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EDITORIAL

We feel privileged in being the first pupils to write the editorial for this magazine, which is the first to appear as a separate Grammar School edition. This one, we feel, will contain more that is of particular interest to Grammar School readers. In the past, as you know, "The Alliance" consisted simply of reports on activities, but now for the first time we have interspersed original articles with the reports, all of which, for the first time, have been written by pupils. Though the standard of the contributions this year is good, it can still be raised, and we hope the younger members of the school will be able to achieve this in future issues.

To us falls the task of recording the changes which have taken place in our school during the past year. It has witnessed the forming of the first Sixth Form to consist of pupils who have been at Wymondham since Third Form days. The only previous Sixth Form, of course, was transferred here from Thetford. With the rebirth of the Sixth Form has come the extended use of the College Library as a place from which books may be borrowed. The added privilege of being allowed to do extra work in the Library has been most advantageous to the Sixth Form. Last September, too, the biggest ever invasion of Third Formers, sixty in all, descended upon us, and it is pleasing to note that very few of them have fallen by the wayside.

Morning Assemblies have also struck a new note, and we all foregather there to the strains of solemn or even martial music from the loudspeakers. On Tuesdays other members of staff confront us from the rostrum when their form is responsible for the readings. The latter, moreover, have acquired more dignity recently by the installation of a lectern, made by one of the Sixth, to support both the new, heavier Bible and the more nervous reader.

At the beginning of this school year we welcomed Mr. Gregory to our staff, and this summer we unfortunately have to say "good-bye." We must congratulate him on his forthcoming marriage and wish him every success in his future post. We also say farewell to Mrs. Mitchell after a happy association with us lasting four years, and we must offer our belated congratulations both to her and to Mr. Mitchell on the birth of their daughter, Anne, in March of this year. Mr. Mitchell, of course, was our choirmaster until quite recently. To them and to all school leavers we extend a wish of every success in the future.

On the following pages the reader will find accounts of the events which have involved members of this school during the past year. We hope the new layout and ideas will be approved, and that the next edition will see a continuance of these improvements.

DAVID DYBLE
PAMELA WILLERS } Editors,

SCHOOL PREFECTS: 1954-5

Head Prefects—Margaret Brown, Kevin Westnott

Maureen Arbour	Nancy Carman
G. Crane	Joyce Daniels
Mary Freestone	A. Howe
Anne Thornton	B. Winn

G.C.E. RESULTS, 1954.

We must congratulate the following people on being successful in July 1954, in the subjects indicated :—

J. Brown	E, G, M, W.	Maureen Arbour	E, H
A. Chilvers	E, EL, H, G, M, P, W.	Muriel Boughen	EL, H
A. Collins	H, G	Brenda Broughton	EL, H, G, N.
R. Collins	EL, H, P	Margaret Brown	E, EL, H, C
M. Cork	EL, G, M, A.	Elizabeth Bunning	E, EL, H, A, C.
G. Crane	H, G, M, P.	Nancy Carman	E, EL, F, H, N.
D. Diggle	E, EL, H, G, M, P, A.	Vivienne Champion	E, EL, F, A.
J. Hagg	E, G, A.	Pamela Cooper	E, EL, H, G, C.
C. Hague	G, M.	Joyce Daniels	E, H, G, M, N.
A. Howe	EL, G, M, A, W.	Joy Emmerson	E, H, M, A.
I. McDowell	EL, H, G, M, P, W.	Mary Freestone	E, F, H, G, M, B, N.
G. McNeill	E, EL, H, G.	Cynthia Gaskin	E, N.
C. Pratt	E, G, W.	Ann Goward	E, EL, H, N.
P. Robertson	EL, H, G, W.	Mary Howlett	E.
T. Russell	E, EL, H, G, W.	Jean Hurn	E, EL, H, G, B, A, N.
B. Southon	M.	Gladys Meale	F, H.
K. Westnott	EL, H, G, W.	Yvonne Plume	E, EL, H, B, C.
B. Winn	E, EL, H, G, M, P, W.	Cynthia Robinson	E, EL, H.
D. Wright	E, H, G, M, W.	Doreen Rushbrook	H, N.
		Jacqueline Savage	E, H.
		Jennifer Sayer	E, H, C.
		Mary Scott	E, EL, H, G, A.
		Pansy Sewell	E, EL, H, G, N.
		Denise Tate	E, EL, H.
		Anne Thornton	E, H, C.
		Marjorie Underwood	H.
		Betty Watling	E, A, N.
		Margaret Wright	E, G, A.

Also the following who were successful in December, 1954 :

E. Brodie	M.	A. Howe	E.
J. Cassie	M.	M. Taylor	M.
R. Collins	E, M.	W. Thrower	M.
M. Collison	M.	B. Westgate	M.
M. Cork	E.	K. Westnott	E.
D. Dyble	E, M.	Sheila Bishop	M.
P. Forrest	M.	Chloe Lewin	M.
C. Hague	E, F.	Pamela Willers	E, M.

KEY.

E = English Language	P = Physics.
EL = English Literature	B = Biology
F = French	A = Art
H = History	C = Cookery
G = Geography	N = Needlework
M = Mathematics	W = Woodwork

SCHOOL PRIZES, 1953-54

G.C.E. Prizes, 1954 (awarded to those with 5 or more passes)

A. Chilvers	Elizabeth Bunning
D. Diggle	Nancy Carman
A. Howe	Pamela Cooper
I. McDowell	Joyce Daniels
T. Russell	Mary Freestone
B. Winn	Jean Hurn
D. Wright	Yvonne Plume
	Mary Scott
	Pansy Sewell

FORM PRIZES.

IV Pamela Willers	III Jennifer Oke
D. Dyble	D. Hanwell
IVA M. Anderson	IIIA B. Fuller
H. Bull	R. Rowell

CHAPEL NOTES.

One of the prominent features of our Norfolk landscape is the church tower. We can see three from the College and the churches to which they belong each form the centre of a community. Although the College has no church tower our Chapel is, in a way, the centre of our community: we all use it and it is never closed.

During the past year we found it necessary to enlarge the Chapel by including in it a small room, previously unused, at the East End. This alteration, while contributing greatly to the comfort of the congregation, has enhanced the beauty and dignity of the Chapel in no small measure. The two brass vases, given to the Chapel by the Old Wymondians' Association and an oak cross made by Mr. Mullenger are now in a setting worthy of them. We are also grateful to a recent Drama Course for the two wall vases they gave us for the further adornment of the Chapel. We still have more schemes for improvement and hope to obtain one or two pictures to modify the rather austere bareness of the West Wall.

Our Chapel Services have acquired a tradition of simple beauty and dignity, thanks to the congregations who realise that, though only a nissen hut, the Chapel is a house of God, to the joyous singing of the choirs under the able leadership of Mr. Banham and Mr. Reynolds, to those ladies who, week by week, give the flowers and to those men and women whose addresses during the past year have been a source of inspiration to us all. During the year we have been privileged to hear addresses by Lord Ironside, Miss Shaw, Dr. Ralphs, the Rev. J. Williams, the Bishop of Norwich, Canon Edwards, Mrs. Ralphs, Miss Duff, Mr. Harper, Bishop Belcher, the Dean of Norwich, Dr. Hudson and by the end of the Summer Term Miss Copeman, the Rev. Sidney Myers, Alderman Sam Peel and Dr. Mosby will have added to their addresses. To them all we should like to express our appreciation and also to those members of the College Staff who have helped in this way.

Besides attending the Chapel Services, more than three hundred boys and girls also attend the Church of their own denomination. Sixty-three candidates are being presented for Confirmation in the Church of England this year, and eight are being prepared for full membership of the Methodist Church. We are indebted to the Rector, the Rev. John Thorne, to the Rev. Goodwin Burdred of the Methodist circuit, and to Father Cowin for their interest in those boys and girls in the College who belong to their churches. We are sorry to learn that the Rev. Burdred will be leaving Wymondham shortly and we send him our best wishes for happiness in his new circuit at Swaffham.

Solomon said that "the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom" and in a College such as ours, where the quest of wisdom and learning is the aim of all our work, it is gratifying to see such a lively interest in Religious Worship and in the Chapel which is its centre.

C. S.

THE COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR

MR. BANHAM.

DURING the year, this choir has performed occasional anthems for the regular Sunday evening services, but its main task was the Carol Service at the end of the Christmas term. The carols were also sung in St. Botolph Church and at the Old People's Hospital in Wicklewood.

Next year many of the choir will have left, and any senior boys or girls who would like to join are invited to apply to me, preferably before the end of this term. The only qualification required is the ability to sing in tune!

COLLEGE SPORTS

CRICKET 1954

THE cricket season of 1954 provided us with many interesting and outstanding games. Against Unthank College, at Eaton Park, the College 1st XI scored 122 for 4 declared, and with some very good bowling dismissed Unthank for 37. Two evening matches, which were very entertaining, were played against Spooner Row and Morley Cricket Clubs.

Our standard of play improved by leaps and bounds, mainly owing to Mr. Boswell's coaching classes, and two artificial wickets which made strokes easier to

play. The staff match made a bright ending to the season. Mr. Boswell played for the Staff and played so skilfully that he soon had our bowlers wishing that the badge on his cap was a white duck instead of a white swan.

This season we have entered the Scot Chad Cup Competition and the schools' match against Club and Ground to which we are hoping to send some representatives. The Under-fourteen XI had an enjoyable season too, and it is to those members that the school is looking for future 1st XI players. Both 1st and 2nd elevens will join me in expressing our appreciation to Mr. Seeley for making our cricket so enjoyable.

RESULTS.

<i>Match.</i>	<i>Opposition's Score</i>	<i>College Score.</i>
Thetford Grammar	47 runs Hammond 19, College won by 4 wkts.)	48 for 6 wkts.
Unthank College	19 runs (Leverett 3 for 5, Howe 5 for 4, College won by 52 runs)	71 runs
Bracondale	48 for 4 wkts. (Eaton 24, College lost by 6 wkts.)	44 runs
Fakenham Grammar School	54 runs (Hammond 5 for 11, Fakenham won by 18 runs)	36 runs
Bracondale	50 runs (Eaton 25 not out, College won by 8 wkts.)	51 runs for 2 wkts.
Spooner Row C.C.	76 runs (Mr. Seeley 25 not out, Spooner Row won by 11 runs)	65 runs for 8 wkts.
Norfolk School of Agriculture	47 runs (Match tied)	47 runs
Unthank College	37 runs (Hammond 56 not out, College won by 85 runs)	122 for 4 wkts. declared
Norfolk School of Agriculture	78 for 7 wkts. (Stearman 47, match drawn)	100 runs
Swaffham Grammar School	73 runs (Eaton 26, College lost by 13 runs)	60 runs
Morley C.C.	83 for 5—declared (Rain stopped play)	29 for 2
Diss Grammar School	38 for 2 (Rain stopped play)	—
College v. Staff	65 for 8 (Purple 31, Mr. Boswell 29 not out, Staff won by 2 wkts.)	61

AVERAGES.
(First XI).

<i>Batting.</i>	<i>Innings.</i>	<i>Times N.O.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Highest Score.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
Purple	6	3	64	31	21.3
Stearman	5	—	75	47	15
Hammond	10	2	99	56 N.O.	12.3
Eaton	12	—	106	26	8.8
<i>Bowling.</i>	<i>Overs.</i>	<i>Maidens.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Wickets.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
Hardesty	33	13	50	11	4.5
Leverett	37.1	7	86	17	5.0
Hammond	81.5	20	169	29	5.8
Howe	58.4	16	101	16	6.3

THE ALLIANCE

(Under-14 XI.)

Played 7, Won 4, Lost 2, Drawn 1.

<i>Batting.</i>		<i>Innings.</i>	<i>Times N.O.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Highest Score.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
Dewing	6	2	103	46	25.3	
Syrett	8	3	81	47	16.1	
Read	5	1	52	21	13	
<i>Bowling.</i>		<i>Overs.</i>	<i>Maidens.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Wickets.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
Croxford	53.2	27	62	38	1.6	
Syrett	33.4	9	62	12	5.1	
Dewing	32.6	12	59	11	5.3	

A. HAMMOND (Tech. VI)
 Captain 1st XI

ATHLETICS 1954

WITH the added competitive spirit amongst the now established Houses very keen, the three weeks prior to Sports Day were full of bustling activity and strenuous rivalry. Every member of the school had the chance here to win a few standards for his House, and House members for the most part rallied splendidly to the call. Indeed, it was this enthusiasm of the lesser athletes which gave such zest to the athletics season.

The great day arrived and Dame Nature granted us a sunny afternoon. Excitement mounted as results and interim "states of the parties" were announced over the field microphone. The contest for first place was a close thing, but was finally won by East House amid tremendous cheers. The winners (excluding the over-fifteen age group) represented the college team at the Area Sports at Hardingham.

GIRLS.

11-13.	90 yds., J. Williams High Jump : D. Gosling. Long Jump : V. Tubby. Relay :—J. Williams, A. Bilverstone, V. Tubby, P. Eglen.
13-15.	100 yds : J. Parry. 150 yds : M. Chapman. Hurdles : G. Angell. High Jump : E. Quinton. Long Jump : V. Preston. Javelin : D. Drake. Discus : J. Taylor. Relay :—M. Chapman, J. Taylor, J. Parry, J. Bean.

BOYS.

11-13.	90 yds., V. Womack. High Jump : Furness. Long Jump : Webb. Relay :—Sharpe, Bartram, Webb, Womack.
13-15.	100 yds., D. Newman (Gr.). 220 yds : D. Spinks. 440 yds. : J. Curry. 75 yds. : K. Crawford. High Jump : A. Utting. Long Jump : B. Newman (Tech.). Shot : Rowell. Javelin : Haynes. Discus : Daniels. Relay :—D. Spinks, B. Newman (Gr.) B. Newman (Tech.). Anderson.

At the Area Sports the following won their events and, together with our over-fifteen team, represented the Area at Cromer in the County Sports.

GIRLS.		BOYS.	
11-13.	90 yds. and Relay : J. Williams.	11-13.	Relay : Womack.
13-15.	150 yds. and Relay : M. Chapman.	13-15.	100 yds. and Relay : Newman (Gr.).
	100 yds. and Relay : J. Parry.		220 yds. and Relay : Spinks.
	Javelin : D. Drake.		440 yds. : Curry.
	Relay : J. Bean.		Hurdles : Crawford.
15+	100 yds. : P. Coles.		Shot : Rowell.
	150 yds. : S. Barwick.		Javelin : Haynes.
	High Jump : F. Newton.		Discus : Daniels.
	Long Jump : M. Arbour.	15+	100 yds. : Forrest.
	Hurdles : A. Thornton.		220 yds. : Collison.
	Discus : J. Emmerson.		440 yds. : Ash.
	Javelin : A. Thixton.		Long Jump : Bull.
	Relay : P. Coles, S. Barwick,		High Jump : Crane.
	A. Bean, M. Arbour.		Hurdles : Turner (B.)
			Discus : Winn.
			Javelin : Batterbee.
			Shot : Street.
			Relay : Forest, Crane, Collison, Street.

The County Sports proved to be an afternoon of crowd-thrilling events. Our own representatives performed exceedingly well. The over-fifteen team won the County shield. The following qualified for the quadrangular at Henderson :—

100 yds. : P. Coles.	Relay : Newman.
Discus : J. Emmerson.	100 yds. : Forest.
High Jump : F. Newton.	440 yds. : Ash.
220 yds. : Spinks.	Long Jump : Bull.
440 yds. : Curry.	High Jump : Crane.
Shot : Rowell.	Discus : Winn.
Javelin : Haynes.	Shot : Street.

B. W. TURNER (Tech. VA).

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL 1954-55

THE 1st XI had a very successful season's football, winning eight of the eleven matches played. This season was the first when both Grammar and Technical schools had a Sixth Form, and this fact certainly proved advantageous. Success, however, never came at the end of an easy path. The side was weakened in the very first game at King's Lynn when Ash was seriously injured. Anderson took over and played magnificently throughout the season. At the end of the Autumn term, three regular players left college and then illness affected the team.

The season proved an enjoyable one. Although some of the opposition seemed formidable, the team spirit prevailed throughout, and in most cases it brought favourable results. The match against Fakenham Grammar School was the highlight of the season. Everything pointed to a loss, but the team played as never before and came away worthy victors by 5 goals to 3. The two matches against King's Lynn brought us our biggest scores of the season : a win of 8—3 away, and a resounding 11—0 victory at home.

Throughout the season Mr. Goman helped us in every way possible, and I am sure every member will be grateful for the way in which he coached us.

Throughout the season the team was selected from the following: Cope, Crane, Street, Goss, Diggle, Handley, Anderson, Harbord, Bacon, Westnott, Keddy, Howe, Hammond, Fuller, Ash, Daniels.

At the end of the season, the College Games Committee awarded Football Colours to Hammond, Westnott and Anderson, and half-colours to Harbord, Handley and Crane.

		RESULTS.							
		P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.		
		11	8	3	—	44	18	Home	Away
King's Lynn	Home	11—0	3—8	Swaffham	Home	3—0	—		
Diss	Away	3—2	2—1	Fakenham	—	3—5			
Paston		2—1	3—0	Thetford	3—2	2—1			
Downham		—	0—3						

A. HAMMOND (Tech. VI)
Captain 1st XI.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

UNDER-15 XI.

Diss (Away). Won 14—0.
Fakenham (Away). Draw 4—4.
Swaffham (Home). Won 3—1.

The following played for the above team: Frohawk, Haynes, Syrett, Welch, Newman, Dewing, Palmer, Everitt, Moulton, Hipperson, Chamberlin and Read, R.

UNDERS-14 XI.

Downham Market (Away). Won 9—4.
Holt Hall (Home). Won 6—2.
Thetford (Away). Lost 8—3.
Bracondale (Away). Won 6—1.
Thetford (Home). Won 7—0.
King's Lynn (Home). Won 4—3.

The following played for the above team: Herring, Adkins, Marsh, Bean, Webb, Matthews, Lister, Womack, Kirk, Furness, Smith A., Smith D., Eagling, Everitt, Critten, Frosdick and Young.

A large number of boys were called upon to play for the College during the season owing to illness at various times. In spite of such difficulties the results indicate the pleasing playing standard acquired by both teams.

HOCKEY 1954-55.

THE team was as follows: G. K., J. Emmerson; R. B., P. Coles; L. B., M. Pullan; R. H., M. Howard; C. H., M. Arbour (Capt.); L. H., J. Bean; R. W., J. Pearce; R. I., H. Buck and J. Taylor; C. F., A. Thornton; L. I., M. Rudrum; L. W., J. Daniels.

At the beginning of the season we were unfortunate enough to miss three fixtures, because of the College quarantine restrictions. Although our team underwent several changes again this season, the members settled down and very soon marked improvements upon last year's efforts were noticeable. A. Thornton changed her position from R.B. to C.F. and immediately proved her skill in the forward line. During the first half of the season, the forwards increased their speed, and later showed their ability in goal-scoring. The defence very soon developed strategic methods and maintained steady play throughout the season.

Our first two matches were away, at Downham Market and Thetford, which we lost 5—0 and 6—2 respectively. The last match of 1954 however was a memorable occasion. After a hard-fought game we beat Thorpe House 5—3 and from this point victory was ours for the remainder of the season.

The greatest achievement of the season was our success against Thetford, whom we beat 4—3 on the return match at home. The matches against Diss were very close; both teams were very evenly matched. In the away match the College XI won by two goals to one, the winning goal being scored in the last few minutes by our left winger, J. Daniels. The home match was equally exciting, with another success for Wymondham.

For this season's success we owe many thanks to Miss Goodman for her help and never-failing encouragement, and also to those gallant members of staff who, on various occasions, came out and gave us very good practice.

At the end of the season, the College Games Committee awarded Hockey Colours to M. Arbour and half-colours to J. Daniels and A. Thornton.

MAUREEN ARBOUR (Gr. V) (Capt.).

NETBALL 1954-55.

ALL the fixtures for the first half of the Autumn term had to be either cancelled or postponed because of the quarantine restrictions. As a result of this and the bad weather in February, the seniors played only one match this season. The Under-15 VII had six fixtures and the juniors had three. The season was a short but very successful one and the standard of netball was good. We are looking forward to next season when we hope the standard of play of our opponents will be even better.

The teams were as follows :

FIRST VII		UNDER-15 VII.	
S.	Valerie Cox	Cora Burton	
A.	Jill Howes	Janet Bean (Captain)	
A.C.	Sylvia Caston	Judy Wright	
C.	Glenda Banham	Jean Parry	
D.C.	Joan Gibson (Captain)	Frances Willimott	
D.	Rosemary Hughes	Glenda Angell	
G.K.	Jill Taylor	Jill Taylor	
Res.	Pamela Wegg	Mary Patten	

UNDER-15 "B" VII		2ND YEAR VII.
S.	Iris Broughton (Captain)	Molly Veal
A.	Moira Chapman	Valerie Preston (Captain)
A.C.	Anne Rudd	Margaret Roos
C.	Cynthia Maidstone	Joyce Cook
D.C.	Cicily Fancy	Jill Squires
D.	Diana Gosling	Peggy Hunt
G.K.	Margaret Palgrave	Sonia Turner
Res. :	Suzanne Scott	Sheila Whittred

The results were :—

1st VII	v. Downham Grammar (Away).	Won 35—5
Under-15 "B"	v. Downham Grammar (Away)	Won 28—5
Under-15 Extras	v. Holt Hall (Home)	Lost 12—16
Under-15 "A"	v. Old Buckenham (Away)	Won 15—7
Under-15 "B"	v. Old Buckenham (Away)	Won 6—3
2nd Year VII	v. Old Buckenham (Away)	Won 9—6
2nd VII	v. Thorpe House (Home)	Won 23—9
Under-15 "A"	v. Old Buckenham (Away)	Won 8—4
Under-15 "B"	v. Old Buckenham (Away)	Won 7—1
2nd Year VII	v. Old Buckenham (Away)	Won 8—2

We should like to congratulate Jill Taylor for being chosen to play in the Norfolk Schools' VII and Valerie Cox for being chosen as reserve for the same team. Unfortunately, because of bad weather, Jill and Valerie played for the county on only one occasion.

At the end of the season the College Games Committee awarded College Netball Colours to Valerie Cox and Jill Taylor, and half-colours to Joan Gibson and Glenda Banham.

ROUNDERS 1954.

THE teams were as follows :—

	1st IX.	2nd IX.	Junior IX
Bowler	C. Beckett	D. Drake (Captain)	D. Gosling
Back Stop	J. Gibson	J. Bean	M. Palgrave
1st Post	J. Taylor	R. Brown	C. Fancy
2nd Post	P. Coles	P. Emmerson	J. Squires
3rd Post	J. Pearce	G. Angell	P. Robertson
4th Post	B. Broughton	M. Patten	D. Myhill
1st Deep	R. Hughs (Captain)	M. Pullan	B. Fendley (Captain)
2nd Deep	H. Barker	J. Fuller	J. Williams
3rd Deep	J. Hoyes	J. Herring	R. Riches
Reserves	B. Scott	—M. Rudrum	V. Preston
		—S. Ward	

The season proved to be a very successful one ; the 1st team remained undefeated throughout, and the 2nd team lost only two of its matches.

The highest scorer of the season was Janet Bean with a total of 20½ rounders.

Although undefeated by other opposing school teams, the 1st team were, however, beaten by the Staff team at the end of term. In the team's opinion this was their most exciting and strenuous game. It was enjoyed equally by players and spectators.

Results

		1st IX.	2nd IX	Junior IX
North Walsham High School	(Away)	Won	Won	—
Diss Grammar School	(Away)	Won	Lost	—
Fakenham Grammar School	(Home)	Won	Lost	—
Thorpe House	(Home)	Won	Won	—
Sproston	(Away)	Won	—	Lost
Old Buckenham	(Away)	Won	Won	—
Sproston	(Home)	Unfinished	—	Won

R. HUGHES (Tech. VB) (Capt.).

HOUSE NOTES

NORTH HOUSE.

WHILST there are no outstanding achievements to report, the year has been one of steady progress in Games and Athletics.

In the cross-country race the seniors gained second place and the juniors shared first place with East. The seniors again reached the football final after beating West 2—1, but were defeated by East 3—1. Although weakened by the absence of several members of the XI owing to sickness, the juniors played well before being defeated 5—3 by East.

We are sorry to report that North again finished last in Athletics. However, this time we were only half a point behind South, and next year trust that we shall leave the bottom place once and for all. A pleasing result was that we returned the largest number of standards of any House.

The girls' Hockey team, although practising enthusiastically, was not quite good enough and was beaten 3—0 by East. At Netball the seniors lost in the first round to East, but the 13—15 team and the Under 13 team reached the finals in their respective competitions. In these finals the 13—15 side lost to East and the Under-13 to West.

In last summer's Cricket competitions the seniors were defeated by East in the finals, but both the 13—15 and Under-14 teams were beaten in the first round of their competitions by West and East respectively.

Our thanks are due to the Games captains and House staff for help given during the year. In particular, we would like to thank Mr. Gregory for his strong support of House activities. We are very sorry to lose him, but give him every good wish for his future happiness in marriage and in his new post at Hatfield.

K. WESTNOTT & M. BROWN (House Captains).

SOUTH HOUSE.

Boys.

Cricket has never been a game in which the house has excelled, and this was shown when the seniors lost to North, and the juniors lost to East in the final. The boys of South House are extremely light-hearted; when they see a fellow return with utmost cheerfulness to the pavilion after being bowled for a "duck,"

they have a habit of thinking that this is a most pleasant way of spending the afternoon and follow likewise!

Football was also rather undistinguished; both senior and junior XIs lost in the early rounds. There are two things a House needs when entering a competition—a good team and plenty of luck. Naturally, we claim a good team, but I fear we were behind in the queue when luck was given out!

The Cross-County Run found us at our best. The seniors won the event and had ten runners in the first twenty home. The highlight of that enjoyable day came when a party was given by Mr. Bailey and Mr. Freeman for the victorious team of twelve runners.

Athletics proved a success in the House. Many people obtained maximum standards, and many others shone on Sports Day. Spinks won the 440 yards in almost the same time as it takes Mr. Bailey to say "lights out." Peacock hurled the javelin into the frosty atmosphere, and Bull had to lower his "flaps" to keep himself on the long-jump pit. Wiskin and Mace were outstanding in the juniors. Not everyone was a star performer but everyone proved a star trier.

A. HAMMOND (House Captain).

Girls.

Throughout the year our girls have been most keen and co-operative in all sporting activities, especially the tennis four, who fought well against North in the semi-finals and finally beat East by 19 games to 9. The main success during the Rounders season was our junior team which beat all its opponents comfortably. Although our Hockey and Netball teams played well, no successes can be claimed here. Much enthusiasm has been shown towards Athletics with the result that we had many outstanding successes, especially amongst the seniors. Jane Pearce gained 20 out of a possible 21 points and other distinguished competitors were A. Tagg, J. Taylor, and B. Taylor.

JOYCE DANIELS (House Captain).

Postscript.

We shall both be leaving college at the end of Summer Term and would therefore like to say how very much we have enjoyed captaining the house. We wish our successors and the house itself the very best of luck for the future.

EAST HOUSE.

Since the beginning of the last Summer term we have done well in all sporting events. Boys and girls have practised hard, and have shown great enthusiasm; the results are much to their credit.

Last summer, our Rounders and Tennis teams won through to the finals only to be beaten by North and South respectively. We met West in all three cricket finals. The Senior team, captained by Diggle, was successful, as was the Under-14 XI, but the Under-15 team unfortunately failed to obtain the "hat-trick."

We maintained our standard at Hockey. With Maureen Arbour as captain

we beat West 3—0, after a great struggle in the necessary replay. The Senior Soccer team, led by Diggle, demonstrated some fine teamwork, beating North 3—1 in the final tie. The Under-15s endured icy conditions in forcing West to a draw 1—1 after extra time. This was a further indication of their hardiness, for the Juniors had put up the best performance in the Cross-Country Run, having shared first place with North.

In Athletics, the House teams were captained by Maureen Arbour and Turner, but even the slowest of the boys and girls played their parts in obtaining standards.

On Sports Day, with our colours flying we ran, we jumped, we threw and once again we won, and although Keddy's three firsts were conceded to be fine efforts, our success was due to the friendly co-operation of all members of the House.

Both Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Baron are leaving us this summer. On behalf of the House, we would like to thank them for everything they have done for us, and to wish them every success in the future.

ANNE THORNTON, JOSEPH KEDDY (House Captains).

WEST HOUSE.

Inter-House competition throughout the past school year has become increasingly apparent. This is as a direct result of the re-organisation of the dormitories into Houses. Consequently, all members of the House have become more intimately concerned with the progress which the House is making. This we think is reflected in the results which our athletes and other teams have obtained in sporting events this year.

The girls showed a new-found enthusiasm for sport in more than one field, winning the first round of the Hockey but losing in the final after a replay. Out of the three teams which represented the House for Netball, two teams won their final matches.

The boys, although they showed the same keen enthusiasm, were not quite so successful at football. The senior House team, of which two members sustained injuries, was defeated in the first round, whilst the other two teams reached the finals only to suffer defeat.

On the introduction of the Cross Country event, the House was well represented and achieved good results. The first two places in each age group of the race were taken by West House: in the senior age group, Purple and Homer and in the junior age group, Colk and Kirkland.

The opening of the Athletics season brought with it the usual keen competition for standards and places in the final events. Here, despite some sparkling performances from West House athletes, we were finally placed second on Sports Day.

At the end of this school year we say goodbye to certain members of our House. Amongst the girls J. Ash, M. Roy, R. Hughes, G. Banham, J. Gray, D.

Fenton; and the boys, G. Crane, H. Harboard, M. Harvey, C. Stearman, G. Homer, T. Purple, J. Alvey, M. Sands, and M. Hathaway. We all wish these boys and girls success in their future careers.

We would also like to thank all members of West House Staff, especially the House Masters and Mistresses, for the smooth and efficient running of the House. We give special thanks to Miss Fox who is leaving us and wish her every success and happiness.

D. FENTON, A. CHILVERS (House Captains).

THE COLLEGE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

MR. BAILEY AND MR. STAVELEY.

ONCE more it may be recorded in the annals of this still young College that the Geographical Society has flourished greatly during the last school year. Attendances have been enormous and on many occasions it has been necessary for the doors to be locked and barred in order to prevent history repeating itself—The Black Hole of Calcutta!

On these magnetic Tuesday evenings, the members gather together to be transported into far-distant lands or to study relatively unknown industries. The meeting commences and the members move from place to place in a foreign country or join a camera-man for a conducted tour of a particular industry.

But what attracts the pupils to Room 38a? Is it the urge of the members to learn more about this planet of ours? Certainly they have their opportunities. They have trespassed into China, India, Africa, Austria, Holland and France; into a coalmine, a chemical plant, an underground limestone cavern and an iron-and-steel works.

To whom do we owe this mobility? Mainly to the initiative of our staff, who seem to be extremely well-travelled, almost nomadic, either travelling individually, or organising a school party to accompany them. Truly without them the committee would have suffered many headaches. For the enterprising films shown, the praise must go to Allan Chilvers. Alone he stood, the society depending entirely on his choice of subject-matter for the forthcoming meeting. How good his choice has proved to be.

Officials elected this year were:—President, Mr. Metcalfe; Chairman: Mr. Staveley; Vice-Chairman: Mr. Bailey; Secretaries: Alan Chilvers, Michael Cork; Committee: Jane Pearce, Joyce Daniels, Morrirt Cope, Terence Coppin; Treasurer: Reggie Daniels.

M. CORK (Grammar VI).

“THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR.”

ALTHOUGH the Sixth Form Dramatic Society was first formed at the beginning of the school year, and during the first term many plays were read through, it was not until Christmas that a suitable play was decided upon. Parts were found for

nearly everyone, and we were given the Christmas holidays to become familiar with the play.

Rehearsals began almost the moment the cast arrived back at school, so great was theirs and the producer's enthusiasm. But as time wore on, the initial enthusiasm wore off, and the cast tended to forget that the play was extremely amusing. Each time they rehearsed a scene, they appeared to be acting worse than before.

Perhaps as many hours' work as those put in by the cast were spent by the scene painters and electricians, an enthusiastic group of Fourth form boys supervised by Mr. Freeman and Bernard Westgate. Despite the limitations of the small stage and the nissen hut rounded roof, the set which finally emerged really did look like a room, and was as colourful as the costumes.

The first performance was given to the Third Forms on Friday, March 25th, and the audience appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was performed to the senior school on the Saturday, and ended its extremely successful run on the Sunday, when parents were invited to see it. They were very appreciative, and showed it in no uncertain way.

Congratulations must be given, for their spirited and convincing performance, to the main actors and actresses, Graham Crane, Tony Howe, Margaret Brown and Anne Thornton, who were extremely well supported by the remainder of the Sixth Form, three Fourth formers and two members of staff, Mr. Garrard and Mr. Norton. Although they were not the main characters, a special round of applause was given to the two "Chinsky" twins, David Dyble and Kevin Westnott, who, complete with walrus moustaches and "sideboards," gave everyone a good laugh. Mr. Garrard must be doubly congratulated, for not only did he have the job of learning his part as the governor's valet, but also was a most patient and painstaking producer.

Betty Watling, Maureen Arbour and Pamela Willers assisted in transforming the cast from English schoolchildren of the Twentieth Century into Russian adults of the Nineteenth Century, through the mystic art of make-up.

Although many of our best actors and actresses will be leaving in July, we hope to see many more plays performed by the Sixth Form next year, and we hope that the Fifths, who will be next year's Sixth Form, will keep up the high standard of acting set by the cast of "The Government Inspector."

PAMELA WILLERS (VI).

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHOIR.

ON December 16th, at the end of the Christmas Term, I was pleased to be among the audience at a performance given by members of the staff and pupils of the Grammar School.

The choir sang extracts from Handel's "Messiah," which included "Glory to God" and "He shall Feed His Flock." It was lovely, and much hard work

must have been put into it by the members of the choir and Miss Goodman, who had trained and conducted them. Mr. Bailey accompanied them on the piano, and later on in the programme played "Sleepers' Wake," by Bach.

We were delighted to hear Mr. Russell sing a solo from the "Messiah" called "The Trumpet Shall Sound." Nearing the end of the concert Pamela Willers read "The Journey of the Magi" by T. S. Eliot.

This was altogether a really enjoyable way to end the term, with the whole school also joining in with one or two carols.

JENNIFER OKE (IV).

The Spring Term saw us merely practising hymns for our morning assembly. These were most successful, for many new hymns were learnt, and the basses have shown great promise.

This term we agreed to attempt a Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore," of which sections will be produced in full dress at the end of the term, to both Grammar and Technical Schools.

The choir has had a successful year, and I am sure the forty-three members of the choir have enjoyed taking part as much as I have. We all hope there will be more successful years ahead.

KATHLEEN BAILEY (VA).

"INNOCENTS IN PARIS."

DURING last year's summer holidays, a certain ill-fated party banded together under Mr. Bailey, Mr. Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Goman, with an idea of penetrating France to see the sights of Paris. I was one of the unfortunates, and have the pleasure of revealing the mysterious goings-on that happened after our departure from college.

On arrival at our destination the high-jinks started, and the 'bus became stuck. Everybody had different ideas on how to get the 'bus out of the mud, but when they were all employed none worked and the 'bus remained securely fixed. As it was raining, we abandoned the 'bus and went to examine our abode-to-be. To our horror, we found it was a room that the Germans and the French Resistance had fought over, consequently leaving it riddled with holes and minus a few window panes. The poor, slap-happy French inhabitants had left it in just the same condition except, of course, for filling in the windows with cloth. Nevertheless, tiredness overcame the straw-filled mattresses and the noise of rain dripping through a neighbouring room, and we soon went to sleep.

We were entertained by a dear old French couple who were so apologetic about everything that we soon forgot the first night and even started to eat the French food. After habitating ourselves in the old chateau, we started out on the first of many expeditions to the capital to see the structural sights of that celebrated city.

The first week was a whirl of exploring Paris and losing ourselves on the underground. The second week we did some unorganised exploring of the village, and to our immense joy found a swimming pool. Thus, while the less fortunates sweated in Versailles, some of us were in the village pool.

But I did make the mistake of going on another organised venture to Paris. This time we set out to find the historical Bastille. I felt rather silly when the Frenchman took us to the middle of the road and showed us the foundation stones of the Bastille, all that had been left of it for the past hundred or so years!

The rest of the second week passed without mishap; only one person got lost, and had to walk back. Another nearly drowned in the swimming pool after doing a spectacular, unorthodox dive from the top board, and a party of boys had to pay for a taxi, after missing the last 'bus back from Paris.

Soon the uneventful holiday came to an end and we put away our shorts and dressed for the return journey. We rose early in the morning and met the 'bus driver of the first journey, who explained to us he had been pulled out by a tractor. The party returned by the same route, and after a little difficulty we passed the customs and returned to English soil.

Thus, another school-organised outing had finished, and we had learnt geographical, historical and other facts to our advantage, for which I would like to thank our thoughtful leaders and organisers.

BRIAN WINN (VI).

A DILAPIDATED HOUSE.

ONE morning I was walking along a small country lane, whistling as I went, when suddenly I stumbled on a piece of wood. I bent down to see what it was, and, glancing at both sides, to my astonishment I read, "To Crawford Cottage." I, having lived in the neighbourhood for some time, and having no knowledge of such a place existing, followed a path, rather overgrown, to my left.

I had been walking for, perhaps, five minutes when the path branched off. I looked about me and saw, among some trees, that there was a little cottage, very dilapidated, and surrounded by tall, overgrown grass. I battled my way to the cottage, half-running, half-stumbling, until I reached what used to be the front door of the cottage.

The little cottage certainly looked as though it had been shaken by an earthquake. Bits of tile and brick lay strewn all round the house. Glass of all descriptions lay here and there. Ivy crawled and twisted its way up and round the chimney stack, from which, every now and then, a bird would be frightened off by some noise. I wandered casually round to the back, looking through splintered windows, and seeing the decaying walls and ceilings. I walked in by the back door, which I had to wrench open, and as I did so I could hear the hinges pulling themselves out from the wall, until the door crashed like a ton weight on to the floor. The floor in its turn collapsed, as it was well eaten by woodworm.

The whole scene was a dreary spectacle. Nothing moved except, as I have mentioned, the occasional bird. Everything I touched seemed to give way under the pressure. Nearly everything was held together with ages of dust. I took to my homeward path never dreaming of going there again.

HARRY SAUNDERSON (III).

"MACBETH."

THE Fifth Form Dramatic Society tackled this Shakespearean tragedy enthusiastically at the end of the Winter Term. Judging from the satisfaction of the cast, it seems that all their efforts were worth while. Miss Tebbutt produced the play, and only after much tearing of hair, rebuking—and laughter, was it performed before the school and parents.

Jack Cassie gave a creditable performance as Macbeth, with very good acting from Henry Bull and Graham Dye as Macduff and Banquo, respectively. Marree Rudrum, a fourth former, was, considering her youth, a fine Lady Macbeth. The roles of Ross, Malcolm and Donalbain were played most convincingly by Colin Stearman, Martyn Collison and Paul Smith, whilst Roger Hiron made an impressive Sergeant. A lighter vein was added by the amusing accent of the Porter, Brian Watson. Two members of the Sixth Form, David Diggle and Robert Collins played the parts of Duncan and Lennox, while an old colleague of the fifth-formers, David Dyble, also came from the Sixth Form to be an efficient doctor, and also a murderer, with accomplices Neil Peacock and Heather Smith.

The producer was faced with one problem, during the casting, namely the way in which the number of girls in the Society contrasted with the relatively few female parts in the play. This was remedied, however, by some of the girls becoming "stage males." Pat Coles made an impressive Fleance, while Pat Palgrave, Margaret Brown, Kathleen Bailey and Angela Tagg made quite realistic lords, soldiers and messengers. The Old Man was cunningly changed to an Old Woman and played by Sheila Barwick. James Hodgson junior gave an admirable performance as Macduff's son, and Lady Macduff was played by June Wade. Three ready conspirators, Michelle Howard, Anne Drinkwater and Chloe Lewin, played the Three Witches. Marian Savage was a Waiting Gentlewoman.

The Fifth-formers are proud of their electrician—handy-man Bernard Westgate, who, together with Stage Manager Morrith Cope and other helpers, worked unceasingly on lighting, setting, and other necessary properties. Their work was helped considerably by the kindness of the Conesford Players, who loaned lighting equipment, swords—and the Witches' cauldron.

Wardrobe mistress Heather Smith, assisted by Eileen Pank and Pauline Day, dressed the cast in appropriate costume. Although they spent a lot of their spare time in sewing the costumes, it is surprising how the few odd pieces of cloth covered the whole cast. The make-up was supervised by Betty Watling and Maureen Arbour.

The play contained many exciting moments, but probably the most tense was the fight between Macbeth and Macduff. Although it seemed that one must surely be injured, both appeared to take the final bow!

The stage was set with three stone pillars, and the outer walls of a castle. On drawing the curtains and lowering the front lights, the scene was the bleak, desolate heath. The weird atmosphere for the Witches' scenes was provided by a green spotlight.

The production seemed to contain every beneficial detail, and even Birnham Wood was represented by real branches of trees. For the success of the play, and the friendliness of the cast throughout the production, much thanks should be given to Miss Tebbutt, the producer.

CHLOE LEWIN (V).

"MACBETH" AT THE MADDERMARKE.

AFTER producing "Macbeth" ourselves, we, the Fifth Form Dramatic Society, went to the Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich, to see how our production compared with that of the Norwich Players.

While waiting for the play to begin, my feelings were very mixed. My main thoughts were, "Now I shall see where I went wrong. I wonder if these actors will act 'Macbeth' in the same way as we did?" But of all the questions I kept asking myself the ones which kept repeating themselves were, "I wonder what the person will be like who plays the same part as I played? Will she act the part like I did?"

At last the play began. Macbeth was played by the producer, James Roose Evans, whose interpretation was very effective. Lady Macbeth was outstanding in the "Sleep-Walking" scene, where her acting captured the full attention of the audience. The play was well produced, I thought, and as my first visit to the Maddermarket Theatre, I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

After acting in "Macbeth" ourselves we could well understand the hard work that the Norwich Players must have put into their production to get it to such a high standard.

MARREE RUDRUM (IV).

DOWN TO THE SEA.

AFTER a heavy dinner the lad sat in the class room, trying to fasten his thoughts on the lesson, attempting to stop his eyelids closing, and weakly making a mental attempt to prevent his elusive thoughts from wandering as they always did.

The weather was no help, and the warming sun, penetrating the window, made him even more drowsy, inducing a feeling of indifference to the lesson, and to the droning voice of the dim figure in front of him. The well-worn, shiny seat of his trousers slid over the mansion-polished wooden seat till the curved back of the chair arrested him at the base of his shoulder blades. The slacker's mind won

the battle, and his thoughts started off on their jerky journey, a trip that always seemed to him unconnected, uncomplementary to the adjacent reflection, but nevertheless entertaining.

He watched the dust particles floating around in the seemingly liquid beam of sunlight. They reminded him of the view one gets of the soiled water from the bottom of the swimming pool. There the ray of light showed the dirt up, just as the sunlight shows the dust in the air. He sighed and stifled a yawn; the swimming pool was not very satisfactory; with the entangled mass of bodies on a hot day one could hardly find enough water to swim in. No, the sea was the thing that appealed his mind and soothed his body, removing the stinking, clinging, sweat. Yes, the sea filled the problem's blank answer very satisfactorily. His mind remembered the sensations felt by his body when in the cooling water, or when lying on the equally refreshing baking sand.

"What are the other causes of Localisation, Winn?" drummed out the master's far-off voice. The noise of the lapping sea left the boy's mind, and he executed the return journey back to an upright, orthodox, sitting position in his chair. He was rather indignant at being awakened, but guilt at being caught idling made him reply humbly. After performing his duty he slid back into his meditative position, and doodled on a piece of paper:—

"I must go down to the sea again,
For the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call
That may not be denied."

BRIAN WINN (VI).

A DREAM.

One night as I was walking,
On the lovely moonlit shore,
I could hear the gentle ripples,
Bringing messages they bore.
The moon above was shining,
Making everything like gold,
As the moonbeams gently settled,
On a world that is untold.
Behind me were the palm trees,
Rustling softly with delight,
For a gentle breeze was blowing,
And it stirred the gentle night.
Now as I turned to leave it,
I was sorry and serene,
And 'twas then that I discovered
That my picture was a dream.

JUNE KING (IV).

THE CRAFT CLUB.

THIS is the second year of the club, which, as before, has been meeting on Thursday evenings in the Craft Room.

This year the club has not limited its activities to basket work and lampshade making, but is now also including leather work and marquetry. The leather work at the moment is limited to small articles such as purses and comb cases, but it is hoped that we shall, in the future, be able to make larger objects when more leather can be obtained and when we are more experienced.

This year, Miss Shephard has started another club between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Thursdays, for Third Formers, in which mainly basket work has been done, although a few enthusiastic boys have tried their hand at marquetry, producing some very good results.

We are all very grateful to Miss Shephard for spending so much of her time in teaching us to master these most useful crafts.

JILL TAYLOR (IV).

THE EIGHT LITTLE NIGGERS.

(with apologies to the shade of Geoffrey Chaucer)

Nexte yeere but eight of us stil wil remane,
 Oure schole-dayes ful quik hey com and wane.
 Eight brayve soules do stey another yeere
 To face exames that hey do al nowe feere.
 Beginne we with Mary, brood and merye she,
 A tun of gayetye for alle to see.
 Then is hire Anne, an hoccey experte faire,
 That gained hath ful many goles this yeere.
 Joy a fotebal fanne is, of worthy note,
 And boxynge ilke she like, I hav no dote.
 Pamela a lasse is so verry brite,
 Form Fyve she skypped did within a nite.

Nowe boys we have but thre, which is enouf,
 For that hey thynke that hey are verry touf.
 Brian, a stringie, sixe-feete discus thrower,
 He teesed is becaus he is so sourre.
 A verry kene geografer is Jackke
 And classe abylyties ne none doth lakke.
 David as wel he dide the Fyfthe Forme skyppe,
 But he was sharpe as alle in his lippe.
 I make no menshoun of myself becaus
 To crytycise myselfe I have no caus.

NANCY CARMAN (VI).

LAKELAND IN APRIL.

A PARTY of thirty-three from the school went for a holiday in the Lake District during the Easter holidays. The journey there was made by coach, with a break at York lasting one night, which also gave us a chance to see some of the sights of this ancient city.

The next day we travelled further into the wilds of Yorkshire. The first great achievement was accomplished by the 'bus when it went up the Buttertubs Pass near Hawes, a gradient of 1 in 4. Our police escort told us later that this was the first of its size to do this climb.

At last we reached the Cumberland hills, where many a blistered foot has trodden. We stayed at Stair, near Keswick, and it was from here, each morning, we started out to see such sights which our county cannot give.

Only twice did our reliable English weather let us down, and the first time it was a blessing in disguise, for instead of the planned twelve miles' walk we did only eight.

One of the first major excursions was to the top of Helvellyn (3,118 ft.), but it meant another long walk, for we learnt that the 'bus could not make it. On this occasion one group formed the ascent party, while the "sherpas" party walked the valleys.

Again the parties split, when Scafell Pike (3,210 ft.) was the objective. The first three parties did either Scafell Pike or Great Gable (2,949 ft.) or even both. The fourth group, the so-called flower-picking party, walked in the dales. Workington was another place we visited. This was a purely educational trip, as the main body went to an iron and steel works, whilst a privileged few went to a coal-mine. Apart from signing a form which stated that we went into the place at our own risk the day was enjoyed by all.

On the only other rainy day we went on a tour. We visited a section of Hadrian's Wall and a Roman fort.

Other points of interest on the holiday were several visits to Keswick, a town much molested by the tourist trade, but to supplement this there was Lake Derwentwater. On this lake many members of the party spent hours rowing, and in some cases being given showers by the many "crab" catchers.

On the Sunday we went to the church in the valley, and how quaint it looked with its whitewashed walls and its surround of trees.

In passing, I would like to mention that when Keats wrote "Nature is fine but human nature is finer," he could have been referring to the attitudes of some of the male members of the party, during the holiday.

The return journey was made through the industrial area of Lancashire, with one night's stop at Ilam Hall, near Buxton.

GRAHAM CRANE (VI).

"WYMONDHAM FOLLIES, 1954".

A REVIEW of college life, produced by Mr. Garrard, at the end of the Summer Term, 1954, was a great success. With Mr. Bailey as accompanist and Mrs. Mitchell as chorus mistress, Bernard Westgate and Brian Fuller as stage-hands and electricians, and with a cast mainly of Fourth formers, aided and abetted by a few from the Fifths and Thirds, we struggled through rehearsals. Lines had to be learnt, props borrowed, and the hall curtains lengthened before, on the first night, the show began with the Chorus singing, "There's no College like our College."

All the sketches and the words of the songs were written by the cast, the tunes being those of modern popular songs. Of the latter, the ones about the Sports Team and the loss of the Grammar School Bell were much enjoyed, especially as the audience could join in, and the duet by David Dyble and Colin Stearman actually earned an encore. Light-hearted views of dormitory life and of the dining hall were included among the sketches. Others, not on college subjects, allowed certain individuals to reveal their hidden talents.

This was certainly a change from more serious dramatics, and it no doubt did us good to laugh at ourselves for once.

HEATHER SMITH (V).

THE THIRD FORM DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

THIS society was formed two weeks after we arrived. Mr. Garrard took us each Monday evening from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. We started with about twenty boys and girls, and this number gradually increased. At first we read plays from books, a different one each week, which helped us a great deal with acting, as some of us had not done any acting before. Four weeks before Christmas we started to write a modern version of "Cinderella," named "Windomdella." This play was presented at the end of term, to the rest of the school. Some of the costumes were kindly loaned to us by Miss Tebbutt, others were produced by the actors themselves. Everyone seemed to enjoy this "play," we certainly enjoyed putting it on.

For these last two terms Miss Tebbutt has been taking us. We have not always been acting plays, but we have also been learning how to use stage make-up in the proper way, how to do stage falls and how to do crowd scenes.

We hope, however, to put on a short play at the end of this term to the rest of the school, and we also hope that next year we shall be able to take part in the school's major productions.

ESME McNULTY (III), HUGH CURRELL (IIIA).

THE ORNAMENTS.

I SAT by the fire drowsy and contented, my eyes wandering round the room I knew so well, when, suddenly, they fell upon the two pretty ornaments on the mantelpiece. They were definitely a pair, being of a boy and girl.

The boy was dressed in the costume of the Seventeenth Century, and it could be seen he was of very noble birth, but the face that should have been smiling was bitter and had the expression of having lost something he dearly wanted.

The girl, also of the same period, but dressed in the peasants' costume, had her face turned from that of the youth and her pretty mouth drooped at the corners.

As I looked more and more at those two I wondered what exactly was the story concerned with them.

Suddenly, I must have fallen asleep, but I woke with a jerk to find myself in a huge kitchen. I was not the only occupant of the room, for several other people were gathered there. They were, strangely enough, dressed in the clothes of servants of the Seventeenth Century, and I myself was similarly attired.

The servants were talking in awed and whispering voices, and as I listened I gathered that the young heir to the establishment had eloped with the blacksmith's daughter. His father, being furious, had gone to fetch them back, for he had already secured a bride for his son.

At that moment a man servant entered to say in a triumphant voice that the master had returned with his son and required a banquet to be held that night.

Hearing these words the kitchen workers bustled around preparing the food for it, and I found myself doing numerous jobs under the orders of the fat head cook.

So we worked on and on until evening, when I was ordered to wait at the table. On entering the dining hall my gaze lingered over the gay scene till my eyes focussed on the top table, at which an old man and youth sat. On the face of the youth there was not gaiety and happiness, but bitterness.

It was then that I found myself, not in that gay, decorated room, but in the drawing room, staring at the face of the boy ornament on the mantelpiece. Had I just let my fancies run away with me, or had I really been taken back into the past? What a difficult question to answer, but somehow I like to believe that the second one is the right one.

HILARY BUCK (IV).

THE FREE DANCE SOCIETY.

THIS was one of the most original and popular clubs. Its purpose was to enable us to choose our own styles of dancing, and to put different steps to music. It was open to all members of the Grammar School, and was very well supported. After the first one or two meetings, the group was divided into two sections, one to represent the loud music, the other for the soft, swaying music.

Miss Goodman, who organised the club, very kindly played the piano. We

used to meet during the pre-lunch periods on a Wednesday. Miss Goodman gave us some ideas and examples which helped us to improve our steps, which, to begin with, were far from perfect. But after many strenuous rehearsals, the dancing improved immensely.

At the end of the Summer Term, a performance was given, and all members of Staff from both schools were invited. The dancers who were in the vigorous section wore navy shorts and red cardigans, and the remainder, who were for the slow, swaying music, wore white shorts and white blouses. The music was from "The Glass Mountain."

It was afterwards stated that the performance was a great success, and was very much enjoyed.

MOIRA CHAPMAN (VI).

SOMEWHERE IN NORFOLK, FEBRUARY 1955.

THE wind whistled eerily through trees, which looked like spindly hands with crooked talons, reflecting a yellow light from the moon.

The sky was black and ugly, with clouds looming menacingly across the near white features of a savage-looking moon face. Tall grass in the ditches swayed ominously, and seemed to grow from out of a bottomless pit that crept noiselessly beside the twisting road, and faded away into the huge, ever-hungry mouth of darkness.

Coleman gazed blindly in front of him, not daring to look round in case something ghastly might be creeping up stealthily behind his back.

Suddenly, a piercing scream made him draw back and stare, terror stricken, at something swaying in the trees above him. Some liquid splashed down on his blank face.

It felt warm and sticky.

Terrified, he wiped it away, clawing his face as he did so.

Again the thing in the tree swayed to and fro, like a human pendulum.

Then another terrifying sight made him push back in horror, gasping for breath.

A face! He saw a face, grinning with a horrible smile that disclosed a set of rotting, filthy teeth. From this distorted mouth dripped warm liquid which splashed in a pool from one side of the road to . . . Coleman's feet!

"That's all for to-night, ladies and gentlemen, the next instalment will be at the same time next week."

Coleman quietly turned off his television, shuddered, and climbed out of his chair. He was confronted by his wife. "It's about time, too," she snapped. "Just look at my carpet; I've only had it a week and you have to spill all your tea over it. And look at your jacket, it's sodden."

Coleman looked at the pool of "liquid" on the carpet, at his feet. He felt his face and jacket; they were soaked. Then he sighed heavily and lumbered doubtfully upstairs.

TERRY HOWARD (IIIa).

THE "SEMI-CIRCLE" DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE society began its third year with a business meeting at which Mr. G. Crane was elected Chairman. Before Christmas, three debates were held on varying topics. The first decided "that life should be taken seriously." This meeting, as usual, began to wander off the point, and at one time, an anti-Irish campaign began to develop, but this situation was saved by our gallant chairman.

The following debate caused even more of a stir. The topic was "that the discovery of America is to be regretted," and previous to its start, a certain member, renowned as a lengthy-speaker, protested that it was detrimental to Anglo-American relations, and demanded its withdrawal, but again our Chairman handled the situation admirably. As the discussion progressed, a sale of ties nearly came about as one speaker illustrated his idea of "tasteful" dress.

The last general meeting of the term was a battle royal between the sexes. "The Emancipation of Women" was deplored by an eloquent member, and was opposed by another male, who, it was stated, had been bullied into speaking by his wife.

Just before Christmas, the Sixth Formers and Vice-Presidents together with some guests, held the society's annual dinner, which is reported elsewhere.

During the Easter Term, members of the Technical School Debating Society were invited to the only meeting held by the Semi-Circle, and we were invited to pay a return visit at the end of term.

The former meeting turned into organised chaos, as the subject, "that education should be a training for leisure," brought to light the ways in which the members spent their leisure.

Now that the light nights are here, we turn to outdoor activities, but next winter the debating chamber will echo again to the voices of our members, and to those of a lot of new members, all seated in the same "Semi-Circle."

DAVID DYBLE, Secretary.

THE SIXTH FORM DINNER.

As much enthusiasm was shown in the preparation, as in the actual dinner. The classroom was in a whirl, slippery floors being polished to greater perfection, food and cutlery being rushed from the Domestic Science block to 23A, and the very official speeches being prepared. The main burden of the culinary preparation fell on the girls who did not wear the prefectorial office, under the direction of Miss Scott and the expert guidance of Miss Wilkinson and Miss Hartland-Rowe, whereas the social organisation was the work of Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Garrard.

At last the day arrived, and at 7.30 p.m. precisely guests began to appear. Dr. Mosby, as chief guest, made a very welcome return; we were all pleased to see his

cheerful face amongst us again. Much anticipation had been aroused at the presence of Mrs. Russell, who was making her debut into the present Sixth Form. We hope this will be the first of many visits to come. Mrs. Hodgson, forewoman of the trifle industry, entered on the arm of her historical husband, and was immediately at home, with her winning smile and, of course, the most pleasing trifles.

Candles glowing brightly, the dinner nearly eaten, our toastmaster, Mr. Brown, proposed the first toast to "The Queen." He was followed quickly by Mr. Westnott, who, proposing a toast to our most charming President, Miss Tebbutt, recalled in true blarney many incidents connected with our three years at Wymondham, and spoke with gratitude of the guidance and kindness our Headmistress had bestowed upon us at all times. Miss Tebbutt, in her reply, revived the memory of many earlier incidents in our sojourn at the college, and concluded with a toast to "absent friends."

Mr. Hodgson, as if addressing the House of Commons, proposed a toast to the Semi-Circle. Mr. Crane, our most noble chairman, in a short and pithy speech, said he would leave the talking to the more fluent orators. Mr. Collins then rose, and dealt with our Vice-Presidents with most ready wit. Replying, Mr. Russell, somewhat abashed at the proposer's lengthy notes, recalled many amusing incidents. Miss Thornton's speech to our most venerable founder, Mr. Garrard, was answered in his usual cheerful manner, and he observed how pleased he was the society had been a success. Miss Brown's toast to the guests was answered by Dr. Mosby, who, like Miss Tebbutt before him, recalled our faces when we were first landed on his doorstep. The final proposal by Miss Champion, to "the officers," was answered by Mr. Dyble, our secretary.

The hurry and flurry over, the last morsels eaten, we now look back on a very happy and memorable occasion.

MARY FREESTONE (VI).

THE STREAM.

It glistened and sparkled as downward it fell,
Gurgling, murmuring down through the dell.
Beautiful flowers bent to look at sweet faces
But on it went, on, at unheard of paces.

It wended its path through secretive holes,
Past rat's house, and badger's, and dear old fat mole's.
Under the boughs of an old weeping willow,
Past sleeping old toad where moss made his pillow.

On it went, on, 'neath the blue sky, 'neath grey,
 Until it seemed near to the end of the day,
 The red sun had set on a blood-spattered sea,
 When our gay bubbling stream said goodbye to a tree.

And then its pace quietened as round a green bend,
 So calm and so gentle its path it did wend,
 It lingered to gaze at the calves with their mothers,
 Then gave a deep sigh as it crawled past the others.

And now that its journey had come to an end,
 How sad I did feel soon to lose my young friend;
 Our friendship had once been so sweet, short and gay,
 But here was the sea, and my stream slipped away.

I wonder what happens down in the sea's green,
 It must have such pleasures unheard of, unseen.
 Would I were my friend going down to the sea,
 But, oh no, I wouldn't, I'd rather be me!

JUDY WRIGHT (III).

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF CAMBRIDGE.

NEVER having visited Cambridge before the Fifth Form outing last year, I was not quite sure what to expect. However, like most people I suppose, I had in my mind an imaginary picture of Cambridge, and I was pleasantly surprised to discover that it was not at all like my idea. This was a hazy vision of dirty streets, impressive Colleges, students flying all over the place, and a sluggish river crawling through the centre of it all. The Colleges were there all right and so, to a certain extent, were the students, but the streets were not dirty and the river certainly not sluggish.

We walked around for a bit, gazing at some of the famous Colleges: beautiful buildings with velvety lawns stretching away in front of them. Obviously they were quite incomparable with our school, but nevertheless I found myself indulging in wishful thinking.

Lunch by the river was my idea of blissful, lazy living. In fact, I should probably have been quite happy day-dreaming there all the afternoon. However, punting on the river proved too strong a temptation, and so, aiming to reach Grantchester if possible, we went to hire a punt.

Grantchester? What a hope we had! There were six of us, four girls and two boys, and of course the boys thought that they could move the punt more quickly than any of us. We managed to cover ten yards successfully, at least, without colliding with more than one punt and one canoe. Then the fun started. Pushing from the bank, we crossed the river to the other bank, and so we proceeded,

in a zig-zag fashion, up the river.

Not satisfied with that, the boys changed ends, nearly tipping us all in, and we went on again in the same fashion. We decided to return after struggling past the fishing line of a man on the bank. I still marvel at his good humour, when he merely smiled so knowingly as we drifted within half an inch of his line.

Finally, one girl could stand it no longer so she grabbed a pole from our remaining boy (the other one had previously dived overboard), and sent him to the other end of the punt. From that time on things went wonderfully. What could have been more soothing than an afternoon gliding in a punt on the river at Cambridge. The sun was shining, but nevertheless I was soaked when I stepped off the punt.

On the 'bus home we exchanged our day's experiences with others who had been in different punts, and discovered that they had had just as much fun. So, feeling very healthy and decidedly refreshed, we returned to College to await the beginning of the G.C.E. exams.

NANCY CARMAN (VI)

GYM CLUB REPORT.

THE past year has been a great success for the members of the Gym Club.

For a considerable time everybody in the school had been regarding the Outside Gym Area as a mystery, but suddenly, at the beginning of this year, the area blossomed forth into a long-jump pit and a very good high-jump pit.

The people mainly responsible for this have been the members of the Gym Club, who, with the guidance and the organising genius of Mr. Norton, worked very hard every Sunday until the area was successfully completed. The latest development has been a pole-vault plant box, which for several weeks appeared in the Woodwork class as a mysterious piece of woodcraft.

The members of the Gym Club excelled themselves at the end of the Christmas Term by giving a performance in Tomlinson Hall of "An Evening at the Club." It would have been impossible to include everything that is done on a club evening, such as when one member of the club managed to smash his glasses, and give himself a beautiful black eye by knocking himself with his knee while in the act of performing a head spring.

Usually, during the last quarter of an hour, the members have "a good old time" by completing the evening's activities with a rather robust game, commonly known as Mat Ball. The performance in Tomlinson Hall, however, included such things as boxwork, hand springs and the latest craze, which was somersaulting.

At the moment, the ambition of every member is to clear at least ten feet on the pole-vault, but this does not seem very likely yet.

The building up of the outside gym area has been proved a success by the fact that the Area and County Sports are being held at the College this year.

RAYMOND DOUGLAS (IV).

THE SIXTH FORM STEPS OUT.

PUBLIC and Economic Affairs is a subject taken by all members of the Sixth Form, and to complete this course successfully a series of investigations into the outside world have had to be made.

The first of these supposed educational, yet somewhat light-hearted outings was on October 28th, when we advanced into Yarmouth, healthy, clean and fresh school children, returning that same day filthy, smelly untouchables—according to the opinion of those who did not share our experience of the herring fishing industry, and especially of the fish manure factory.

The self-same party, one week later, attacked Wymondham on a conglomeration of college scrap iron—we cycled to the Briton Brush Factory to inquire into the finer points of brush making. Later on, we visited Gaymer's Cider Factory at Attleborough.

To round up a hectic 1954 we once again raided Wymondham, this time to visit Wymondham Urban District Council. This meeting ended sooner than we expected, so, with time to spare, the fish and chip industry was inspected!

On January 25th we visited the jurisdiction of the county, the Magistrates' Courts of Norwich. Everyone of authority in this historic building stared wide-eyed with astonishment when we herded in, and we in turn stared just as hard when we were herded out by a burly policeman—the session was very short.

There was quite a lot of controversy between the veterans of the form on February 8th. The girls were to visit the Assizes on this day and the boys would do likewise on the 10th. However, complications arose and the boys were disappointed—this caused many broken hearts, but with a solemn promise from Mr. Hodgson that they would visit the Summer Sessions, back to work they plodded in their same cheerful way, with just a few helpful, sarcastic remarks from the ladies.

Headlines of a local or National newspaper might easily have been "Factory finds itself in Bankruptcy Courts," after our final visit, to a local chocolate factory. Yes, it was Caleys of Norwich and a jolly good time was had by all! Although nearly everyone was in his or her seventh heaven during the actual visit, life did not seem so bright after the twelve mile 'bus ride back to school, and I even heard one or two people regretting they had ever visited that factory of temptation.

However, on looking back one realises how beneficial these visits have proved from the educational point of view. We have eaten, drunk and have been merry, so let us hope to-morrow we are able to pass that dreaded exam.

ANNE THORNTON (VI).

A LADY CALLS.

A distant clap of thunder rumbled over the stillness of the evening sky which was nearly black, and the effect it had upon the scenery was eerie. The apparent brightening of nature's colouring and the ominous silence gave an air of expectancy broken by the church clock striking a re-echoing eight thunderous strokes.

The young man looked anxiously from the cottage window, where he had been writing, out into the garden, as the second clap of thunder came, louder and more threatening than the first. He knew she was never much later than eight o'clock, but if she did not hurry she would get soaked. Any minute now she would call through the window, the only thing feminine he had ever loved since his mother had died.

He resumed his writing uneasily as the first raindrops fell. On hearing a slight movement outside he opened the door, with a sigh of relief, to greet her. She entered daintily, with no apology for her unpunctuality. For a moment or two he gazed at the darkening sky and then returned.

On his entrance she turned disdainfully from the fire and sat elegantly on the settee, looking up at him with an expression of plaintive enquiry. Neither spoke, but he crossed the room and sat down beside her. Nothing could be heard but the pitter-patter of the rain as she rose and seated herself comfortably on his knee. For a few minutes he sat cuddling her fondly, and then he asked her if she would like anything to eat. Taking her silence as the affirmative he rose, and, placing her tenderly on the settee, went into the larder.

He returned in a few moments with a jug and a saucer which he placed on the floor. Filling the saucer with milk, he turned and called her to him. With her usual elegance the beautiful Persian cat descended from her throne and crossed to him with a purr of delight. He fondled her ears gently as she lapped up her milk, and then he replaced her on her throne and resumed his position in the window.

The rain was still coming down like a torrential cloudburst, but he continued with his writing while his elegant lady-love curled up gracefully and went to sleep. A vicious clap of thunder was followed by a flash of lightning, but neither stirred in the dimming light.

NANCY CARMAN (VI).

JOHN MOSBY.

It is with great regret that we record the departure of Dr. Mosby from Wymondham College; he will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils. During his three years as Warden, from 1951-54, he has given invaluable service to the establishment of a new College, and he has seen the numbers increase so rapidly that the once-empty buildings are now filled with 575 boys and girls from all parts of Norfolk. His task was not an easy one, and he showed particular skill in the way in which he so ably contrived the adaptation of buildings, and the many improvisa-

tions necessitated by a so-rapidly increasing community. His wise experience and his deep interest in all problems connected with youth, were of great help in the general organisation of the College, and he was always particularly interested in the welfare and well-being of the children.

Wyndham College has indeed been fortunate in having someone of the calibre of Dr. Mosby at its head. In the first World War he was awarded a D.S.O. for gallantry under fire, and was mentioned in despatches. He has achieved high academic honours, and was awarded the degree of Ph.D. of London University for research in Agricultural Geography with particular reference to Land Survey. He is also the author of several text books and various other publications.

One of his greatest interests and one which has had a profound effect on the communal life of this school is centred round his own religious convictions; he has done his utmost to make the Chapel the real centre of College life, and we all fully appreciate his unsparing effort to foster a real spirit of Christian fellowship in this community. He will also be missed by religious bodies of all denominations in this district, since he was always very willing to give them his time and help, and always sought to strengthen the link between them and the school. His work as a Lay Reader, prior to his ordination, showed his close devotion to the service of the church. His example will always be remembered, and the tradition he has established will be a significant influence on the future development of the College.

We shall remember him, too, for more personal reasons—for his deep understanding of children and his great kindness to them. He has always been most ready to help them, and he showed a great kindness and sympathy towards those in real need. Those who experienced his help in time of trouble know how much they gained from him. The staff, too, appreciated his friendly and courteous manner and his willingness to give help where it was needed. His scrupulous fairness gained their respect as well as his readiness to listen to their points of view and give them due consideration.

He will indeed be missed by all branches of the College—the whole community feel that they have lost a friend. But he has left us a worthy tradition; under his Wardenship the reputation of Wyndham College has been deservedly high and we shall not forget him. Although he has retired from educational work, his service to the Church continues, and we wish him many happy years in his charming home in Wyndham.

R.V.M.

