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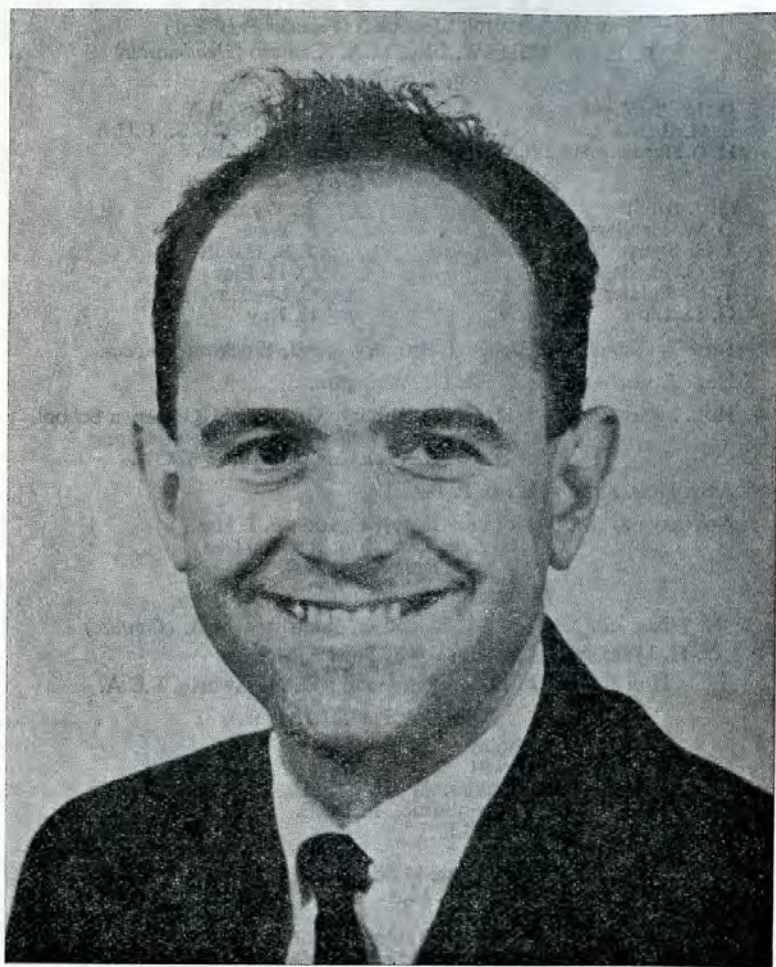
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LAURIE LLOYD, PH.D., B.Sc.

OUR NEW OLD BOY PRESIDENT

Our new President, Laurie Lloyd, was a member of the last generation to be tantalised by stories of the marvellous new school being built at Oxbridge Avenue, and yet to complete their schooling in Nelson Terrace. He left in 1950, and went to Sheffield University, where he took his B.Sc. in 1953 and his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry in 1956. After a spell at Ardeer in Scotland he returned late in 1957 to Billingham I.C.I., where he has now been for 12 years. Lest any should think from this that he is a bit of a stay-at-home type, a slippers and telly man, we hasten to add that he is one of I.C.I.'s numerous long-distance travellers, as familiar with Australia, South Africa, Canada, and U.S.A. as he is with most countries of Europe and several of the Middle East. Apparently you can sell catalysts from the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Bay of Biscay to the Great Australian Bight. And if they don't like it dressed up as high octane petrol you disguise it as polythene and they queue up for it ten deep. All of which means a lot of hard work for Dr. L. Lloyd—along with a little enjoyment, we hope.

We trust that we are not giving away any great secrets about the age of his predecessors when we state that Laurie is our first President of post-war vintage. We all, old and young alike, extend to him a hearty welcome.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, 26th November, 1969, at 7.30 p.m. in the Library, Grangefield Grammar School for Boys, Stockton-on-Tees. (See separate agenda, enclosed with this Year Book.)

44th ANNUAL DINNER:

Friday, 2nd January, 1970, at Spark's Windsor Restaurant, High Street, Stockton-on-Tees, at 7 for 7-30 p.m. Dress informal.

Tickets, price 22/6, may be obtained from the Hon. Sec. of the Association, from Mr. B. P. Brand, Hon. Assistant Secretary, or from Committee Members.

In accordance with our tradition we have invited two guests as speakers, one an Old Boy, one not. This year they are both members of our largest local company. Mr. G. A. Wilson, an Old Boy, is Personnel Director of I.C.I. Fibres Ltd. at Harrogate. (See "Old Boys Here and There" for a note on him.) Mr. C. J. Connolly is Overseas and Purchasing Director of Agricultural Division, I.C.I., and a Director of Cleveland Potash.

Both these gentlemen have a considerable reputation as entertaining and lively speakers, and we greatly look forward to meeting them and enjoying their company.

ANNUAL RUGBY MATCHES:

See the report on Old Boys' Rugby on a later page.

ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH:

A date will be fixed in July for the match, and Old Boys able and willing to play are asked to get in touch with Mr. P. E. Hudson at the School.

43rd ANNUAL DINNER

Some 90 members sat down to dinner on 3rd January, 1969, most of whose names we record below. Our new President, Dr. Lawrence Lloyd, made his first "official" appearance at an Association function, and very successful it was. Our non-Old Boy guest was Mr. Michael Weston, Captain of England's Rugby Football XV, who entertained us with stories of International Matches and Tours at home and abroad. Our old friend and ex-President, Ernest Fieke, also gave us a lively and interesting speech, in which we learnt of his youthful prowess on the Rugby field. Mr. Bradshaw batted on his usual wicket—"replying to the toast of the school"—with his customary sound defence and quick eye for the loose ball. We believe that the level of enjoyment and conviviality was well up to the mark.

Attendance in rough seniority:

A. W. Henderson, H. Cussons, F. L. Scaife, J. H. Sharp, S. H. Curry, H. Bell, T. A. Crawford, G. D. Little, G. Goldston, G. Brann, D. H. Shepherd, H. Wilkinson, W. N. Little, F. K. Hutchinson, T. H. Bulmer, G. Beard, F. W. Baker, T. W. Farr, E. H. Fieke, T. F. Sowler, H. G. Farrington, J. B. Hewitt, M. Sutherland, R. Wynzar, R. Icton, B. K. Race, A. D. Fairless, D. W. Henderson, H. Ray, H. D. Race, D. C. Orriss, M. Allen, W. Dobson, A. Ayre, P. Whitton, K. E. Clark, L. Lloyd, A. C. Banner, G. J. Riddle, F. R. Billsborrow, B. P. Brand, T. P. Bellis, C. Bell, D. P. Church, R. E. Forward, D. J. Nash, C. Sinclair, J. Glattbach, M. R. Purnell, P. A. Sowler, I. McAleer, D. P. Trotter, R. Atkinson, G. Good, G. R. Ward, C. Howard, R. I. Darling, D. H. Stewart, J. N. Hardwick, P. Magee, B. C. Docherty, J. N. G. Heywood, J. C. Rattenbury, D. A. Nicholas, C. B. Copeland, P. Knowles, P. W. Sharp, B. Dobson, I. D. Lenham, W. K. Bellwood, B. Turner, G. A. Ward, G. Langthorne, C. S. Allen, L. O'Neill, K. Fryer, P. Riley, J. K. Little, M. J. Whitfield, R. J. Murphy, A. H. Williams, C. J. Williams, P. O. Argyle.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. was held in the Library at the School on Thursday, 28th November, 1968, at 7-30 p.m.

The Committee and Officials elected are listed on page 3 of this Year Book.

The Statement of Accounts, presented for the year ended 30th September, 1968, showed an increased balance of £816-19-5d. in the Life Member" Fund, and a decreased balance of £19-15-6d. in the General Fund.

Life Membership of the Association showed an increase from 806 to 823. Ordinary Membership showed a decrease from 118 to 116.

An Amendment to the Rules was carried, increasing the Annual Subscription to 5/-, the Life Subscription to £3, and the Levy paid from the Life Members' Fund to the General Fund to 2/6 per member.

OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND

During the period 1st January, 1968 to 1st January, 1969 no calls whatever were made on the Benevolent Fund. It ought to be a source of great satisfaction to know that in this affluent society not one of our members is, apparently, in need. However Old Boys are a proud and independent lot, not prone to admitting to hardship, however temporary. The Trustees wish to emphasise, on behalf of the Association, that if any member falls onto difficult times, for any reason whatever, and cannot get assistance through any of the recognised channels, this Fund exists to help him. A letter to the Headmaster at the School, or a 'phone call to Tom Sowler (Hartburn 2286) will always receive sympathetic and confidential consideration.

On the other hand, donations to the Fund, however small, are always welcome, and should be sent to the Hon. Sec. of the Association, at the School, marked "Benevolent Fund."

During the year a donation of £1 was received from A. Johnson and as the interest at the banks amounted to £18-17-10d., monies received totalled £19-17-10d. No loan repayments were made nor expected during the year, though the Trustees anticipate that some may be received in the coming months.

On 31st December, 1968 the credit balance, as certified by Harold Dodsworth, Chartered Accountant, was £423-14-7d. and our thanks are again expressed for his efforts.

Since January 1st, 1969 a number of donations have been received and these will be declared in full in the next report. One in particular must be mentioned, that of £50 from Mrs. Nora Perry of Sheringham, Norfolk, in "memory of her brother Ernest Wilfrid Eden". Mr. Eden delighted in his School and his Old Stocktonian Year Book and his sister believed that no more suitable testimonial could be made than this handsome gift to the Fund.

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ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE

On the morning of Monday, 11th November, 1968 representatives of the Old Stocktonians' Association assembled in the School Hall with the present boys and masters of the School to pay homage to the Old Boys who were killed in the two World Wars. Wreaths were laid at the two Memorials on behalf of the School and of the Association.

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VISITORS' BOOK

The Headmaster and Staff are always pleased to welcome Old Boys at Grangefield. A Visitors' Book is kept on or in the desk which is on your right as you enter by the front door of the School. The book and desk belong to the Association, and Old Boys visiting the School are invited to sign the book and record personal news in it.

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OLD STOCKTONIANS' TIES

A stock of Old Stocktonian Ties is now kept at the School, where they can be purchased from Mr. Rattenbury. Prices of present lines are 10/6d. (terylene) and 3/6d. (rayon).

Mr. T. B. BROOKE

Old Boys and old friends will be pleased to hear that a Memorial Fund has been established to Commemorate the late Mr. T. B. Brooke by providing funds for Music in the School. The donors wish to remain anonymous, and the fund has no direct connection with the Old Stocktonians' Association. The Trustees will use the income each year to provide instruments, sheet music, prizes, or such other things as they think fit to help in the musical life at the School.

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Rev. F. G. HUNTER (1949-53) (Captain of the School in 1952-3) writes of Mr. Brooke:

It is almost a year since T.B. died, I see. I was not able to attend the funeral, because it fell on the day our third child was born. But Derek Henderson told me of the interment of ashes at Castleford and I was able to go there. I mention this because the occasion forcibly reminded me of one aspect of T.B.'s character which perhaps the article reprinted in the Year Book did not quite touch upon, and that was the essential *goodness* of the man. This is a rare quality; and perhaps even rarer than the "broad humanity" mentioned in the article. This goodness was brought to my memory at Castleford by the attendance of the present Headmaster of the School and one of his assistant mistresses, who had been taught by T.B. at Castleford in the 20s. Now both said, spontaneously, how T.B. was still remembered at Castleford—forty-odd years later—as a teacher quite out of the ordinary, with a concern for his pupils and an essential gentleness which inspired respect and affection, and therefore discipline. I forget the exact words used. . . . But the gist of them and the manner in which they were spoken were impressive. And the correlative quality, of loyalty towards him, was vividly borne out that day, a cold, sleeting day, by the presence of Derek and an old friend of T.B., 100 miles or so from home, just to pay last respects to one who was more than a mere teacher.

Much more could be added, about T.B.'s astonishing knowledge of literature in wider fields than just English; of topography, social and industrial history, especially of the railways; and of his versatility as a musical performer.

But I must add one last comment which I do not see even adumbrated in the article, and that is T.B.'s religious awareness. I know he would have eschewed any pietistic label, and that he was too honest not to feel and express doubt and, when ill and tired, cynicism and even despair. But undergirding it all was that religious awareness which shewed itself in younger days in a desire to seek ordination, and throughout life in a loyalty to his beloved and tantalising Church of England. And I think it was this which lay at the root of his "broad humanity" and "essential goodness" and therefore of his uncommon ability to inspire pupils with a true love of books and of knowledge.

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OLD BOYS HERE AND THERE

J. R. ANDREW (1953-57) joined the Northern Echo from school and served that paper in turn at Darlington, Stockton and Bishop Auckland, where he was chief reporter till 1966. From 1966-68 he worked for the Doncaster Evening Post, first as a feature writer, than as a sub-editor. In July 1968 he was appointed News Editor of the Lincolnshire Chronicle, a weekly paper published in Lincoln. He married Christine Grant—formerly at Grangefield Girls' G.S.—in 1963, and they now have two daughters we are sure that John will be kept happy even though outnumbered 3 to 1.

Rev. C. G. ASHTON (1953-58) went from school to Head Wrightson's. After 4 years there he went to Durham for a "pre-theological" course and then on to Oak Hill Theological College in London. He is now serving in his first parish—at Blackpool.

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JOHN BAILEY (1959-66), who has just gained a First Class Honours Degree in Chemistry, is remaining at Birmingham University to do post graduate study with a Ph.D. in view. He was also getting married in September, so we can assume that 1969 is a Red Letter Year for him.

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ALAN BARKER (1955-62) went from school to Didsbury College where in 1966 he gained his teaching diploma with Distinction in Chemistry. From there he went to Salford University. There was a young lady in the case, who also went from Didsbury to Salford. They were married in 1968, and live at Accrington, travelling daily to Salford. In 1969 they both took their degrees,—he got a First in Chemistry and she got a First in Physics. Now they are both doing post-graduate research at Salford.

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C. J. BEESTON (1961-68) is spending 4 years as Trainee Accountant with Gilchrist, Tash, Wilson and Sansom, of Middlesbrough. We look forward to the day when this firm will become Gilchrist, Tash, Wilson, Sansom and Beeston.

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CLIVE BELL (1947-54), who is Head of the Geography Department at Bede Hall, Billingham, has a son now two years old—Mark Julian.

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ALAN M. BOWMAN (1946-53), who was on the Science Staff at Richard Hind School has now moved to Eston Grange School as Head of Department.

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MICHAEL BOYES (1951-58) has forsaken the delights of Tunbridge Wells and followed his brother Terence (1955-60) to Melbourne in Australia. There Terence is lecturing at the University, and Mick is teaching at Carney Grammar School. We look forward to hearing of their exploits on Australian Cricket fields.

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BRIAN BRAITHWAITE (1960-67) has been studying for the H.N.D. in Business Studies at Ealing Technical College, and should by now have completed his course. We shall be interested to learn what the follow-up to this has been.

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LYNN BROWN (1931-38) has been appointed Headmaster of Holy Trinity C.E. Junior School, and took up his position in the new school building on the western outskirts of Stockton, on a site not many hundreds of yards from the old Ropner Playing Field.

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ALAN BROWNLIE (1946-51) is now living at 21 Northfield Road, Billingham, and is working as a welding metallurgist with the Materials Group of I.C.I. Billingham. He married in 1965 Margaret Simpson (Grangefield 1952-58) and their first son, Christopher Paul, was born in August 1968.

R. BURGESS (1960-67), who is studying Classics at St. David's College, Lampeter, and was a member of their very successful team in "University Challenge", was awarded the John Jones, Derry Ormond, Exhibition at that College.

His parents have now moved from Teesside to Bristol, so that he and his elder brother Michael are less likely to be seen in these parts from now on.

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ARTHUR CHAPMAN (1953-60) obtained his M.Sc. from the University of London by a thesis in the field of Bio-Mechanics. He is now lecturing and doing research at the University of Loughborough. We learn from the sporting columns ("Chapman Tames Wolfhounds") that he is playing for Leicester R.U.F.C.

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PETER CHICKEN (1959-64) is doing well as a Quantity Surveyor. He began with two years in Stockton and then had a spell with Messrs. Bovis in Bradford, which gave him experience of larger contracts. He then moved to Dewsbury, where he is the sole Surveyor with a small building firm and where his prospects are very good. He passed the Licentiate exam. of the Building Surveyors Institute in July 1968 and when we heard from him he was planning to take his finals in 1969. We wish him continuing success.

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A. COATS (1958-65) took his degree in Economics at Newcastle last year, since when he has been working for a financial firm in the City of London.

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During his three years at Leeds University, GEOFF CROSSLEY (1959-66) played for the University both at Rugged and Cricket. It has been on the Rugged field, however, that he has achieved the greater prominence, for he captained a very successful University team and also played for the English Universities against the Scottish Universities and for the U.A.U. team. Geoff is now going to Loughborough for a year's P.E. course, so is likely to be playing again for the U.A.U. side. He was selected to play for Durham County in their first match of the 1969-70 season against Notts, Lincs and Derby.

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G. W. DAVIS has left Billingham and now lives at 4 Secaurin Avenue, Stonehouse, Lanarkshire. He is working for Alex Findlay & Co. Ltd., at Motherwell.

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C. L. DAVIES (1939-43) has recently returned from Doncaster, where he was on the Staff of the College of Technology, to his native area. He has been appointed Senior Lecturer in the Business Studies Department at the Stockton/Billingham Technical College.

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MICHAEL DITCHBURN (1958-65) was married in September 1968. During the year 1968-9 he and his wife have been living in East London. His wife is a librarian and he took his B.A. in June 1969. Now Michael is attending Avery Hill Training College in Eltham for a year, after which he expects to take a teaching post.

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WALTER DOBSON (1934-39) is now Vice-Chairman of the Stockton Rambling Club. Who carries the Chair and at what fee, we do not know.

BRIAN DOCHERTY (1958-65), who graduated this year at Edinburgh, has now gone to London where he is working with a firm of Accountants and doing some periods of full time study of Accountancy at the City of London College.

His brother PETER (1956-63), who will soon have completed his medical course at Edinburgh, spent a very interesting 3 months in the U.S.A. last year at the University of Missouri, where he did a course in Ophthalmology.

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DAVID H. ELEY (1952-57) was recently elected to the O.S.A. Committee, and was working with a firm of architects in Stockton. But he has since had to resign from the Committee for the excellent reason that he now lives in Bermuda (where the shorts come from). He has recently "taken a position" there and expects to be there for at least a year. We wish him good sunbathing.

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GRAHAM FEATHERSTONE left school in 1969. Before he left he had a "one-man" exhibition at the ICI's gallery in its Agricultural Offices in Billingham. He had previously exhibited in the open-air showcases in Billingham Town Centre. The works exhibited were mainly oil paintings. We had always thought that this was one of the more difficult media for painting, but apparently Graham has been painting in oils since the age of seven

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The name of RAYMOND GEDLING, third secretary, H.M. Treasury, appeared in the New Year Honours List this year under the heading "Order of the Bath", CB. We heartily congratulate him on this honour. We also have to thank him on behalf of the Chess Club, to whom he sent a handsome present "in memory of my five victories which, if they got recorded on the shield at all you probably got wrong (How right you are—Ed.)—and in memory too of the fact that Eddy Shields and I played so late once in our semi-final that we got locked in and had to break out."

Mr. Gedling has some other interesting reminiscences. He claims to remember being taught by the longest serving member of the present staff on his (the l. s. m's) first day at the school, thereby proving that he (Mr. G.) has a better memory than the l. s. m. He was one of the school's first Cross-country team, and remembers that the fiercest debates in the Debating Society (Lit. and Hist.) took place when the Constitution of the Society was being discussed. School trips to Rievaulx and Housesteads, and walks in the Cleveland which led him on later to the Lake District and the Alps. George Rowe's time for the mile and his own for the 880 compared favourably with recent times in the school sports. (Members of the Staff will note with interest that Mr. Gedling was at one time a member of the Burnham Committee.)

He concludes with the hope that Grangefield—expanded and expanding and very different from the school he attended—is as happy a place as Nelson Terrace. We hope so too, and think it not impossible!

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CHARLIE GILLET (1953-61) is now a lecturer in Urban Studies at Kingsway College, London. He has a book on "Urban Villages" due for publication in Spring 1970. He also turns an honest penny as a critic for the "Record Mirror" and it was rather in this capacity that he recently revisited Teesside to give a lecture on "City Music", illustrated by 'pop' records ranging in time from the years immediately after the war to 1969 and in place of origin from the Pacific and Gulf Coasts of America

to the North Sea Coast of England. Charlie is a B.A. of Cambridge and M.A. of Columbia University, New York. We fancy it is rather rare to be an M.A. in "Pop", but those who heard the lecture can testify to the vast range of knowledge and great amount of sheer listening time which is involved in this speciality.

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IAN GILLET (1957-64), working for Fibreglass Ltd., in marketing, has recently moved from Chorley to: 49 Clifton Drive, Blackrod, Bolton. We understand that he has recently made Charlie an uncle—a service which Charlie has already performed twice over for Ian. We congratulate the two Mrs. Gillett. (What is the plural of Mrs.?)

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RAYMOND GOODING has now left his house in Barnard Avenue and is living with his daughter at Ambleside.

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PAUL GRAHAM (1958-65), who graduated in 1968 at Newcastle, has now taken his post-graduate Diploma in Education and is in his first post—teaching Maths at Middlesbrough High School.

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ALAN GRAINGER (1960-67) is now doing the third year of his degree course in Architecture at Nottingham University. Like others in his position he must have his sights firmly fixed on his examinations in the summer of 1970. But unlike many of his contemporaries, the "year after" problem is already solved for him. For he has received the uncommon distinction of being awarded a scholarship by Rotary International. This will take him next year to Seattle in the Far West of U.S.A. where he will do a year's post-graduate course in the College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

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A. GREENHALGH (1957-64) followed up his B.Sc. Leeds with an M.Sc. in Statistics at the same University. He is now lecturing at the Leeds Polytechnic.

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The only living ex-Headmaster of Grangefield Grammar School is of course Mr. C. L. HALL, our Head from 1953-56. He has since been Headmaster of Bury and Darlington Grammar Schools, but in Summer 1969 he retired from the latter, and now lives at 26 Harrogate Road, Lytham St. Annes. To him and to Mrs. Hall we wish a long and happy retirement.

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HERBERT HARLAND has now retired, and gone to live in Guernsey. His wife is a Channel Islander, and we understand there are other advantages in living there.

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Mr. Harland left I.C.I. Billingham in 1929, joined the then Anglo-Persian Oil Co., now B.P. and remained with them for 38 years till his retirement. Fifteen of these he spent at the Abadan Refinery in Iran. Returning from there about the end of the war he was for four years Engineer i/c Pilot Plants at Sunbury-on-Thames. Then from 1949-68 he was travelling in Europe, the Middle East and Australia, commissioning new refineries and additions to existing ones as well as being the Company's "Trouble Shooter."

We wish Mr. Harland a long and happy retirement after what must have been a busy and interesting career with great responsibilities.

MICHAEL HATTON (1958-65) has added a Diploma in Education to the Maths Degree he took last year, and is now teaching Maths at Bede Hall, Billingham.

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We hear that JOHN HEDLEY (1951-58) and DAVID LAWSON (1950-57) are still sharing the same "digs" in Hemel Hempstead. Congratulations to DAVID, who has been appointed to the Headship of a school in Buckinghamshire. JOHN, when we last had news of him, was working in the British Museum. But now he has turned his interests to the operation of computers, and is working for Pickford's in London. He is still—of course—interested and active in choral music, and sings with an Amersham choir. With them he spent an enjoyable 3 weeks last year at Pasadena, California. We hope he will let us know if it is true, as we were told in our far-off youth, that the grass grows greener there.

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J. C. JONES (1953-60) took First Class Honours in Physics at University College London, and then his Ph.D. in March 1968. He then went to Chicago, where he is doing research at the Illinois Institute of Technology. This research work is for NASA. (Every Schoolboy certainly knows what that is, so if you have left school, Ask a Schoolboy!) He is working on NASA's "Viking" project, on instrumentation for the programme aiming at soft landing a vehicle on Mars in 1973. Dr. Jones does not intend to settle in the States. He is married, and when he starts a family he intends to bring them back to England (so that they will learn to speak proper?). We are delighted that he was able to call in at the School on a very brief visit to England.

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MERVYN T. JONES (1956-61) has been awarded the Associateship of Sheffield Polytechnic, in Metallurgy.

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J. KITCHING (1959-66), who gained an Upper Second in Chemistry at Newcastle University this year is very highly thought of in his Department. His outstanding work has been recognised by the award of the Freire-Marreco Medal and Prize.

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PHILIP KNOWLES (1958-65), who gained a Second-class Honours degree in Metallurgy at the University of Aston, has been appointed Materials Engineer with the Gas Council at Solihull, near Birmingham.

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CHRIS LIDDLE (1952-59) is now Senior Lecturer in the Chemical Engineering Department at Constantine College (Polytechnic Designate). There he is taking part in research into desalination, aiming thus to remove the threat of a universal water shortage caused by the voracious thirst of modern industry. The problem is, of course, to devise an economically viable process, and we gather that Mr. Liddle is experimenting with the removal of salt from sea-water by heat transference, that is by the exchange of heat from out-going hot water in spray towers to incoming salt water.

We trust that the above condensation of a newspaper item is not too far off the mark. If it is, we note that this article stated that "results are expected within a year", so we invite Chris to contribute to the next Year Book an article on "What I did and How I did it."

BRIAN J. LOWTHER (1958-65) is at Brentwood College of Education in Essex, taking a 2 year course in Practical Geography under the Cambridge University Institute. He is playing rugby, hockey and basketball, and finding the course very interesting.

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R. LUMLEY (1955-62) is working for G.E.C. on contracts for the Post Office. He is an Electronics Engineer and has been concerned with the new Post Office Tower at Birmingham. Recently he has been based on Teesside, but working as far north as Scotland.

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MALCOLM W. MACKINNON, B.Sc. (Econ.), is at present on a two-year Management Training Course with a large Insurance Group in Dorking, Surrey.

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ANDREW MALKIN (1961-68) was working for EMI for one year before going to University and was finding this year of great benefit to him. He has found his work there very interesting. He has progressed from metal and lathe work, technical drawing, application of materials and an electronics project, through lectures on critical path analysis to a job as a mathematician. The object of the pre-university year is that he should appreciate the basics of the industry—the manufacture of "hardware". Those who know Andrew will not be surprised to learn that he has found his way to a fair number of concerts in London.

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Two wedding couples whose pictures we have recently seen in the paper: MARTIN McKENNA, who married Miss Lorna Stewart of Billingham; and ERIC W. OTTERBURN (a graduate mechanical engineer), who married Miss Carole Edwards of Stockton. They both look very pleased with themselves and by the look of the other, better, halves of the photographs, they have every reason to be so!

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JOHN MOORE (1960-65) went from school to James Dodds & Brown, Chartered Auctioneers and Estate Agents, and has been working for them ever since. Along with this he has had exams. to take to qualify as a Chartered Auctioneer and Estate Agent. This study must have occupied a lot of his spare time, but he has managed to play a lot of Rugby for Stockton and indeed has had 3 County trials. He has also been playing Basketball for the GGSOB team. We understand that wedding bells will shortly be ringing for him, and wish him success in all his enterprises.

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KEITH MURRAY (1946-52) has left Normanton Grammar School where he taught French for 8 years, and is now Head of Modern Languages at Fairham Comprehensive School in Nottingham. He lives at 26 Stanhome Drive, West Bridgford and when he wrote last December he anticipated that the Boro' might be playing Notts Forest this season and that some Old Boy supporters of Boro' might visit him after the match. However, we are informed that Forest avoided relegation after all.

Keith married a French girl, and his two children are being reared bi-lingually. He has had contacts lately with Geoff Hunter of Hull, John Milner, of Derby and Ron Hallmark, a visiting examiner from Birmingham University.

KEITH NEWTON (1953-60) has been awarded a "Canada Council Doctorate Fellowship" tenable at Simon Fraser University, (6000 students). We understand that Keith is getting a grant of 5,500 dollars, but we are not clear whether this is a yearly grant or if it is supposed to last him all his life. However, we have no doubt that he will be quite leary about this—he is studying Economics.

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MICHAEL A. NEWTON (1952-59) M.Sc., with many academic successes behind him at Imperial College, at Cambridge and in the U.S.A., is now on the staff at Rutherford College, soon to be the Newcastle Polytechnic.

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MICHAEL NORTHEY, who graduated at Oxford in Classics in 1968 remained there for an extra year to take his Diploma in Education.

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JOHN C. RATTENBURY (1958-65) went in January 1969 as an Overseas Volunteer to Cyprus. There he is working as an Engineer for the Water Resources Ministry of the Cyprus Government under the United Nations Development Plan. He was able during the summer to follow up his mountaineering interests with a visit to the snow-capped Taurus Mountains in Southern Turkey.

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GRAHAM RAYNER (1959-66), having graduated in London, is going to Loughborough to do a year's course in P.E.

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TONY REAY (1950-57) went to Leeds University and took his B.Sc., and then Ph.D. in Geology. In 1965 he went as a lecturer to Otago University. He lives at Dunedin on the North Island, is married and has two children. On August 25th this year he set out with a marine expedition to the Tongan Islands. The expedition is organised by the Royal Society of New Zealand and the Royal Society of London, to commemorate Captain Cook's first voyage to New Zealand. The party consists of 13 New Zealanders and 5 British scientists. According to the report we have, Mr. Reay will be studying archaeology, botany, marine and shore biology, and oceanography. But we think that this must be the list of all the researches to be conducted by the whole expedition. However that may be, it sounds an interesting trip!

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J. REID (1962-67) is studying Microbiology at Lyons' and will be working for his HNC at Barking Tech.

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PETER H. RIGG (1946-53) tells us that we were more generous to him last year than were his Examiners — we hope he does not bear them a grudge. In December 1968 he was working for the Erection Department of A.E.I. Turbine-Generators Ltd., which is—as those who take any note of Industrial News will know—a member of the G.E.C. Group of Companies. He was then at Ballylumford Power Station, near Larne, maintaining liaison between his own company and Stewart and Lloyds who were laying pipes there on a sub-contract. We trust that the troubles in Northern Ireland have not disturbed Peter at his work.

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G. ROBERTSON (1959-66) is now a Pilot Officer in the R.A.F., having been commissioned in the Engineer Branch in February 1969. As a Cadet he visited Belgium, Holland, Germany and America,—so you really do see the world!

DAVID ROBSON (1955-62) (credibly rumoured to be well on his way to being described as The Distinguished Architect) should at the moment these lines are being written be on his way to Ceylon where he is to be a Senior Lecturer in the School of Architecture at the University in Colombo. We trust he will train the young architects of Ceylon in the way they should go, and himself derive interest and excitement from their pre-Corbusian temples.

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MICHAEL ROSS (1958-65) who has recently graduated in Mineral Technology is reported to be earning a fantastic sum working at a mine in some far-flung corner of the American Continent. We apologise for the vagueness of our information.

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As we go to press,

FRANK SANDERS (1927-32) is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Wedding. It was no ordinary wedding, for in 1944 he was serving with the Royal Engineers in Burma. His bride was a sister in the I.M.N.S.(T). She had, of course, nursed him, and was evidently a courageous young woman, for she was awarded, besides a Mention in Despatches, the R.R.C., the Royal Red Cross, the highest award in Nursing. The ceremony took place in a Field Hospital, and for their honeymoon the happy couple spent three days leave with another R.E. detachment. Later, Mrs. Sanders went with the forward troops to open the General Hospital in Rangoon when that city was liberated from the Japanese.

Some years later, when formal proof of the marriage was needed, Somerset House officials looked askance at the makeshift "lines", and much research into War Office records was involved before they could be convinced.

Frank nowadays leads a less exciting but very busy life as a builder and property-repairer. We send him our best wishes for the next twenty-five years.

On leaving Grangefield,

P. SANDERSON (1963-65) spent a year at B.A.C., Bristol, gaining a fifth A level as well. He then went to Queen Mary College, London, where he finally obtained an Upper Second in Aeronautical Engineering. He has now rejoined B.A.C. and is working with the Concorde Flight Test Team in Fairford, Gloucestershire. National and personal motives alike lead us to wish him good luck and good management.

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FLT. LT. PETER F. SANDERSON (1945-50) thoroughly recommends RAF life. He is now an Education Officer stationed at the No. 1 School of Radio at Locking, which, as every schoolboy knows, is just outside Weston-super-Mare.

He left school just before the Exodus, and after five years working first in the Laboratories of Dorman Long's at Grangetown, then at Power Gas, studying part-time at the Technical College, he gained entry to what was then King's College, University of Durham, at Newcastle. He was there from 1955-59, emerging with a B.Sc. and a Dip.Ed. He then spent 8 years at Bethany School, an Independent Boarding School in Kent as Head of the Science Department. He then joined the RAF, and during his O.C.T.U. training period gained the "Sword of Honour" given to the best cadet of his year.

His wife (nee Joyce Wake) comes from Stockton, and they have 3 children. On the sporting side he is a F.A. Coach and Referee, a hockey player and indulges in Judo.

RIDLEY SCOTT (1950-54) went from school to the Art College at Hartlepool, then on to the Royal College of Art in London, where he graduated with First Class Honours. He then spent eight months in the U.S.A. on a £600 Travelling Scholarship. Back in England he worked with the B.B.C. for some time before moving to commercial television. It was announced at the beginning of 1969 that he was to set up his own film production company.

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CLIVE SKILBECK (1958-66) has played regularly for Liverpool University 1st XV. He has now done well in the first part of his degree, and is B.Sc. in Zoology and Psychology. He now proceeds to do Honours in 1970. In the meantime he has got married to a young lady from Newcastle, who has a similar academic programme before her for the coming year. We congratulate them and wish them all success in their many enterprises.

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COLIN SINCLAIR (1952-59) (Staff 1962-69) has been very closely connected with the School for 17 years, and in the years 1959-62 he was no further away than Durham University. Now he has cut loose with a vengeance and is working as a Geologist at the Kilembe Mines in Uganda. Colin, of course, has come close to County Honours at Rugby, and has been on the fringe of National Honours as a Quarter Miler. He was for some years Durham County 440 yds. champion, ran several times at the White City in the AAA Championships, and twice represented Great Britain in Minor Matches.

He seems to be settling down well at Kilembe, and is fluent in Swahili after a six-week language-lab. course. His garden stretches 100 yards up a mountainside, so that he has to employ two gardeners—otherwise he would have no energy left for Rugby which he plays on Saturday afternoons for Kilembe. Facilities for sport are excellent, they are only ten miles from the Queen Elizabeth Game Park. Colin and his wife and son find the accommodation, the food, and conditions generally, better than they had anticipated. *Kazi mingi na Pesa mingi vilevile!*

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LESLIE STEWART (1922-26) still lives at Hexham, but his address is now "Coniscliffe", East Shaws, Hexham, Northumberland.

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IAN H. STOUT (1962-67) is now a Tax Officer in the Inland Revenue, serving at H.M.I.T. Middlesbrough 1st district, Crown House, Middlesbrough.

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A. H. TAYLOR was at school in Nelson Terrace during the Headmastership of Dr. **CROCKETT** (1922-29), whose portrait still hangs in the School. He now lives, as he has for many years, in Canada, at Stroud in Ontario, and is employed in the Government Department of Veteran's Affairs, from which he expects to retire in 1970.

His last visit to Nelson Terrace was in 1941 when, as a member of the R.C.A.F. 419 (Moose) Squadron stationed at Middleton St. George, he made a pilgrimage to the blacked-out streets to the west of Stockton High Street. In 1943 his stay in England was cut short when he was shot down over Berlin.

Besides Dr. Crockett he has memories of Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rhys (deep breathing), Mr. King, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. J. G. Taylor.

IAN TAYLOR (1956-63) was enrolled as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court on 1st March, 1969. After graduating in law at Manchester University in July 1966, he attended the Law Society's College of Law at Guildford for six months prior to passing the Law Society's Final Qualifying Examination in February 1967. He then served his Articles of Clerkship with the Town Clerk of Middlesbrough, and later of Teesside, for the mandatory period of two years.

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KEN TAYLOR (1958-65) was awarded B.Sc. First Class Honours in Civil Engineering at Nottingham University in 1968. He then began 3 years research for Ph.D. in Layered Road Pavement Design, and for 1969-70 and 1970-71 has been awarded the Radley Research Studentship by the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Ken's great "outside" interest is in Archaeology which, as he points out, is closely related to Civil Engineering, as modern Civil Engineering works often threaten to destroy the possibility of archaeological discoveries. There are at the moment three things which greatly interest him in archaeology: the preservation of mediaeval caves under the City of Nottingham, the location of the Roman town of VERNEMETUM on the Fosse Way, and the excavation of a Roman Villa threatened by an earth dam at Empingham in Rutland.

Incidentally, Ken Taylor is now living permanently at Nottingham, at 25 Musters Road, West Bridgford.

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BRIAN TURNER (1959-66) is now B.Sc.(Oxon.) with First Class Honours in Physics. He is to do research at Reading University in Solid State Physics, which—for the benefit of those as unenlightened as ourselves—we are told has to do with Polymers. This research should lead to a Ph.D. for Brian, and, we piously hope, to non-ladder stockings which don't ladder for the Fair Sex.

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DAVID A. USHER (1959-66), having graduated in Maths at Hull, has now gone to Havant, near Portsmouth, to work with IBM. When at school, David used to play the double bass, so when he speaks of his hopes of joining an orchestra in the Portsmouth area we visualise him at work on the big bass fiddle again. We understand that the big problem with these instruments is the taxi bills, but no doubt IBM will help.

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ERNEST WADSWORTH is now a patient in Holy Rood Nursing Home following his serious illness which occurred in 1967. He is always pleased to see visitors. GEORGE DRAPER (1921-23) made a special visit from his home near Yarmouth to see him—they have corresponded since schooldays when they discovered they had the same birthday. Ernest has no relatives apart from his brother James who came across from U.S.A. on a flying visit last summer. Before his illness Ernest was Deputy Head at Newtown School.

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CHARLES WALLER, whose name was included in last year's list of "Addresses Wanted", received a copy of that Year Book and sent us his address, which is: 25 Helen Road, Hornchurch, Essex. He is a very early Life Member of the Association and has had many addresses both in U.K. and abroad since leaving school some 50 years ago. He suggests that perhaps only NORMAN WINN will now remember him, but we hope that some other contemporary of his may see that address and drop him a line!

TOM WILTON WHITING, B.Sc., F.I.M., attended Stockton Secondary School during the First World War and the Headship of "Pa" Prest. He remembers Horace King as Captain of Green House, and the great athlete of those days Tommy Olver. And-of-course-he remembers Evan Baldwin.

He lives in New Zealand, and although he officially retired in March 1969, Guest Keen & Nettlefold (New Zealand) Ltd., have retained him as metallurgist and technical adviser for a further period of at least one year. Then he has achieved another appointment as metallurgical technical adviser to New Zealand Steel Ltd., Glenbrook. "This is a new concept making steel for iron sand containing titanium with direct reduction in electric furnaces to steel which is then continuously cast into billets".

Mr. Whiting still lives at the address given in the 1967-68 Year Book. We do not think it would be appropriate to wish him a restful retirement, as he is obviously not yet ready to sit back and take things easy!

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We asked GEORGE A. WILSON who is to be our guest at the next Annual Dinner for his Life Story. His reply was so interesting that we reproduce it verbatim:

You will appreciate I have to dig back a very long way when you ask me for an outline of my career since leaving school; that was indeed 1925/26. I joined what is now the Billingham factory of I.C.I., then called Synthetic Ammonia and Nitrates Ltd., on the commercial side in the Purchasing Department with a number of school friends, including Norman Moss and Len Myers. After reaching the dizzy heights of Personal Assistant to the Buying Manager, in which capacity I felt that I did all the work while he received all the rewards, I then moved over to the personnel side, first of all as Welfare Officer and later as Personnel Officer in charge of Trade Union negotiations. This period covered the war-time period and shortly afterwards. In negotiations I was very closely concerned indeed with a very distinguished old boy in the shape of Alderman C. W. Allison, now Sir Charles, who was a tremendous tower of strength in the Trade Union movement on Teesside and who had to wait until pretty late in life for this to be truly recognised. I personally owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to him and have an unstinting admiration for his very real abilities.

Another well-known old boy well to the fore, with whom I was very much associated in these days, was Ben Neasham, by this time Assistant Chief Accountant at I.C.I. Billingham. We worked very closely together for some years in the running of the Synthonia Club and Ben was always a very real tower of strength to whom a lot of the success of the Club was due. By this time I had been appointed Deputy Division Labour Manager at Billingham and in due course, in 1953, moved on to the Nobel Division with its headquarters in Glasgow, to become Division Labour Manager and eventually Division Staff Manager in that Division.

After five years in Scotland I moved on to the Central Personnel Department of I.C.I. where I was in charge of the so-called Operating Group in the Personnel Department, concerned with the problems of day-to-day operation throughout the whole of the I.C.I. organisation. Then finally in 1965 I came back very near to my old base on my appointment as Personnel Director of I.C.I. Fibres Ltd., an organisation employing some 18,000 people in all.

This is the briefest possible synopsis which makes no reference to the tremendously exciting times of the old Billingham days where the place was growing from practically nothing to an organisation employing 20,000 or more; nor to the building of the attached Synthonia Club which at one time, if not now, enjoyed the reputation of selling more beer than any other single organisation in the country. Maybe it is more important still

to report that by this time I had not only married but had produced three children, the latest of whom at the time of going to press has also produced one of his own. How times does fly!

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DEREK YARROW (1959-66), B.Sc. (Econ.) is now living and working in London. He is a Graduate Trainee in the financial administration department of the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., known as the 3M Co.

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STAFF NOTES

The Staff in July 1969 consists of:—

R. E. Bradshaw (Headmaster), J. G. Rattenbury, R. B. Wright, J. J. Durrant, D. J. D'Arcy, T. K. Whitfield, F. N. Tiesing, R. A. Taylor, J. Ingham, K. V. Stedman, H. O. Stout, W. Wilkinson, J. D. Charles, C. Sinclair, J. J. Byrne, H. Horsman, P. E. Hudson, B. Nicol, R. Kitching, B. P. Brand, J. R. Walton, H. T. Reay, Miss V. Covell, J. Russell, J. J. Green, J. Crowder, J. E. Bainbridge, R. K. Bingham, C. D. Wakeling, L. E. Haworth, K. Black, V. W. Watton, P. H. Spight and Mrs. M. R. C. Dennis.

Mr. D. G. Bell left us at Christmas 1968 to take up a new appointment as Senior French Master at the Friends' School, Great Ayton. He had been with us for over 11 years and will be remembered both as a very successful teacher of French and as the originator of the Ornithological Society which later developed under his guidance into the large and active Natural History Society. In addition to these very considerable contributions to the life of the School, Mr. Bell was responsible for several years for the Table Tennis Club. Altogether he was a most valuable member of the Staff and we congratulate him on his well deserved promotion and wish him and his wife all good things for the future.

Mr. Bell was succeeded at Christmas by Mrs. M. R. C. Dennis, a First Class Honours Graduate of London University. Mrs. Dennis is leaving us this summer, so we must couple with our welcome to her our regrets that she is leaving us so soon!

Three other members of staff left us in August 1969. Mr. K. Black is returning as Senior Maths Master to Spennymoor Grammar-Technical School, whence he came to us less than two years ago.

Mr. Colin Sinclair is leaving the teaching profession and going as a geologist to Uganda to help a Mining Company to explore the mineral wealth of what used to be called in a more romantic age the Mountains of the Moon. Besides being an Old Boy of the School (1952-59) Mr. Sinclair is an outstanding athlete and has represented England in the Quarter Mile. School Athletics owe him a great deal.

He is being succeeded as Head of the Department of Geology by Mr. J. Russell, hitherto our junior P.E. Master, whose help with P.E. and games we thus look forward to retaining.

Our P.E. department is also losing the services of Mr. J. J. Green, who is going to St. Mary's College, Middlesbrough, as P.E. Specialist. Mr. Green has taught Biology and some Physics, and has been very active in all departments of sport. It was he who introduced Basketball in the school, a game whose popularity has extended beyond the school to an Old Boys' Team.

We wish to all these Departing Colleagues happiness and success in their new surroundings.

It is obvious that our P.E. staff needs reinforcements. These have arrived in the shapes of Messrs. D. Agar and J. Taylor. Mr. Agar, a native of Sunderland, comes to us from Carnegie College and hopes among other things to revive the Gym Club and look after the Volleyball which has recently become popular in the school. Mr. Taylor, a Yorkshireman from Doncaster and Bingley, has a particular interest in Potholing and was a member of the British Expedition which went to Northern Greece in Summer 1969 to explore the Epos Chasm. He is also keen on Rock climbing and Basketball.

To succeed Mr. Black we have Mr. R. Brearley B.Sc., a Teessider, whose specialities are Maths with Statistics, and Psychology. In Mrs. Dennis' place comes Mr. W. Thurl B.A., an Honours Graduate in German, whose home is at Hitchin in Herts, and whose enthusiasm for Chess is to be put at the service of our Chess Club. Finally Mr. W. G. Richardson has come to help our hard pressed Physics Staff. He was born in the same village as Captain Cook and comes to us direct from his training at Sheffield.

We welcome this new young blood which has come, we hope, to spur us all on to greater things.

Mademoiselle Anne Hue, from Estaires near Lille, was our Assistante for the year 1968-69. She is succeeded in September 1969 by Monsieur Jean-Pierre Simard from Lyon, whom we welcome—especially as, like other Assistants here before him, he is a Rugby player.

There have been further changes in the Office Staff and we extend a sincere welcome to our new Secretaries, Mrs. Freda Lewis and Miss Judith Blackburn.

Members of our Staff have been very active increasing the supply of raw material for their profession. We congratulate Messrs. Walton, Ingham and Brand who have in the first case begun and in the others increased their parental responsibilities. (Mr. Walton's excellent example was followed one week later by an ex-colleague, "Butch" Davison, now resident in the Deep South at Scarborough.)

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SCHOOL NOTES

Our numbers remain little altered, there being 621 names on the registers in September 1969, with 141 in the Sixth.

In September 1968, the provision of free milk for pupils in Secondary Schools ceased. The School therefore thought that this was the right moment to instal a drink-dispensing machine. This was done in November 1968, and the very extensive use made of this machine is evidence that it answers a very effective demand. So, instead of free milk, present-day teenagers are spending 6d. a time on coffee, chocolate or soup, or 3d. a time on tea. O tempora! o mores!—or should it be: Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose?

We still (September 1969) remain in ignorance of any plans for our future re-organisation. We understand, however, that Committees are actively considering such Questions.

The Open Day, held as usual on the last Monday of the Summer Term, was even more of a success than usual this year because of the glorious weather. Tea was served (on behalf of 2 charitable causes) in the West Quadrangle, and outdoor pursuits were greatly favoured, but there was the usual great variety of displays in rooms all round the school. The attendance was not counted, but the space available for car-parking was crammed to the limit.

We congratulate the Chairman of our Governors, Alderman F. T. Webster, M.B.E., on his election as the second Mayor of Teesside. We look forward to meeting him once more in his dual capacity at our Prize Day on 11th December, 1969.

In Memorium

ERNEST WILFRID EDEN died suddenly on 4th July, 1969, at Etton, near Peterborough, to which he retired in 1965. On leaving school in the early 'twenties he first worked at Ashmore's in the draughtsman's office. Then he went to London and later to South America. In 1935 he returned to England and was with the National Smelting Co. in Bristol until the end of the war. In 1945 he went to Retford where he was Chief Engineer at W. J. Jenkins' until his retirement. In his younger days a keen hockey player, he later became a great gardener; and he always maintained an active interest in the Boy Scout movement. He was a man of great integrity and modesty, generous and sustained by a deep faith and a happy family life.

His sister, Mrs. Nora Perry, an old scholar of Nelson Terrace S.S.S., made a most generous gift to the Old Stocktonians' Benevolent Fund in memory of her brother. We are deeply grateful for her gift, and honour his memory.

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HAROLD L. SIMPSON (1906-10) was referred to in last year's Stocktonian Year Book as a classmate of T. B. BROOKE. He wrote to us soon afterwards a letter expressing his appreciation of T. B. and of the Old Stocktonians, enclosing a generous contribution to the Evan Baldwin Memorial Fund. It was with great regret that we heard only a few weeks later of his death, in a letter from his son.

Mr. Simpson served as a junior in an accountant's office in Stockton on leaving school, and then worked for the Inland Revenue. After service with the London Artists Rifles in the 1914-18 war he was articled to a Huddersfield firm of accountants, and became a partner in the firm in 1923. He had been senior partner for 20 years in this firm, in which his son is still a partner.

The list of his interests and activities in Huddersfield is most impressive: a town councillor (Liberal) from 1947-57; a most prominent Freemason; chairman and president of Accountants' organisations; a leading figure in the YMCA and Scout movement. Mr. Simpson was manifestly an active and public-spirited man of a type of which his old School can be proud, and whose memory we highly honour.

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JOHN W. WARDELL left the Secondary School in 1903 and went as an apprentice to Head Wrightson's. He retired from that firm, in 1958, as Managing Director of the Stockton Forge. Professionally, he was an expert in iron ore treatment plant. To a large number of people in and around Teesside, his name is familiar as a local historian. His main work, the History of Yarn, was published in 1947. This was a very considerable book (125,000 words, 17 illustrations, 6 maps) and much valued by those interested in local history. He was for many years Chairman of the Historical Association's local branch.

He died on 2nd November, 1968 at his home in Yarm High Street. We express our deep condolences to Mrs. Wardell.

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DAVID JAMES ROSS (1955-69). It was with profound sadness that the school learned on January 11th of the death of David Ross of Form 3LA. He had been suffering since November from what was known to be an incurable brain tumour.

David will be remembered at Grangefield as a quiet, intelligent, hardworking boy with many friends. All who had the privilege of seeing him during his illness were impressed by his courage, tolerance and good humour, which he showed to a degree well in advance of his thirteen years. It was, therefore, fitting that at the funeral the hymn "Who would true valour see", was sung.

ADVANCED LEVEL:—(A) indicates pass at highest grade. Results in Special Papers shown in brackets: S1—Distinction. S2—Merit.

VI ARTS:—

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| M. Bisset | General Studies, History, Geography, Economics. |
| A. J. Copeland | Economics, French. |
| C. E. Hall | General Studies, History, Geography (S2), Economics (A). |
| J. A. Henderson | Geology. |
| J. Holliday | English, Scripture Knowledge (A). |
| R. A. Hopper | History, Geography, Economics. |
| D. P. Hunt | General Studies, History (A), Latin, French |
| G. Lacey | General Studies, Geography, Economics. |
| K. D. Macmillan | French. |
| P. E. Mason | General Studies (A), English (A), History, Economics (A). |
| D. G. Penson | French, German. |
| B. K. Reynolds | History, Geography. |
| C. A. Robertson | General Studies, Geography, Economics. |
| A. M. Russell | General Studies (A), English, French (A), German (A). |
| N. C. Spence | French. |
| A. Still | General Studies, English (A), History, French. |
| P. H. Stock | General Studies, German (S2). |
| D. R. Wheatley | General Studies, Art. |
| P. M. Whitecross | General Studies, Geography. |
| A. H. Williams | General Studies, English (A), History (S1), Latin. |

VI SCIENCE:—

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| A. Bowman | General Studies, Maths (A), Further Maths, Physics (A). |
| D. A. Burton | General Studies (A), Maths (A), Physics (A), Chemistry (A). |
| B. S. Clark | Physics, Chemistry, Biology. |
| B. L. Collin | General Studies (A), Geography (S2), Economics, Maths. |
| J. C. Davies | General Studies, Maths (A) (S2), Further Maths, Physics (A) (S2). |
| I. W. Duncan | General Studies, Maths. |
| K. P. Dutton | General Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Biology. |
| P. Edwards | General Studies, Economics. |
| N. S. Embleton | Economics. |
| A. Fletcher | General Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Biology (A) (S2). |
| P. M. Gardner | Maths. |
| D. J. Goldsbrough | General Studies (A), English (A), Economics (A) (S1), Maths (A). |
| M. H. Govns | Chemistry, Biology. |
| J. R. Greenhalgh | Physics, Chemistry (A), Biology. |
| C. N. Hall | General Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Biology (A). |
| D. M. Hall | General Studies, Economics. |
| G. C. Hanrahan | General Studies, Economics. |

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| D. Jackson | General Studies, Geography, Economics. |
| P. I. B. Johnson | Maths (A) (S1), Further Maths, Physics (A) (S1), Chemistry. |
| R. A. B. Johnson | General Studies (A), Maths, Further Maths, Physics. |
| M. J. Kayes | Geography, Economics. |
| D. J. Kelley | General Studies (A), Chemistry, Biology. |
| J. M. Kramer | General Studies, Chemistry, Biology (S2). |
| K. H. Latimer | General Studies, Biology. |
| J. S. D. Leitch | General Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Biology (S1). |
| D. B. Lyall | General Studies, Maths. |
| B. Moody | General Studies. |
| J. Nussey | Geology |
| G. Paxton | Maths, Physics, Chemistry (A). |
| J. R. Phillips | General Studies, Geography (S2), Economics, Maths. |
| C. G. Reed | Maths, Physics, Chemistry (S2). |
| J. A. Reid | Maths (A), Physics (A), Chemistry (S1). |
| A. T. Roberts | General Studies, Maths (A) (S1), Further Maths (A) (S2), Physics. |
| W. R. Sanderson | General Studies, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Music. |
| A. Smith | Physics, Chemistry |
| D. Smith | Physics, Geology. |
| S. A. Storr | General Studies, Maths (A) (S2), Further Maths (S2), Physics. |
| E. Thompson | General Studies (A), Maths (A) (S2), Further Maths (A), Physics (A) (S2). |
| M. A. Thurland | Physics, Chemistry, Biology. |
| R. J. Thurland | Physics, Chemistry, Biology. |
| R. A. Webb | General Studies, Maths, Physics, Chemistry. |
| K. Whitehouse | General Studies, Maths, Physics, Chemistry. |
| C. J. Williams | General Studies (A), History, Economics (A) (S1), Maths. |
| T. Wilson | General Studies, History (A), Economics (A). |

PASSES AT ORDINARY LEVEL:

(Figures in brackets indicate number of subjects).

FORM 4 R

Beaumont (1); Dale (1); Hindle (1); Kirton (1).

FORM 5 R

J. R. Beautiman (5); J. S. Bower (9); J. P. Burlison (9); K. Coates (10); B. M. Coldbeck (6); R. D. Dean (9); A. Dodgson (7); R. Gardiner (9); R. Harwood (6); B. Hedley (7); J. E. Heselwood (5); A. D. M. Johnstone (6); K. Jones (8); P. Kiddle (7); S. Lambert (7); G. W. I. McMillan (2); M. J. G. Moses (9); R. G. Mowbray (9); B. Pearson (8); J. M. Pownall (6); N. G. Reynolds (9); K. Richards (9); D. Robinson (7); M. J. Rowntree (6); S. Sexton (8); G. Thomas (4); D. J. Thompson (6); P. G. Walker (1); W. N. Webster (9).

FORM 5 X

J. L. Ayers (3); D. A. Barrow (1); D. Brown (4); H. M. Cameron (7); C. Cinnamon (4); M. Davies (3); J. B. Ditchburn (2); J. Finlayson (1); P. J. Greeves (6); K. A. Hall (4); P. D. Harris (2); L. Harrison (3); S. Hope (3); G. Icton (5); B. Ions (2); N. Kemp (2); J. Kiddle (6); R. A. Linton (5); B. Marshall (2); D. Nicholson (6); W. Richardson (5); J. A. Smith (3); B. P. Symmonds (1); A. F. Thompson (3); H. Trotter (2); G. M. Walker (7); J. E. York (4).

FORM 5 Y

I. A. M. Basford (5); I. Birch (8); C. R. Chappell (7); J. N. Costello (3); M. D. Dodds (4); J. R. Fishburn (6); J. Hannah (2); G. Horne (5); C. J. Hugill (6); S. Hunter (4); M. G. Lawson (7); D. Littlewood (5); C. R. Lynch (2); J. E. McCormick (2); D. Muirhead (8); P. D. Outhwaite (5); K. Pease (3); J. G. Robinson (4); I. E. Robson (6); M. Simpson (4); J. P. A. Smith (2); D. Waites (1); J. Williams (3); G. Boston (7); M. Brown (3).

FORM 5 Z

M. D. Brack (2); T. Brand (1); D. Brown (1); R. L. Chester (1); J. Colley (2); J. Connolly (2); S. M. Dawson (3); S. P. Dawson (2); G. Edmonds (1); A. Elliott (5); J. Fawcett (2); S. D. Grierson (1); D. Hoyle (2); G. J. Kennedy (2); B. Lewis (2); C. McLeod (3); A. T. Moore (2); M. Paduch (1); S. Pearson (2); G. R. Ridley (1); L. B. Ross (4); A. Stephenson (1).

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SCHOOL LEAVERS

FROM FIFTH FORMS

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| J. R. Beautiman | Apprentice Draughtsman, Cunliffe & Sanderson. |
| R. Harwood | Stockton & Billingham Technical College. |
| P. Kiddle | Apprentice Instrument Technician Whessoe. |
| G. Thomas | Wade Deacon's Grammar School, Warrington. |
| D. A. Barrow | M. Robinson & Son, Trainee Salesman. |
| J. B. Ditchburn | Commercial Apprentice, F. Hills. |
| J. Finlayson | Apprentice Electrician, Teesside Corporation. |
| P. D. Harris | Wages Clerk, Crossleys. |
| L. Harrison | Agricultural experience prior to Houghall College. |
| S. Hope | Trainee Purchasing Officer, Swann Hunter. |
| J. Kiddle | Westminster Bank, York. |
| R. A. Linton | Laboratory Assistant, Middlesbrough General Hospital. |
| B. Marshall | Laboratory Assistant, Albright & Wilson. |
| J. A. Smith | Stockton & Billingham Technical College. |
| B. P. Symmonds | Traffic Clerk, Smith & Maddiston. |
| M. Brown | Commercial Apprentice, Head Wrightson. |
| M. D. Dodds | Trainee Salesman, M. Robinson & Son. |
| J. Hannah | Middlesbrough College of Art. |
| S. Hunter | Cadet Engineer Officer, Merchant Navy. |
| J. E. McCormick | Trainee Salesman, N. E. Electricity Board. |
| K. Pease | Mechanical Engineering Apprentice, Dorman Long. |
| J. G. Robinson | Middlesbrough College of Art. |
| M. Simpson | Cadet Engineer Officer, Merchant Navy. |
| D. Waites | Stockton & Billingham Technical College. |
| J. Williams | Middlesbrough College of Art. |
| B. Beattie | Clerical Worker, Dorman Long. |
| M. D. Brack | Apprentice Sheetmetal Worker, Wilkinson. |
| T. Brand | Toolroom Apprentice, Elta Plastics. |
| D. Brown | Apprentice Boilermaker, Teesside Bridge & Engineering Co. |
| R. L. Chester | Army. |
| S. M. Dawson | Stockton & Billingham Technical College. |
| R. P. Dawson | Agricultural experience prior to College. |
| G. Edmonds | Stockton & Billingham Technical College. |
| A. Elliott | Blackpool College of Art. |
| J. Fawcett | Toolroom Apprentice, Elta Plastics. |

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| S. D. Grierson | Apprentice Mechanical Engineer, Flavell & Son. |
| G. J. Kennedy | Technical Apprentice, Whessoe. |
| A. T. Moore | Apprentice Artificer, I.C.I. |
| G. R. Ridley | Apprentice Woodcutter Machinist, F. Hill. |
| L. B. Ross | Laboratory Assistant, British Titan Products. |
| A. Stephenson | Apprentice Fitter/Turner, Cunliffe & Sander- son. |
| P. Dobson | Apprentice diesel-fitter, Scott's Transport. |
| I. Stockport | Technical clerk, Tinkler. |
| LOWER SIXTH: | |
| G. Conlin | Middlesbrough College of Art. |
| C. M. Dale | Laboratory Assistant, I.C.I. |
| J. M. Dinsdale | Apprentice Civil Engineer, White Young & Partners. |
| R. Glover | Kidd's Advertising Agency. |
| P. Goring | Toolroom Apprentice, Elta Plastics. |
| D. Whittaker | Trainee Accountant, Kinghope. |
| FROM UPPER SIXTH: | |
| P. O. Argyle | The Queen's College, Oxford, Mathematics. |
| M. Bisset | Manchester University, Town and Country Planning. |
| A. Bowman | Manchester University, Computer Science. |
| D. A. Burton | Reading University, Chemistry. |
| B. S. Clark | University of East Anglia, Biology. |
| B. L. Collin | Nottingham University, Geography. |
| A. J. Copeland | Bournemouth College of Technology, General Arts. |
| J. C. Davies | Manchester University, Civil Engineering. |
| I. W. Duncan | Manchester University, Electronic Engineering |
| K. P. Dutton | Newcastle University, Medicine. |
| P. Edwards | Bede College, Durham, Education. |
| A. Fletcher | Liverpool University, Biochemistry. |
| P. M. Gardner | Staffordshire College of Technology, Computer Science. |
| M. H. Goyns | |
| J. R. Greenhalgh | Newcastle University, Botany. |
| C. E. Hall | |
| C. N. Hall | Mantchester University, Medicine. |
| D. M. Hall | Cheser College of Education. |
| G. Hanrahan | |
| J. A. Henderson | Ripon College of Education. |
| J. Holliday | St. Martin's College of Education. |
| R. A. Hopper | Bounremouth College of Technology. Economics. |
| D. P. Hunt | Keble College, Oxford, Law. |
| D. Jackson | Bristol College of Commerce. |
| P. I. B. Johnson | Newcastle Universtiy, Maths and Physics. |
| R. A. B. Johnson | Leicester University, Engineering Science. |
| M. J. Kayes | Alsager College of Education. |
| D. J. Kelley | |
| J. M. Kramer | Leeds University, Biochemistry and Bacterio- logy. |
| G. Lacey | Newcastle College of Commerce and Economics. |
| K. H. Latimer | Cardiff College of Education. |
| J. S. D. Leitch | Edinburgh University, Dentistry. |
| K. MacMillan | Newcastle Polytechnic, Economics. |
| D. B. Lyall | Civil Service, London. |

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| J. Nussey | Bolton Institute of Technology, Building. |
| G. Paxton | Manchester University, Chemistry. |
| D. G. Penson | Newcastle University, Law. |
| J. Phillips | Manchester University, Economics. |
| B. K. Reynolds | Newcastle Polytechnic, Chartered Surveying. |
| A. T. Roberts | Imperial College, London, Mathematics. |
| C. Robertson | North Western Polytechnic, Geography. |
| A. McK. Russell | Bradford University, French and German. |
| A. Smith | Leeds University, Metallurgy. |
| N. C. Spence | Bede College, Durham, Education. |
| A. Still | Newcastle University, French. |
| S. A. Storr | Imperial College, London, Mathematics. |
| M. A. Thurland | Newcastle University, Dentistry. |
| R. J. Thurland | Newcastle University, Dentistry. |
| R. A. Webb | |
| D. Wheatley | Leicester College of Art, Art and Design. |
| P. Whitecross | Bede College, Durham, Education. |
| K. Whitehouse | Newcastle University, Physics. |
| A. H. Williams | Exeter College, Oxford, History. |
| C. J. Williams | Manchester University, Economics. |
| T. Wilson | Sheffield University, Economics and Sociology. |

FROM UPPER SIXTH FORMS

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| G. Hanrahan | Northern Counties College of Education, Newcastle. |
| D. J. Kelley | Aston University, Biology. |
| G. Lacey | Newcastle Polytechnic, Business Studies. |
| R. A. Webb | Manchester University, Mechanical Engineering. |
| C. E. Hall | Newcastle University, Economics and Geography. |

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UNIVERSITY DEGREES

News of the following successes has reached the school:—

IN 1968

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| K. L. Taylor | B.Sc. Hons. Class I in Civil Engineering, Nottingham. |
| A. Coats | B.Sc. Hons. Class II Upper Division in Economics, Newcastle. |
| M. P. Hatton | B.Sc. Hons. Class II in Maths., Newcastle. |
| M. Northey | B.A. Hons. Class II in Classics, Oxford. |
| A. Greenhalgh | M.Sc. in Statistics, Leeds. |
| C. J. Helliart | B.Eng. Class II, Liverpool. |

IN 1969

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| D. Angell | Ph.D. in Chemistry, Newcastle. |
| D. A. Jones | M.Sc. in Chemical Engineering, Bradford. |
| J. Bailey | B.Sc. Hons. Class I in Chemistry, Birmingham. |
| A. Baldwin | B.Sc. in Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Bradford. |
| C. Barber | B.Ed., Birmingham. |
| A. Barker | B.Sc. Hons. Class I in Chemistry, Salford. |
| M. T. Brown | B.Sc. Hons. Class II Upper Division in Economics, London (L.S.E.) |
| E. M. Burgess | B.A. Hons. Class II Upper Division in Theology, Cambridge. |
| D. Clubley | B.Sc. Hons. Class II Upper Division in Organic Chemistry, Liverpool. |

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| G. Crossley | B.A. Hons. in French, Leeds. |
| M. Ditchburn | B.A., General Arts, London. |
| B. Docherty | B.Sc., in Chemistry, Edinburgh. |
| G. H. Farnie | B.Sc. Hons. Class II in Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Bradford. |
| A. Fawcett | B.Sc., London (Imperial College). |
| J. Kitching | B.Sc. Hons. Class II Upper Division in Chemistry, Newcastle. |
| P. Knowles | B.Sc. Hons. Class II in Metallurgy, Aston. |
| J. Mills | B.A. in History and Politics, Warwick. |
| A. Pottage | B.Sc. Hons. Class I in Pharmacology, Edinburgh. |
| G. Rayner | B.Sc. Hons. in Geology, London (University College). |
| R. G. Richards | B.sc. in Civil Engineering, Aston University. |
| M. Ross | B.Sc. in Mineral Technology, London (Imperial College). |
| P. Sanderson | B.Sc. Hons. Class II Upper Division in Aeronautical Engineering, London (Queen Mary College). |
| P. R. Steer | B.Sc. Hons., A.R.C.S., in Chemistry, London (Imperial College). |
| C. Thornton | B.Sc. Hons. Class II Upper Division in Biology, Liverpool. |
| B. Turner | B.Sc. Hons. Class I in Physics, Oxford. |
| D. A. Usher | B.Sc. Hons. Class II in Maths., Hull. |
| D. Yarrow | B.Sc. Hons. Class II in Economics, London (Portsmouth Coll. Tech.). |
| D. Young | B.Sc.(Eng.), Hons., London (University College). |

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SCHOOL PRIZE DAY—18th December, 1968

The new Chairman of the Governors, Alderman F. T. Webster, M.B.E., soon to become Mayor of Teesside, took the chair at the first Prize Giving to be held under the Teesside Education Committee. Mrs. Webster presented the prizes.

The Prize giving was on a reduced scale, form prizes no longer being given.

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PRIZE LIST, 1967-68

G.C.E. "O" Level Prizes:

C. J. Durrant, C. D. Hopper, P. Pottage, G. F. Deehan.

G.C.E. Advanced Level Prizes:

P. O. Argyle, J. D. Cameron, J. D. Crowther, J. K. Little, A. L. Malkin, D. G. Willmer.

Special Prizes:—

C. W. KING MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR ENGLISH: R. W. S. Cockrill.
 G. G. ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY: P. E. Mason.
 J. D. SMITH MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR FRENCH: J. Morton.
 THE MAGAZINE SCIENCE PRIZE: F. S. McClemon
 The Music Prize: D. S. Kirton.
 THE HEADMASTER'S DEBATING PRIZE: D. G. Thurlwell.
 DUX OF THE SCHOOL: C. S. Allen.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS, 1968-69

Captain of the School—A. H. Williams

Vice-Captains—P. O. Argyle and C. J. Williams

Senior Prefects: D. A. Burton, B. L. Collin, A. Copeland, D. J. Goldsbrough, M. H. Goyns, C. N. Hall, D. P. Hunt, J. R. Phillips, A. T. Roberts, A. M. Russell, A. Still, S. A. Storr, E. Thompson, M. Thurland, R. Thurland, R. Webb, N. C. Spence, J. S. D. Leitch, M. Bisset, J. Holliday, T. Wilson.

Junior Prefects: A. Bowman, B. Clark, K. Dutton, A. Fletcher, C. E. Hall, D. M. Hall, P. I. B. Johnson, R. A. B. Johnson, J. M. Kramer, K. H. Latimer, P. E. Mason, A. Smith, L. K. Porter, R. Newton, B. Winter, M. Liddle, M. J. Kayes, C. J. Durrant, N. McEwen.

Captain of Rugby Football—A. T. Roberts

Captain of Cricket—M. J. Kayes

Captain of Tennis—J. R. Phillips

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HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1968-69

Points:—1st, 5; 2nd, 3; 3rd, 2; 4th, 1.

| | Cleveland | Dunelm | Oxbridge | Tees |
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| Debates | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| Athletics | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Tennis | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Cricket | 2½ | 5 | 2½ | 1 |
| Cross-Country | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Basket Ball | 5 | 1½ | 1½ | 3 |
| Swimming | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Rugby Football | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| 7-a-side Rugby | 1½ | 3 | 1½ | 5 |
| Music | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Volleyball | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Totals | 32 | 29½ | 21½ | 38 |

Champion House: TEES

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OLD BOYS RUGBY

This is one of the shortest reports ever! Neither match was played although the organisation was complete and the teams were available.

As usual the Boxing Day match was off and soccer was played. What made it more frustrating was the fact that the weather was good right up to Christmas Day then a bitterly cold northerly wind swept the fields overnight and as our fields are both exposed and well worn in places—there was a hard crust on the bar patches which would have proved dangerous.

The soccer team was:—Davis, Sizer, Rayner, Waller, Calvert, Angel, Atkinson, Turvey, Partridge, Jones, Kennedy, Moore (Old Boys can only count for Rugby sides!). Bob Billsborrow was going to ref. the rugby, so he decided to stay a while and blow his whistle! The Old Boys won 4-0 with goals from Calvert (2) Turvey and Atkinson.

The match at Easter was flooded off! Again we had fine weather until the day before the match, then a snow storm and finally torrential rain for about twenty four hours. Readers may remember the floods of March 31st!

Difficulties about the next match are already evident and it is likely that the Boxing Day match will not take place. Boxing Day is a Friday and Clubs have their normal fixtures on the Saturday. Attempts to change the day have so far failed on two counts. Old Boys from Clubs can hardly take time off just before Christmas and those from University are on Post Office, or Railway Work. After Christmas, many of the School 1st XV are helping the County Schoolboys.

Any offers to play on Boxing Day and/or Easter (probable date Tuesday, March 25th) should be addressed to B. P. Brand at the school.

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1st XV RUGBY, 1968-69

The school team had a successful season with no less than eight players representing the school in the county side, though not all at the same time unfortunately, they being; A. T. Roberts, M. A. Thurland, R. J. Thurland, E. Thompson, B. Winter, J. S. P. Robson, L. K. Porter, and R. Young.

The team was unbeaten until it played a strong Hatfield College side and lost a hard fought game without scoring. The side then lost the next three matches against Acklam, Bede Hall, and Scarborough all away.

After this bad patch the school went the rest of the season without losing another match. The top scorer was R. Young with 111 points, having a hand in everything.

The first team regulars were A. Roberts (capt.); R. Young, R. Newton, R. Thurland, M. Thurland, M. Roberts, J. Phillips, E. Thompson, T. Wilson, B. Winter, J. Robson, L. Porter, D. Hall, P. Argyle, B. Hedley.

Argyle left us at Christmas to work and this left the pack without his ten stone plus. . . . Very willing deputies included P. Gardiner, L. Ayres, and S. Hunter.

The team would like to thank Mr. Hudson for his patience and guidance; and also wish next year's team good luck.

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| Results— | A. J. Dawson's | (H) | Won | 33— 0 |
| | Bede | (H) | Won | 43— 6 |
| | Morpeth | (H) | Won | 23— 9 |
| | Archbishop Holgates | (A) | Won | 16—13 |
| | Hartlepool | (H) | Won | 17— 3 |
| | Dame Allan's | (A) | Won | 17— 8 |
| | Durham Johnston | (H) | Won | 39— 0 |
| | Hatfield College | (H) | Lost | 0 —20 |
| | Acklam Hall | (A) | Lost | 9 —14 |
| | Bede Hall | (A) | Lost | 3 —11 |
| | Scarborough | (A) | Lost | 5 — 9 |
| | Sir William Turner's | (A) | Draw | 3— 3 |
| | Darlington | (A) | Won | 8— 0 |
| | A. J. Dawson's | (A) | Won | 18— 0 |
| | Bede Hall | (H) | Draw | 6— 6 |
| | Hartlepool | (A) | Won | 16— 8 |
| | Sir William Turner's | (H) | Won | 13— 6 |

Played 17 Won 11 Drawn 2 Lost 4 Points for 269 Against 116

2nd XV RUGBY 1968-69

The 2nd XV had another successful season, winning 14 out of the 18 fixtures played. They did, however, sustain two defeats from their old rivals Hartlepool G.S., the second one by the narrow margin of nine points to eight.

We were fortunate this season in having a hard core of regular players, and a vague semblance of fitness, and even some tactics! Lou Ayers, a valuable prop left us in December to play for the 1st XV, and was eventually replaced by Chris, (brother of the famous Lefty), Langthorne who promises well.

The top scorer this season was Col Cinnamond with 89 points, and the top try scorer was Pete Gardiner with 36 points. Other scorers worthy of note were Bernie Beattie (24), Steve Hunter (18), Ray Chester (15), and Geoff Fullerton (16). Alan Smith put in his second complete season with us, and was a valuable player.

Regular players were:—

Forwards: L. J. Ayers, C. Durrant, C. Spence, J. Hannah, J. Rideal, J. Kiddle, A. Smith, A. Dodgson, R. Chester.

Half Backs: C. Hall, C. Cinnamond.

Backs: B. Beattie, J. Fawcett, S. Hunter, J. Cook, P. Gardiner. W. Webster, W. Stewart, G. Fullerton.

The 2nd team are again indebted to Mr. Brand for the interest he showed us, and for his "killing" fitness and tactical training, which undoubtedly won many matches for us.

Results:—

Played 18 Won 14 Lost 4 Drawn 0 Points for 288 Against 109

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U15 RUGBY—SEASON 1968-69

The team captained by Chesser had a season of mixed fortunes, unable to field a settled team through injuries etc. However Makin, N. Brown and Douglas represented the county, Douglas being the captain.

Top scorers: Makin 52 pts., McClemon 33 pts., Douglas 27 pts.

Played 14 Won 6 Lost 8 Points for 191 Against 187

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UNDER 14 RUGBY XV

The record for the season was: Played 16; Won 15; Lost 1.

Top scorers were: Buckle 111 points, Hood 70 points.

The hardest match of the season was against West Moor School, when the team won by the narrow margin of 11—10. The team were behind for most of the match until late in the second half, when persistent attacking and the training before the match paid off with a try by Beadle, his second of the match, which was converted by Buckle.

We would like to express our thanks firstly to the consistent support of our linesman, and secondly to the reserves whose regular attendance is much appreciated.

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Green, to whom we are greatly indebted for his enthusiastic guidance and encouragement throughout the season.

CRICKET 1st XI

The school 1st XI had a good season, winning three of its seven matches, losing only once and drawing the remaining three matches.

The first match of the season against Westmoor ended in a draw after Westmoor had scored only 27 runs for the loss of 9 wickets, W. Webster taking 5 for 11, in reply to Grangefield's 78 for 5, of which W. Webster scored an exciting 48 runs, including three sixes. The match against a strong Hatfield College team ended in a draw with the school scraping 56 for 7 in reply to Hatfields 103 all out.

The school's first win of the season came against Bede Hall, Billingham. In reply to Bede's 46 all out, Grangefield quickly scored 51 runs for the loss of only 4 wickets, the main scorer being Kayes, who scored 36 not out. The match against Eston Grammar School ended in an exciting draw with the possibility of either side winning. The school scored a total of 68 runs, 25 of which came from Kayes, who also took 5 for 28 in Eston's reply of 67 for 8. Entertainment in this match was provided by Fullerton who, in attempting to put the first cricket ball on the moon, spun around three times and then promptly sat on the stumps!

The games against Hartlepool G.S., St. Mary's College and Yarm G.S. all produced definite results as they were all 24 over matches.

Fielding a weakened side the school lost narrowly to Hartlepool G.S. who were 56 all out. Outhwaite proving he was worth his weight in gold by taking 6 for 26. Grangefield replied by scoring 55 runs for 7 in the 24 overs. Against St. Mary's College, the school scored 60 for 6, Harwood scoring 23 not out, in reply to the College's 59 all out. In the match against Yarm G.S. Grangefield scored 71 for 8 in the 24 overs, M. Roberts scoring 25; Yarm replied with 61 all out, W. Webster taking 6 for 25.

On the whole, the school 1st XI enjoyed a successful season and the presence of a number of younger players in this year's team must point to a promising season next year. The school team is also indebted to Mr. Hudson for his service to the team.

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UNDER 14 CRICKET

After winning the first match comfortably, the team captained by Armstrong lost the remaining two matches by narrow margins. The bowling attack led by Brookes, Evans and Crawford was never less than adequate. The batting lacked resolution and the fielding was not up to usual Grangefield standards. A disappointing season.

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CRICKET, SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS

On a very warm and sunny afternoon, the Old Boys' captain, David Trotter, won the toss and, on seeing the deadly state of the pitch, decided to put the School in to bat.

Cossins and M. Roberts opened the batting for the School team but, both were dismissed very quickly, and after seven overs the School's score was 9 for 4. However, a stand of 38 between W. Webster (24) and P. Webster (16) rescued the School from complete collapse.

Fine batting by Outhwaite (36) (who was particularly severe on Trotter's "tweakers") and Brown (13) later in the innings brought the School's final score to 106 all out. Still (4 for 10) and Featherstone (3 for 11) were the Old Boys' most successful bowlers.

After tea, Sutherland and J. Webster came out to face the bowling of Webster and Outhwaite. Neither batsman was in any trouble, and the score reached 48 before Webster was out for 12 off the bowling of Cossins. Then followed a very entertaining stand (except for the School fieldsmen) of 56 between Sutherland (who reached 52 before retiring to give somebody else an innings) and Crossley (35, including three huge sixes over mid-wicket).

It was left to Beall (3 not out) and Still (2 not out) to hit off the few remaining runs to give the Old Boys victory by 8 wickets.

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SCHOOL v. STAFF

Another warm and sunny afternoon greeted the players when the School traditionally batted first.

Cossins and Roberts opened the batting, but some very hostile pace bowling from Messrs. Watton and Crowder kept the School run-rate down, as well as gaining the wicket of Cossins, when he was bowled by Mr. Crowder for 7.

Then a stand of 48 between Roberts and W. Webster brought the score to 65 before Webster was bowled to give Mr. Crowder his second wicket. The third wicket fell shortly afterwards when Harwood was caught by Mr. Russell (fielding about a yard from the bat) off Mr. Watton for 6. Owing to the tight bowling of Messrs. Watton and Crowder and the excellent fielding of the Staff's twelve fieldsmen, the School's score was restricted to 103 for 5 dec.

Top scores for the School were Roberts (30), W. Webster (27), Outhwaite (14) and Mr. Brand the Staff wicket-keeper who let 16 byes past.

The Staff started their innings disastrously, losing their first four wickets for only 4 runs. In this spell Brennan took 3 wickets for no runs off 3 overs. This included trapping Mr. Green l.b.w. for 0. Mr. Green was obviously shocked at the decision of the umpire and it was some time before he "walked".

A stubborn stand of 41 between Mr. Charles (17) and Mr. Hudson (21) saved the Staff from disaster. While the latter two were at the wicket the Staff looked in no danger of defeat, but once they were dismissed another two quick wickets fell. The score at this stage was 57 for 8. Mr. Reay and Mr. Sinclair batted out the last few tense minutes, surrounded by a cluster of close fieldsmen. However, they managed to survive, and Mr. Sinclair, after telling Richards where to pitch the last ball of the match, promptly hit it for four.

The Staff's final score was 61 for 8, the result being the usual draw. The School's most successful bowlers were W. Webster (4 for 5) and Brennan (4 for 6).

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ATHLETICS, 1969

SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS—

JUNIOR—

| FIRST | SECOND | THIRD | PERFORMANCE |
|-------------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| 80 metres— | | | |
| Ross (T) | Pinder (D) | Owen (O) | 9.9 sec. |
| 150 metres— | | | |
| Rayner (D) | Osborne (T) | Wild (D) | 18.8 secs. |

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| 300 metres— Rayner (D) | Wild (D) | Evans (O) | 46.6 secs. |
| <i>Hurdles</i> — Ross (T) | Vogwill (O) | Tunney (T) | 15.2 secs. |
| <i>High Jump</i> — B. Reed (C) | Osborne (T) | Reynolds (C) | 4' 4" |
| <i>Long Jump</i> — Wild (D) | Formanuk (O) | Westgarth (T) | 14' 6½" |
| <i>Shot</i> — Willett (D) | Rayner (D) | Stedman (T) | 27' 11½" |
| <i>Relay</i> — Dunelm | Tees | Oxbridge | |

Junior Champion—Rayner—13pts.

INTERMEDIATE—

| FIRST | SECOND | THIRD | PERFORMANCE |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 100 metres— Makin (C) | Douglas (C) | Booth (D) | 12.0 secs. |
| 200 metres— Hindle (O) | Booth (D) | Miller (D) Bister (T) | 26.1 secs. |
| 400 metres— Makin (C) | Douglas (C) | Barker (T) | 56.0 secs. |
| 800 metres— Smailes (D) | Thompson (O) | Hindmarsh (C) | 2 m. 8.8 s. |
| 1500 metres— Smailes (D) | Thompson (O) | Barker (T) | 4 m. 49 s. |
| <i>Hurdles</i> — Hindle (O) | Chesser (T) | Goldthorpe (D) | 14.1 secs. |
| <i>High Jump</i> — Hood (T) | Gardner (O) | Goldthorpe (D) | 5' 0" |
| <i>Long Jump</i> — Hindmarsh (C) | Douglas (C) | Hindle (O) | 17' 3½" |
| <i>Triple Jump</i> — Douglas (C) | Smailes (D) | Hindle (O) | 37' 9½" |
| <i>Shot</i> — Makin (C) | Brown (O) | Barker (T) | 35' 2½" |
| <i>Discus</i> — Smailes (D) | Makin (C) | Sherriff (O) | 93' 0½" |
| <i>Javelin</i> — Gardner (O) | Hindmarsh (C) | Pitt (T) | 101' 6" |
| <i>Relay</i> — Cleveland | Dunelm | Tees | |

Intermediate Champion—Smailes and Makin—18 pts.

SENIOR—

| FIRST | SECOND | THIRD | PERFORMANCE |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 100 metres— Young (T) | R. Thurland (T) | Gardiner (O) | 11.2 secs. |
| 200 metres— R. Thurland (T) | Beattie (O) | M. Thurland (T) | 24.7 secs. |
| 400 metres— Gardiner (O) | Beattie (O) | Latimer (D) | 57.0 secs. |
| 800 metres— Purcifer (T) | Webb (O) | Easby (T) | 2 m. 9.1 s. |
| 1500 metres— Webb (O) | Cossins (D) | Purcifer (T) | 4 m. 39.4 s. |
| <i>Hurdles</i> — Young (T) | Latimer (D) | Bean (T) | 18.9 secs. |
| <i>High Jump</i> — Leitch (T) | R. Thurland (T) | Kiddle (D) | 5' 4" |

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| <i>Long Jump</i> — | | | |
| Cook (T) | Bean (T) | Gardiner (O) | 18' 2½" |
| <i>Triple Jump</i> — | | | |
| Young (T) | Bean (T) | Newton (O) | 40' 0" |
| <i>Shot</i> — | | | |
| Young (T) | Porter (D) | Stewart (D) | 41' 4½" |
| <i>Discus</i> — | | | |
| Thompson (C) | Winter (O) | Chester (D) | 86' 0½" |
| <i>Javelin</i> — | | | |
| Pearson (T) | Stewart (D) | Thompson (C) | 138' 7" |
| <i>Relay</i> — | | | |
| Tees | Oxbridge | Dunelm | |

Victor Ludorum—Young—20 pts.

First TEES (110½ pts.); *Second DUNELM* (88½ pts.); *Third OXBRIDGE* (71 pts.)

Although the school athletics team was potentially very strong, it was a bare year as far as competition was concerned. The school sports were held on the 20th May and this year we turned "metric". This meant that all the track performances were new records and there was only one new record in the field events—in the senior shot.

The next competition was the Teesside Sports. The school had several good performers in these who were subsequently chosen to represent Teesside in the Durham County Sports. Outstanding school performers in the County Sports were:—Pearson, 1st inter. javelin; Hood, 1st junior high jump; Makin, 2nd inter. 100 mtrs; Young 1st 100 mtr. hurdles (new record). Several other school athletes gained places. R. Young was our only representative at the Nationals this year.

The school finished 2nd in a junior school triangular and the form relays were on the last day of term.

Thanks go to Mr. Sinclair from all the school athletes for making this year a successful one.

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BASKETBALL

FIRST TEAM—

In the 1968-69 Season, the School First Team entered the First Division of the Teesside League for the first time, after winning promotion the previous season. This was a league with teams of very high quality in it and the school team, though outclassed in some matches against the top teams, played extremely well to win six of the nine games played in the League. The school's record in the League was:—Played 9, Won 6, Lost 3, Points for 555, Points against 480.

The school also entered the Bede and Darlington Schoolboy Tournaments, and were beaten in the semi-finals on both occasions.

Young was again the school's top scorer for the year, and he and Porter were both chosen to take part in the Final England Schoolboys' Trial in London.

Regular members of the First Team were:—Whitecross (captain), Roberts, Young, Thompson, Porter, Newton, Fullerton, Douglas, J. Moore. Top scorers:—Young 151 points, Whitecross 130 points.

Thanks must also be given to Brian Winter for the way in which he managed the team throughout the season, and to Mr. Green for the hard work he put into the training of the side.

SECOND TEAM—

The 2nd Basketball team had a fairly good season, finishing about half way up in the second division. Unfortunately, we were drawn against Tees Tigers in the first round of the Cup, and lost both games very convincingly.

Regular team members included:—Mr. J. J. Green, Mr. J. Russell, Mr. N. Humphries, P. Greeves, G. Fullerton, P. Gardiner, W. Douglas, D. Chesser, J. Robson. Top scorers of the season were:—Fullerton, 133 points, Douglas, 122 points, Greeves, 104 points.

Full season's results:—Played 18, Won 8, Lost 10, Points for 726, Points against 778.

UNDER 14 TEAM—

The under 14's were winners of the South Durham Schools' Basketball Association's tournament, and were undefeated in all their games.

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SCHOOL TENNIS, 1969

The school team enjoyed yet another successful year under the captaincy of J. Phillips. Phillips and Copeland formed an excellent first pair, remaining unbeaten throughout the season, whilst McEwen and Newton formed a very successful, if at times temperamental second pair. Porter and Cummings managed to make up the team. Hood and Chesser, two promising youngsters also made several appearances. The team scored many notable victories, including 9—0 defeats of Bede Hall, St. Mary's College and Wellfield. The best performances were a 5—3 victory over Bede College, Durham and a sporting draw with Coatham, the Yorkshire Champions. The only defeat was suffered when a weakened team put up a fighting display against Linthorpe, but eventually went down losers.

Unfortunately owing to administrative errors the school was unable to enter the County Cup or Glanville Cup competitions. Many of the younger players have benefitted from coaching at Linthorpe Tennis Club, and we hope for much success in competitive events next year. We would like to thank Mr. Russell for giving up so much of his valuable (drinking?) time to provide expert advice and coaching.

School Record. Played 10 won 8 lost 1 drawn 1.

School Record:—Played 10 won 8 lost 1 drawn 1.

School colours awarded to:—J. Phillips, N. McEwen, R. Newton.

Half-colours to:—P. Hood, D. Chesser.

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CROSS COUNTRY

The regular school team was much changed from that of the previous year, with only Webb, Cossins and Easby who ran regularly in the previous year remaining. However, the team was altogether stronger than that of the year before with Webb, Cossins, Easby, Robinson, Purcifer who came to the school from Richard Hind, Webster and Latimer consistent team members.

The team started the season well with an easy win over St. Mary's College, but lost narrowly the second match to Sir William Turner's against whom we always have a close match. Wins against Sedgfield Police Cadets and Stockton Grammar School, followed. In a triangular match at Darlington we narrowly defeated Darlington and St. Mary's by 53:54:70. The only other defeats of the season were by Sir William Turner's and Barnard Castle School, both at home by a narrow margin this was mainly due to the fact that Purcifer had to drop out several times with knee trouble.

As a result of the Teesside schools trials, Webb, Webster and Purcifer ran for Teesside in the County schools championships finishing 10th, 25th and 26th respectively.

In the N.E. Grammar Schools race at St. Cuthbert's Newcastle, the team ran disappointingly finishing 8th out of 17 teams, Webb finishing 19th and Cossins, Purcifer, Easby, Robinson and Webster 22nd, 30th, 36th, 70th and 75th.

There was less enthusiasm than in previous years and no training session was held. Cossins was captain and Webb secretary for the year.

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SCHOOL SWIMMING

This has been a notable year from many points of view. We have been able to form a school swimming club which meets after school on a Wednesday (5 p.m.—5.30 p.m.) at the Stockton Old Bath for training. This enables coaching to take place for both competitive and survival swimming. We welcomed into our first form the National Champion for the 11 years age group Breast Stroke—Peter Ball and he joined Colin Webb in the Teesside Team for the Northumberland and Durham championships.

The school team faced stiff competition in the Stockton District Gala. We topped our own section to take the Irene Vickerstaff Trophy but scored less points than the winners of the girls' section. The relay teams had mixed luck, the strongly fancied juniors didn't even reach the final, whilst the Seniors (Under 15) finished second to a very good Fairfield Team. Peter Ball went on to finish third in the No. 1 district Gala (Northumberland, Durham and Cleveland) 12-14 years Breast Stroke and third in the 12-14 years Ind. Medley. Colin Webb easily took the District title in the 16-19 backstroke and was second in the Ind. Medley. He will be going forward once more to the National Schoolboy Championships where last year he was seventh fastest in the 16-19 years backstroke.

We entered teams for the first time in the English Schools Relay Championships (13-16 years) and although we reached the final of the District section in the Freestyle event our time was poor. In the Medley Relay, the team were well below par and two of team had to leave a school cricket match at 6.45 p.m. to swim at 7.00—not the best preparation and thoughtless of the boys concerned.

Apart from the boys who gain survival awards during the normal school sessions,—usually bronze and silver,—we can now help boys in the upper forms take the A.S.A. Silver and Gold awards and in the near future we hope to encourage boys to improve their speed swimming by beating standard times.

Nine boys entered the Gold award last term and six were successful. Part of the test is to jump into the water from a height of over 10 feet and as the board in the old pool is only about 4 feet high, the boys had to go to the new pool nearby—walk up to the high board, jump in fully clothed, then walk back to the old pool to perform the rest of the tests! The first part was in a normal public session so you can imagine the open mouths!

A final note for your 1970 diary. The English Schools Swimming Association are holding their championships in the new Stockton Baths in October.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS—March 27th at Stockton New Baths

This is the first occasion we have used the new pool for our annual gala. The pool is 3 lengths for 100 metres (the old pool is 4 lengths for 100 yards) and therefore times registered are school records.

BACKSTROKE—

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|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Jun.</i> | Ball (D) | Steadman (T) | Kirkwood (C) | 25.5 secs. |
| <i>Int.</i> | Cleveland (C) | Hood (T) | Cook (D) | 55.1 secs. |
| <i>Sen.</i> | Chester (D) | Pearson (T) | Cameron (D) | 1 m. 33.5 s. |

BREASTSTROKE—

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|-------------|----------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| <i>Jun.</i> | Ball (D) | Kirkwood (C) | Sykes (T) | 26.9 secs. |
| <i>Int.</i> | Hood (T) | Cleveland (C) | Beadle (T) | 64.9 secs. |
| <i>Sen.</i> | Webb (O) | Chester (D) | Carter (O) | 1 m. 30.2 s. |

FREESTYLE—

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| <i>Jun.</i> | Steadman (T) | Gibson (O) | Hewson (T) | 24.2 secs. |
| <i>Int.</i> | Makin (C) | Cleveland (C) | Beadle (T) | 52.0 secs. |
| <i>Sen.</i> | Webb (O) | Chester (D) | R. Thurland (T) | 66.5 secs. |

DIVING—

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| <i>Jun.</i> | Hewson (T) | Slater (C) | Harris (D) |
| <i>Int.</i> | Hood (T) | Cook (D) | Lockwell (C) |
| <i>Sen.</i> | A. Smith (T) | Chester (D) and Young (T) equal | |

RELAY—

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|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| <i>Jun.</i> | Dunelm | Tees | Cleveland |
| <i>Int.</i> | Cleveland | Dunelm | — |
| <i>Sen.</i> | Tees | Oxbridge | Dunelm |

*Individual Champions:—**Junior*—Ball (D) 10 pts.*Inter.*—Hood (T) 13 pts.*Senior*—Chester (D) 13 pts.*House Championship:—**First*—Tees 57 pts.*Second*—Dunelm 47 pts.*Third*—Cleveland 36 pts.

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CHESS CLUB

Unfortunately last year was not the success to which the chess club has been previously accustomed. The membership fell to the disappointing figure of 57, but the Junior team was still strong enough to manage second in their league. The Senior team however was weakened by the loss of key players and could only manage to end up in the lower half of their league, despite valiant efforts by all, including the school champion, M. Liddle. All due credit must go however to the First Form team, which took part in a number of friendly games, all of which ended in resounding victories.

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Raymond Gedling (an Old Boy of the school) who generously donated a chess set and board to the school, both of excellent quality.

Last but not least, the members of the club would like to thank Mr. Bainbridge for the use of his room and for his interest and supervision of the club.

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TABLE TENNIS

The school table tennis club was in the capable hands of Mr. Walton this year and a large number of new ideas were put forward by members. The school entered a team for the E. Division of the Stockton and District League and were very successful finishing third and losing only three matches in the season. The team for the majority of the season was B. Ward, P. McMullen and P. Webster. M. Lee, S. Wood and N. Hallett also played.

D. Taylor retained his Stockton Junior Championship by beating S. Robinson, also from this school, in the final. We are hoping P. McMullen will do well in this year's championship. An individual championship was held during the first two terms of the year and D. Taylor, P. McMullen and J. Welsh were the Senior, Inter and Junior Champions respectively. The House Championship was won by Cleveland, represented by P. Webster, S. Wood and P. Welsh.

Captain: D. Taylor. Treasurer: S. Robinson. Secretary: B. Ward.

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MUSIC NOTES

This year has witnessed a substantial increase in both the quality and the quantity of music making in the school. Faithful readers who may recall our prayer for a bassoon in the last issue, may feel gratified by the appearance of a very substantial manna in the shape of two bassoons and two french horns. All that is now required to make up the full orchestra is a pair of tympani.

We have had two additions to our staff of visiting teachers so that the rather formidable list now reads: Mr. E. Bell (woodwind), Mr. Pattinson (Brass) Mr. D. Henderson (Flute) and the newcomers Miss C. Peacock (Cello), Mr. E. Broadly (Violin). We can now hope for better things from the Strings!

In the instrumental sector, Associated Board examinations have tended to dominate the scene. It is gratifying to note that, not only have we a number of boys in the more advanced grades, but an encouraging crop in the lower school. It has also been an encouraging feature that boys are undertaking a second instrument, notably Kirton (viola) and the gratifying progress by Mason on the bassoon.

A new feature was our venture into festival work, where the orchestra, in the face of keen competition, gained first place by a performance of Bach's Third Brandenburg Concerto. In the same festival D. Kirton won his violin class and C. Beaumont the cello.

The standard annual events took their inevitable place in the course of things; carol party, carol service (in Holy Trinity Church) and the School Concert. The carol party took place in the girls' school where discreet orchestral accompaniment on the one hand and delightful singing by the girls' choir on the other, made the event its usual success.

The carol service was held in the Holy Trinity Church where we were fortunate in the services of the church organist Mr. Bainbridge. A reduced choir sung well and this was held by many to be the most successful service to date.

The year's activities were concluded, as usual, with the house music competition which was judged by Mr. T. M. Pratt (Music Organiser for Darlington) to whom our thanks are due.

Our inclusion in Teesside has made us eligible for membership of the newly formed Teesside Youth Orchestra and several of our boys have been selected:—C. Durrant, D. Kirton (Violin); E. Hindle (Viola); C. Beaumont, D. Mellor (Cello); P. Summersgill (Oboe); K. Riley, I. Robertson (Flute). The orchestra has already performed several times publicly and presents a splendid opportunity for boys to study works of a wider scope than that afforded by the school orchestra.

A woodwind group has made fitful appearances during the year. It is hoped to institute a brass group in the near future.

At the time of writing there are about eighty boys learning almost every sort of musical instrument. Many have passed the agonising stage others still "toil up the heavenly hill with painful steps and slow". Crowns of gold seldom await the most talented but occasionally, amazed parents have been heard to mutter, "He's coming on. It's almost pleasant to listen to!"

Associated Board Results—

VIOLIN—

- Grade I* M. Bendall, M. Fenwick, A. Martin, I. Moon, K. MacDonald.
Grade II P. Healey.
Grade III S. Henderson, P. Bibby, M. McClemon, S. Taylor (Merit).
Grade IV P. Sanderson, A. Wilkins (Distinction).
Grade V J. Dale, P. Hood, S. Race.
Grade VII D. Kirton (Merit).

VIOLA—

- Grade II* M. Whiteley.
Grade III R. Jakobson.
Grade IV I. Gardner, I. MacKay.

CELLO—

- Grade I* J. King, B. Mansfield (Merit).
Grade III D. Beall (Merit).
Grade IV A. Harper.
Grade V D. Mellor (Merit).
Grade VI C. Beaumont (Merit).

CLARINET—

- Grade III* K. Nellist.
Grade IV D. Brookes.
Grade V J. Knott.

OBOE—

- Grade IV* P. Summersgill.

FLUTE—

- Grade III* T. Race (Merit).
Grade V K. Riley, I. Robertson.

TRUMPET—

- Grade III* A. Kettlewell, K. Robertson.
Grade IV H. Cleveland.

TROMBONE—

- Grade III* K. Coates.

FRENCH HORN—

- Grade III* J. Fotheringham (Distinction).

THEORY—

- Grade V* D. Beall, P. Bibby, N. Curtis, I. Gardner, I. MacKay, P. Mason, E. Parry, K. Riley, P. Summersgill, M. Whiteley.

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EASTER CONCERT

The fourth Annual School Concert was held in the School Hall on Monday and Tuesday, 31st March and 1st April. A good start was made with Wagner's "Mastersingers" overture, which was followed by fine performances by the orchestra and choir. The full choir performed their pieces well, particularly Sullivan's interesting "The long day closes". The small choral group provided a ballad and a madrigal as well as an entertaining frivolity, "Catastrophe". The Orchestra's rendering of Mozart's "Toy Symphony" provided further—very competent—light relief.

The highlight of the performance was Sanderson's piano solo of the second movement of Beethoven's difficult "Sonata in D major Op. 10 No. 3", and Walker's violin solo, "Czardas" must also be commended.

Finally, the choir provided a rousing performance of "Rule, Britannia!" which renewed everyone's faith in King and Empire.

Once again, we must thank Mr. Horsman for the devotion and drive which makes the concert possible.

PROGRAMME

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| 1. ORCHESTRA: | “ Mastersingers ” Overture | <i>Wagner</i> |
| 2. JUNIOR CHOIR: | Though Philomela lost her love Zauberspruch | <i>Morley Bartok</i> |
| 3. ORCHESTRA: | Pavan | <i>Arbeau</i> |
| 4. | Trumpet Voluntary (Trumpet: H. Cleveland) | <i>J. Clarke</i> |
| 5. SOLO: | Lullaby (Horn: J. Fotheringham) | <i>Schubert</i> |
| 6. SOLO: | Siciliano (Flute: K. Riley) | <i>Gluck</i> |
| 7. CHORAL GROUP: | Sing we and chaunt it | <i>Morley</i> |
| 8. SOLO: | Berceuse (Viola: S. Sexton) | <i>Ilynsky</i> |
| 9. CELLO CONSORT: | St. Anthony Chorale | <i>Haydn</i> |
| 10. SOLO: | Sonata in D major Op. 10 No. 3 —2nd movement (Piano- W. Sanderson) | <i>Beethoven</i> |
| 11. ORCHESTRA: | Toy Symphony | <i>L. Mozart</i> |
| 12. CHOIR: | The long day closes <i>Interval</i> | <i>Sullivan</i> |
| 13. ORCHESTRA: | Rosamunde | <i>Schubert</i> |
| 14. SOLO: | Czardas (Violin: P. Walker) | <i>V. Monti</i> |
| 15. BASS CHOIR: | Steal away | <i>Trad.</i> |
| 16. CHORAL GROUP: | Catastrophe | <i>Sprague</i> |
| 17. SOLO: | Hornpipe (Bassoon: P. Mason) | <i>Trad.</i> |
| 18. ORCHESTRA: | Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 G —1st movement | <i>J. S. Bach</i> |
| 19. SOLO: | Le coucou (Harpichord: S. Collinson) | <i>Daquin</i> |
| 20. CHOIR: | Who shall win my lady fair? | <i>Pearsal</i> |
| 21. WOODWIND: | Andante Air from “ The Magic Flute ” | <i>H. Pferdemann Mozart</i> |
| 22. ORCHESTRA: | Orchestral Suite | <i>Handel</i> |
| 23. CHOIR: | Rule Britannia | <i>Arne</i> |

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INTER-HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION—JULY, 1969

Once again the extensive support given to this popular inter-house event led to its division into semi-finals and finals.

The semi-finals were on Thursday, 3rd July and adjudicated by Mr. Horsman. The “ real thing ” was held the following day with Mr. T. M. Pratt of Darlington.

It was generally agreed that once again the standard of performance had been improved since the last competition, with the possible exception of the vocal classes.

Mr. Pratt seemed to emerge from the day-long ordeal relatively unscathed, and was able to impart many useful pieces of musical technique not only to the competitors, but also to the considerable audience which gathered.

High drama was provided by P. E. Mason who once again forgot the keys to his bassoon case, but a 10 mile “ mercy dash ” rescued him from the fate worse than death.

Though several outstanding performers participated the classes which stood out were the Open Violin, the Open Clarinet and the Open Flute. Once again the school was shown to produce a high general standard as well as gifted individuals.

In the House Choir class Mr. Tiesing with his Tees choir showed very effectively what could be done with dedication and enthusiasm to a choir not generally regarded as the one with the best individual singers.

The numbers of classes was up to Twenty, though the number of entries was down to just under a hundred. However, the competition is still a monument to the musical activities of the school.

Our thanks go to the adjudication of Mr. Pratt, the organisation of Mr. Horsman, and the accompaniments of W. R. Sanderson and S. Collinson.

Results—

Junior Vocal—G. Neale

Junior Violin—Healey

Open Violin—C. J. Durrant

Open Viola—Kirton

Intermediate Cello—A. Harper

Junior Piano—N. Curtis

J. Clarinet—P. E. Mason (Bassoon)

Junior Flute—Emmerson

Junior Trumpet—Robertson

House Choir—Tees

Senior Vocal—P. E. Mason

Intermediate Violin—Wilkins

Junior Viola—Mackay

Junior Cello—King

Open Cello—Beaumont

Open Piano—W. R. Sanderson

Open Clarinet—S. Goldthorpe

Open Flute—Riley

String Quartet—Ox. and Cleve.

FINAL SCORE—

Cleveland 145 pts. Oxbridge 115 pts. Tees 111 pts. Dunelm 89 pts.

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THE TUESDAY CHOIR

An all Vivaldi programme was the fare presented in Yam Road Congregational Church at Christmas.

This took the form of a performance of a newly-edited version of The Magnificat, certainly the first public performance on Teesside, and then the very well known Gloria by the same composer.

Peter Tanner, who accompanied on the organ, played solos by Modern English Composers as an interlude.

Holy Week was the time chosen to give two performances of Bach's St. Luke Passion. The Choir was joined by Eaglescliffe Parish Church Choir in the church for the first performance. The full resources of orchestra harpsichord and soloists gave a performance to be remembered, which was enhanced by the ancient beauty of the building.

Later another performance was given in the very modern Community Hall in Eaglescliffe where, although the acoustics were much improved, the depletion of the choir and orchestra was apparent.

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NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Natural History Society suffered a great loss at the end of the Autumn term, when Mr. D. G. Bell left the school for another post. Mr. Bell started the society as the "Bird Club" in 1959, because of his own great interest in ornithology, and in 1961 expanded it to include all branches of nature as the "Natural History Society".

The society grew over the next few years to become the largest of the school societies, and was at all times led and inspired by Mr. Bell's knowledge and enthusiasm. All members of the society, both past and present would like to thank Mr. Bell for his hard work in organising the society, and to wish him success in his new post.

Although disrupted by the departure of their leader, the members of the N.H.S. did not disband, but continued to have an active year under the guidance of Mr. P. H. Spight, The year's activities included several meetings, informal discussions, filmstrip shows and three weekend outings.

The three outings undertaken were all very successful, mainly because the senior boys were so willing to impart their knowledge to the less informed junior members. Each outing was to entirely different surroundings, the first being to the mud flats and marshes of North Teesmouth, the second to the woods and seashore at Saltburn and the third to the reclaimed gravel pits of the Witton-le-Wear nature reserve.

The N.H.S. again provided refreshments on the School Open Day, this time with the help of the school Christian Education Movement. The proceeds which amounted to £8 3s. 6d. were divided between the Save the Children Fund and Animals In Danger. This brought the total contribution to A.I.D. to £13 7s. 11d. for the year. The Brooke Bond tea packet collection continued throughout the year, a further 8000 being collected. This brings the total donation to the World Wildlife Fund from this source to £42—many thanks to all who have contributed, please continue to bring them.

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C.E.M.

The joint schools Christian Education Movement with members from Queen Victoria High School, Stockton Grammar School, Cleveland School, and Grangefield Grammar School was well supported last year with an average attendance of 50 at each meeting.

Various topics were debated including a motion entitled " This House believes that I'm all right Jack ", which was narrowly defeated, a thrilling Brain's Trust, and various discussions on Christianity in the Twentieth Century's permissive and supposedly affluent society.

Guest speakers included the Reverend William Hall who gave a frank and informative talk on his work in Teesside's nightclubs and theatres, a Christian Scientist and a Mormon who explained the aims and doctrines of their religions, a warden of a remand centre who talked of his work (he himself having been in Borstal for several years), and the Reverend Joseph Rimmer who talked about community problems in Newport.

Our members braved the perils of the school canteen to provide the necessary liquid refreshment assisted by the endless enthusiasm of the school's Divinity teacher Mr. Watton.

Prospects are extremely good for a good increase in membership this year (1969-70), the society now being firmly established as a prominent member of our school's activities.

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JUNIOR C.E.M. 1968-69

In the year 1968-69, its first year of existence, the Junior Christian Education Movement progressed steadily under the eyes of Mr. Watton.

We made various posters from literature received from various charitable aid organisations e.g. Shelter, Oxfam, Christian Aid.

In the middle of June 1969 we received word of a service to be held on World Childrens Day, July 20th, in Stockton Parish Church. Various schools were to be represented and were to send gifts of clothing and money to be given to the Save the Children Fund.

We obtained one gross of ballpoint pens each printed with the words, " Save the Children Fund ". These were sold at one shilling each. We also collected good quality, used, childrens' clothing and at the service we were able to present gifts of childrens' clothing and money to the value of 8gns.

All through the year posters were displayed on the back wall of Room 5, but on Open Day 1969, there were posters covering nearly every inch of wall and window in Room 5. Although we may not have been a great success on Open Day we were able to say that our presence was known no matter how many people, or how few, wanted to know about us. The Junior C.E.M. was well and truly " stuck in ".

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LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Charles and the secretaryship of Mr. Mooney, the Society had another successful and well attended year, with topics ranging from Euthanasia to the Common Market. The Balloon Debate as usual drew the largest attendance, when the company was honoured with the presence of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Disraeli, and Mr. Frost. The House Debating Contest was won by Oxbridge, and the Headmaster's Debating Prize was won by A. Williams. The Girls' School maintained its support for the society, providing a regular attendance at meetings.

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BUSINESS GAME 1969

The Business Game is organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in an attempt to give students of economics and business studies an insight into the world of business management. Over 1200 sixth-formers from 81 schools took part, the teams being split up into 27 groups of three. The winner from each group was to go forward to the next round.

Each of the teams in a group of three represented a company, with its own Board of Directors. Grangefield's Board consisted of the following members:—D. Goldsbrough (Managing Director); C. J. Williams (Production Manager); D. M. Hall (Sales Manager); B. L. Collin (Finance Controller); P. Mason; T. Wilson; M. Bissett; C. E. Hall; C. Robertson; Gaz Hanrahan; P. Gardner; and K. Macmillan. However, all members of 6II Economics were present at the Board Meetings and many helpful suggestions were made. Mr. Charles' help was sometimes required over the more difficult technical points, and was gratefully received.

The teams in each group were given a set of data showing the original conditions in the market in which they were to compete. These figures included information on the original prices charged by each company; amounts spent on marketing expenditure; and the total number of orders received as a result. They also gave details of the costs of production, in total and per unit.

The companies had to sell their products in four different areas. Three of these were the " home " areas for each of the competing teams, and in which that team had an advantage because transport costs for that firm in that particular area were assumed to be nil, a fourth, larger area was neutral, as all firms incurred the same transport costs in moving goods to it.

Given the information about original market conditions, which were the same for all firms, each firm had to fill in a Decision Form, showing the prices it wished to charge in each area; the amount to be spent on marketing in each area; and the total amounts to be spent on Production, Research and Development, plant Investment and Transport. Obviously, the total of cash spent was limited by the amount of cash available, as shown on the original data sheet.

The Decision Form, was sent back to the Game's headquarters and the figures fed into a computer, which then allocated each company its share of the total number of orders in each area, according to the various factors involved, such as prices and marketing expenditure. The computer then looked to see whether each company was able to fulfil these orders out of goods in stock, and out of current production. If there were insufficient goods to meet orders, sales were scaled down in each area in turn, to absorb all available production and stock. Finally, the computer checked that there was sufficient transport allocation to deliver those goods which had been allocated to areas other than the home area. If the transport allocation was insufficient, sales were further scaled down in those areas where transport was required. Thus, an insufficient transport allocation was one of the greatest sources of danger throughout the game, and our team suffered from it in two out of the five rounds.

Afterwards, the computer's calculations of the new positions for each of the companies were sent to them in the form of a new data sheet, and the decision making began again. After the five rounds were completed, the winner was chosen on the basis of a series of "merit" points for profitability and liquidity throughout the game.

The highspot of the proceedings was undoubtedly an appearance on television—in B.B.C.'s "Look North"—with the redoubtable Luke Casey interviewing, as well as two interviews for radio. This made our elimination from the Game something of an anti-climax, but at least we can claim that the harsh glare of publicity clouded our minds at the vital moment!

The result of our Particular heat was as follows:—

| Company | Net Profit before Tax (£'000) | Overall Position | Placing |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| 1 | 4,237 | 10 | Second |
| 2 | 4,125 | 8 | First |
| 3 (Grangefield) | 2,636 | 12 | Third |

and the eventual winner of the Grand Final was Cheltenham College. A new Grangefield team is entering the Game this year and we wish them luck.

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HISTORY VISITS

The History Department arranged a series of eight Saturday visits during the school year, aimed primarily at revealing to the lower school the wealth of historical remains in the North. These were well supported. In the Autumn term two visits were made to the Roman Wall—Housesteads, Chester and Corbridge. This was followed by a tour of Saxon remains at Monkwearmouth, Jarrow, Tynemouth and Durham. In the Spring and Summer terms the mediaeval North was covered in detail. Visits were made to the castles of Bamburgh, Norham, Warkworth, Newcastle, Durham, Richmond, Barnard Castle, Middleham, Pickering, Helmsley and Knaresbrough. The abbeys and priories were studied in visits to Durham, Finchale, Tynemouth, Lindisfarne, Whitby, Byland, Rievaulx, Ripon, Fountains, Mount Grace, Egglestone and Easby.

On the 5th April, 1969, Grangefield boys under the direction of Mr. Tiesing assembled at Darlington station ready to embark on a 1000 mile trek across the continent to the alpine village of Neustift, in the Austrian Tyrol.

The journey took little more than 24 hours by boat and train and all arrived in good spirits.

Neustift nestles deep in a valley surrounded on all sides by high snow-capped peaks, but the valley at Easter was carpetted with lush green grass and bordered with thick forest which flourished in the bright sun.

The party stayed at the Hotel Alpenhof, and everyone soon settled in with about four persons to a room. By evening all were fitted out with skis and boots and looking forward to the first Austrian meal, which proved to be delicious, as did all the table meals throughout the holiday.

Skiing instruction began immediately and continued in 4-hourly sessions everyday throughout the holiday, during which the rudiments of skiing were mastered. All found this hard work! Although a few injuries were sustained medical treatment was always available.

A six-hour stay in Innsbruck was the prelude to the journey home, and all agreed that the success of the holiday was due to the meticulous planning of Mr. Tiesing, who was ably assisted by Mr. Russell and Mr. Still.

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SCHOOL TRIP TO FLORENVILLE

Forty boys assembled at school, 7.30 p.m. July 24th in eager anticipation of the annual Summer expedition to Florenville in Belgium. Mr. Horsman, organiser and leader was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Reay, while Mr. Tiesing joined the party in London.

Those two sturdy stalwarts of the steering-wheel Cyril and Arthur got the party off to a speedy start, and it seemed only a short while before we were sailing out of Dover Harbour bound for Ostende. A calm crossing preceded the long drive across Belgium, but interrupted by lunch in Brussels. Thence onwards to Florenville, which is in the Belgian province of Luxembourg and close to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Florenville is set on a hill overlooking the surrounding rolling countryside and the most prominent feature is the large church, rebuilt after World War II, and lavishly furnished. It has a 48 bell carillon which was soon thundering out such popular folk melodies as "Blaydon Races" and "On Ilkley Moor", at the hands, and feet, of Mr. Horsman!

Au Gai Luron, our hotel, was just opposite the church and here we were to experience a remarkably friendly reception and marvellous food throughout our stay.

The first outing took us to the riverside pleasure spot of Coo where we ascended the hill-side on a chair-lift. Later go-karting was the major attraction in the large amusement park.

Two days later another chair lift trip enabled everyone to take a birds-eye view of the beautiful medieval town of Vianden, thence afterwards to the German Border and Echternach, where a large quantity of perfume was bought at a relatively low cost.

Probably the most spectacular outing of the tour was a trip to the underground grottos of Han sur Lesse. We were obliged to approach these in a small train, but very soon we were experiencing the beautiful intricacies of stalagmite and stalactite growths, and the sheer vastness of some caverns. We made our exit on a barge out into daylight.

Later the party visited Luxembourg on the way to Trier in Germany. It was tempting to make a stop down the Moselle valley to taste the fruits of the vine, but we pressed on and were soon gazing at the ceiling paintings of the Church of St. Paulin, a magnificent baroque tour de force. The Porta Nigra, a remarkable 3rd century Roman gate was having its four-storey structure renovated when we saw it.

The following day Mr. Teising set off with a small party to visit France, some 4 km from Florenville. However, for one reason or another the party passed close to the French border, but never actually set foot on it.

Finally we were privileged to visit the Cistercian Abbey of Orval. Although it is reputed to be the oldest Abbey in Belgium, the monastery was rebuilt in 1928. It is most famous for the production of Orval Beer, although we witnessed no sign of this while walking around the beautiful and extensive grounds. However, beer mugs and much else was on sale at the end of the tour.

And so our holiday came to a close. After spending a very happy time in beautiful surroundings and enjoying splendid weather all that remained was the return journey and many thanks to Mr. Horsman.

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NEW LIFE MEMBERS, 1st OCTOBER, 1968—30th SEPTEMBER, 1969

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| I. C. Thompson | (1958-65) | 2 Durham Road, Sedgefield. |
| G. Walker | (1961-63) | 115 Bishopton Road, Stockton. |
| M. Renwick | (1958-63) | 35 Trent Street, Norton. |
| P. Chicken | (1959-64) | 3 Harrow Road, Stockton. |
| P. Graham | (1958-65) | 160 Ragpath Lane, Stockton. |
| F. Scott | (1933-38) | 17 The Coppics, Bishopthorpe, York. |
| J. S. Cowen | (1963-65) | 97 Bishopton Road, Stockton. |
| D. G. Burton | (1929-34) | 35 Glaisdale Avenue, Stockton. |
| I. H. Stout | (1962-67) | 15 Osborne Road, Stockton. |
| M. Purnell | (1953-61) | 103 Harlsey Road, Stockton. |
| A. M. Bowman | (1946-53) | Evergreen, Middlefield, Durham Road, Stockton. |
| J. R. Hardwick | (1956-63) | Aiskew Grove, Fairfield, Stockton. |
| R. Thwaites | (1962-64) | 45 Kingsley Road, Stockton. |
| D. Nicholas | (1958-65) | 8 Mowbray Road, Norton. |
| D. P. Hunt | (1962-69) | 9 Elmfield Road, Hurworth, Darlington. |
| J. Phillips | (1962-69) | 598 Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe. |
| C. A. Robertson | (1962-69) | 8 Westbourne Street, Stockton. |
| D. Smith | (1962-69) | 17 Dixon Street, Stockton. |
| B. Moody | (1962-69) | 12 Craister Street, Stockton. |
| B. S. Clark | (1962-69) | 57 Upsall Grove, Stockton. |
| J. Kitching | (1959-66) | 9 Hillcrest Avenue, Stockton. |
| P. I. B. Johnson | (1962-69) | 26 Grange Avenue, Stockton. |
| R. A. B. Johnson | (1962-69) | 26 Grange Avenue, Stockton. |
| A. T. Collett | (1936-41) | 8 Bramble Road, Stockton. |
| T. Wilson | (1962-69) | 5 Runfold Close, Stockton. |
| G. C. Hanrahan | (1966-69) | 133 Yarm Road, Stockton. |
| I. W. Duncan | (1962-69) | 41 Eton Road, Stockton. |

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New Yearly Members, 1st October, 1968—30th September, 1968

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| K. Fryer | | |
| D. G. Bell | (Staff 1957-68) | 18 Rosedale Crescent, Guisborough. |
| P. O. Argyle | (1962-68) | 3 Redmarshall Street, Stillington. |
| G. Reid | (1962-67) | 18 Westbourne Grove, Redcar. |

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| J. Moore | (1959-65) | 9 Broughton Road, Wolviston Court Estate, Billingham. |
| C. E. Hall | (1962-69) | 39 Oak Road, Eaglescliffe. |
| M. Bisset | (1962-69) | 26 Adelaide Grove, Hartburn. |
| D. G. Penson | (1961-69) | 32 Clifton Avenue, Eaglescliffe. |
| C. J. Williams | (1962-69) | 49 Whitton Road, Stockton. |
| J. S. D. Leitch | (1966-69) | 16 Lapwning Lane, Norton. |
| B. K. Reynolds | (1967-69) | 200 Durham Road, Stockton. |
| K. P. Dutton | (1962-69) | 7 Mayfield Crescent, Eaglescliffe. |
| P. Whitecross | (1963-69) | 21 Rothwell Crescent, Roseworth. |

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ADDRESSES WANTED

Year Books sent to the following members last year were returned marked "unknown" to the school. We would welcome information of any of these people, enabling us to re-establish communication with them:—

G. E. Barnes, D. Brown (1945-50), W. Clemmitt, E. Greenwell (1937-42), M. Hardy, Dr. J. M. Humphries (1949-56), H. Minnis, D. K. McKinlay, Dr. D. Summers.

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A TALE OF THE HIGHLANDS

Above the horizon the sun hung pale and half misted by the faint sea fret blowing from the east. Pale houses clung precipitously to the milk white cliffs that stared down on my fishing boat. Far above screamed gulls like fluttering rags, their cries melting against the cliffs into nothingness.

I kicked aside several splintered boxes as I stepped down on my drifter, warily avoiding nets and fluorescent orange floats that hung down over the flaking sides. My attention was held momentarily by the sound of water lapping in the bilges, and *then* I pushed open the cabin door and entered. Jim did not look up from his charts, but continued plotting a course with a pair of compasses. He spoke first.

"Looks peaceful", he muttered, and he nodded towards the burning orb on the horizon. Already shadows were being washed from the decks, revealing a chaos of ropes and boxes. I said nothing, but turned and stepped down the small hatch leading to the engine room. The recess flooded with dull yellow light as I flicked a switch, and the recently cleaned engine lay gleaming before me, bathed in the smell of oil and grease.

"Start her up!" Jim shouted, his head silhouetted in a rectangle of light. I grasped the steel cable hanging from the engine and yanked viciously.

"I've released the hawser and we're free now!" The engine coughed into life and then evened out into a steady throb. I smiled quietly to myself. My work has been successful.

Back on deck I watched as the rotting jetty slid away from the drifter, and turned my head towards the bows, which were already hurling clouds of freezing spray over the deck. I pulled on my waterproofed jacket and leggings as we passed beneath the looming shape of the harbour wall, a grey stretch of lichened stone shrouded by fog and climbing weed.

The sea was my life, and I had been weaned on its traditions and secrets. My father and his small boat had dragged a living from her barrels and taught me to survive well, for the sea has no favourites. Sitting amid nets, barrels, paint, ropes, hooks, hawsers, sailcloth and planks, he had whispered his secrets to me, while I listened wide eyed with smell of grease and fish in my nostrils. His own eyes would cloud as he remembered

storm and wind and the crashing of icy foam, the creaking of timbers and the pungency of oil lamps and wet oak. Because I was the eldest, he gave all his secrets to me, secrets handed down among my family for many generations. Tales of the Hebrides and the Western Isles, of Mull, Rum, Skethoch and Reach. Did my father really see blue lights dancing on the Aelig Sound, and were there really fish-creatures that worshipped among the basalt pillars of the Isle of Staffa? My father was no liar.

My early life among the crofters of Mull was lonely and wild. I spent many hours in the small island's school, but lack of friends and the sharp tawse of my schoolmistress isolated my thoughts and heart. Small wonder I ran from the small grey building to the sound of the rolling bell, and spent my time wandering over the eastern shores among slate rocks and bulbous seaweed. The caves there are high and deep, glistening after high tide with salt water and slime. Among these Stygian caverns I was happy, and, because I was surefooted and small, saw many unentered places and vaults. There were some places I dared not enter, for in them the wind moaned horribly and no light entered. I needed no friends. I had my caves. My playground was the wide salt-sand beaches, the whispering of the sea a fine substitute for any chattering friend. I would wander the beaches until dark, kicking over drift wood and debris, or examining the remains of sea creatures. I would watch crustaceans among deep rock pools scurry from my gaze into hiding among red seaweed. I would walk over rocks out towards the sea and sit and watch the warm sun set as water lapped and slapped at the granite beneath me. Far behind, hidden on the scarred cliffs, would wail the mournful gulls in welcome. The sea and wind roared on.

In my home, gas lamps hissed a friendly welcome, casting a pale glow over the simple furniture. The windows were shuttered and the roof thatched, but we were warm. In winter, peat smouldered and glowed in the fire, and rough plaster walls halted the bitter north winds. The only sounds to be heard were the rattle of my mother's spindle, and her crooning to my young brother Malcolm as he lay dozing beneath an eiderdown. My father would smoke his pipe beside the fire, staring at the peat blankly, sometimes with a secretive smile on his face.

At night, snug under blankets in the loft, I would lie awake and listen to the voices of his friends below me, talking and laughing in the voice of the Old World. The fire had long died into embers before the latch dropped behind the last visitor and the gas lights dulled and died.

My childhood ended and I was a man. My caves and beaches still called me but my eyes were deafened by money and the lure of material things, and the beaches were transformed into the cold pavements of Clydebank. Reality drowned my island. On the death of my father, I found myself having to aid my mother and youngest brother, and Jim and I worked hard and long as my fantasies were replaced by a cold heart and hard fists. Now it was Malcolm who was walking in the caves and speaking softly to the gulls above the sighing of the wind.

My drifter slid past the breakwater towards open sea, and Jim took the helm as I watched the sleeping town pass from view behind a headland. It was at the moment that I vowed to myself that, although my mother had great need of my help, I would walk again on my shore, with its slate rock and bulbous seaweed.

Behind me the nets began to splash into the water.

J.C. L.VI.

YOUTH LOST

Frivolous, energetic, full of hope,
Wide-eyed, naive, hating soap.
This was I, a carefree lad.
Now I've changed and is it sad?
Now it seems I oft reflect
The many miles that I have trekked,
Along the endless country lanes,
Before I felt my growing pains.

Pensive, sombre, now I mope,
Mental ills brought on by dope
I got in with a way-out crowd,
Doings things we weren't allowed,
Just for kicks we ran wild . . .
I wish that I were still a child,
Instead of being what I am,
A depraved, desolate bewildered man.

Kenneth Coates

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AND THE RAINS CAME

From out of the west
The rains came;
The parched red earth
Soaked up the moisture,
And the People rejoiced.

The children they sang,
O they sang;
Their parents they sang,
How they sang!
And the Elders thanked God.

God, they said, had made
The rains come;
Their black-baked tongues
Were moist once more,
And again they praised God.

The God, whom, before
The rains came,
They cursed and they
Turned from . . .
When they died dehydrated.

But new hope was born
When the rains came;
The dead, red earth
Was reincarnated,
And returned they to God.

The people of God
They love him,
The people of God
How they love him!
Till the rains come no more. . . .

Kenneth Coates

I was born in Pinebluff in Arkansas, one of the southern states of the U.S. sixteen years ago. I am the second youngest of six children, and, when I was born, Pop was a labourer, and so times were hard for our family; but then it was hard for all families in our part of town.

The first thing I recall was playing with other kids, like myself, in the back streets. Life in those days was good. Play all day and go home tired at night. Of course we had no toys—no one had any money to spare—so pieces of wood became all sorts of things—I guess it's the same for kids all over the world. Paradise stopped at the age of six.

I clearly remember being sent off to the neighbourhood school in clean clothes and polished shoes (they didn't stay that way long) and meeting the schoolteacher. Mom had taught me to write my name, and here we had to write lots of things and read and do maths. It was at the school that I also learned to fight. In fact, school became a continual fight interrupted by lessons. It would always be the kids from our part of town against the others. It was the same when we learned baseball—whatever teams the teacher picked, it always ended up the same: us against them.

One year, during the holidays, my friends and I were playing in a street further from home than usual, when a big guy with glasses suddenly stopped and cuffed me and my friend. We just stood there and stared. "Scram!" he shouted. "We don't want trash like you round here." He raised his arm and so we ran, followed by a mouthful of swear words. I was only about ten at the time and suppose I would have forgotten it except that it evoked startling reactions from my placid parents. I told them my story and Mom looked really upset and told me not to go to that district again, whilst Pop got so wild I thought he was going to burst something. I couldn't see what they were beefing about. After all, I was the one that got hit and that was nothing new, (it was always happening at school.)

Life continued the same way except that Mom didn't force us to go to church on Sunday as she had done since we could walk. It never seemed to do me any good anyway. She still went with Pop and my two sisters and said she was praying for an easier life. I was all for an easier life, but I never saw as how praying was going to help.

At thirteen I graduated to High School. It was there that I found a way of really enjoying myself—sprinting. There was a large athletics club, and, as I had always been pretty quick, I joined. I started doing things properly, and school became much more enjoyable, and I finished half way up the class instead of at the bottom. Mom was ever so proud. Two years ago I ran for the school in a big meet and came second in the hundred yards heat. I went to shake hands with the winner and he ignored me. I was staggered—and angered. I was determined that if we were in the same semi I was going to beat him—and I did. I didn't qualify, but neither did he, which made me feel great.

Last year, while the Olympics were on, the whole club watched on the school T.V. every day. It was great—we won all the sprints. The other American winners didn't seem to mean so much as our sprinters winning. There were big articles in the paper on our men, and I found out that Lee Evans got to college because he could run fast and didn't have to pay. Well Mom always dreamed of us kids going to college, but we haven't got any money. Why couldn't I get there by running? That's when I really started running and training hard, and that's what I'm still doing. I am determined to get to college. After all there's no other way a black boy can get top class education, is there?

P.R.G.

DEATH BY MISADVENTURE

Sitting here on the brink,
Too late to stop, too early to begin,
Years will drag out the desire, (with no avail),
For once the button is pressed,
. . . Good-bye World!
(I can't say it was nice meeting you).

Picking red mushrooms
Growing so fast in the sky, too large;
Millions are falling on their knees, down, down,
To seek the safety that does not exist,
Poor fools,
Being destroyed by their own creation.

My chest is burning, like Hell's inferno,
Red hot, too hot, too bad,
Mine eyes are closing with the heat.
Why wouldn't they listen,
I don't like mushrooms that size,
They make me sick, too sick.

People running, falling, grovelling, screaming, then dying,
Suddenly religion is reincarnated amongst the Atheists,
Everyone is praying,
No-one likes mushrooms, not even their creators.

Is this the "Judgement Day?"
But man is not God, or is he?
Created in God's own image, with His power?
Perhaps not even God can help now!

Pain, grief, tears, blood, death are all I see,
Corpses without faces,
Complete oblivion and total destruction,
Help me! help them! take the grey clouds away!

Suddenly all is quiet,
Peace has come but there is no-one to greet it,
Man has achieved his ultimate desire,
Man has destroyed himself forever.

D.A.W.

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ROAD TO NOWHERE

As darkness covers the countryside,
Like a cold, black blanket,
The car slowly journeys forward,
With its headlights as the only aid to progress.

Flickering lights in the distance,
Hold out their helping hands,
But the car is on its own,
And its safety is its own worry!

The motion reminds me of Man's mind,
Groping alone in the darkness,
(With others far, far off)
Along the road to nowhere!

After each year of experience,
A new, but minute, glow,
Illuminates itself in his mind,
Together they will make him (or destroy him).

During youth,
The glows are bright, but,
As the years drift aimlessly by . . .
The new glows are dim with the futility of life.

The destination is the Promised Land,
But will the mind reach it in time?
Being constantly hindered by evil,
Whose only desire is to extinguish the glows.

Many fall by the wayside,
They flounder pathetically in the wilderness,
Some men make more progress,
But they still fall short. . . .

At death the motion ceases,
The destination is still unseen,
Never to be seen,
For the road to nowhere goes on to nowhere!

D.A.W.

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MEDALLION

There's sadness in a child
who hears his pet has died.
Sadness too, in a surgeon's mind
when he looks inside
and sees a body's noose
grow tighter round its chest.
He thinks that all this could be saved,
"It's such a simple test."

* * *

DESTINY I

Cold grey skies surround me,
envelope me with cloud,
but I am an albatross,
above the common flock.
For me there is a world of sun,
Reflected light off white chalk cliffs.
Fish leap to feed my needs,
streams run to wet my beak,
for I am an albatross,
above the common flock.

Thick mud detains me,
coats my freezing skin,
but I am a lion,
above the common pride.
For me the hot African sun,
long grass in which to rest.
Deer bound towards my jaws,
water trickles onto my lips,
for I am a lion,
above the common pride.
Cold rain falls on me,

my hands go red and numb,
but I am a shark,
above the common shoal.
For me the warm Pacific,
a sandy bed beneath my fin.
Fish swim towards my mouth,
all willing to be my food.
For I am a shark,
above the common shoal.

Grey skies surround me,
Thick mud details me,
Cold rain falls on me.
I must work for my food,
and pay for my drink.
For I am a man,
among the common crowd.

Stephen Robinson

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UNTITLED

negro in biafran hut
little child with swollen gut
eyes open wide, arms outstretched
poor unknowing starving wretch

lonely woman lies in bed
often wishes she was dead
no-one knocks upon her door
no-one writes her anymore

old man running fast
trying to catch up with his past
looking for the light ahead
running till the day he's dead

little boy in childish fright
prays to god again tonight
please stop dad from drinking sir
him from hitting her

drunken driver kills a boy
should we take away his toy
should we ban him for all time
to make him pay for his stupid crime

young man has a heart attack
there he lies upon his back
can we have your heart for him
or do you think that it's a sin

unmarried mother with her child
now her eyes are open wide
now she can see the world as clear
as looking through a crystal tear

bluebird flying high
in the limits of the sky
singing songs not of its choice
within the limits of its voice.

A. Brennan

ESSAY ON AMERICA

Out of my sargassan detraction, I sped over the stairway to the stars isthmus to the fabled Highway 61. (Abraham's still trying to kill his son). Then by way of the Highway of Diamonds to Oxford Town. Cosby was there, trying to get him some pussy and perhaps a few tear gas bombs and bullets. Speeding then through Pacific across the continent to Cape Kennedy to watch Ginsberg's "Rocket" flunk Kerplat! Bam! Bang! Smack! Krunck! Can Aunt Agnew's nephew, the resurrected Peter Pan of politics justify this?

"Vietnam, Vietnam, Vietnam . . ." he repeats in his drawling monotone.

"What about the poor? The squares on the chequer board?" screams Mr. Shining Bright Scouring Powder. He about turns showing the streets of rat-infested tenements, dripping dollars from his hip-pocket.

President Pan reaches under his armpit, into Pandora's holster, withdraws his right and eliminates Mr. Shining Bright Scouring Powder. He empties his pockets to give them to the Kennedy's, but they are all dead.

The 'gators have risen from the baked mud of the Everglades and devour the cities.

"What do we do, President Pan?" screams the nation.

"Call the Justice League of America. Call the generals from the Decagon. Let's meet."

They met. However, the Mexican Fruit-Picking League had planted a Hitler-like Red Guard who made them press the OFF button. Goodbye, Florida. Goodbye, Key West. Feel you soon.

And now Sitting Bull rides the teeming herds of ten million bison which trample New York City into the ground. Above the cacophony rises the voice of the Statue of Liberty;

"AMERICA IS PREGNANT WITH PROMISE AND ANTICIPATION BUT IS MURDERED BY THE HAND OF THE INEVITABLE". (A Nice finale.)

A. Brennan

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ON RE-READING A BOOK OF MODERN POETRY TO XXX

this night i read a book
i read before
WE read before
You left.
i searched for You
among the jungle of words
wo sind sie?
among the nofullstops punctuation
donde esta usted?
among the black and white and black fading into grey
ubi es?
among the brightcoloured bubbles/only there when i
look/floating across the page to paradise
où êtes-vous?
despair reigned torrentially.
i reached beyond their futile words
out to the brown darkness cowering from the lamplight
out to the friendly warmth of a winter moon
far far out into the intestines of my mind.

You were there
the brownness of Your hair just brushed my fingertips
then fled.

i wished
i cried for lethe
it has come/bringing
for me
 despair in peace
for You
 oblivion in peace
for US
 death in peace.

(Q.F.O.)

* * *

There's sadness for the priest who's there
kneeling down, to say a prayer
by the body of a child, with bloody arms
and bloody hands,
 clutching in vain,
in a grip so tight,
 a silver chain
that, through the night,
 held a guilt, Saint Christopher,
for safety on the bloodstained road.

d.n.

* * *

EVERYDAY PEOPLE

this morning
a soldier said
I may die today
a priest said
I won't lie today
a schoolboy said
I'll try today
a pilot wondered
Where'll I fly today
this evening
the pilot landed safely
the schoolboy went to bed
but the priest said a prayer
for a soldier who was dead.

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and leave,
for the next name
on the tour.
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Remember?

d.n.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1969

| Income | £ | s. | d. | Expenditure | £ | s. | d. |
|--|----------|----|----|---------------------------------------|----------|----|----|
| Balance brought forward, 1/10/68 | 816 | 19 | 5 | Levy to General Fund | 107 | 17 | 6 |
| Interest at 31st January, 1969 | 15 | 3 | 5 | Balance at 30th September, 1969 | 813 | 7 | 6 |
| Interest at 31st July, 1969 | 15 | 10 | 8 | | | | |
| Life Members' Subscriptions | 73 | 11 | 6 | | | | |
| | £921 5 0 | | | | £921 5 0 | | |

GENERAL FUND

| Income | £ | s. | d. | Expenditure | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-----------|----|----|---------------------------------------|-----------|----|----|
| Balance brought forward, 1/10/68 | 19 | 15 | 6 | Year Book, 1968, Printing | 245 | 12 | 4 |
| Interest at 20th November, 1968 | 12 | 8 | | Year Book, 1968, Postage | 8 | 11 | 8 |
| Annual Members' Subscriptions | 6 | 19 | 6 | Year Book, 1968, Envelopes | 2 | 17 | 7 |
| Cash Receipts for O.S. Ties | 9 | 18 | 6 | Bars for President's Badge | 5 | 19 | 8 |
| Receipts for Engraving of President's Badge | 4 | 6 | 3 | Annual Dinner | 83 | 4 | 0 |
| Sale of Tickets for Annual Dinner | 92 | 8 | 0 | Hon. Secretary's Expenses | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| School Donation to Year Book | 89 | 12 | 1 | Balance at 30th September, 1969 | 29 | 1 | 5 |
| Advertising in Year Book | 47 | 5 | 0 | | | | |
| Levy from Life Members' Fund | 107 | 17 | 6 | | | | |
| | £378 15 0 | | | | £378 15 0 | | |

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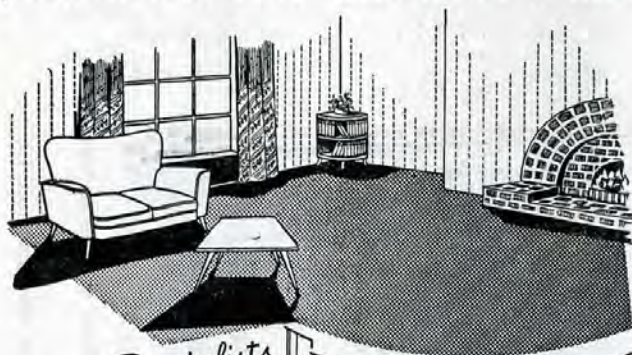
| Income | £ | s. | d. | Expenditure | £ | s. | d. |
|--|-----------|----|----|---------------------------------------|-----------|----|----|
| Balance brought forward, 1/10/68 | 124 | 4 | 2 | Speech Day Prizes | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest at 20th November, 1968 | 5 | 12 | 6 | Balance at 30th September, 1969 | 124 | 16 | 8 |
| | £129 16 8 | | | | £129 16 8 | | |

EVAN BALDWIN MEMORIAL FUND AND ALLISON, KING COMMEMORATION FUND

| Income | £ | s. | d. | Expenditure | £ | s. | d. |
|--|----------|----|----|---------------------------------------|----------|----|----|
| Balance brought forward, 1/10/68 | 225 | 19 | 3 | Awards | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| Donations received | 8 | 1 | 0 | Balance at 30th September, 1969 | 234 | 0 | 7 |
| Interest at 31st July, 1969 | 9 | 2 | 2 | | | | |
| | £243 2 5 | | | | £243 2 5 | | |

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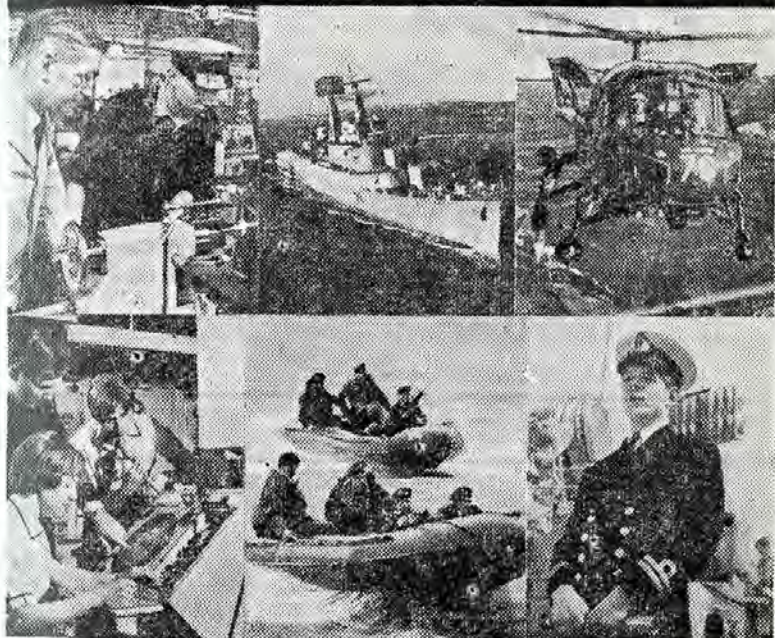
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RULES — (Revised November, 1968)

1. The Name of the Association shall be the "OLD STOCKTONIANS." The Old Stocktonians aims at continuing friendships and preserving that spirit of comradeship which ought to exist among those who have been educated at the same school. These aims are to be achieved by means of social, recreative and educational pursuits.

2. The Association shall be open to the Old Boys of the Grangefield Grammar School, formerly known as the Stockton Secondary School for Boys and originally known as the Higher Grade School. Past and present members of the Staff are also eligible.

3. The Officers of the Association shall be:—

(a) Three Presidents, who shall be the present Headmaster, the Founder of the Association and an Old Boy.

(b) Six Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be Senior Vice-President.

(c) A Treasurer.

(d) A Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

(e) An Auditor.

These together with twelve elected members shall constitute the Committee of Management.

With the exception of the present Headmaster and the Founder of the Association, all Officers and other members of the committee shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting which shall be held in October or November each year, and the Committee so elected shall be empowered to co-opt additional members.

4. In committee seven shall form a quorum.

5. Members will be encouraged to form sections for specific activities, but must first obtain the approval of the committee of management.

6. The Annual Subscription shall be Five Shillings (5/-) payable on the 1st January each year.

In lieu of an Annual Subscription a Life Subscription of Three Pounds (£3-0-0) may be made. (*This may be paid by a maximum of four equal instalments in consecutive years.*)

All Life Subscriptions shall be paid into a separate account at the bank, out of which there shall be transferred annually into the General Fund such sums as the committee shall determine, not exceeding 2/6d. in respect of each Life Member.

Any Member who left School fifty years ago, or longer, shall be permitted to retain Membership of the Association for life, without further obligation.

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