, Gunningham (W.	2nd, Brown (C.);	3rd, Orley (F.); Time: 25.2 secs.
No. 6-440 yards, J	unior.	
1st, Sharkey (W.); 4th, Woodcock (C.).	2nd, Brown (W.);	3rd, L. Smith (F.); Time: 76.0 secs.
No. 7-440 yards, I	ntermediate.	
Ist, Abraham (C.); 4th, Fuller (F.).	2nd, Williams, R. (F.)	; 3rd, Warren (C.); Time: 68.6 secs.
No. 8-440 yards, S	enior.	
1st, Waddleton (W.); 4th, Bater (W.).	2nd, Williams P. (H.);	3rd, Ware (W.); Time: 59.4 secs.
No. 9 880 yards, In		
Ist, Acland (H.); 4th, Williams, R. (F.).	2nd, Payne (H.);	3rd, Gray (F.); Time: 2 mins. 32.6 secs.
No. 10-880 yards,	Senior.	
Ist, Lancastle (W.); 4th, Thorak (C.).	2nd, Williamson (W.)	3rd, Bastin, J. (C.); ime: 2 mins. 21 secs.
No. II-Mile, Senio	or.	
Ist, Lancastle (W.); 4th, Bastin, J. (C.).	2nd, Williamson (W.)	3rd, David, T. (W.); Time: 5 mins. 23 secs.
No. 12—High Jump	, Junior.	The state of the s
Ist, V. Ball (F.); and Betts (C.).	2nd, Westcott (H.);	3rd, equal, Sharkey(W Height: 3 ft. 9 ins.
No. 13 High Jump,	Intermediate.	
Ist, Payne (H.); 4th, King (C.).	2nd, Sendell (W.);	3rd, Escott (W.); Height: 4 ft. 3 ins.
No. 14-High Jump		
Ist, Williams, L. (W.);		3rd, Hill (F.). Height: 4ft. 10 ins.
No. 15—Long Jump		
Ist, V. Ball (F.); 4th, Sparkes (C.).	2nd, Sharkey (W.);	3rd, Brown (W.); Length: 14 ft. 4½ ins.
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"THE MAD MARCH DAYS"

No. 16-Long Jump, Intermediate. Ist, Slocombe (H.); 2nd, Abraham (C.); 3rd, Fuller (F.); 4th, Dawe (W.). Length: 14 ft. 71 ins. No. 17-Long Jump, Senior. Ist, Waddleton (W.); 2nd, Martin (F.); 3rd, Brown (C.); 4th, Stokes (F.). Length: 17 ft. 21 ins. No. 18-Shot, Junior. Ist, Westcott (H.); 2nd, Adams (H.); 3rd, Sparks (H.); 4th, Brown (W.). Length: 27 ft. No. 19-Shot, Intermediate. Ist, Watts (H.); 2nd, Warren (C.); 3rd, equal, Squibbs (H.) and Bishop (W.). Length: 32 ft. 10 ins. No. 20-Shot, Senior. Ist, Chilvers (W.); 2nd, Stokes (F.); 3rd, Stuckey (F.); 4th, Thorak (C.). Length: 40 ft. 3 ins. No. 21-Javelin, Intermediate. Ist, Watts (H.); 2nd, Acland (H.); 3rd, Jory (C.). Length: 118 ft. 8 ins. No. 22-Javelin, Senior. 1st, Hughes (W.); 2nd, Baker (F.); 3rd, Smith (F.); 4th, Stuckey (F.). Length: 137 ft. No. 23-Discus, Intermediate. Ist, Farrance (F.); 2nd, Abraham (C.); 3rd, Acland (H.); 4th, Squibbs (H.). Length: 68 ft. No. 24-Discus, Senior. Ist, Denbury (H.); 2nd, Connibeer (W.); 3rd, Ware (W.); Williamson (W.). Length: 98 ft. 8 ins. No. 25-Cricket Ball, Junior. Ist, Bird (C.); 2nd, Davies (F.); 3rd, Taylor (H.); Brown (W.). Length: 159 ft. 7 ins. No. 26-Relay. Ist, Wyndham; 2nd, Cromwell: 3rd, Hopton;

4th, Fairfax. Time : 51.6 secs.

#### TRIANGULAR MATCH, AT TAUNTON. (JUNE 15th).

This was a keenly contested meeting and although our score (123 points) was beaten by both our rivals (Weston, 145; Taunton, 133) we might easily have won. Chilvers was very unlucky in failing to get a start in the 100 and we missed V. Ball in the Junior High Jump. Our middle distance runners were outclassed but elsewhere we gave a good account of ourselves.

#### Congratulations to our winners :-

 SHARKEY, who won the Junior Long Jump (14 feet 5 inches). CHILVERS, who won the Senior Shot with a put of 35 ft. I in.

WATTS, who won the Inter. Shot (29 ft. 11 ins.).

DENBURY, who won the Senior Discus (95 ft. 1 in.).

5. WADDLETON, who came first in the Senior Long Jump with a brilliant jump of 18 ft. 6 ins. (2 ins. better than our own School record).

Congratulations too, to these who gained 2nd and 3rd places:

SHARKEY (3rd in the Junior 100 yards). LEWIS (2nd in the Inter. 100 yards).

A. BROWN (3rd in the Senior 100 yards).

WADDLETON (2nd in the Senior 440 yards).

ABRAHAM (3rd in the Inter. 440 yards).

SLOCOMBE (3rd in Long Jump, Inter.).
C. BROWN (2nd in Long Jump, Junior).

BAKER (3rd in the Javelin).

WILLIAMS, L. (2nd in High Jump Senior).

Williams cleared 5 feet and could hardly be expected to beat Melliar of Weston who is capable of doing 5ft. 7 ins.

Finally, we must congratulate our Relay Team who gave Weston an extremely close race and were well worth second place.

#### SOMERSET SCHOOL GAMES' ASSOCIATION.

#### COUNTY SPORTS AT BRIDGWATER. (JUNE 18th).

Bridgwater Area were beaten by the narrow margin of 4 points and our boys gave an excellent account of themselves. B. WATTS broke the record for the Shot (Boys 11-15) with a put of 42 feet 9 inches.

The following gained 1st places :-

L. WILLIAMS	(High Jump 13-15)	4 ft. 10 ins.
B. WATTS	(Shot, 11-15)	42 ft. 9 ins.
J. DENBURY	(Discus, 15-17)	115 ft. 3 ins.
M. WADDLETON	(440 yards, 15-17)	56 seconds.

The following gained 2nd places:—
D. MARTIN (Long Jump, 15-17) 15 ft. 3 ins.

J. BASTIN (880 yards, 11-15).
A. BROWN (100 yards, 15-17).
A. ORLEY (100 yards, 14-15).

B. LANCASTLE (880 yards, 15-17).

The following gained 3rd places:—

J. STOKES (Shot, 15-17) 36 ft. 4½ ins.

D. BAKER (Javelin, 15-17) 105 ft. 6½ ins.

A. REED (Discus, 11-15) 93 ft. 6½ ins.

A. BROWN (220 yards, 15-17).

A. Orley was a member of the winning Relay Team (11-15) and the Senior Relay (15-17) was won by an all Morganian Team which consisted of Brown, Lancastle, Gunningham and Waddleton.

#### THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

When the Society was founded the main aims were: (I) To divide the available ground into a number of plots, each of which was to be worked by a set of boys; (2) To treat the plots by various methods and to compare the results.

It was hoped to illustrate the advantages and disadvantages of (I) humus alone; (2) humus plus selected artificial manures; (3) artificial fertilizers alone, and, (4) density of cropping. A control plot using no synthetic fertilizers or natural manures was to be used as a standard for comparison purposes.

It has been very difficult to carry out this scheme completely owing to the adverse weather conditions. For example, long wet periods delayed preparatory work, and then the drought interfered with the germination and sustained growth of seedlings.

But in spite of these difficulties, and the attractions of the playing field, much useful work has been accomplished and some positive results are hoped for this year.

#### A SURVEY OF NORTH PETHERTON.

At II o'clock on the I7th of May we left Dr. Morgan's School for North Petherton; we went through Bridgwater and along the Taunton Road. When we reached North Petherton, the first thing we did was to find out on our maps, which part of North Petherton we were in. After we had found our position we walked towards the church, which with its beautiful tower was easy to find. We took a photograph of the tower, and went inside. What really caught our eye was King Alfred's Jewel—found not far away in the seventeenth century. On the face of the jewel was the picture of a man; the jewel itself was made of gold, on which were written some Latin words.

When we left the church we went to a disused flour mill of which a photograph was taken. We then went back to the coach for our lunch, which we took with us to King's Cliff, on the way to which we had to go through the village again, where we bought some lemonade. We then went on our way to King's Cliff. We had quite a bit of climbing to do, as we went from the 150 feet contour to the 300 contour, but it was worth it!

We had our dinner at the foot of the cliff and we took some photographs and then went on down a lane, and up towards the top of the cliff, which was another 50 feet or so up again. We then admired the view. Looking North we could see the sea, Burnham, Brent Knoll, Bridgwater, Brean Down, and the Mendip hills. To the East we could see Glastonbury Tor, looking West still more of the Quantocks and towards the South we could see the Blackdown Hills. When looking North, the land below looked just as though we were looking down on a map; it really was a wonderful view.

After we had seen this view we walked back to North Petherton where we split up into our groups. The group I was in did a road survey until 3.10 p.m. We then walked back to the church where we arranged to meet, and then back to the coach. We went back to Bridgwater through Goathurst, and arrived at the School at 4 p.m.

J. Hyde IIIa.

#### LIBRARY NOTES.

The 'chock' of leather meeting willow, the drowsay hum of voices, occasionally interrupted by a triumphant 'Ow 'zat!' and an equally vehement protest from the defiant batsman—"It was miles outside my leg stump"—these are but a few of the miscellany of sounds which wander through the simmering heat and harsh glare of a June day into the dim coolness of a deserted Library. This is ideal weather for cricket, tennis, swimming, or just lazing about in the sun, so who bothers about reading? Literature is at best a substitute for life, and summer days are grand days for living, but less conducive to reading. It is at such times as these that the Library undergoes a paradoxical 'summer hibernation'; Withdrawals from the Library drop steeply, the upper forms, faced with the bogy of 'School Cert.' or 'Higher,' devote themselves to more serious reading, while instead of settling down before a blazing fire with a good book, as in Winter, the fine weather draws us all out to enjoy the infinite pleasures and occupations of a summer evening.

Occasionally a stormy day will bring back to the Library her fickle following to browse disconsolately through back numbers of 'Punch' or discuss Somerset's chances of saving the follow-on, but with the reappearance of the sun, all but the faithful few melt away, leaving behind them a spoor of scattered periodicals and displaced volumes.—And why not ?—a plague on all Libraries (at least for

the summer)-I'm off playing cricket !

P.H.

(A story following the same lines as the popular B.B.C. programme "Stump the Storyteller," the objects being a stray dog, a type-writer, a used 'bus ticket and a test-tube.).

#### THE INSATIABLE CURIOSITY OF MR. FITCH.

To any passer-by Mr. Fitch was a typical London business man, enjoying a particularly nice Saturday afternoon in a deck chair in his own front garden. But Mr. Fitch was not the dormant figure he appeared to be. Occasionally, he would open his eyes and crane his neck to peer through the foliage of a large lilac bush. Then a frown would spread over his face and he would sink once more into his former attitude of sleep.

The focus of his attention was a man in the garden of the large, rambling house on the opposite side of the road. The man was

none other than his old acquantance Colonel Montague-Higginson, usually known as "Walrus" on account of his large grey moustache. The sight of the Colonel was common enough, but on this occasion his actions were strange almost to the point of being inexplicable. He was digging a hole in his front lawn! Now if Fitch had done this, nothing would be amiss; but old Walrus was a Colonel and had a gardener working for him on four mornings every week.

Even so, the majority of people would, after the initial surprises forget the whole matter in a few minutes. This was not the case with Mr. Fitch, however, as he had already put a sinister construction

on that digging.

On reaching home the previous evening, his wife, Gladys, had mentioned casually that a stray dog had spent most of that day running about the Colonel's garden. Having a grudge against "Walrus," he prayed that a lot of damage had been done and let the matter rest. Then, just before dinner, he returned from a visit to the tobacconist with a glint in his eye. The wife of the tobacconist, Mrs. Warren, had lost her pedigree golden spaniel. If he could retrieve that dog, he would earn the everlasting gratitude of Mr. Warren, a gratitude which, he reflected could bring about much good in the event of a cigarette shortage. He questioned Gladys about the animal she had seen, but as she could just only tell a Pekinese and a Saint Bernard apart, she proved to be of little assistance. He was able to extract the fact that it was "a sort of medium-sized brown dog," but any question regarding the length of its ears produced an open verdict.

Thus it was that Fitch kept his long vigil, until the Colonel commenced the perculiar behaviour already mentioned. On peering through the lilac bush for about the twentieth time, Mr. Fitch nodded thoughtfully. A small sack which had previously been full was now empty. "Obviously put the body of the dog in the hole," he thought, and he watched the Colonel start to sprinkle a large quantity of white powder into the hole. "Probably lime to decompose the body," he muttered, and he raised a pair of binoculars he had ready in an unsuccessful effort to read the large black letters on the bag containing the powder. "Walrus" then replaced some soil, took a large test-tube from his pocket and poured some liquid into the hole. "Concentrated acid," said Fitch with a knowing nod, observing how carefully it was handled by the Colonel. "A bad business," he murmured, and with that he stumped off for tea.

Several days later, a rose tree appeared on the site of the Colonel's excavations. "Trust the Colonel to do that," thought Fitch, "trust an old soldier to use camouflage." He was by now acutely interested in the whereabouts of that dog, but with a domineering wife like Gladys, how could he go over to the Colonel's garden and dig up the evidence he so much wanted. Every hour it

was being destroyed by quick lime and acid.

On the Thursday, Mr. Fitch was boarding a bus outside the tube station when whom should he see but his acquantance, Montague Higginson. Now the Colonel was retired, and his appearance on a



"PEASE BLOSSOM, COBWEB, MOTH OR MUSTARD-SEED ?"

'bus in the 'rush-hour' was indeed an event. Suddenly Mr. Fitch gave a start and his eyes almost popped out of his head. The Colonel was carrying a box, a large, black box with a small handle on top. He started thinking. What could be in the box? Where did it come from? Why did the Colonel hug it on his lap? Was this something to do with dogs and their destruction? The Colonel was carrying out vivisection!

When "Walrus" alighted, Fitch walked at a respectable distance behind him. Only when the Colonel discarded a small piece of paper did he rush forward and snatch it up. It was a used bus ticket and, to judge by its value, it was conclusive evidence that the Colonel had come right over from the East End. Now what could he be doing in that part of the world? This and other questions rushed through Fitch's brain as he tackled his tea.

Some three weeks after the Colonel's extraordinary behaviour in his garden, Gladys, who had been rather depressed for some time, announced at supper that she was going to see her mother at Eastbourne. She would not stay long, and would probably return about noon on the day after her departure. Mr. Fitch promptly looked sorry, as a good husband should, but there was gladness in his heart as he went to bed that night. He lay awake making plans, and wondering if his evidence would by now be destroyed. He looked across at the light in the Colonel's study, and noted carefully when it was extinguished. He fell asleep wondering about the contents of that mysterious black box.

The following night saw Mr. Fitch, fully dressed, creeping stealthily out of the back door and into the garage. He picked up the brick normally used for keeping the door open, and with a few gentle taps he removed the rusty lamp from his wife's rather antiquated bicycle. It gave a poor light, but it enabled him to find a small trowel, his only equipment. A clock struck two, and Mr. Fitch slipped silently across the road.

As he knelt down in the Colonel's garden and started digging, so it started to rain. It rained heavily; so heavily that it damped even the spirit of Mr. Fitch. He abandoned his digging and stood in front of the French windows of the Colonel's study flattening himself against them to escape the rain.

As he stood, he heard a metallic click and the French windows opened, almost precipitating the rain-soaked figure on to the floor. Now Mr. Fitch was a law-abiding citizen and the mere thought of house-breakkg was wholly repugnant to him. Anyway, now he was in, there could be no possible harm in looking about the place. In the weak light of the cycle lamp, he could see on the Colonel's desk a large pile of thin paper-bound books. Almost without thinking, he slipped one into his coat pocket. There were plenty there, and he hoped the Colonel would not miss just one.

As he flashed the yellow beam of the lamp around the room before leaving, he noticed a familiar object on a table near the door. It was the black box. He tip-toed over and scrutinised it. It was as absorbing as ever. He caught hold of the handle at the top and pulled. As it was on a table he could not exert his full strength so he put his arms around it to lift it onto the floor.

Just as he cleared the table, there was a dreadful crash and a sensation of pain in one of his feet. "The box was the cover of a typewriter, an instrument which now lay in pieces at, and on, his feet. He dropped the cover, seized his lamp, and rushed straight out onto the lawn. As he fled through the rain, an upstairs window was thrown open and the Colonel blazed away at the fleeing figure with a fowling-piece. Fitch headed down the drive as though pursued by a thousand devils, lead shot whistling about his ears...

It was almost two in the afternoon when Mr. Fitch stumped downstairs in his dressing gown, sneezing violently with his newly-caught cold. He picked up the paper and immediately his eyes rested on the late news.

'Mysterious robber—Last night an unknown man broke into the home of Colonel Montague Higginson in Richmond and did superficial damage to a prize rose bush and a typewriter. His motive remains a mystery since the only thing stolen was a copy of the Colonel's new book, just received from the publishers....'

Fitch looked slightly pale. He fetched the book he had stolen and read it at random.

'.... A good soil preparation is essential for growing good roses. In a recent experiment, I removed the soil to a depth of some two feet and replaced it by a whole sack of manure, followed by a quantity of lime and some liquid soil sterilizer. Results are ...'

Mr. Fitch looked a pale green. He clutched the mantlepiece as in bounced Gladys, newly returned from Eastbourne.

"What do you think, Mrs. Warren has just told me that her spaniel has been over at their old house in Clapham for three weeks! Isn't it strange how dogs find their old homes?"

Mr. Fitch turned a sickly blue and collapsed on the hearthrug.

T. David.

#### COUNTRY SONG.

The Country in the summer, The country in the spring, The country every time of year Does with sweet sweetness ring.

The wren, so very small, The lark, far out of sight, The birds in all the hedgerows Are singing with delight.

The buttercups bright yellow, The daisies tipped with white, The lilies tall, majestic, Are bathing in the light.

The rabbit with its tail of white, The stoat, its body long, The crafty fox with thick black brush, All join the country throng.

And so throughout the spring, All other seasons too, This living world, its country life, Help us to see life through.

A. Warren, 4a.

#### CONCERNING OLD BOYS AGAIN.

In our April number we printed, on page 15, some "Coincidences concerning Old Boys" and, in paragraph 2 of that account, we referred to Mr. Geo. P. Morgan, of Magnay Park, Woollahra, Sydney, N.S. Wales. It will be remembered that Mr. Storey wrote to him sending him a copy of the Morganian. We are pleased to be able to print the following reply from Mr. Morgan, and we do not think that there is the slightest doubt that he attended the Old School for Mr. Lucette did run a boarding house in College House, the building at present occupied by Meaker's Motors. The pupil teacher, named Spurway, mentioned became ultimately a Director of Education in South Africa.

The letter is dated 11th May, 1949, and runs as follows:—
"I thank you for the copy of the Morganian recently received and I must admit the whole circumstances to be a little romantic as well as coincidental as, in the first place "we"—my wife, I and my son, who was back on leave from New Guinea—went by car on a pleasure run down the South Coast which is considered one of the beauty spots of this part of the State.

After climbing the road of Bulli Pass and wandering around the Reserve of the Bulli Lookout, a rather high point which commands an outlook of the coast as far as the eye can see, both up and down, this point being about 46 miles from Sydney, and while sauntering around and going into many of the Rest Shelters I took to scanning the scores of names and addresses that were scribbled on the walls, when I was struck by one with the name, Lichfield, and I could see it was of a young lady with the R.N. as it had the letters V.A.D. after her name. I had visited this city when quite a young man, about the age of 22 to 24, when on a business trip to the Midlands, and, while staying a few days at Walsall, I took the opportunity of visiting Lichfield to see the Cathedral as my pet hobby was photography although at the time I did not have a camera with me.

Well, on this Bulli trip my visit there was recalled to me and I made a note of the name and address, slipped it into my pocket-book and forgot all about it; many months later, as I was looking through the book, it fell out so I thought the only recompense I could make would be to send her a food parcel and a letter explaining the circumstances, but I was very surprised on receiving her note of acknowledgment to see that it was date-stamped, Bridgwater, and to note that she wondered if I had ever been to Somerset. In my reply I explained that I had been to school there as well as being many times a visitor to a lot of other places in that county. So now to that period.

I still have in my possession a Revised Version, Oxford and Cambridge, of the New Testament the fly-leaf of which is inscribed, "Presented to Master Geo. Morgan on his leaving for College House School, Bridgwater, with best wishes for his Material and Spiritual Prosperity, by his teacher, W. Richards, April, 1883" so by that I must have been at that time 13 years and 5 months, and I think I was there until I was 17, leaving early in December, before the Christmas break-up. This was because of the serious illness of my Mother who died the following January, but to the best of my memory, it was always known as College House School, and I never remember it being called or referred to as Dr. Morgan's; it always appeared to be in the sole control and ownership of Mr. Lucette and his family-he, and his son, Charles, who had taken his B.A. Degree, as well as his son-in-law, Dr. Watson of Peterborough, nor do I recall any of the boys ever associating my name with that of the school. At that time, as far as I can recall, there were about 40 to 60 boarders. 30-40 were Quarterly, and 20-25 were Weekly farmers' sons, who went home for the week-ends. The rest of the

One boy, a boarder, also a "Townie" was known as "Rattie Bowering," whose people kept a baker's shop at the corner of a small street not far from College House—he was so called on account of his hair, which was mouse-colour and stood or grew out from his head like bristles; he was also the pugilist of the school. There was another boy from Wales, Henry Styles, of Bridgend, 20 miles from

boys were from the town.

Cardiff. One of the pupil teachers I remember was Spurway, a young man from Brent Knoll. The senior boy prefect or first monitor, named Braund, also a boarder, and came from somewhere near Bristol and who, I had thought in later years, might have been the famous Somerset cricketer, as he was of a build that could have fitted that job.

We used to go down to the river to see the Bore come up, and, in those days, Bridgwater was a great place for holding Guy Fawkes' night. The town was given up to it and men and boys had for months been preparing by making their own squibs—we

in our spare time made squibs and rockets.

Since those days I have only been to Bridgwater once and

that's so long ago I can't remember.

I trust what I have written will make it clear that it must be one and the same school as you now style Dr. Morgan's although I am sure it was not so styled then, but that's 66 years ago and I shall be 80 in November.

With the hope that what I have written will be of some

interest to you,

I am,

Yours truly,

Geo. P. Morgan."

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This, with the list published in the last issue of the Magazine, brings the total to £80 2s. Od. The large number of Old Morganians who have not yet contributed is disappointing, especially as good publicity has been given to the appeal not only in this Magazine and by personal letter from the Treasurer, but also by a generous use of their limited space on the part of the "Bridgwater Mercury."

This is not the type of appeal for which it should be necessary to organise dances, etc., and one is forced to the conclusion that many Old Boys have not yet given simply because it has slipped their memory. Donations should be forwarded to the Treasurer, Westminster Bank, Bridgwater, or may be paid in at any other bank for the credit of this account.

PLEASE HELP BY MENTIONING THE SUBJECT TO OTHERS WHO HAVE NOT SUBSCRIBED.

#### OLD MORGANIAN NOTES.

May we direct your attention to the further appeal which is being made elsewhere in this issue on behalf of the Old Morganians' War Memorial Fund?

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. GEOFFREY PREECE, 37/43, on the birth of a daughter. PREECE tells us he is now engaged as an Assistant Chemist to a firm of Aluminium Alloy Manufacturers

at St. Albans. We wish good luck to all the family.

We had a visit early in June from one of our war-time evacuees'—STANLEY BILKUS, 1939-40. The last time we heard of him was in 1940 when he was in Texas. Since then he has seen service with R.E.M.E. and is now working at Faraday House in an engineering capacity. It is gratifying to know he wanted to visit us again.

Just recently we have had a most interesting letter from D. R. WILLIS, 1940-45. Willis is serving with the Royal Signals in Egypt and has given us a full description of his journey from Yorkshire to Egypt, via London, Hawich, the Hook of Holland, Rotterdam, Cologne, Austria, where he found his school German very useful in trafficking in cigarettes! Italy, Trieste, the Adriatic, Port Said, Ismailia and finally Cairo. We shall look forward to seeing Willis towards the end of the year when he hopes to visit us on his demobilisation leave. Meanwhile happy journeyings.

We are pleased to record the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. COURT, 1933-39. Our best wishes to all. "B.J." has now settled down in North Petherton after his war-time experiences, so we shall expect to see him a little more frequently than we have of recent years.

I am sure we shall all like to send our good wishes to J. F. WALLBUTTON who sailed in the Acquitania this June to take up farming in Canada. He has of course been farming in this country but has decided to seek fresh experiences in Ontario. We shall look forward to hearing from him in due course.

We were very delighted to see M. ASHILL, 1921-28, one day this term. After several years with N.A.A.F.I. in his professional capacity he is now back in London with a large firm of accountants. He had been spending his holiday in Cornwall and paid us a visit on his way home to Esher. We are glad to know he is doing so well in his calling and shall expect to hear of his further progress.

A most unexpected visitor back in May was Harold Robert. otherwise "BOB" WILLIAMS 1931-38. Some of us may remember that he was "stranded" in Trinidad at the outbreak of war and ultimately completed his University studies in California. He is now working with the Shell Oil Company in Venezuela and has been over here with his wife for a short vacation. We were indeed pleased to see both of them when they visited the School and shall look forward to seeing them again on their next visit.

We have on previous occasions referred to A. P. PENNELLS. particularly with reference to his experiences as a prisoner of war both in Italy and Germany. We have recently had an opportunity of reading the detailed account of those experiences, a manuscript running into 73 foolscap pages. We are sure many of his time, circa 1930 I believe, would welcome a similar privilege. Pennells is now serving in the East Africa Command and in his letter he

writes :-

"If there is anything in it you feel would make an article, then you are welcome to do so. This I doubt very much. I am enjoying life out here more, especially now that my family have joined me." (Arthur Peter Pennells was married to Helen May Dickinson, at St. John's Church, Highbridge, on 22nd September, 1945). It is really very difficult to condense these 73 pages into a magazine article, every page is full of interest, and I think we must be content to include one extract :--"I can't explain my own personal feelings on that 29th day of April, 1945-a little more than four years had elapsed since that day in the desert when we passed from our side to the wrong side of the fence. It really seemed as if a lifetime has passed—was it really only four years-but what of the future-well, that could look after itself for the time being; we were liberated and it would not be long before we would be on our way to home and freedom. . . . and it was with mixed feelings that we marched out of the camp-not many spoke, there was no cheering, each was content to let the other have his own thoughts."

P.C.S.G.

#### MOVING DAY.

One of the most vivid memories of my early childhood, that I have, is of the day we moved from the house in which I was born, and where I had lived for five years, to the slightly larger one that served me in the brief intervals of my returns from school. We rose early that morning, and looked out on a world which was, if possible, slightly drearier, greyer, and more dismal than usual. Breakfast was an unusually quiet meal, devoid even of the occasional cryptic comments that issued forth from behind the expanse of newspaper that signified my father's presence. It was eaten in a room which was stripped bare; all furniture was ready for the van, and over all hung an air of rapidly approaching tragedy.

The said approach was announced by the clatter of horses' hooves, which changed to a crunching as the van, drawn by four horses, swung into the gravel drive from the main road. Then

confusion came.

Confusion came, in the person of Uncle Harold, a hearty, brick-red, bull-necked man, who announced himself with, "Well, we'll soon have everything organised"—shifting a chair—"nothing like knowing where everything is," swinging round and promptly falling over the chair he had placed there. Undeterred by this slight setback, "The Shape of Things to Come"—he set about "helping," getting in everyone's way, putting things in places where they seemed to commit self-destruction on anyone's approach—particularly Uncle Harold's.

At one point we seemed on the verge of a domestic crisis

between Uncle Harold and the chief removal expert:-

"I din 'come 'ere to be mucked abant by no-one"-

"Now, look here, my man"-

"I'm not yer man"-

"Don't you raise your voice to me"-

"I'll raise my voice to 'oom I like, and see 'ere, you old ——" followed by regrettable reflections on Uncle Harold's ancestry and future prospects; unfortunate but forgivable.

And so it went on, till, at three o'clock, we rounded the Crescent for the last time. I think everyone was a little sad then;

I know I was.

A. P. Axworthy, 4R.

#### SWIMMING.

This season we have been favoured with excellent weather and it has been gratifying to see how the shivering apprehension of last year's learners has, in many cases, given place to enthusiastic swimming.

In response to the institution of certificates for lengths, four boys swam their mile, seven the half-mile and innumerable

attempts, mainly successful, were made on the quarter mile.

The ten lengths tended to become a test of endurance, being, in once instance, doggedly completed by an apparently unpromising candidate for the 33 yards. The "five", however, though less popular, was a more graceful affair, and it was not until we reached the "one lengthers" that again the monstrous nature of the task made itself felt.

The Swimming Sports went off very well. As expected, Vowles and Thorak were the most successful competitors in the senior events; but the forecasters were confounded when Bailey came a close second in the Senior Championship. Another dark horse was Bishop, who scored 8, 8, 8, and 9 in the intermediate diving.

Some of the more promising intermediate competitors might have done better had they not trusted to a last minute practice the day before the Sports. Their keenness and performance, however, rivalled those of the seniors and gave a glimpse of great things for the next year.

The Juniors seemed younger than ever, but there is undoubtedly some useful talent here. Betts and Bishop showed promise, while Lambie has been the most enthusiastic swimmer of

the season.

After the last event, the judges lost no time in cooling themselves appropriately. A ducking party ensued, during which Mr. Heseltine (whose organisation so materially contributed to the success of the day) kept saying, but apparently without justification, that surely someone must be on his side.

We would like to thank the judges, the announcer, the recorder and all concerned with the organisation for a very pleasant

afternoon.

It seems inevitable that hopes of bettering our position in the inter-school swimming sports should have to be deferred, as those Juniors who were our main strength last year are now unfortunately in the intermediate class, where competition is stiffer. But despite the superior swimming facilities of the rival teams, this season's progress offers bright prospects for 1950.

C.J.L.

#### RESULTS OF SWIMMING SPORTS.

Event No.

Junior, I Length, Breast. Ist, Reed (W.); 2nd, Bishop (W.).

Junior Learners, Width. Incledon (C.); 2, Reed (W.); Culley (W.); Francis (H.).

5. Inter. Learners, Width. Bastin, B. (C.); Hyde (C.); Day (H.) Collard (F.); Squibbs (H.); Street (W.); Wood (W.); Buttle (F.); Court (C.).

Inter, 2 Lengths, Breast Stroke. I, Wallbutton (H.); 2, Gray (F.); 3, Moseley (C.); 4, Sendell (W.). Time: 73 secs.

Inter., 2 Lengths, Free Style. I, Farrance (F.); 2, Bishop (W.); 3, Moseley (C.); 4, Channing (F.). Time: 51 secs.

II. Senior, Plunge. I, Thorak (C.); 2, Gunningham (W.); 3, Cunnington (C.); 4, Chilvers (W.). Distance: 40 feet 6 ins.

12. Junior, I Length, Free Style. I, Betts (C.); 2, Lambie (H.); 3, Bishop (W.); 4, Brown (W.). 13. Senior, 2 Lengths, Breast Stroke.

I, Thorak (C.); 2, Stokes (F.); 3, Smith P. (F.), 4, Harvey (F.).

Time: 61 secs.

14. Inter., Plunge.

1, McAlister (F.); 2, Andrews (W.); 3, Locke (W.); Moseley (C.). Distance: 45 feet 5 ins.

15. Senior, I Lenth, Free Style.

I, Vowles (F.); 2, Chilvers (W.); Brown (C.); Bailey (W.). Time: 21 1/5th secs.

17. Senior, I Length, Back Stroke.

I, Thorak (C.); 2, Vowles (F.); Brown A. (C.); Kitch (W.).

Time: 24 2/5th secs.

18. Junior House, Relay.

I, Wyndham; 2, Cromwell. Time: 2 mins 22 secs.

19. Inter. | Length Back Stroke.

I, Farrance (F.); 2, McAlister (F.); 3, Hunt (C.); 4, Watts (H).

Time: 29 2/5th secs.

20. Senior Diving.

I, Cunnington (C.); 2, Ware (W.); 3, Besley (W.); 4, Stuckey (F.).

21. Inter House Relay.

I, Cromwell; 2, Wyndham; 3, Fairfax; 4, Hopton.
Time: I min, 47 secs.

22. Junior Diving.

I, Bishop (W.); 2, Betts (C.); 3, Lambie (H.); 4, Holland (F.).

23. Senior House Relay.

I, Cromwell; 2, Wyndham; 3, Fairfax; 4, Hopton.
Time: I min. 29 I/5th secs.

24. Inter Diving.

I, Bishop (W.); 2, McAllister (F.); 3, Moseley (C.); 4, Ball (F.).

25. Senior Championship Race.

I, Vowles (F.); 2, Bailey (W.); 3, Chilvers (W.) 4, Brown, R. A. (C.). Time: 48 secs.

#### SPEECH DAY, 1949.

Speech Day, July 8th, 1949, was one of the finest days in a season of enchantment. The School was gay with flowers (charmingly arranged by Mrs. Key) and the Hall was crowded (but well within the bounds of comfort) by parents, friends and supporters of the School. There were no gaps to be deplored upon the platform. The Chairman of the Governors, the Mayor of Bridgwater, and the guest of honour, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, were supported by Mrs. Miller-Barstow, Chairman of the County Education Committee and the Governors.

In a brief introductory address Lord St. Audries referred to the large number of academic successes gained during the School year and paid a special tribute to the development of the School Orchestra.

The Headmaster then gave his Annual Report. Welcoming the Bishop, he described his visit as the renewal of an old historical association between the School and the Diocese; for, over a long period, the School had had to sit for a half-yearly examination in which the Bishop played a leading role. The Headmaster described the year under review as 'a vintage year,' with its three Open Scholarships to Universities and its record number of School and Higher Certificates. Next year would bring new problems with the arrival of new examinations and the new age regulations. But the School had already laid its plans to meet the new conditions. He appealed again for a larger Sixth Form, pointing out eloquently the value of that last School year, which had more influence on a boy's character and intelligence than any other part of his academic career. The opportunities were here in ever-increasing numbers for all boys who had the industry and vision to seize them.

The School buildings had been redecorated and the Sports Ground had been the centre of most local juvenile athletics. With the presence of the Mayor on the platform as his text, the Headmaster stressed the importance of the link between the School and the life of the district it served and referred to lectures from local officials on their professional duties. We had also had lectures from officers of all the three Services on Careers. A School Museum had been started with generous gifts from Mrs. Dutton and the family of the late Mr. Dilks. We had contributed what was perhaps the most attractive Educational Exhibit in the Bath and West Show (see School Notes) and the School Orchestra, already referred to by the Chairman, now numbered over 30 performers. Plans were being laid to produce a Pageant of Bridgwater at some time during the next School Year.

Dr. Morgan's had played, also, a fitting part in Somersetshire Sport. Two boys had represented the County in Rugby and four would shortly do so in Athletics in the National Meetings at Carshalton. Co-operation with the Girls' School had been on a full

and cordial basis; in fact, said the Headmaster, with a twinkle in his voice, we enjoyed all the advantages and none of the disadvantages of Co-education. He then congratulated Mrs. White and her staff on the excellence of the kitchen arrangements and expressed the warmest thanks to the staff and to the Governors for their loyal and enthusiastic support.

So ended an annual report as impressive in manner as in

matter.

After the distribution of the prizes the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells delighted the audience with an address seasoned with humour and sharpened with the cutting edge of an acute intelligence. Those of us who expect something more than human from a Bishop were reassured by the affectionate expertise with which the Bishop handled a cricket-bat before he handed it to the winner. After many wise and witty reflections on the present state of education (he confessed that, while admiring the enlarged scope of modern secondary education, he wondered sometimes if we were not trying to do too much for too many too soon), the Bishop laid down that the chief end of education was to prepare mankind for the inevitable confrontation with conscience which comes at the close of life. We must be on our guard against the popular fallacy of the times that those things provided under State auspices were free. All the Social Services—of which Education is perhaps the most important are provided by the efforts and at the cost of the whole community. Therefore the time, material and opportunities given by Education must be used wisely and with a full sense of responsibility.

In a stirring peroration the Bishop reminded us that education should teach everyone that true happiness lies more in giving than in getting. This means that our education can only reach fruition within the framework of the Christian traditions and belief and must therefore result in the necessary recovery of faith in man and God.

After a vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop, proposed by Preb. Hughes-Davies (a member of our Governing Body), the audience broke up to walk round the School Buildings and Class-rooms and

to watch work and play in progress.

Tea was served in the Hall and in the Library. It was long after five o'clock before the last parent walked contentedly away from one of the most interesting and stimulating of all Dr. Morgan's Speech Days.

#### LIST OF AWARDS.

#### Prizes.

School Captain (Staff Prize)	 W. J. Biffen	VIth Arts.
"Templeman" Prize (Science	 M. J. Chilvers	VIth Sc.
"Templeman" Prize		
(Mathematics)	 M. J. Hales	Vth A.
"Rotary Service"	 D. Martin	Vth A.
"Tiarks" Prize (History)	 P. Haggett	VIth A.

"British Cellophane"	Science	B. S. Westcott	Vith Sc.
"British Cellophane"	Science	J. P. Munn	VIth Sc.
"British Cellophane"		P. J. Windo	IIIrd B.
"British Cellophane"			Vth B.
"British Cellophane" I			IVth B.
Music Prize (cello)		D. J. Pilling	IVth A.
Music Prize (Violin)		P. R. Targett	IInd B.
Magazine Prize		T. David	VIth Sc.
"Heaven" Art Prize		A. Brown	Vith A.
Religious Instruction		T. Palmer	IVth A.
"Berry" Library Prize		P. Haggett	Vith A.
"Berry" Geography Pr	ize	P. M. Braine	VIth Sc.
"Berry" Geography Pr	ize	D. Swann	IIIrd A.
"Berry" Geography Pr	ize	C. J. Iles	IInd A.
Progress Prizes:	VA.	I. M. Slocombe.	
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	IV B. IV R.	G. J. Burgess. C. H. Dierks.	
		R. W. Day	
	III B.	P. A. Redding.	
	II A.	A. J. Fuller.	
	II B.	T. F. S. Davis. V. Forrington.	
		W. P. Bovett.	
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"Waddon" Social Servi	ce Cup	B. C. Wallbut	
"Hacking" Cup (Mile)		B. J. Lancastle	
"Eaton" Cup (440 yards	s)	M. G. Waddlet	
"Williams" Cup (220 y	ards)	M. J. Chilvers	
"Hellier" Cup			

(Best Individual Performance) M. J. Chilvers. "Dr. Morgan's" Cup (Juniors ... Fairfax House ... "Old Morganians" Cup (Rugby) M. G. Waddleton. "Catlow" Bowl (Athletics) Wyndham House. "Poplar" Cup (Rugby) ... Wyndham House. "Masding" Cup (Swimming) ... Wyndham House "Moon" Cup (Junior Swimming) C. D. Betts. ... "Trenchard" Cup (Junior Cricket) Hopton House. ... "Heseltine" Cup (Tennis) Ware, 6-3, 6-1.

#### School Honours.

W. J. Biffen: Open Scholarship (History) at Jesus College,

Cambridge.

P. Thorak: Open Exhibition (Modern Languages) at Bristol

University.

R. H. Gigg: County Major Scholarship (Science).

A. Brown: Ist Prize of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

#### Bristol Higher School Certificate, 1948.

W. J. Biffen (Distinction in History).

D. G. King.

P. Thorak.

D. W. Besley.

J. Channon.

R. H. Gigg (Distinction in Chemistry).

I. S. Pole.

# University College of Southampton, School of Navigation. B. M. Rowley.

#### Civil Service (Clerical Branch). P. Worman.

#### Oxford School Certificate, 1948.

B. C. Bater P. M. Braine J. E. Fursland M. G. Gardner R. E. Gilbert P. Haggett M. R. Laban R. G. S. Moore G. L. Palmer B. M. Rowley L. J. Slocombe A. G. Smith R. Spreadborough B. J. Webb W. P. B. Bale A. B. Brown H. J. Butcher A. Butler A. David

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A. B. Brown A. David

#### SCHOOL NOTES.

This term has given us the weather for which our School was undoubtedly and exclusively designed. And, as the heights of Durleigh are windier even than the plains of Troy, the weather has been tempered even to the shorn lambs of the School and Higher Certificates, who, even at this moment, are battling against the slings and arrows of outrageous examiners.

The Morganian appears this term in a new dress which will, we hope, be above the vagaries of fashion. The School Badge (standardised for all official occasions) appears in a form designed by

Mr. Overy whom we congratulate and thank.

There have been changes at the top of the School, W. J. Biffen left us last term for his Army Service ('uneasy sometimes lies the head that wears a beret') and M. J. Chilvers is now School Captain. A tower of strength in Rugby, Athletics and Swimming he is

now fighting the good fight in the Higher Certificate.

This term has been starred with memorable 'out-of-School' activities and happily bisected by a whole week of miraculous Whitsuntide sunshine. The highlight was the Windsor visit (see a later account) when 130 boys and six masters absorbed the past in the form of Windsor and Runnymede, and the present in the form of innumerable lemonades and ice creams. What with all this and the highest of summers this term has been one of the blandest imaginable. What matter a few pedagogic twinges of conscience at the timetables' mute reproach?

The only School Society to hold out against the sun has been the Horticultural Society. And even it has been so bemused by the fine weather that it has not asked for Prayers for Rain at the Morning

Assembly.

Next year promises to be even more crowded with varied doings than this. Already there are rumours of Concerts and Dances (our one School Dance to date was a resounding success socially and financially) and something even more imposing has been mooted which may be absorbing all our energies when the cuckoo's here again.

The one-shift dinner experiment (referred to at length in the Editorial) has proved successful so far; but it still has to face the exacting ordeal by wind and rain. But—one shift or two shifts—we feel that the kitchen staff are greatly to be congratulated on the quality of the food they provide and the smooth efficiency of their

service.

The Educational Section of the Bath and West Show (held this year at Bristol) was graced by an extremely attractive model of the standard type of Gymnasium and Changing Room adopted by our County Education Authority. This model was the work (everyone played some part in it) of the School's Art and Handicraft Section, under the inspiration and guidance of Mr. Overy and Mr. Rees. Every (yes, every!) detail was reproduced in miniature and the result was a craftsman's delight. The Times Educational Supplement

published a photograph of Mr. Overy and some of his helpers at work on the Model. Mr. Overy's expression was one of such benign authority that an irreverent colleague hailed him as 'the Bishop of Bath and West.'

We understand that we are to lose Mr. Jacob for a season. He has been seconded to an Emergency Training College. We shall miss him in the Geography Department and on the Cricket

Field. We wish him every happiness in his new duties.

Among the more notable objects contributed to the School Museum by Mrs. Dutton are several beautiful Neolithic flints, a collection of Greek and Roman coins, and many relics of the Napoleonic Era. Mrs. Glanville-Brown has given a collection of coins and some interesting manuscripts.

Congratulations to the 1st XI on their victory over Weston Grammar School. This last minute—last ball—win by nine runs has shed an evening glow over what has been otherwise a disappoint-

ing season.

In awarding Williamson his County Rugby Colours the Somerset Schools' Rugby Union congratulate him on his "whole-

hearted and enthusiastic displays in the County Games."

At the height of the drought it was necessary to call the local Fire Brigade to deal with a grass fire on the waste land at the east side of the School field. Fortunately no damage was done, though there was some danger to the I G. Glass Room.

We thank Mr. Harden for a photograph of the Old Morganians'

team of 1897.

We thank Mr. S. Berry for three prints for the Library.

#### THE TRIP TO WINDSOR.

At last the long-awaited day arrived; it was 10 a.m., and the sun was shining brightly while over six hundred school children eagerly waited for the train to arrive at the station. Eventually it did and everybody literally rushed to their marked compartments. As the train drew out of the station amid the cheering of the party some were lucky in having their photo taken by the local newspaper photographer.

Everybody in the train was well looked after as there was a great variety of refreshments, such as ice-creams, chocolate, lemonade

and crisps.

After quite an enjoyable journey the children poured out of the carriages on to Windsor station right on time, where they were marshalled in pairs. Having left the station, we made our way towards the castle and entered by the King Henry VIII Gateway. As you entered the gateway you were confronted by St. George's Chapel and on your right at the top of a small hill you were able to see the Round Tower or Keep as it is sometimes called, while on your left was the Guard Room where the battalion of foot-guards stay through the day. On the north side of the Horseshoe Cloisters a passage-way led to the Curfew tower which houses the eight

bells of the chapel, these are chimed every three hours playing the tune 'St. David's.' A major disappointment was that we were not allowed to look around the State Apartments as they had only recently been occupied. Then we went up to the top of the tower from which on a very fine day you can see twelve counties, so we were told by our guide. Many boys and girls, who had cameras, took quite a few snaps of the very fine views one can see from the top of the tower.

Last, but not least, we visited the magnificent Chapel of St. George, Inside we sat down while a verger briefly went through the history of the building, speaking through a microphone. The famous west window of this chapel is said to be the third largest in England and it contains seventy five figures of Saints, Princes, and Kings, which are 6ft. 3 ins. in height. One of the most beautiful pieces of sculpture in the chapel, as I think every one will agree, was the Monument in white marble to Princess Charlotte of Wales, the work of Mathew Wyatt. The great organ of the chapel can be played by two players simultaneously. After having a quick look round the many parts of the chapel we went out and waited in the Lower Ward; while waiting we were very lucky in seeing the smart procedure of the changing of the guards.

At approximately quarter to four we sailed by Messrs. Salters' steamers from Windsor bridge to Runnymede on the River Thames. We were served tea on the steamers and afterwards we could obtain lemonade. It was a very delightful voyage lasting just over

three hours.

We began our return voyage by train at 7.30 p.m. and arrived in Bridgwater at 10.30 p.m., after a very fine day's excursion.

G. Hoppington, Illa.

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