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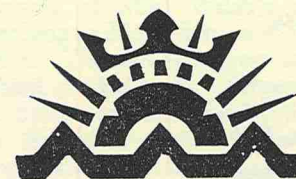


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The Staff

THE decision of Miss Walsh to retire at the end of the Summer Term, 1955, was not known until School had closed. For some years ill-health had made her duties increasingly onerous; but she steadfastly refused to admit, even perhaps to herself until the very last moment, that the strain was becoming insupportable.

Her retirement breaks one of the links which bind the present generation of scholars to the generation of the "inter-war" years, by whom, perhaps, she will be remembered the more vividly. A fine tennis player, she moulded that generation of girls into what was recognizably a "Lowestoft Secondary School" style of play, basically sound, gracefully controlled; and in those years of more abundant energy she shaped the School hockey team into a force invincible in the County.

Not only the girls will remember her; there must be many boys who recollect gratefully—if a little ruefully—that their stumbling initiation into the intricacies of the waltz was performed under her guidance—and support. Her interest in her pupils continued after they had left School, and she served for many years on the committee of the Old Lowestoftians.

The suddenness of Miss Walsh's retirement prevented recognition of her long and loyal service to the School from being made at the time. The omission was made good when she revisited the School at Christmas. Presentations were made to her by the staff, by the scholars and by the old students. We can only repeat now the wishes expressed then, that, freed from the exacting routine of daily school duties, she may enjoy improved health and happy years of retirement.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed to the Staff Miss Dixon and Mr. Thurgur. After Christmas Mrs. Hazell came to assist with the girls' games, for we have been without a P.T. mistress the whole year. In the Summer Term we were joined by Mr. Bull.

We shall lose, at the end of this term, four members of Staff: Miss Dixon, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Hudson and Mr. Goody. In addition Mlle. Perenchio will be returning to Paris.

We are grateful for all they have contributed to the life of the School during their stay, short or long. We wish them well in their new spheres of duty.

School Officers, 1955 - 56.

HEAD BOY : M. E. Outlaw.

DEPUTY : P. F. Sharman.

HEAD GIRL : Daphne Aldred.

DEPUTY : Pat Hurrell.

PREFECTS : W. C. Block, T. R. C. Whymark, A. D. Beare, D. F. Foulger, G. A. Dawson, P. Garrard, W. G. Jenner, G. Simons, P. G. Small, G. Taylor, R. N. F. Walker, Christine Arger, Anita Battrick, Sylvia Brown, Margaret Coleby, Margaret Eley, Mary Emerson, Julia Hume, Shirley Kippin, Jill Utting, Ruth Woolnough.

GAMES CAPTAINS : *Football*—W. G. Jenner ; *Hockey*—Patricia Hurrell ; *Cricket*—W. C. Block.

SOCIETY SECRETARIES : *Union Society*—Pat Cooper ; *Junior Dramatic Society*—Margaret King ; *Chess Club*—G. Simons ; *Stamp Club*—C. B. Genlloud.

GIRLS' HOUSES : *Cavell*—CAPTAIN, Mary Emerson ; SECRETARY, Anita Battrick ; GAMES CAPTAIN, Pat Hurrell. *Grace Darling*—CAPTAIN, Shirley Kippin ; SECRETARY, Jennifer Solomon ; GAMES CAPTAIN, Delphine Chinery. *Nightingale*—CAPTAIN, Jill Utting ; SECRETARY, Julia Hume ; GAMES CAPTAIN, Jean Levitt. *St. Margaret's*—CAPTAIN, Ruth Woolnough ; SECRETARY, Sylvia Brown ; GAMES CAPTAIN, Jill Pirrie.

BOYS' HOUSES : CAPTAINS : *Athenian*—M. Bond ; *Roman*—T. R. C. Whymark ; *Spartan*—W. Jenner ; *Trojan*—D. F. Potterton.

School Record.

The Houses.

THE social and philanthropic activities of the Girls' Houses have continued much as usual. All report pleasant and enjoyable House Nights when guests have been entertained. *Grace Darling* has continued to send magazines to the Yukon and once again invited children from St. Nicholas' Home to their Christmas Party. *St. Margaret's* made collections in aid of Spastics and of B.E.L.R.A., and raised over £8 from the sale of Christmas seals. *Nightingale*, by means of a "tuck" stall and a "white elephant" stall, raised £6 which was divided amongst the West Indian Hurricane Fund, the Florence Nightingale Hospital and the Guide Dogs for the Blind Fund, to which *Cavell* also contributed.

Girls' House Positions, 1954-55.

| | <i>Cavell.</i> | <i>St. Margaret's.</i> | <i>Darling.</i> | <i>Nightingale.</i> |
|--------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Hockey (S) | 100 | 12 | 50 | 50 |
| Athletics | 100 | 68 | 50 | 52 |
| Rounders (S) | 100 | 69 | 37 | 12 |
| Rounders (J) | 100 | 71 | 23 | 18 |
| Swimming | 86 | 80 | 100 | 87 |
| Form Marks | 93 | 82 | 96 | 100 |
| TOTALS | 579 | 382 | 356 | 319 |

Boys' House Positions, 1954-55.

| | <i>Spartans.</i> | <i>Romans.</i> | <i>Trojans.</i> | <i>Athenians.</i> |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Football (S) | 70 | 70 | 60 | 40 |
| Football (J) | 55 | 35 | 0 | 30 |
| Cross-Country (S) | 50 | 20 | 30 | 40 |
| Cross-Country (J) | 20 | 40 | 10 | 30 |
| Athletics | 122 | 95 | 65 | 57 |
| Cricket | 40 | 80 | 80 | 40 |
| TOTALS | 357 | 340 | 245 | 237 |

Union Society.

THE Union Society has continued to flourish during the past year. Nine debates have been held so far:

10th October, 1955: "This House believes that the Goon Show is lowering the standard of British humour."

Proposers: F. Adamson, M. Emerson.

Opposers: D. Potterton, A. Bessey.

Defeated by 55 votes to 5.

31st October: "This House believes that the modern world has no place for the artist."

Proposers: P. Garrard, R. Whymark.

Opposers: M. Outlaw, P. Small (maiden speech).

Defeated by 38 votes to 17.

21st November: "This House believes that Woman is inferior to Man."

Proposers: D. Potterton, G. Simons.

Opposers: V. Jones (maiden speech), M. Eley (maiden speech).

Defeated by 41 votes to 21.

23rd January, 1956: "This House believes that the Cinema is replacing the Theatre as the home of dramatic art."

Proposers: P. Cooper, P. Hurrell (maiden speech).

Opposers: W. Block, P. Small.

Defeated by 25 votes to 19.

20th February: "This House believes that progress is a myth."

Proposers: A. Bessey, R. Walker, M. Emerson.

Opposers: R. Gooch, P. Cooper, P. Garrard.

Defeated by 26 votes to 18.

(This was the annual debate for members of the outgoing Committee).

27th February: "This House believes that War is beneficial to Mankind." (Guest Speakers' debate).

Proposers: Mr. Dowson, G. Simons.

Opposers: The Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle, W. Block.

Defeated by 51 votes to 15.

30th April: "This House believes that the disadvantages of television outweigh its advantages."

Proposers: T. Aspinall, D. Chinery.

Opposers: J. Solomon, G. Taylor.

(All four speakers were making their maiden speeches.)

Defeated by 33 votes to 17.

28th May: "This House believes that Professionalism is destroying Sport."

Proposers: R. Gooch, R. Whymark.

Opposers: D. Foulger (maiden speech), P. Hurrell.

Defeated by 26 votes to 13.

There was also, on the 14th May, a venture into the "unknown", for it was the first time the Society had attempted a Balloon Debate. The House had to imagine a leaking balloon with the following four people aboard—Helen of Troy, Leonardo da Vinci, Mrs. Pankhurst and Christopher Columbus. The balloon was rapidly losing height and it became necessary to jettison three of the four members of the crew one after another. The crew gave speeches in their own defence, to justify their retention in the balloon. The House then decided in what order the crew should be thrown out and who should remain.

Outlaw spoke first for Helen and said that she was a very beautiful and charming woman, that it was not her fault that the Trojan War occurred and that her charm and beauty far exceeded that of Mrs. Pankhurst. The need for feminine companionship—especially in such a predicament—would be so great that no-one could possibly think of ejecting Helen.

Small (alias Leonardo da Vinci) claimed he was a great scientist and perfectionist in everything he attempted. He paraded the faults of the other members of the crew: Columbus was a blunderer who discovered America by sheer accident, Mrs. Pankhurst a trouble-maker, and Helen a "female blue-beard."

Margaret Eley in defence of Mrs. Pankhurst said that although people abhorred slavery amongst other nations at the end of the nineteenth century, they had ignored that of the women of Britain in their own homes. Amid considerable applause from a delighted audience she added that great pleasure could be derived from kicking policemen, and that the suffragettes had been imprisoned for the sake of the loftiest ideals.

Bessey (Christopher Columbus) declared that the discoverer of America was the greatest man who had ever lived. He accused Leonardo of being an egotist, Helen of being quite useless in this modern world, and Mrs. Pankhurst of turning public opinion against her by her stupid behaviour.

At this stage Leonardo da Vinci was ejected from the balloon, and after the second round the House jettisoned Mrs. Pankhurst.

The two remaining speakers then chose new characters from a hat, and gave impromptu speeches on their behalf. Bessey spoke for Fernando Cortes and Outlaw for Julius Caesar.

After a lively discussion the House divided and Cortes was judged fit to remain in the balloon by a majority of 37 votes.

The Guest Speakers' debate was the most popular of the formal debates. In a sustained and effective opening speech, Mr. Dowson stated that war was inevitable among humans because of the will to live and because the essence of life must be changed. War was the sole instrument for changing it. Life was epitomised in force and resistance, and war had brought about our advances against disease, not to mention countless other technological advances for the benefit of mankind. He said that the Opposition would play upon the horror of war, but this affected personal feelings only, whereas mankind was the important thing. War, he claimed, was providential; it was part of the divine plan. Activity only came about through conflict.

Opposing the motion with briefer but with equal eloquence, Mr. Riddle declared that war had to be judged according to its future effects. In our lifetime the whole process of war had been changed by the advent of nuclear weapons. Nobody could foresee their ultimate effect on generations as yet unborn. War had been glorified and glamorized, but the horrors of Nagasaki and Hiroshima revealed the true "benefits" of war.

Simons, seconding the motion, said that Mr. Riddle had presented a fallacy, and had been emotional instead of rational. Wars must be judged by their fruits, which had been great, especially after the Second World War. He gave the historian's view of the motion, submitting that all wars had been fought in defence of principles.

Lastly Block stressed the economic waste of war. If in the past wars had definitely not been beneficial, present-day warfare had a dreadful effect. War to-day was economically almost impossible.

After a wide discussion from the floor and a summing-up by the main speakers, the House proceeded to a division.

The success of this and last year's Guest Speakers' debates will encourage the Society to hold at least one every year.

This year also saw a "special business" meeting, at which a set of rules and constitution for the Society were discussed and agreed upon. One of the more important rules is that only full members may attend and vote at the Society's private business meetings. Full membership is gained by attending a minimum of three "open" meetings (*i.e.* debates). This has proved a successful arrangement, and we now have a full membership list of 69. However, we should like more support from

the Fourth and Fifth forms, as we have had to draw most of our speakers over the past year from the Sixth.

At the Annual General Meeting, held on 12th March, a tribute was paid to G. Dann, who has produced some very striking posters for the Society, and to M. Outlaw, the retiring Secretary. The following were then elected to the Committee for the current year:—

Delphine Chinery, Mary Emerson, Carole Jones, A. Bessey, R. Gooch, P. Small and Patricia Cooper (Secretary).

P.M.C.

The Society is grateful to Mr. Barsted for acting as Chairman on occasion, and also to all the Staff who have been prepared to come along and speak at debates, either from the despatch box or from the floor. Staff are always heartily welcome.

The number of maiden speeches by girls is encouraging, and shows that there has been more success this year in press-ganging, cajoling, or otherwise seeking out girl speakers. Not that they need have any fear: there has been at every meeting a solid phalanx from their side of the school, ready to give them moral—though not, as yet, vocal—support. The election of a girl Secretary should be helpful in this connexion.

The Committee displayed considerable ingenuity in their choice of topics, but no motion avoided defeat at the hands of the House this year. This may perhaps be diagnosed as a twinge of the stubborn Suffolk lurking in the bones of the Upper School.

Music.

THE departure of last year's Upper Sixth was a great loss to the School Choir, for many of them had been amongst its most enthusiastic members. It is hoped that during the coming year increased support from the Fourth and Fifth forms will be forthcoming.

During the year much time was spent in practice for a concert which would have included the comic opera *Trial by Jury*; when, however, the time for production came round, one difficulty after another arose and the concert had to be abandoned. Many members became interested in the project of singing parts of Handel's *Messiah*. After some weeks of practice we sang in St. Margaret's Church. We found it very different from singing in the Music Room and much more difficult, particularly with the organ accompaniment. We hope to sing the *Messiah* in public later.

Lack of members has also affected the Madrigal Group. We have, this term, learnt three madrigals entirely new to all of us, besides performing those many of us knew; but without more support we shall be unable to continue.

D.J.C.

Junior Dramatic Society.

THE activities this year included after-school meetings for play-readings and play-acting, and the annual party. Ila excelled with a most amusing play prepared by themselves in which the audience seemed to be seeing double—in teacosies!

The Party, a "Song Party", was again a competition between forms. Each form chose a song and made a tableau from a scene of the song. It was obvious that there had been a considerable amount of forethought and no song was duplicated. The tableaux were much appreciated especially that of IIIa, the winners of the Senior Group, whose large number of members was arranged particularly well. In the background a gramophone was playing their song, "Meet me on the Corner". Runners-up in this group, Ila, showed a very effective scene of people dressed in national costumes illustrating the song "We are in Favour of Friendship".

The winners of the Junior Group, IId, portrayed extremely well a scene from the carol, "We Three Kings". Ia were runners-up with their song, "Popo the Puppet".

M.K.

Stamp Club.

FEWER members from the junior forms have attended this year and the club has, therefore, been dependent on its senior members. Thematic collecting has maintained its hold on the interest of School collectors; but its popularity has been challenged this year by the growth of interest in collecting covers.

C.B.G.

Art Clubs.

A PART from the occasional painters, the mainstay of the Art Clubs has been a small group who present themselves with persistent regularity, regardless of examinations and other distractions. Puppetry has again been responsible for much hammering, sawing and noise in general, after school.

The value of Sketching was emphasised by a competition for the First Forms during the Easter Holiday. The first prize was awarded to Wendy Brown; other prizes were given in acknowledgment of a good standard in an interesting choice of subjects.

A group of boys has been side-tracked to one corner of the "new" Art Room to form a Model Railway Club. The "hot air" from numerous discussions on the merits of various track manufacturers has not yet resulted in any "steam".

M.D.

Chess Club.

THE Chess Club has had an active season and there has been encouraging enthusiasm, especially among the juniors. Seven matches were played. Two were lost to a strong Yarmouth Grammar School team; two good wins were recorded over Yarmouth Technical School; and of three matches against the Y.M.C.A., two were lost and the third drawn. The School team consisted of F. Adamson, T. Brighthouse, B. Carpenter, C. Eglington, G. Simons, P. Snell and R. Missen.

The Junior Tournament was won once again by Missen, the Senior by Brighthouse, who gained 12 points out of a possible 14, with Snell and Adamson only two points behind.

G.P.S.

Nature Club.

Whitsun Wild Flower Competition.

THIS year the competition was won by Richard Freeman (IIIc) who had 96 correctly-named wild flowers in his collection. Barry Swan (Ib) also submitted a very commendable entry with 86 correct names.

Other entrants were: Christine Kuypers, 69; Rosemary Small, 65; Carl Baldry, 59; Carol Holmes, 59; Ann Martin, 52; Ann Beare, 32; Christine Allerton, 14.

Cricket, 1955.

Results.

| | | |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| May 14th. | Sir John Leman School | A. Lost by 76 runs. |
| May 28th. | Sir John Leman School | H. Lost by 25 runs. |
| June 9th. | Lowestoft Police | H. Drawn. |
| June 11th. | Gt. Yarmouth G.S. | H. Won by 8 wks. |
| June 25th. | Bungay G.S. | A. Lost by 8 wks. |
| June 30th. | Lowestoft Police | H. Lost by 1 run. |
| July 2nd. | Gt. Yarmouth G.S. | A. Won by 3 wks. |
| July 9th. | Mr. Finbow's XI | H. Won by 5 wks. |
| July 16th. | Leiston G.S. | A. Lost by 17 runs. |
| July 23rd. | Old Lowestoftians | H. Lost by 27 runs. |

Hockey, 1955 - 56.

BAD weather, particularly during the Spring Term, was again responsible for the cancellation of a number of matches. Of the seven played by the First XI, three were won, one lost and three drawn. The Junior XI played and won two matches.

At the Ipswich Tournament, the First XI was placed second in its section and the Junior XI third in its section.

Delphine Chinery played for the County Junior First XI and Jill Pirrie was vice-captain of the County Junior Second XI during the season.

School 1st XI.

Janet Black, Jean Levitt, Marie Parnell, Jennifer Reeder, Delphine Chinery, Jill Pirrie, Catherine Critoph, Mary Emerson (vice-capt.), Pat Hurrell (capt.), Pat Mitchell, Valerie Buck.

Hockey Colours were awarded to Mary Emerson; Half-Colours to Janet Black and Pat Mitchell. Pat Hurrell and Delphine Chinery already held Colours.

1st XI Results.

| | | | | |
|------------|------|------------------------|------|--------|
| Oct. 8th. | Away | Leiston Grammar School | Won | 11 - 0 |
| Nov. 12th. | Home | Diss Grammar School | Won | 4 - 0 |
| Dec. 3rd. | Home | Gorleston Ladies | Drew | 6 - 6 |
| Dec. 26th. | Home | Old Girls | Won | 8 - 2 |
| Mar. 10th. | Away | Gorleston Ladies | Lost | 0 - 4 |
| Mar. 24th. | Home | Leiston Grammar School | Drew | 2 - 2 |
| April 2nd. | Home | Old Girls | Drew | 3 - 3 |

Junior XI Results.

| | | | | |
|------------|------|----------------------|-----|-------|
| Nov. 12th. | Away | Harris School | Won | 2 - 1 |
| Nov. 19th. | Away | Yarmouth High School | Won | 5 - 1 |

Football, 1955 - 56.

ON the whole the season was a little disappointing. The Seniors succeeded in recording the same number of victories as last year but suffered three more defeats. Often the team has promised much only to disappoint against teams it should have beaten. The 1st XI has never been a settled one and therefore consistency has not been its strong point. It is hoped that next season selection will not be governed by the local tradesmen and that those chosen will put School before afternoon club matches.



JUNIOR FOOTBALL XI, 1955-56.

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CRICKET XI, 1956.

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HOCKEY XI, 1955-56.

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The Junior XI has had a more successful season, winning five and losing three of the ten matches played, scoring 37 goals to 20 against. As Anderson, the Captain, has been a regular 1st XI player, the team has been deprived of his services in all Saturday fixtures. Although mainly small in stature the Junior Team members have generally played fast, constructive football, and in adversity have shown fine spirit and determination. It is hoped that they will carry this same spirit with them into the Senior School.

Both teams have had little or no support from the touch-line in the majority of home fixtures. The Lower School could learn much from these Saturday morning matches and their vocal support would be invaluable to the teams. It was observed that when the Sir John Leman Grammar School played their first match on the School field, they had more members of staff supporting them than the School had boys.

September 24th, 1st XI v. Sir John Leman G.S. (Away).

The heavy nature of the Beccles pitch was a complete contrast to the hard dry pitch on which the School Team had practised and before the School had adapted their game to the conditions, Beccles had scored enough goals to assure themselves of victory. Block, playing his first game in goal for the School, had a most unhappy first fifteen minutes, in which Beccles scored three goals. After this, however, he settled down and played a sound game in spite of the fact that he received little or no support from the defenders in front of him.

Result : Beccles, Sir John Leman G.S. 7, School 2.

October 1st, 1st XI v. Bungay G.S. (Home).

A strong wind and hard ground made conditions very difficult but throughout the game the School defence was well on top and the forwards combined well at times.

Result : School 4, Bungay G.S. 0.

October 8th, 1st XI v. Leiston G.S. (Away).

The visit to Leiston provided the hardest game the School had had for some time. Failing to take advantage of a strong following wind in the first half, the School found themselves facing it in the second with the score at 1 - 1. In spite of the fact that they were forced to defend desperately for the greater part of this half, they managed to score the deciding goal a little before the end through Mitchell, his second of the match. Leiston rallied strongly in the last few minutes and twice Block made excellent saves to assure his team of victory.

Result : Leiston G.S. 1, School 2.

November 5th, 1st XI v. Yarmouth G.S. (Away).

The match at Yarmouth was very much a mud bath and the School, playing much better than they did at Beccles under similar conditions, were unfortunate to lose by the odd goal in seven.

Result : Yarmouth G.S. 4, School 3.

November 12th, 1st XI v. Diss G.S. (Home).

A home defeat at the hands of Diss Grammar School was the most disappointing performance to date. It is doubtful whether any School team has ever shown such lethargy and lack of spirit. It was obvious that certain players were conserving their energy for Saturday afternoon matches and hard as Jenner tried he could not rouse his team to sterner efforts. Diss got the only goal of the match late in the game when the School had long since ceased to try.

It is perhaps worthy of note that for the rest of the season, even in defeat, the 1st XI could never have similar criticism brought against them.

Result : School 0, Diss G.S. 1.

November 19th, 1st XI v. City of Norwich 2nd XI (Away).

The School were outweighed, and at times outplayed, by a boisterous Norwich team. Whymark, playing his first game for the School at outside-left, was a most thrustful winger and his duels with a large and determined right-back proved to be one of the main features of the game. Had the forwards made full use of the two perfect centres he put into the Norwich goal mouth in the first ten minutes the final result could have been very different. As it was the School were in a more generous mood in that they missed a penalty, and put through their own goal.

Result : City of Norwich 5, School 0.

December 3rd, 1st XI v. Sir John Leman G.S. (Home).

In the home game with Sir John Leman 1st XI the School gave a good account of themselves in the first half when fast, attractive football was provided by both teams. The School took the lead mid-way through this half, but Beccles soon equalized and were allowed to take the lead with a very simple goal shortly before the interval. Having lost the lead, the School went purely on the defensive in the second half and the home defence, finding none of their forwards upfield, merely put the ball to Beccles players who lost no time in prompting almost ceaseless attacks. It was therefore not surprising that Beccles scored on four occasions during this half.

Result : School 2, Sir John Leman G.S. 6.

December 10th, 1st XI v. Bungay G.S. (Away).

Many positional changes were made in the School Team to meet Bungay. Anderson was by far the most constructive forward on the field and the rest of the forwards could hardly fail to score from the steady stream of accurate passes he sent out. Pretty was a fast and direct outside-right and scored four of the School's eight goals. Shiers, playing his first game for the School, had little to do in goal, but when brought into action he used his height to advantage and kicked well.

Result : Bungay G.S. 3, School 8.

December 26th, 1st XI v. Old Lowestoftians.

The School continued their attacking style of football against the Old Lowestoftians on Boxing Day. Again Shiers played well in goal and the whole team moved smoothly from defence into attack. This was by far the School's best performance to date and well as the Old Lowestoftians played, the School fully deserved their victory.

Result : School 4, Old Lowestoftians 1.

January 14th, 1st XI v. Yarmouth G.S. (Home).

The School were two goals down in their home game against Yarmouth before they got into their stride. Very soon they drew level, only for slack defensive play to allow the visitors to steal victory in the closing stages of the game. In mid-field the School had shown themselves to be slightly superior to Yarmouth, but the forwards failed badly in front of goal.

Result : School 2, Yarmouth 4.

January 21st, 1st XI v. Diss G.S. (Away).

In their return match with Diss the School won by 2 - 0, thus avenging their home defeat of the previous term. The Diss forwards were wild in their shooting and the School would have profited from a little more steadiness in front of goal.

Result : Diss G.S. 0, School 2.

March 10th, 1st XI v. Sir John Leman G.S. (Home).

The Beccles team came to Lowestoft having scored 13 goals to 4 in the two previous encounters. The School team, however, had one of its better days and should have changed over at half-time with a greater advantage than 3 - 2. Beccles equalized early in the second half, thus ending the scoring for the match. Even with Atkins a passenger for most of the second half and Walker off the field for a short period the School continued to look far more dangerous in attack. Throughout they looked the better team and, had the forwards taken half the chances they made for themselves, they would have run out comfortable winners.

Result : School 3, Beccles 3.

March 17th, 1st XI v. Yarmouth G.S. (Away).

A considerably weakened School 1st XI visited Yarmouth where the warm, spring-like morning seemed to affect both teams, for the game was slow and uninteresting. The Yarmouth forwards beat Segasby three times in the first ten minutes, and if the School deserve any credit at all in this game it is that they only allowed Yarmouth one more goal during the remaining 70 minutes and actually managed to score one themselves.

Result : Yarmouth 4, School 1.

March 24th, 1st XI v. Leiston G. S. (Home).

In the home match against Leiston the School were unfortunate to be without the services of Anderson and Walker. The reserves fitted in well, however, and the School were leading by 3 - 1 at half-time and appeared to have the game well in hand. Leiston were a much improved side in the second half and with the wind behind them they proved to be too strong for the School defence.

Result : School 3, Leiston G.S. 5.

April 2nd, 1st XI v. Old Lowestoftians.

The Old Lowestoftians avenged their Boxing Day defeat when they themselves were the victors on Easter Monday. The School showed superior skill in mid-field but the Old Boys used their weight to advantage especially in the School goal mouth, and managed to score two goals to the School's one. The School rallied strongly at the end, only to hit the crossbar and upright in turn, with the Old Boys' defence beaten. Jenner, in his last game for the School, played a fine game at wing-half.

Result : School 1, Old Lowestoftians 2.

A School XI visited Duncan Hall on October 29th, and won by 5 - 2.

Colours already held by : W. Jenner.

Colours awarded to : A. Anderson and A. Wood.

Half-colours held by : D. Mitchell, G. Taylor.

Half-colours awarded to : P. Walker, P. Copping, C. Challis.

Junior XI Results.

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| Sept. 24th. | Sir John Leman G.S. | A. | Lost | 5 - 4. |
| Oct. 1st. | Bungay G.S. | H. | Won | 2 - 0. |
| Oct. 29th. | Duncan Hall | A. | Won | 12 - 2. |
| Dec. 3rd. | Sir John Leman G.S. | H. | Drew | 2 - 2. |
| Dec. 10th. | Bungay G.S. | A. | Won | 5 - 2. |
| Feb. 11th. | Sir John Leman G.S. | H. | Lost | 4 - 2. |
| Mar. 2nd. | Roman Hill S.M. | H. | Drew | 2 - 2. |
| Mar. 6th. | Roman Hill S.M. | A. | Lost | 2 - 0. |
| Mar. 13th. | Alderman Woodrow S.M. | A. | Won | 2 - 0. |
| Mar. 16th. | Alderman Woodrow S.M. | H. | Won | 6 - 2. |

Cricket, 1956.

May 12th. Leiston Grammar School (Away).

Leiston's first wicket partnership of 31 was finally broken by a catch off Wood by Block behind the wicket. The School went on to bowl Leiston out for a total of 62 runs. (Howes, 7 - 26; Wood 2 - 17). The School batting collapsed after a good stand by Brighouse and Atkins, and the total reached only 39.

May 24th. Lowestoft Police (Home).

The Police were put in to bat and scored 59 - 9 (dec.) in an hour and a half. (Howes, 5 - 25). The School started slowly, but, with some fine shots from Bridges (25) and Block (17 not out), had scored 55 - 6 at close of play.

May 26th. Bungay Grammar School (Home).

Bungay batted first and declared at 70 - 7 after tea. Their captain played a fine innings, scoring 52 not out. (Bridges, 5 - 26). Left with only an hour to score the required total, the School tried to force runs. The opening pair were dismissed, in consequence, in the first ten minutes. A fourth wicket stand by Bridges (16) and Block (12) improved the situation slightly; at close of play the School had scored 37 for the loss of 8 wickets.

June 2nd. Sir John Leman School (Home).

The School opened rather disastrously, losing their first five wickets for 16 runs. A good partnership by Dawson (19) and Brookes (8) retrieved the situation and the School finally were all out for 65. Owing to two fine catches by Albrow and one by Dawson, the School captured the first four Beccles' wickets for 15 runs; but their following batsmen mastered the School bowling and the score was 63 - 6 at close of play.

June 9th. Lowestoft Town "B" (Home).

Batting first, the School were soon in trouble and the score struggled to 14 for 6 wickets. The "tail-enders" held out for a time but the total reached was only 32. The Town "B" attacked the School bowling from the start and scored the necessary runs for the loss of two wickets.

W.C.B.

Athletics.

The Cross-Country Races, 27th April, 1956.

Two innovations marked this year's races. For the first time there were three inter-House races: a Senior, for the fifth and sixth forms; an Intermediate for the third and fourth forms; and a Junior, for the first and second forms. The length of the course was also reduced.

As a result there was greatly increased enthusiasm for the races, particularly in the middle-school. Little difficulty was experienced in raising teams to satisfy the minimum conditions of entry. In the Senior race, the first 12 runners in each House scored; in the Intermediate the first 18; and in the Junior the first 24.

Results.

Senior : 1. Athenians 2. Spartans 3. Trojans
Intermediate : 1. Athenians 2. Trojans 3. Romans
Junior : 1. Athenians 2. Romans 3. Spartans
Seniors : 1. A. Beare; 2. L. Woolner; 3. R. Gooch; 4. G. Leech.
Time : 20 mins. 57 secs.
Intermediate : 1. A. Knight; 2. J. Hunter; 3. A. Anderson;
 4. P. Cook. *Time* : 20 mins. 43 secs.
Junior : 1. B. Barrett; 2. C. J. Brooks; 3. C. Chatten, 4. F. E. Challis. *Time* : 17 mins. 30 secs.

The School Sports, 28th June, 1956.

Once again bad weather threatened Sports Day. A heavy shower at two o'clock soaked the track and some early spectators. Before the next shower came all the events had been completed except for the relay races. In the conditions performances were surprisingly good.

Three girls shared the position of *Victrix Ludorum* : Pat Hurrell, who also shared the honour last year, Delphine Chinery and Mary Solomon. W. Jenner became *Victor Ludorum* for the second year in succession. He was followed closely by T. Rackham, whose performance, in view of his age, was particularly creditable.

The Trophies were presented by the Mayoress of Lowestoft, Mrs. W. F. Pretty, in the few moments of respite the rain gave. In a brief speech the Mayor referred humorously to the vagaries of the English climate and paid a tribute to the performance of the competitors.

Results.

Girls' Events :

100 yds., open 1 M. Solomon, 2 D. Chinery
 3 R. Silcock.
 100 yds., over 14½ 1 D. Sturley 2 M. Youngs,
 3 R. Woolnough.
 100 yds., 13½-14½ 1 A. Orr, 2 E. Tripp, W. Hadenham.
 100 yds., 12½-13½ 1 M. Gee, 2 P. Collins, 3 P. Garrod.

100 yds., under 12½ 1 A. Beare, 2 C. Rivett, 3 V. Warren.
 150 yds., over 14½ 1 M. Solomon, 2 D. Chinery
 3 R. Silcock.
 150 yds., 13½-14½ 1 A. Orr, 2 E. Tripp, 3 W. Hadenham.
 150 yds., under 13½ 1 A. Beare, 2 M. Gee, 3 V. Warren.
 High Jump, over 14½ 1 P. Hurrell, 2 D. Chinery,
 3 P. Mitchell.
 High Jump, 13½-14½ 1 F. Wright, 2 A. Orr, 3 H. Goulden.
 High Jump, under 13½ 1 A. Beare, 2 C. Kuypers, 3 P. Collins.
 Long Jump, over 14½ 1 P. Hurrell, 2 V. Storey, 3 M. McMeekin.
 Long Jump, 13½-14½ 1 E. Tripp, 2 A. Orr, 3 F. Wright.
 Long Jump, under 13½ 1 A. Beare, 2 M. Allen, 3 J. Gilding.
 House Relay, Senior 1 Cavell, 2 Darling, 3 St. Margaret's.
 House Relay, Junior 1 Cavell, 2 St. Margaret's, 3 Darling.

Victrices Ludorum : P. Hurrell }
 D. Chinery } 12 points
 M. Solomon }

House Sports Trophy : Cavell House, 92 points.

Runners-up : Grace Darling House, 72 points.

Boys' Events :

100 yds., open 1 W. Jenner, 2 D. Pye, 3 F. Adamson.
 100 yds., 15-16 1 T. Rackham, 2 J. Horne, 3 A. Duane.
 100 yds., 13½-15 1 K. Holland, 2 A. Knight, 3 B. Horne.
 100 yds., 12½-13½ 1 M. Hubbard, 2 J. Duane, 3 A. Bunn.
 100 yds., under 12½ 1 C. Overy, 2 A. Lark, 3 D. Coleman.
 220 yds., over 15 1 T. Rackham, 2 W. Jenner, 3 D. Pye.
 220 yds., 13½-15 1 A. Knight, 2 K. Holland, 3 B. Horne.
 220 yds., 12½-13½ 1 A. Bunn, 2 S. Langley, 3 W. Levell.
 150 yds., under 12½ 1 C. Overy, 2 D. Coleman, 3 T. Tucker.
 440 yds., over 15 1 E. Catchpole, 2 J. Horne, 3 A. Beare.
 440 yds., 13-15 1 J. Hunter, 2 K. Holland, 3 D. Bond.
 330 yds., under 13 1 D. Coleman, 2 A. Tooke, 3 J. Jones.
 880 yds., over 15 1 L. Woolner, 2 E. Catchpole, 3 A. Beare.
 880 yds., 13-15 1 J. Hunter, 2 K. Creamer, 3 D. Bond.
 Mile, open 1 G. Leech, 2 L. Woolner, 3 A. Beare.
 High Jump, over 15 1 T. Rackham, 2 P. Pretty, 3 J. Stokes.
 High Jump, 13-15 1 B. Horne, 2 B. Neiland, 3 I. Beare.
 High Jump, under 13 1 R. Raven, 2 J. Butler, 3 G. Dyer.
 Long Jump, over 15 1 W. Jenner, 2 A. Witt, 3 J. Skillings.
 Long Jump, 13-15 1 A. Knight, 2 A. Brereton, 3 R. Stone.
 Long Jump, under 13 1 D. Coleman, 2 T. Tucker,
 3 A. Markham.
 Shot, open 1 W. Jenner, 2 P. Small, 3 C. Rudd.
 Discus, open 1 W. Moore, 2 W. Jenner, 3 E. Catchpole.
 Javelin, over 15 1 T. Rackham, 2 W. Moore, 3 D. Peak.
 House Relay, Senior 1 Spartans, 2 Romans, 3 Athenians.
 House Relay, Junior 1 Spartans, 2 Trojans, 3 Romans.

Victor Ludorum : W. Jenner, 31 points.
Runner-up : T. Rackham, 28 points.

House Sports Trophy : Spartan House, 139 points.
Runners-up : Trojan House, 80 points.

RECORDS BROKEN :

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| <i>Girls</i> : | <i>Old record.</i> | <i>New record.</i> | |
| 100 yds., under 12½ | 13 sec. | 12.7 secs. | A. Beare. |
| 100 yds., over 14½ | 12.7 secs. | 12.6 secs. | D. Sturley. |

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| <i>Boys</i> : | | | |
| Discus, open | 108 ft. 2 ins. | 118 ft. 1 in. | W. Moore. |
| 100 yds., 15-16 | 10.6 secs. | 10.6 secs.(aeq) | T. Rackham |
| 220 yds., 13½-15 | 26.3 secs. | 25.9 secs. | A. Knight. |

Visit to France.

THE visit to Cahors, made during the Easter Holidays by twenty-six pupils and two members of staff, was not just an ordinary school journey abroad. It was the beginning of what we hope will be a permanent friendship between Cahors and Lowestoft.

We are by no means the first English town to become the friend of a French town. Such associations have become numerous and their value has been proved. While for the pupils themselves there is always something new and exciting in journeys abroad, the masters and mistresses who organize such visits to Cahors will know that they are helping pupils to enjoy residence abroad in conditions that cannot be afforded by any other means, and, maybe, to discover wider and deeper significance in modern language study. It is hoped that many of the boys and girls of this School who are interested in the study of French will play an active part in this friendship. They will be encouraged to think about it from the beginning of their studies.

The first step is to obtain a correspondent from among the French boys and girls of Cahors or the surrounding district. Anyone who wishes to do this tells his French teacher and waits until he receives a first letter. He answers this immediately and then keeps up a regular correspondence. In due course he exchanges visits. A group exchange will take place each year: our visit to Cahors at Easter and the return visit of our French guests in July. Those taking part enjoy the hospitality

of their friends at whose homes they are received as members of the family. The cost of the return journey from Lowestoft to Cahors, including incidental expenses, is about £13. No limitation is placed on the number of visits. Those who can afford to do so will be able to exchange visits each year with the same friends.

If we wish to make progress in speaking French and to learn something of French life, belonging to a French family is obviously much better than staying in an hotel. This is considerably more than a material advantage; it is of fundamental importance. Catering for the tourist is a major industry in France. Travellers and holiday-makers in France are to the French primarily customers on whom their livelihood depends. But our visitors to Cahors are received as friends at the moment of their arrival. That is an experience that must find a place among the happiest memories of those who have been to Cahors this year. They will want to give equal pleasure to their French friends when we welcome them to Lowestoft this summer and I hope that they and others will wish to continue what has been so well begun.

F.C.D.

Diary.

Friday, March 23rd.

Party of 24 girls, 7 boys and 3 members of staff, left Lowestoft at 12.20 p.m. Night-crossing from Southampton to Le Havre; some members of the party managed to get a little sleep.

Saturday, March 24th.

Arrived at Paris at 10.00 a.m. Five girls and Mademoiselle Perenchio left us to spend their holidays near Paris. Brief coach-trip from Gare du Nord to Gare d'Austerlitz, passing the most important sights of the city. Arrived at Cahors at 9.15 p.m. and separated to join our foster-families.

Monday, March 26th.

Most of the girls met at the home of one of the French girls, in the afternoon, to enjoy gramophone records, singing and indoor games. Mr. Dowson visited us here.

Wednesday, March 27th.

Whole-day coach excursion. Reception at Gourdon, where we were offered Bergerac and a cake peculiar to the region called "la coque de Pâques"; visited the grottos at Lascaux, famous for their pre-historic paintings, after a riotous picnic dinner; and the château de Milandes, home of Josephine Baker and her husband.

Saturday, March 31st.

Easter Fair or Market at Cahors.

Sunday, April 1st.

Easter Sunday. Most of the girls went with Miss Whitelaw to the Protestant morning service in the Palais de Justice.

Tuesday, April 3rd.

Another gramophone record session in the afternoon; this time Miss Whitelaw joined us.

Thursday, April 5th.

Coach excursion in the valley of the Dordogne. First to Roc Amadour, a place of pilgrimage set on the mountainside; after lunch we went down into the "gouffre de Padirac", enjoying a boat-ride on the subterranean river as well as the caves themselves. The end of the excursion was rather spoilt by rain and cold weather.

Sunday, April 8th.

Some of us again went to the Protestant Church.

Monday, April 9th.

All the French people returned to school, and we were joined at Cahors by the girls who had been in the country and now came as boarders at the Lycée de Jeunes Filles and the Ecole Normale d' Institutrices. For most of the week we did as we pleased, going to the Lycée de Jeunes Filles or the Lycée des Garçons, or going shopping during the lessons we preferred not to attend.

Wednesday, April 11th.

Reception at the Mairie at Cahors in the evening, where we were honoured by the presence of the Prefect of the Lot Department.

Thursday, April 12th.

Coach excursion in the Lot Valley. We visited "la grotte du Pech-Merle", very beautiful caves where pre-historic man carried out his worship; had dinner at the Lycée des Garçons at Figeac; then visited several other towns and villages, but made only a few stops on account of the rain. We were able to see the château where the seventeenth-century writer Fénelon was born—he was educated at the University of Cahors.

Friday, April 13th.

We were shown round the Ecole Normale d' Institutrices, and had a reception there, with champagne, and exchanged national songs.

At 10.40 p.m., we had to say good-bye to all our friends until July, and were all very sorry to leave Cahors.

Saturday, April 14th.

Arrived at Paris and had tea or coffee at the Gare St. Lazare (we had eaten "breakfast" all night in the train), where we met Mademoiselle Perenchio and the rest of our party; crossing from Dieppe to Newhaven; everyone got through the Customs safely, but we missed the first train to London. Owing to this unavoidable accident we arrived at Lowestoft an hour or two late—at about midnight—but nobody minded.

C. ARGER, VI.U.

Arrival.

We stumbled slowly down from the high coach on to the platform of Gourdon Station where a group of light-flecked figures awaited us. Those still in the coach shouted a few witticisms from the window; Mr. Dowson spoke a few minutes with the French master, gave us a few words of advice and clambered aboard again; the electric locomotive whined and the train glided quietly out of the station.

Then came the introductions. A mumbled "Bon Soir" in best school French as we were introduced to our hosts; a few minutes' silence as we looked at each other; and then a few stumbling questions about trifling things as we crossed the track and walked out into the station yard. There Christian's sister, Janette, took charge. Colin's case and mine were put on the roof rack and our bags put in the boot. Michel, Colin's host, Colin and I climbed into the back and Christian went in front with Janette.

The engine started and the car moved off. The next part of the short journey is a blurred memory of street lights and of half distinguishable features. The next definite memory is of pulling up outside a house where Colin and Michel left us and feeling that from now on I should have to speak French or starve. A short run of three or four minutes and then we turned into a large yard where the car stopped. I climbed slowly out and helped to unload my luggage. Christian led me up a few steps into a garden; then up some more steps on to a verandah and into a brightly lit room.

The table was set for dinner with a full wine bottle at each end of the table and a large steaming bowl of soup in the centre. Monsieur rose to greet me. He grinned broadly and pumped my hand. He was of medium height, with broad shoulders and a tanned face. Madame hurried from the kitchen, where the maid peered curiously round the door, and shook me by the hand. Si-Si, Christian's younger sister, came quickly down the stairs, and shyly greeted me. At last, with the introductions over, we sat down to the meal.

C. PETT, IVa.

Cahors.

Cahors, the principal town of the department of Lot, is of medium size and great antiquity. It is built on a peninsula almost encircled by the river Lot across which runs the Pont Valentré, a lovely thirteenth century bridge with six arches and three turrets. Local legend records that the Devil had a hand in the building of it.

From the hills which frame the town there is a splendid view of the bridge, of the Saubirous Cliff dotted with crenellated towers, of the imposing mass of the Cathedral with its Romanesque domes, of the Barbacane and the Ramparts of the town. In the distance may be seen the châteaux of Mercués and Larroque-des-Arcs.

The houses are tall and packed closely together; many are divided into flats. Seen from the outside, even the painted wooden shutters of the windows do not prevent them from looking drab; but inside, the rooms are bright, cheerful and attractive. In the older part of the town there are narrow, cobbled alleys; by contrast, the main street is gay with the striped umbrellas of the cafés, thronged on market-day with people from the countryside.

M.H., N.G., VI.L.

Gourdon.

Gourdon, a village of about 4,000 inhabitants, is built round a prominent hill which overlooks the beautiful undulating countryside of Le Quercy. To the North lies Limoges, to the South, Cahors. Overshadowing the picturesque village are the ruins of a château built in the twelfth century. The inhabitants of Gourdon are mostly farmers, whose prosperity from year to year depends upon the success of the grape harvest. They may be seen working in their vineyards almost as soon as it is light. Even those families who are not engaged in farming usually own a small vineyard, perhaps the equivalent of an English allotment, from which they produce their own 'vin rouge.'

P.L.W. VI.L.

Food.

The food was extremely good, especially as one became used to it. Each day I had for breakfast some of their bread which is made in loaves called "baguettes" which are two inches in diameter and about three feet long. There are other kinds of loaves but we always had baguettes. This bread, which we cut down the centre, was eaten with butter and jam and dipped in a small bowl with a handle containing, for me, tea, for my hostess Dany, Ovaltine, and chocolate for her sister, Nicole.

Lunch began with a meat course, perhaps "côtelette de mouton", a very large mutton chop; perhaps "bifteck", a half-cooked beefsteak which has a very bloody centre. Having eaten this with bread and mopped up the blood and gravy, also with bread, we had a vegetable course, sometimes a bowl of peas, sometimes fried potatoes or cooked endives; then a salad, dandelion or endives, with a lovely sauce. Both these courses were eaten with bread. Next, cheese, of which there is a great variety: small Swiss cheeses mashed in with sugar; cakes, round and square; and another with holes in, similar to chocolate. This was followed by fruit and then tea. The tea was made by putting small sachets of tea into boiling water.

For tea we used to have bread, butter and jam or biscuits, a similar meal to breakfast, except that a hot drink was not often made.

Dinner began about 8.45 p.m. with soup which, with bread, was my favourite part of the day's food. This was followed by sardines or by "soussisson", a kind of red sausage with white rings in it; then another meat course, vegetables, with bread, of course, and red wine. Next something I was not at all keen on, sour milk in a short, squat milk bottle, eaten with sugar and a spoon. We finished, as usual, with tea for us and coffee for Monsieur and Madame.

MARGARET GREENACRE, IVa.

Excursions.

The "Grotte de Lascaux" was discovered only sixteen years ago by two country boys—one of whom is now a guide there—and their dog. It has now been commercialized, but that is not altogether to the tourist's disadvantage. The guides are knowledgeable and the guide-books, though expensive, are interesting. When first we entered, the interior seemed extremely dark and damp and the paths narrow and uneven; but the discomforts faded from our minds when we saw the work

of the prehistoric artists. The walls and the roof were decorated with magnificent impressions of prehistoric animals worked in red and black dyes. Many of the animals were two-coloured, contrasting dyes being used for head and body. Shetland ponies were prominent, as were herds of bison and an obscure species of creature with a horse's head and a cow's body.

CELIA PECK. IVa.

At Padirac we made a long descent by lift into a small cavern where greeny-brown stalactites and stalagmites hung perilously from the high, rocky roof or grew taller and taller from spikes of jagged rocks. Water dripped with a steady 'plop, plop' into small green pools and the sound re-echoed from the walls as we made our way down steps into a long chain of caves through which a deep clear river flowed. We boarded several long, slender boats. As we were propelled gently along, I felt the water. It was bitterly cold and so clear that the small, grey, round stones on the bottom were visible. The cavern walls grew higher and steeper overhead. In colour they were a mixture of green and brown with a tinge of purple, so that the drops of water streaming down them became almost iridescent. In the largest cavern, the "rain cavern", the water fell in torrents.

We left the boats and scrambled up a flight of steps, jumping over rocks, avoiding puddles and stealing sly glances above to watch for the prehistoric monsters which we felt must soon appear. At the top we looked down into one of the caverns. The large stalactites hung lower and lower, like an array of organ pipes, while the stalagmites seemed to grow to meet them at a slender point. The rugged walls became drier and of a sandy yellow colour towards the top, but gradually grew green and purple as they fell to the river below. The roar of the swiftly flowing river filled the cave, accompanied by the slow, steady 'drip, drip' of the water on the walls.

ELIZABETH TRIPP. IIIa.

Soon we were out of Gourdon and bowling along the country roads at a steady 45-50 m.p.h. Then Monsieur C. began to liven things up. He commenced: "In England you drive so." As he said this he swung the car across to the left hand side of the road. Still not satisfied, he went on: "In England you cannot do this," and the car, still maintaining its speed, began to swing from side to side of the road. I was very relieved when the car resumed a more straightforward course along the fine Route Nationale, even though that meant that Monsieur C. drove in true French fashion, foot flat on the floorboards.

C. PETT. IVa.

As soon as we left Cahors we noticed a difference: on our excursions we had found that we took the winding mountain roads; it seemed, however, that this road continued in one endless straight line, bordered by white-banded trees. The car gathered speed and in no time we were crossing the Garonne to enter Toulouse.

An old University town, built on the right bank of that river within sight of the majestic Pyrenees, Toulouse is called the 'ville rose,' for it is built almost entirely of red brick. Much larger and more modern than Cahors, it has wide streets and huge glass-fronted shops. We were interested to see, side by side with those of the Parisian firms, a branch of Ballys'.

Amongst the monuments of the town are the church of St. Sernin, the oldest Roman church in France, with a six-tiered spire, and the Protestant Cathedral with its carved statuettes of saints. Each saint has his own small box for donations, and is hung with plaques of thanks for help in times of adversity. Part of the town dates from the fifteenth century; but the overall impression is one of modern liveliness.

PAMELA GRIGGS, Va.

Departure.

The two powerful twin headlights of the diesel locomotive illuminated for a second or two the sootless interior of the tunnel and then became visible themselves. They were followed by the long winding serpent of the train which drew up along the island platform, absurdly low to our English feet. The main party, who were already on board, appeared silhouetted against the compartment windows, waving greetings to anybody and everybody. We heaved first our luggage and then ourselves up the formidable array of steps peculiar to French trains, into the corridor cluttered with baggage and human forms and pushed our way to the windows to say a last "au revoir" to all the friends we had made during our stay in France. The train pulled out with only a crescendo hum, which seemed strange, accustomed as we are to the puff and hiss of a steam engine. The station with its complement dwindled until it was abruptly cut out of vision by a tunnel.

In the carriage was pandemonium. We hoisted luggage on to already overcrowded racks, fell over fellow passengers, talked all at once. At last we late comers were installed, peace came, and we debated how best to sleep. A complex arrangement of foot-supports was devised but proved impracticable. A Sixth Former of ironic turn of mind suggested we held a dance instead. Another suggestion was that we should have breakfast. Many mysterious concoctions were produced, but

little was eaten. After further debate we decided on a shift system. The four members of the first watch duly disappeared into the corridor only to be shepherded back a few minutes later by an irate member of staff. "If you don't get back into your compartment and get some sleep,"—he searched for some terrible punishment—"I shan't bring you again."

T. L. WHOMES. Va.

Retrospect.

The tedium of the long journey to Cahors was soon forgotten and overlaid by memories of the magnificent hospitality with which we were received and entertained. It took some little time to grow accustomed to two French habits; of eating only two main meals a day, at noon and at 8 p.m., and of speaking French instead of English. Other national traits were soon found to lie in their way of expressing themselves most forcibly on the matters of least importance and in a certain gay abandon which grips them when they get into a car. Now our hosts are to visit Lowestoft and become our guests. We have much to repay them.

Examination Successes.

Open Scholarships.

HENRY NEVILLE GLADSTONE SCHOLARSHIP (English and Latin) at King's College, London. M. E. Outlaw.

GOLDSMID SCHOLARSHIP IN SCIENCE (Physics and Chemistry) at University College, London. R. N. F. Walker.

Both awards carry supplementary State Scholarships.

CAMBRIDGE GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1955.

Advanced Level :

A. D. Beare—Mathematics.
W. C. Block—Zoology.
J. C. P. Edmonds—Maths., Further Maths, Physics (with distinction), Chemistry.
D. F. Foulger—Maths., Physics, Geology.
C. J. R. Grapes—Latin, French, German.
C. Hood—Physics.
A. J. Kirkham—History, Art.
M. E. Outlaw—English, Latin, French.
J. H. Saunders—English, History.
P. F. Sharman—Maths., Physics.
P. Walsh—Chemistry, Biology, Geology.
T. R. C. Whymark—Maths., Physics.
D. F. Woodrow—Botany, Zoology (with distinction).
Beryl Case—Botany, Zoology, Art.
Christine Glenn—Art.
Maureen McGuire—Art.
Barbara Moss—English, History.
Janet Moyse—Geography.
Jasmine Rouse—Botany, Zoology, English.
Sheila Smith—English, History.
Diana Utting—Art.
Judith Watson—Music, Art.

Ordinary Level :

(Figures indicate number of subjects).

T. R. P. Brighouse 8, C. F. Challis 8, P. A. Coggle 8, M. G. Cook 7, R. G. Gooch 8, P. L. Pretty 8, C. C. Scriven 8, B. L. Shade 6, R. T. Tovell 7, A. W. Baldry 7, P. A. Beard 8, P. M. Brooke 8, P. M. Burnham 8, B. M. G. Burroughs 8, D. J. Chinery 7, P. M. Cooper 8, D. Friend 7, E. V. Grice 7, G. Hartop 8, P. M. Leech 7, V. A. Leech 7, W. Lloyd 8, I. M. Myall 7, E. A. Preece 7, J. M. Solomon 8, M. R. Woollorton 7.

W. D. Beamish 6, C. Eglington 4, P. J. Francis 6, J. W. Garnham 7, M. A. Garrod 6, P. J. Heath 7, M. A. E. Long 6, B. Pike 7, D. Pye 8, H. G. Sims 6, P. E. Snell 3, P. R. Walker 3, D. J. White 8, A. J. Wood 6, P. Woods 6, J. M. Allen 6, J. V. Black 8, H. J. Buck 6, N. D. Graham 6, M. J. Hoggett 5, J. J. Jackson 6, M. C. Paine 7, J. Pirrie 7, J. E. Reeder 8, J. A. Rudd 5, J. Shepherd 4, C. M. Wade 3.

C. J. Bessey 4, R. E. F. Blowers 2, J. E. Chaplin 1, P. M. Copping 4, A. F. Crowe 3, E. W. Delf 8, D. Friston 3, J. M. Glenn 6, L. J. Keable 7, M. J. Larter 2, A. H. Levine 5, A. D. Macnab 5, C. E. Marshall 2, D. J. Mitchell 4, P. C. Nichols 2, N. P. H. Riley 5, D. J. Smith 5, D. E. Woodruff 4.

M. S. Beamish 4, J. S. Doddington 1, J. A. Durrant 5, S. A. Farrow 5, B. Harmer 4, G. M. Haynes 2, G. A. Heugh 4, B. M. Hill 4, V. Jones 6, M. A. Moyse 3, M. Newson 5, S. E. Pearl 1, D. M. Reeve 5, E. B. Rushmer 3, B. M. Wigg 2.

Items from the Record.

From Mlle. Perenchio.

AVANT de repartir en France je tiens à dire adieu et merci à tous, professeurs et élèves, grâce à qui mon séjour en Angleterre a été une passionnante aventure. C'est en effet une aventure intellectuelle, morale, affective que d'essayer de s'intégrer à une tradition différente de celle qui préside à votre éducation.

Aventure intellectuelle que d'apprendre une langue étrangère non plus comme une série d'ennuyeuses lois grammaticales mais comme l'instrument où s'exprime tout le génie d'une nation, de pénétrer la richesse d'une littérature autrement que par des réactions personnelles imbues de préjugés nationaux. Aventure intellectuelle aussi que cette redécouverte de votre propre littérature à la lueur des interprétations d'une autre nation.

Aventure morale parce qu'il faut repenser des valeurs jusqu'alors incontestées, se heurter quelquefois durement à une compréhension différente de la vie.

Aventure affective, d'abord, à cause de la séparation d'avec le milieu familial, mais aussi par la découverte d'une expression différente des émotions. L'Anglais est plus romantique, le

Français plus ironique. Ces traits se retrouvent dans nos littératures ; comparez au XIX^e siècle Thackeray et Stendhal, Dickens et Balzac.

... A Lowestoft j'ai couru deux années exaltantes et appris que l'Aventure n'est pas une inatteignable déesse cachée dans les profondeurs d'une forêt tropicale mais qu'elle nous attend partout si nous voulons bien ouvrir très grands nos esprits, nos yeux et nos cœurs.

Avant de finir je vous souhaite de connaître dans mon pays les mêmes joies et le même accueil que j'ai connus chez vous.

CHRISTIANE PERENCHIO.

Grouse Song.

They built the Canteen in the yard, the Annexe on the field,
Prefabricated appendixes indecently revealed ;
Knocked a bit down, stuck a bit on, to give us two more names,
The Art Room and the D.S. Room,—with cow-house window-frames.

So for the first few years our ears were filled, our nerves were frayed,

By all the noise and nuisance that the builders made ;
The buildings, the buildings, bits and bobs of buildings ;
The sight of a brick makes us sick ;
We've had enough of buildings.

Now for a few more rolling terms, to get, and call them ours,
A lab, "the usual offices", a craft-room, gym and showers,
A hall, with stage, and classrooms, we're in for the same and more,
The noises and the nuisance which we endured before.

Their whistle blows for tea and chat every half-hour or so,
And all we think is, "That's another month before they go !"

The buildings, the buildings, get a move on with the buildings.

Every day you're in the way,
Everlasting buildings.

Another bulge in the birth rate, another government plan,
And when they've finished this lot, they'll begin as they began :
Knock a bit down, stick a bit on, build in the new playground,
"Remove existing lavatories", change the drains all round,
While we the old contemptibles, such of us as remain,
Trip over bricks, creep over beams, slosh through mud, stop
up our ears, keep clear of this, don't do that, and wait
for the day that brings the new refrain :

The buildings, the buildings, such magnificent buildings.

They raised the rates, bought roller-skates
For travelling round the buildings.

National Savings.

During the year, 1st April, 1955 to 31st March, 1956, £322 was taken for saving stamps. This represents a drop of nearly £100 on last year's figure. Only approximately one-sixth of the School saves in this way, and although the number of members is much the same as in past years, the irregularity of saving is, in many instances, not to be commended.

Regular saving is a good habit, and it is to be hoped that there will be an improvement in the coming months.

The Empire Knowledge Prize for 1956 was shared by Mary Emerson and Pamela Griggs.

We are delighted to record the election of James Campbell to a Senior Scholarship of Christ Church College, Oxford. He was awarded, also, the Amy Mary Preston Read Scholarship of the University.

The results of final honours degree examinations already announced include : Cambridge—Marjorie Newson (Modern Languages), Stephanie Peck (Modern Languages), J. S. Read (Theology).

Old Lowestoftians

Officers, 1956 - 57.

President : W. R. B. Brooks, Esq.

Vice-Presidents : Miss E. A. Joels, Mr. H. C. Trent, Mr. F. Gilliat, Mr. S. A. Stevens.

Chairman : Mr. Richard Watson.

Hon. Secretaries : Miss June Read, 78 Sussex Road, Lowestoft; Mr. Don Mobbs, 15 Yarmouth Road, Lowestoft,

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. George Peck, 2 John Street, Lowestoft.

Committee : Miss G. E. Churley, Miss A. R. Murray, Mr. H. L. Baker, Mr. F. Wilkinson, Mrs. Lily Long, Miss Maureen Holland, Miss Christine Smith, Miss Rosemary Edmonds, Mr. Roy Larkins, Mr. John Goody, Mr. Alan Paine, Mr. Fred Wharton.

Secretaries' Report.

THE Association has had another moderately successful year. The finances are as sound as ever, but the lack of members has caused some concern. There seems to be a lack of enthusiasm to join the Association, despite the efforts made to try to increase membership. It is a great disappointment to the Committee to find such apathy when they have worked so hard.

The social functions have been most successful on the whole. Old Students' Day was July 23rd. The tennis and cricket matches again lacked support; but the dance held in the evening was a real success. The Christmas Social was again the highlight of the year's activities, and sincere thanks are due to Mr. Rimer for his hard work. The dance held in February suffered rather because of the cold weather and a loss of £1 12s. 6d. was incurred—the first loss the Association has suffered since 1952. Hockey and football matches against the School teams were played on Boxing Day and on Easter Monday.

As is the custom, a Poppy Wreath was hung in the School Hall on behalf of the Association, to commemorate those who died in the two world wars.

It was with regret that the Association learned of Miss Walsh's retirement; apart from many other reasons, she has always been such a loyal and hard-working member of the Committee. At the Christmas Social the presentation of a handbag and a wallet was made by Mrs. Peck to Miss Walsh on behalf of the Old Lowestoftians, as a small token of respect and gratitude.

In Miss Walsh's place we now welcome Miss Murray as Staff representative on the Committee.

It is difficult to express our thanks in varying ways each year, but they are, none the less, most sincere. Once again we say "Thank you" to Mr. Brooks and to the Staff for the help so willingly afforded us. Our thanks must go, too, to Miss Joels and to Mr. Trent for their unfailing support. Finally the Secretaries wish to express their own personal thanks to the Committee for all their help and support during the year.

JUNE D. READ, D. J. MOBBS.

Subscriptions.

In future all PAID UP members of the Association will be entitled to reduced rates of entry to all the Association's social functions on production of their membership cards.

Football Club.

THE Football Club had a season of very mixed fortunes. The First XI finished second in the Lowestoft and District League, but the Reserve team had to be disbanded. In past years the achievement of the First XI would have been acclaimed; but as the Club has held the trophy for the last two seasons it seemed rather disappointing to be placed second, particularly when they came so very near to winning the trophy for the third time in succession. In the game with E.A.C., the League Champions, the Old Boys were leading 2 - 1 with minutes to go. The ball came over from the right wing and the E.A.C. centre-forward jumped to head it. Cook moved to the far corner of his goal in anticipation. Unfortunately the centre-forward missed the ball completely and it travelled straight on into the other corner of the goal. It was this goal which transferred the championship from the Old Boys to E.A.C.

Although at the last Annual General Meeting the Chairman appealed to members to make strenuous efforts to sign new players, only Mr. Savidge was really successful. Owing mainly to his efforts Cook, Copley, Chapman, Noble, Francis, Garnham and Johnson came along to assist the Club. Even with them, the Secretary and Mr. Savidge had the greatest difficulty during the first few weeks of the season in raising two teams. By November it had become clear the task was impossible and the Reserve Team was withdrawn from the League. This unfortunate episode has, however, had its compensations. The team manager's job has become much easier and the competition for places in the one team has led to increased keenness.

During the season, Beckett was again top scorer with 65 goals. Hardingham was second with 32 and Garnham third with 16. Garnham is the youngest player to hold a first team place. The standard of his play improved considerably during the season and he has been recommended for a Suffolk County Youth Trial next Autumn. Strong was again a great asset to the Club. He played in any position which the Committee found difficult to fill, and played well in all of them. In Cook the Club has found an able successor to Smith. When he learns to come out for the ball he will be among the best goalkeepers in the League. Finally, the fine work done by (Minni) Chapman at wing-half and inside forward must not be forgotten. Within a short time he will be the king-pin of the team, just as Beckett has been for the eight years since the Club was formed.

To compensate for disappointments on the playing side, the administrative side of the Club had a very successful season. Fewer Committee Meetings had to be called and the Treasurer reported another profit of £7 on the year's working. After many years of effort, the players' match subscriptions were reduced to one shilling. Collections taken on the ground showed a 50% increase on previous years, reflecting the steadily-growing support for the Old Boys at the Kirkley Recreation Ground. Unfortunately, the number of Vice-Presidents of the Club has fallen considerably and there is a genuine cause for alarm in this sphere.

Looking forward conscientiously to next season, the club held its Annual General Meeting within days of the end of last season. Many changes were made in the Committee. The Chairman, Mr. F. W. E. Wharton, and the Secretary, Mr. R. Larkins, will continue in their posts. The posts of Treasurer, Team Manager and Press Secretary, all formerly held by Mr. Larkins were distributed to Mr. A. Hale, Mr. B. Chapman and Mr. T. Hardingham respectively. Other Committee members are Messrs. Savidge, Meadows, Carver, Carson, Strong and Randall.

The Club would appear to have sufficient players for the coming season, as the A.G.M. decided that there was no chance of reforming the Reserve side. Carson has given up playing regularly and will be replaced by Randall who returns from the Forces. All other players are available except Strong, who will be available only in a part-time capacity. It is anticipated that the Club will sign one more regular player in his place, to bring the number up to the usual thirteen. No, thirteen is not a mis-print! The team needs eleven players, one reserve forward and one reserve defender.

To wind up their meeting, the members discussed the need for the discipline of the Lowestoft and District League to be tightened considerably. Several proposals will be presented to the League on behalf of the Club. The Secretary has accepted nomination as Secretary of this League in order to take some positive step in the direction of the above proposals.

Finally, may I as a player, thank the School for a fine game of football on Easter Monday. There is no doubt that the better footballing side lost, but, as the Old Boys know only too well, it is the number of goals scored which provides the result and not the football teamwork in midfield.

R.L.

News of Old Students.

Marriages: Margaret Hoggett to Stanley Cook; Pat Hipperson to Donald Carson; Margaret Hammond to Frans Haas; Gordon Baxter to Pamela Goldspinks; Ronald Butcher to Jill Wright.

Births: To Mary Burrell (née Hilton) a son; to Monica Rodhouse (née Durrant) a daughter.

Engagements: Sheila Carver to Bruce McMurdy.

Sheila Thompson (née Lusher) is now teaching with her husband in the English School, Montevideo, Uruguay.

Shirley Beetham is teaching in Mauritius and hopes next year to transfer to Kenya.

Maurice Fenn arrives home in England at the end of July. He will be making the journey from South Africa by car.

The Memorial Library.

GRATEFUL acknowledgment is made of gifts of books to the Memorial Library from: Form Va1 (1954 - 55); Form Va2 (1954 - 55); Form 5g (1954 - 55); Miss Judith Watson; Miss Glenys Chinery; Miss Margaret Coleby; Mr. J. Campbell; Mr. D. Mitchell; and Mrs. Leggitt (in memory of Russell Leggitt).

A notable addition to the Library, a post-war edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica, was purchased with the balance of the fund originally subscribed by Old Students towards the provision of the Memorial Library.