

The
Royal College of Elizabeth
in
Guernsey

The Years
1963 to 1988

An Account

by

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INTRODUCTION

“The Royal College of Elizabeth”, words allegedly inscribed on the foundation stone of the College main building, make a fit frontispiece for what follows this. In April 1996 the Committee of the Old Elizabethan Association decided to create Volume IV of the College Register. The Committee invited me to write a history of the College for inclusion in that volume. I was honoured and delighted to be asked and undertook the assignment promising to do my best to do it well.

In September 1996 the Committee of the Old Elizabethan Association unanimously agreed that “... the history section at the front of the Register should cover the years from 1963 to 1988.” Trinity Term 1988 being that of my retirement.

Two years later when I had completed my account I submitted it to the Committee. They were “... unanimous in their praise of the work. They liked its style, its detail and length. Several commented that it was extremely readable.” Furthermore “There was total agreement that the “History” should go into Vol IV of the Register in its entirety.”

Such was the Committee’s enthusiasm for the work that it was proposed that I should use it as the nucleus of a ‘stand-alone’ book which could have some photographs added, together with an index and a Foreword. The Committee would meet the cost of its production.

As you will see from what follows Sir Peter Le Cheminant kindly obliged by writing a Foreword and I added an index.

However the more I thought about this project the more I was of a mind that while it might be popular among OE’s they would likely be the same ones who already had a copy of the “History” incorporated in Vol IV !

By way of obtaining another opinion I sought the view of Sir Charles Frossard. He said “I’ve read it twice and its jolly good, but I don’t need another copy !” All this I related to the OEA Committee with the suggestion that we do not, therefore, proceed with a “stand-alone” volume. This was agreed.

In September 2000 Keith Bichard completed the mammoth task of assembling Volume IV which covers from Lent term 1940 to Trinity term 1975. It includes my account of the years 1963 – 1988.

Herein lies a problem however. The next volume of the College Register, Volume V, will include details of those Boys who entered College from Michaelmas Term 1975 onwards. Those whose entries fall in the next 13 years will not be able to read about their years in my account unless they are able to find a copy of Volume IV! It is my hope that by recourse to the Roy Honey Digital Archive this account of their years will become available to them !

The account that follows is the same as in Volume IV of the Elizabeth College Register, but I have divided it into two parts 1 & 2. Part 1 covers the years 1963 – 1975 while Part 2 continues from 1976 – 1988. It also has a Foreword and Index.
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Richard Wheadon.

FOREWORD

by

Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Le Cheminant, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.F.C.,

(O.E. 3946)

I am sure that this most valuable and at times fascinating account of the College from 1963 until 1988 will be read with great interest by many OEs. Richard Wheadon has done me the honour of inviting me to write a foreword, the crafting of which I have come to realise will not be easy. The detail which he has culled from his research pre-1972 and from his records thereafter is largely factual and of a type of which some would have been recorded as a matter of routine in the old style Elizabethan, but which is harder to come by from the new style 'glossy' which, attractive production though it is, cannot be held to be a comprehensive record of College achievement. If it were for that reason alone Richard Wheadon's account meets a real need. But it does much more than that; it leaves the reader with a feeling of reassurance that all is well at the College, that academic achievement is blossoming and that sporting achievement has already blossomed and is indeed in full flower.

If one stands back from the detail the overall impression is of change, rapid in the 1960s and perhaps about to gain new momentum as a result of information technology. That change over the 25 years under review is striking enough, particularly perhaps in musical achievement but if, as I am, one is unfortunate enough to be able to look at a 70 year span the College of today, apart from the main building, is virtually unrecognisable.

Firstly in size: 200 boys in 1929, nearly 700 now, and over 2500 boys passed through College during Richard Wheadon's 17 years as Principal as opposed to the 808 that separated my father (3138) from myself (3946), a period of 23 years.

Secondly in atmosphere: masters were a breed apart, the disciplinarians seen as a challenge, to be outwitted if at all possible, those who could not keep order given no mercy and reduced to impotent rage. Only in the sixth form when one was faced with the impending need to pass important exams did relationships become civilised. And there were many other striking differences. In 1972 there is mention of dances held with girls from Ladies' College, Blanchelande and the Girls' Grammar; in the 1930s Ladies' College girls were marched to the Town Church in a crocodile via back streets in order not to pass the College. Cars are of course now commonplace but in the thirties one could not drive to any College function nor even accept a lift in another boy's car as I and four others found to our cost. For breaking this somewhat obscure rule of which none of us were even aware we were

caned by Francis Hardy, or Felix as we knew him. The day set aside for punishment happened to be a Corps day and Felix decided he could not cane me whilst I was wearing the King's Uniform. I therefore had the slow march and the muffled drums all to myself the next day.

One of the most striking changes is the evident importance accorded Moral, Religious and Social Education. Mention is made of Pastoral care (something I had previously thought was exercised by Bishops) and of a good lady giving short courses in counselling to members of the College staff. In the 1930s moral and social education was very much the preserve of parents and counselling, that amazing new industry, was still a good 50 years in the future.

In all these differences I was delighted to find one similarity on page 100, where reference is made to Life Skills. On my leaving College in 1938 the Principal's wife, a lovely old number known to us all as Ma Hardy, gave me a few words of advice. She said "now Peter, don't get taken in by all those nude women in nightclubs, they're not nude really, they're all wearing body stockings". Buttressed by this faulty intelligence, no doubt vouchsafed her by Felix, I felt ready to face the rigours of the adult world.

It would be nice for the sake of symmetry to be able to round off this foreword by offering some advice. As I can think of nothing that would be either acceptable or appropriate I will content myself by congratulating Richard Wheadon on his years of stewardship and by thanking him on my own behalf, and I am sure on behalf of all OEs, for his production of this excellent record.

Peter Leaden

PART 1

Elizabeth College

From 1963 until 1988.

by R. A. Wheadon, M.A.

The Elizabeth College Register Volume III 1911 - 1939 contains statements of College history by Dr. Francis Hardy (the period 1924 - 1939) and by The Rev.W.H.G.Milnes (the period 1939 - 1951). In 1963 on the occasion of the Quatercentenary of the founding of the College a summary of events in the life of Elizabeth College during the previous 400 years compiled and written by Mr.V.G.Collenette was published. Mr Collenette later wrote “Elizabeth College in Exile 1940 - 1945” covering that period when the College was evacuated to England.

This year-by-year record of outstanding achievements and events in the life of the College together with its plans and hopes for the future – some realised, some not – is intended to give an impression of the College’s progress and character over the years. In the Island over the same period there was a gradual recovery from the austerity and privations of the immediately post-war years. This was followed later by the severe reduction in the growing industry in 1973 brought about by a sudden worldwide increase in the cost of oil. Then came the boom of the offshore finance industry. Inevitably these events and others influenced and changed society in Guernsey. The methods and atmosphere of the College changed too as reflected in this account but the continued endeavour to find some success for every boy within it and to inculcate the highest standards did not.

The Masters made daily contribution to the work and success of the school but a routine identification of individuals from among their strength could be invidious – not least where an inadvertent omission might be taken as a slight. To diminish this risk the identification by name of members of College staff has been kept to a minimum. On the other hand boys who gained worthy distinction have been named unhesitatingly because a school exists for its pupils and rejoices in their success.

However it would be impossible to include details of every event and achievement year by year and the prerogative of the writer has been exercised in selecting for mention those salient features which contribute valuably to the overall collage. Some annual events are not mentioned every year but the fact of their seeming reappearance some years after their last mention should imply not so much their resumption as their continuation. What do not appear here are those

alternative accounts which every boy could give (and many Masters too) of how things were – the tragedies and hilarities which punctuate and personalise these years for them.

In order to put into perspective the achievements of the College from 1963 onwards it may help to be mindful of the great disruption sustained by the College as a result of its removal to England during the Second World War and of salient events thereafter which affected the College. What follows therefore summarises the landmarks of those years during which first the Rev. Milnes and then Mr John Day put in place measures to bring the College's academic performance up to the level of English Public Schools.

Responsibility for the evacuation of the College to England following the outbreak of the Second World War and for its care in the years which followed fell upon the Rev. Milnes who arranged accommodation for the College near Buxton in Derbyshire. The Senior Department of some 90 boys was housed at Whitehall three miles outside Buxton and the Junior Department of about 60 boys was 12 miles away at Great Hucklow. There can be no doubt that all those who were involved with the College in exile knew a time from which grew many lifelong friendships.

In 1945 the Rev. Milnes brought the College back to Guernsey and was faced with "problems almost as great as the evacuation" (his words) not least arising from the fact that the College buildings had been used as headquarters first by the German Army and then by the British and as a result were in need of considerable refurbishment. The College had almost to begin again. The next years saw the College rapidly increasing in numbers while simultaneously re-equipping itself.

The estate of "Beechwood" in Queen's Road was provided for the College by the States of Guernsey in 1948 to supply accommodation for Remove and Divisions I, II and III of the Lower School, a Boarding House for younger boys and additional playing fields.

In 1950 the States of Guernsey bought the Grange Club in Upland Road for use by the College. In the same year the Old Elizabethan Association procured land at Footes Lane augmented by a gift from Mr Lindsay Young of a further 2.5 verges which after draining and levelling would provide the College with further essential playing fields.

In January 1954 the Rev. Milnes alluding to his increasing ill-health derivative of the anxieties and stresses of the war years told the Board of his wish to retire in his 60th year, 1957.

The Vice-Principal Major W.C.F.Caldwell acted as Principal in November 1954 while the Rev. Milnes made a good recovery after a period in hospital.

During 1955 discussions took place between Rev. Milnes and Sir

John Leale with a view to setting up a “block” grant which would provide the College with a new degree of financial independence.

The States of Guernsey acquired The People’s Palace between the Ozanne Building and the Rue des Freres in 1956 for use by the College.

In November of 1956 the Board of Directors drew up a timetable for the identification of a suitable successor to the Rev. Milnes with the intention of making an appointment by June of 1957.

The Rev. Milnes had worked to a plan in which the first stage was to re-establish a corporate identity for the College back in Guernsey and an esprit de corps for the boys within it. His next aim was to raise the standard of the College’s academic facilities and hence to lift levels of academic achievement. The provision of a new laboratory block was part of that plan.

On 10th and 11th December 1956 Sir Graham Savage who was Secretary and Assessor of the Industrial Fund visited the College to evaluate its suitability as a recipient of a donation from the Industrial Fund to assist in the building of science laboratories (opened in 1959 and called the Milnes Laboratories).

In the Michaelmas of 1957 the Rev. Milnes was again unwell for a period indeed he was on sick leave until 31st January 1958 so during the latter part of the Michaelmas term the College was in the care of the Vice Principal, Mr H.J.Thompson.

On 1st January 1958 John King Day assumed responsibility as Principal of Elizabeth College. He saw as his task the lifting of academic standards in the College to those prevailing in English Public Schools.

In February the Board of Directors agreed that he should take on two extra Masters one to teach Mathematics and the other Modern Languages and their presence from the following September would enable boys in each year group to be taught in 3 sets of twenty instead of 2 classes of thirty as then existed. Thus whereas the College with a two-form entry had an upper and a lower stream for all subjects it would instead be possible from September 1958 to place a boy in one of three sets for each subject according to his ability in each of English, of French, of Latin and of Mathematics. Thus a boy could be in the top Mathematics set and the bottom English set. In educational terms this made better sense and was in line with current practice in the English mainland.

In his report for the academic year 1957-58 at the start of which there were 510 boys in the school Mr Day recorded that :

“We have won no Open or Closed Scholarships to the Universities and we have no one going up to Oxford or Cambridge. We have had difficulty in getting three boys into provincial universities where standards are nearly as high as at

Oxford and Cambridge. In 1957 we gained 2 passes at 'S' Level, 51 at 'A' Level and 323 at 'O' level."

In remedy of this from the start of Michaelmas Term 1958 Mr Day envisaged three rates of progress up the school from the age of 11+ with the most able boys taking 4 years to GCE 'O' level while others took 5 years (a standard rate of progress) and yet others who needed more time would spend a sixth year in a Remove form from which they would take their first public exams.

The College was however enjoying much success on the sports field and in football as well as defeating Victoria College the First XI beat Lancing College, Westminster School and Chigwell School. In Athletics the College again beat Victoria albeit by a narrow margin. During that match the record for the 110 yards hurdles was lowered to 14.4 seconds. In cricket the First XI won every school match and were undefeated in all others including a fixture against St. Luke's College, Exeter. At Bisley the Shooting VIII were placed second in the Ashburton Shield competition.

Of the College Scout troop Mr Day wrote :

"The Scouts must be the envy of every school which has a troop. This year with a total of 71 we have 31 First Class, 18 Scout Cords and 8 Queen's Scouts. At the world Jamboree eight were chosen to form part of the Guernsey contingent. M.J. English the senior prefect was appointed Troop Leader for the Channel Islands and was selected to lead all U.K. Scouts at the Queen's parade."

The CCF at that time boasted not only successful Army and RAF sections but also a Band which included a Fife section. At the Upper School boys were learning to play a variety of musical instruments provided by the College and the orchestra was growing in size and enthusiasm as a result.

Mr Day observed that the main College building although undoubtedly splendid was not planned to cater for the numbers which now had to use it. There was a large waiting list for the Boarding House but the provision for it in the main College building continued to need improvement and extension which it was to receive one year later in 1959/60 with the building of a two-storied dormitory block with washing facilities and studies to the West of the Principal's House. Furthermore the pressure of numbers generally was such that some structural modifications would be needed to enable the planned working in smaller sets to begin in Michaelmas 1958.

On 6th May 1959 the Milnes Laboratories were opened. The achievement of these urgently-needed laboratories, lecture theatre and science

library had been made possible by a £21,400 donation from the Industrial Fund set up by British Industry which Fund had already given over £3M towards similar developments at Public Schools in Britain. The Industrial Fund also provided £1,700 to help equip the new laboratories. A further £3,500 had accrued from private subscription of which £1,000 came from the United Kingdom. Mr Day emphasised that the national wealth from which the British people found this money was not derivative of the material resources of the land but had come rather from ‘knowing how’ and he urged that Guernsey boys should look to achieve the same ‘know how’.

In June 1959 Old Elizabethan 2894 Gibson Fleming set up the Gibson Fleming Scholarship Trust to enable Old Elizabethans and Guernsey men resident outside Guernsey to send their sons as boarders to Elizabeth College. At the outset this afforded £75 per year as a boarding scholarship which could be held for four or five years. Hence when the scheme was fully functional there could be four or five resident scholars concurrently. It was Gibson-Fleming’s hope that other benefactors would add to the Trust Fund.

In his 1959 Speech Day report Mr Day sought to encourage a greater sense of urgency in the families of boys currently attending the College. He pointed to the Monday to Saturday regimen for day boys which obtained at that time at Gresham’s School where until lately he had been a housemaster : starting at 8.15.a.m. it ended for most at 9.30.p.m. and for prefects at 10.15.p.m. While he realised that such a timetable was not possible at Elizabeth College because refectory resources were not available neither were the necessary study facilities he hoped to indicate the dedication required of College boys if they were to compete successfully with their counterparts from English Public Schools.

In order to raise the levels of academic achievement in the College Mr Day now proposed a new curriculum to be introduced in Michaelmas 1959 which incorporated the three-form system of setting by subject-specific ability which he detailed in his report of 1958/59 and which is mentioned above. Furthermore boys in Fifth Form who had gained good passes in GCE at ‘O’ level in English Language, Elementary Mathematics, one foreign language and another subject (or three other subjects) would qualify for Sixth Form status.

However boys wishing to study Science in the Sixth Form would remain in the Fifth Form for a further year working for Additional Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology and first-year ‘A’ level English. Similar demands were not made of those seeking to study Arts subjects in Sixth Form who were allowed to proceed directly following the completion of their GCE ‘O’ level examinations.

The new curriculum extended the Sixth Form so that after the first two years spent preparing for and then taking ‘A’ Level would follow, for those sufficiently able, a third year in which to prepare for Special Papers (later

known as 'S' Level) and a fourth year for boys working for Awards or places at Oxford or at Cambridge.

Mr Day also made it clear that he would 'tighten up' methods of entry to the College so as to exclude those whose ability or basic education were inadequate. Furthermore he would superannuate any pupils who were unsuitable for promotion after two years in Remove or in Fifth Form.

On the domestic front Mr Day announced that from September 1959 the number of day-boy houses would be reduced from five to three, thereby increasing their size so as to make them more effectively competitive in games against School House.

If this was the 'Spring' of his term of office then in 1959 the new growth which appeared metaphorically speaking was encouragingly good because there were 9 passes at GCE 'S' level compared with 2 and 1 in previous years and 70 at 'A' level compared with 51 and 61 so that the total of 79 was seen as the best in the history of the College. Similarly at 'O' level 395 passes compared with 302 and 286 in the immediately preceding years. That was not all. By the close of the year P.W.M.Cogman had been awarded an Open Scholarship to read Modern Languages at Pembroke College, Cambridge and R.P.Giffard was awarded both a King Charles Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Exeter College, Oxford and an English Electric Scholarship. Both boys were Guernseymen who started at Lower School. A further thirteen boys gained places at other universities and colleges of advanced technology and their educational origins were well distributed between boarders, fee paying and maintained day-boys. Thus 1959 was an encouraging year at Elizabeth College during which its new Principal laid curricular foundations for future progress.

Because the events up to this point saw the establishment of many features of post-war Elizabeth College which survive to this day it has seemed fitting to include information about them. Similarly Mr Day's curriculum which stayed in place almost to the end of his term of office was of great significance. The academic results of 1959 will serve as a datum for future years. They were unusually good results for the College at that time. Such good years arise from the simultaneous conjunction of a variety of favourable factors.

Thoughtful reading of the details of Mr Day's new curriculum may explain why in his report of the academic year 1960/61 writing about the fall in overall numbers during the year he remarks : " It has occurred in two places, at the top of the Sixth Form where the number of 19 and 20 year old pupils has fallen ..." ! So it is interesting to reflect upon the presence at the top of the College's student body of men by today's standards although at that time the age of majority was still 21 years.

On account of the introduction of the new curriculum Mr Day had thought it wise to invite a body of independent assessors to evaluate this aspect

of the College's work and render a report which would be confidential to the Board of Directors, the Principal and a certain few others. On the initiative of the Principal therefore and by invitation of the Board of Directors the College received a visit from some members of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools in October of 1960.

At that time such a visit cost approximately £1 per head for every boy in the College which was seen as no small price. However the ensuing report confirmed that the new curriculum was sound; it made a number of helpful suggestions for further improvement which were adopted and it encouraged the idea that many more boys from the College should be proceeding to higher education than was presently the case.

The panel of HMI was critical of the conditions under which arts subjects were being taught in Sixth Form but impressed by the work that was being done in spite of these adverse conditions. In blunt terms Sixth Form arts subjects deserved working conditions comparable to those provided for Sixth Form science students working in the new Milnes Laboratories.

In his Speech Day address of 1961 Mr Day had sought to raise £50,000, half with the help of the Old Elizabethan Association and half from parents and other possible benefactors. One year later and only about 10% of the money had been raised consequently new Biology, Geography, Music and Handicraft rooms could not be built.

At the end of Trinity term Mr H.J.Thompson, the College Vice-Principal retired after 35 years as a Master. He joined the College in 1926 to teach Mathematics which he did outstandingly well. He was also effective on the games field and with athletics. He was of enormous help during the evacuation to and at White Hall. He managed the timetable, examination entries and careers advice. In Mr Day's own words : 'I cannot doubt that his greatest work has been as Vice-Principal and as Acting Principal in 1957' when the Revd. Milnes was unwell.

Mr Day in his report of the academic year 1961/62 reviewed academic performance four years after the introduction of the system of setting boys by subject-specific ability. He was able to show that whereas in 1958 50 boys were annually failing Elementary Maths at 'O' level by 1961 that number had fallen to 20 boys. On the other hand he placed the pass rates at 'A' level at 2 Science 'A' levels per boy and 1 arts 'A' level per boy which he saw as in poor comparison with the performance of sixth formers in English public schools where each candidate gained 3 'A' level passes. At 'O' level the story was similar with Elizabeth College boys achieving between 5 & 6 passes each compared with between 7 & 8 obtained by their English counterparts. Mr Day attributed these shortfalls in College performance to boys' inadequate use of reading skills for as soon as their further progress depended upon the boys own reading, progress 'dries up' as he put it.

In other areas levels of achievement were almost exhilarating and the cricket XI was acclaimed the best bowling and fielding side since the war and Victoria College was vanquished in all annual matches except football and shooting. The scouts were very successful : they held 4 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards and four scouts gained their Queen's Scouts badges.

During the year thanks to the Old Elizabethan Association the cricket table at College Field was re-levelled and sown and new areas of the Memorial Field were made available for use by the College.

In July of 1962 came the very sad news of the death of the Reverend W.H.G.Milnes. The following obituary notice appeared in the Elizabethan Magazine :

WILLIAM HENRY GOODENOUGH MILNES

Henry Milnes was appointed Principal to succeed Dr. Francis Hardy in the Michaelmas Term 1939. He had had a distinguished career in the Air Force in the First World War winning the Military Cross. After the war he went to Worcester College, Oxford, where he took a degree in Engineering and History. He was first a House Master at St. Peter's, York, and then Chaplain at Uppingham School. At the time of his appointment the Nazi threat was growing, and by the time term started war had begun. The problems facing a new Principal were very great, including a sudden increase in numbers and all the war-time restrictions and difficulties. By the summer of 1940 it became clear that the island was in danger and that momentous decisions had to be taken.

The story of the evacuation and exile have been told in Mr Collenette's admirable little book. Here it is enough to

say that the College maintained its existence throughout the war years. The shape and working of the school underwent

great changes, but our old continuing traditions were maintained. Those who experienced the great adventure will

always feel that it has been one of the great formative influences of their lives, bringing out all the qualities of toughness, initiative and improvisation. They will never forget their great leader in these years of challenge.

The return to Guernsey presented a whole series of new problems. A great programme of reconstruction and

expansion had to be undertaken. Year by year Henry Milnes was able to announce new growth. In the post-war years were added the new Lower School at Beechwood, the Library Block and the new Science Laboratory as well as the Memorial Field, the Squash Court and the Hard Tennis Court. These tangible memorials to his energy are, however, only part of his great work in building up the life of the College.

Henry Milnes was a man of great physical strength and it came as a shock when he began to suffer repeated setbacks to his health. His courage carried him through and he seemed at the height of his powers at the time of the memorable visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh in July 1957. Nevertheless Henry Milnes had already decided to retire in April 1958. He had planned to spend his retirement with his beloved wife in a house he was having built - La Corbiere - in North Devon, overlooking a wide estuary. In the summer holidays of 1957 he camped out near his new home. While there he suffered a severe heart attack. He recovered slowly, but all thoughts of a return to his duties in Guernsey had to be abandoned. His health improved; he made a beautiful garden; helped with the local ministry; and was delighted to receive visits from his old boys and his colleagues. This year came the news of another attack and his sudden death. What were his qualities? Obviously courage, faith and devotion. His religion was broad, philosophical and deep. To him the little chapel at Whitehall and the services in St. James were the central part of the school life. He was a great disciplinarian, but although boys feared his wrath they never feared him - they looked upon him as a great friend to whom they could turn in need. He was a great gentleman.

In these last years Mrs. Milnes, with the fear of what has happened always present in her mind, has devoted herself to the care of him and to building up for him a life of peace and love. Our deep sympathy goes to her and to Elizabeth and Richard.

F. G. M.

Another sadness ended 1962 for Elizabeth College for on 27th December O.E.2894 Edward Gibson Fleming, J.P. died in Winchester after many years of failing health borne with great courage and cheerfulness. He was at that time probably the most generous private benefactor in the history of the College. It was his beneficence which in 1959 established the Gibson Fleming Scholarship Trust as he said "my object is to attract to the College boys who through connection with the Channel Islands are not imbued with the somewhat insular outlook of those who have always or mainly lived in those islands."

This account so far has now established the foundations essential for an appreciation of the College's history in the years beginning with 1963.

1963

Academic Achievements

The 'A' level results for 1963 showed 104 passes (compared with the previous best of 79 in 1959). In Special papers there were 6 passes with distinction and 7 with merit. At 'O' level however the 285 passes fell far short of the 414 recorded for 1962 an outcome which was as disappointing as it was puzzling.

At the start of the academic year 1963/64 two Elizabethans entered the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst to join another already there, one entered Britannia Royal Naval College at Dartmouth where was already another and one entered the Royal Air Force College Cranwell.

At the end of 1963 and early in 1964 came news of awards and places gained at Oxford and at Cambridge by College boys : P.R.Harris was awarded a King Charles Exhibition at Exeter College Oxford, to read Natural Science while N.A.McMahon and R.J.Chaciewicz (5164 – see 1986, Personalia, under Hamilton) gained places at Pembroke College, Cambridge to read Modern Languages. Eleven others proceeded to universities and a further six to places of higher and further education.

As has already been remarked 1959 was outstanding in the number of College boys proceeding to places of further and higher education. All did well but particular note is made of four all of whom gained first class honours degrees : P.W.M.Cogman in Modern Languages at Pembroke College, Cambridge where he received the Kilby Prize for the best performance at that College that year; R.P.Giffard in Physics and I.N.McCave in Geology, both at Oxford and N.J.Martel in Civil Engineering at Imperial College London.

Buildings and Resources

It is noted that there were then 700 books in College Library.

College Occasions

The year 1963 was particular for the College because the 25th May of that year was the four hundredth anniversary of the signing by Queen Elizabeth the First of the Royal Letters Patent commanding the foundation of the College in Guernsey.

On 9th May Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother arrived by tender from the Royal Yacht Britannia at the White Rock where she inspected a Guard of Honour found by the R.A.F. Section of the CCF She later inspected a full Royal Guard of Honour of 100 Army Cadets paraded with Drums and Bugles on the esplanade near the Town Church and commanded by the Contingent Commander Lt. Col. G.N.A.Curtis.

However on Friday 10th May the College was greatly honoured by a visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother who by her presence celebrated the Quatercentenary of the foundation of the College in Guernsey by Queen Elizabeth the First. The sun shone as Her Majesty was welcomed at the College main gates by the College Visitor the Bishop of Winchester, by the Chairman of the Board of Directors the Dean of Guernsey and by the Principal. A fanfare sounded from the battlements of the College main building as Her Majesty's Standard was broken on the mast of the College main tower. Her Majesty then proceeded through the ranks of the school in the presence of Old

Elizabethans, parents and other guests to the College steps. Where after a short service which concluded with a Blessing given by the Bishop of Winchester, Her Majesty received a Loyal Address given by the Senior Prefect, P.V.Sarre which concluded with the words :

“We take great pride in this Royal College of Queen Elizabeth, and we hope that when you have seen it and us Your Majesty will know that we are demonstrating our gratitude by the use we are making of it.”

Her Majesty then received from the Senior Prefect a silver brooch of the Tudor arms; from R. Coupe representing the Junior School, recordings of the College Carol Service and the College performance of the Beggar’s Opera and from N.P. de la Rue, the youngest boy in the School and representing the Lower School, an Elizabethan Rose which Her Majesty thereupon pinned to her coat.

Her Majesty then gave an address which concluding with these words :

“I congratulate you on this historic occasion. May the future of Elizabeth College be even more distinguished than its splendid past. Floreat Collegium.”

To this the Principal replied :

“May it please Your Majesty, this is a great day in the history of the College. To all of us your gracious and encouraging words will be a lasting inspiration and incentive, as indeed your example has been to those of my own generation throughout our working lives. Thank you , Your Majesty.”

Her Majesty then proceeded to College Hall where she signed the Visitor’s Book. Then were presented the Directors, Mrs Day, the Vice-Principal, several members of staff, the Bursar and Mrs Barnes and Mr C.A.Roussel (Hon. Treasurer of the Old Elizabethan Association).

There then began a tour of the College including the old gymnasium where Her Majesty met the staff and boys of the Lower School. Her Majesty took sherry with the Prefects and talked to members of the Sixth Form on the lawn outside the Milnes Laboratories. So her tour ended where the College had begun 400 years previously : she departed through the gateway into the Rue des Frères.

Some 45 minutes later Her Majesty left Guernsey by a helicopter of The Queen’s Flight from College Field where was assembled the whole College to wave goodbye.

From 23rd - 25th May in the New Theatre Ballroom was

presented the Quatercentenary Pageant. In a matter of three hours was told in four parts Elizabeth College's four hundred years history : a dramatisation of the founding; the ensuing years; the College in Exile during the second World War; finally, contemporary College.

In celebration of the Quatercentenary of the Founding of the College on 25th May the Bailiff, Sir William Arnold and the Jurats of the Royal Court processed from the Royal Court House to join the College in a Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication in the Church of St.James the Less, followed by Senior School Prizegiving at which the Royal Court was present and at which the Bailiff as the principal guest presented the prizes on the Lower Lawn by the Milnes Laboratories. As the Principal pointed out in his speech this must have been close to the spot where Dr. Adrian Saravia, first Master of the College had met the then Bailiff and Jurats of the Royal Court to receive the friary building as the first College.

At the end of his Annual Report on the state of the College in the academic year 1962/63 the Principal remarked : "In conclusion I wish to place on record the excellent relations which exist between the Education Council and the Board of Directors and the Education Officer and myself."

In the evening of that same day a most successful College Dance was held in St.George's Hall.

Because of the size of the College (now 516 pupils) it was decided Speech Day and Prizegiving for all College prizes not dependent upon the Summer examinations should take place on Foundress's Day, the remainder of the prizes and trophies to be presented at the end of Trinity Term. The Lower School would from 1963 onwards have its own prizegiving.

In 1963 and for the first time the Eastern Division of the Headmasters' Conference of which Elizabeth College was in 1870 one of the founder members held their residential summer meeting at Elizabeth College. This was not to occur again for 25 years.

Curriculum

The Quatercentery term was marked by the replacement of the black College ties which had been part of College uniform since 1908 with coloured House ties and colours ties.

Drama and Music

Seen as the most ambitious production so far attempted by the College "The Beggars' Opera" was presented in College Hall from 18th-23rd February as part of a decision to celebrate the Quatercentenary Year with an outstanding event each term.

The Shakespearean Society in their production of "The Taming of the Shrew" provided a notable, amusing even bombastic occasion wherewith to

celebrate the Quatercentenary Year towards the close of the Michaelmas Term.

Also notable is that in the Guernsey Eisteddfod the Elizabeth College Choral Society was awarded a First Class Certificate.

Games and Athletics

It was in this academic year that a lawn tennis fixture against Victoria College was instituted.

Old Elizabethan Association Gifts

To mark the Quatercentenary of the College the Old Elizabethan Association had a pavilion built at Memorial Field thereby raising the effective status of that area from that of a College Field overflow to playing fields worthy of the name.

Personalia

In memory of the Rev. Milnes the Masters of the College presented a pair of fine wrought iron gates hung at the Rue des Freres entrance to the College.

1964

Academic Achievements

In Trinity Term there were 509 boys in College and while at 'A' level the pass rate rose a little to 127 with 4 distinctions and 11 passes with merit in Special Papers, at 'O' level 302, although an improvement on 1963, remained disappointing. Seventeen members of the Sixth Form gained places to follow degree courses.

Buildings and Resources

Because of a proposal by the Board of Health to use the buildings at the Corbinerie as a home for the elderly the College withdrew its application for their use by the Lower School as it considered that site more in keeping with the terms of The Revd. Mignot's will. Consequently the College became reconciled to its continued use of the restricted Beechwood site.

Michaelmas Term opened with a total of 524 boys in College. Form 1 of the Upper School was moved to Beechwood - an arrangement enabled at last by the provision there of additional hatted classrooms for Lower School where the total number of pupils was 110.

Work began on the demolition of Chestnut Hall by the Rue des Freres to make way for a much-needed new block.

Curriculum

“The Rosette” a Junior Department newspaper printed by the Guernsey Press came into being in the Michaelmas term.

Drama and Music

The St.James Choir sang an anthem each Sunday in term time. The trebles of the College Choir joined the Guernsey Choral Society in performances of Bach’s St.Matthew Passion given at Ebenezer Brock Road Methodist Church and in the Basilique Sainte Trinité, Cherbourg.

At the 92nd Annual Concert the Choral Society filled the first half of the programme with a performance of Alan Bush’s “The Ferryman’s Daughter”.

The Shakespearean Society successfully performed “Captain Brassbound’s Conversion” by George Bernard Shaw.

Games and Athletics

The College XI beat Victoria College at home (3-1) and away (5-3) in soccer fixtures.

Towards the end of the Trinity Term a new 100 yards shooting range was opened at Fort Le Marchant. At Bisley the College VIII placed third in the “Country Life” competition. Their score in the Landscape section placed them second and was the highest ever made by a College VIII.

Service Training

Early in the Lent Term to commemorate the 60th Anniversary Parade held on 28th June 1962 the CCF received from His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Robson, the Inspecting Officer of that parade, a carved oak scroll bearing the word “ALACRITAS” which he asked should be adopted as its motto in recognition of the keenness displayed by its personnel.

A new scheme for the CCF came into operation imposing a maximum establishment of 150 Army and 35 R.A.F. cadets in the Contingent. The minimum age of entry had been fixed at 14 years (younger cadets may engage in pre-CCF training but no uniform grant is received for them). The overall effect had been to reduce by 87 the number eligible for grant. A selection of Cadets who had served for over 3 years were retired.

1965

Academic Achievements

A.K.Coughlan was awarded a King Charles 1st Scholarship at Exeter College, Oxford. R.A.Perrot gained a scholarship to the Royal Military

College of Science at Shrivenhan. K.M.Redford who had a Royal Navy Scholarship gained a place at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. D.P.L.Hodgetts was accepted for entry to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. R.H.Goodall and A.J.Tracey were accepted for entry to the Royal Air Force College Cranwell. Two boys achieved Gold standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

At 'A' level the number of passes at 129 was steady compared with 1964 while at 'O' Level there was at last a resumption of a more satisfactory pass rate of 402.

Michaelmas Term opened with 509 boys enrolled of whom 103 were at Lower School. Only 9 of Trinity term's leavers were taking up places at universities at that time.

By the end of the year it was known that a higher number than ever before had been accepted unconditionally at universities to start their degree courses in the Autumn of 1966. At Oxford and Cambridge : I. Maxwell was awarded a King Charles 1st Scholarship to read Metallurgy at Pembroke College, Oxford and K.H.Tough was awarded an open Exhibition to read History at St.Catherine's College, Cambridge while five others were offered places as follows : P.Brock to read Mathematics at Exeter College, Oxford; G.D.Pay to read Mechanical Sciences at Magdalen College, Cambridge; N.A.Spensley to read Modern Languages at Pembroke College, Cambridge; G.R.Tubby to read Mechanical Sciences at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge; J.N.van Leuven to read Geography at Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

College Occasions

All but the Lower School attended the Foundress's Day Service in the church of St.James-the-Less conducted by the Chaplain at which the Visitor, the Bishop of Winchester gave the Blessing.

At the prizegiving in College Hall immediately afterwards and following the Principal's Report the Visitor distributed the prizes to the prizewinners. There then followed the formal opening of the new Winchester Building by the Visitor at which were also present among many others the architect Mr John Kemp, Mr Jack Norman representing the Guernsey Contractors who were responsible for the construction work.

The Bishop of Winchester first read the prayer which had been said at the laying of the foundation stone of the main building in 1826 and then he said :

"I dedicate this building to the glory of God, for the advancement of knowledge, the discovery of truth and the appreciation of beauty."

The ground floor of the new building provided two large rooms :

one for handicrafts, principally woodwork and the other for music. Adjacent to the music room were provided three music practice rooms. On the first floor a further two rooms were equipped for the teaching of Geography and Biology. The four large rooms all included generous storage space, especially a wood store for the handicraft room. In the basement still under construction was a miniature shooting range.

The Winchester Building is on the site of the first buildings which formed part of the College premises at its foundation in 1563. The arch which formed part of the old College is incorporated in truncated form in the new building on the side adjacent to College Street.

Curriculum

A new 'A' level course in Economics was introduced to the Sixth Form curriculum.

Drama and Music

Towards the end of Michaelmas Term the Shakespearean Society successfully performed King Henry IV, Part 1.

1966

Academic Achievements

At 'A' level only 86 subject passes were registered while at 'O' level the rate was steady at 404. There were 489 boys in the school at the end of Trinity Term.

Nineteen Elizabethans entered universities including the seven previously mentioned as going to Oxford or to Cambridge. A further six started at Colleges of Higher Education. The Principal saw these figures as encouraging but not yet sufficient. In his estimate having in mind available UCCA statistics, Elizabeth College should be sending at least 25 pupils per year to university.

Curriculum

With the start of the new academic year there were 532 boys in the school. For the first time School House ceased to have the Principal as Housemaster and Mr V.G.Collenette took up that appointment.

On the academic front the involvement of the Science Department as a trial School for the Nuffield Science Teaching Project in Physical Science at 'A' level was begun. This amalgamation of Physics and Chemistry into one joint discipline offered the advantage of allowing boys to offer double Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry in the form of Physical Science as three

subjects for examination at ‘A’ level at one sitting. This curriculum being of particular value to aspirant engineers and others wishing to accompany a study of Mathematics with Biology as well as Physical Science. Equally it enabled those wishing to engage in the study of mixed disciplines across the Arts/Science divide to do so within the confines of three subjects.

In his Annual Report for the year 1965/1966 the Principal referred to the continuing co-operation enjoyed by the College in its working with the Education Council and saw this as offering benefit to the Island as well as to Elizabeth College. In particular he referred to the need to collect together from all relevant schools those few pupils from each wishing to study a minority ‘A’ level subject in order to provide a course in say German, Russian or Spanish which without such amalgamation could not proceed in any one school alone on the grounds of unreasonable expense.

Drama and Music

The College production of ‘Journey’s End’ by R.C.Sheriff mounted by the Shakespearean Society was hailed as a resounding success with a fine set produced by the Pioneers and impressive battlefield sound effects produced in house using authentic recorded material. The actors aided by these means provided a convincing depiction of the reactions of officers and men to the circumstances surrounding troops in the trenches near St.Quentin in March 1918.

For the first time for many years the Savoy Operas made a return to the College stage with a production of ‘The Mikado’ which was so successful as to merit a long-playing record being made.

The College Choir continued to provide high standards of singing often heard on BBC South and West as well as at the Carol service in St.James-the-Less.

Personalia

In Her Majesty the Queen’s New Year’s Honours List the Dean, The Very Reverend Canon E.L. Frossard, Chairman of the College Board of Directors, was awarded the C.B.E.

Service Training

After sixteen years in office Lieutenant Colonel G.N.A.Curtis retired in July as Contingent Commander and as the Principal observed in his Annual Report : “Colonel Curtis has never accepted second-best standards, and in consequence the CCF under his command has made its full contribution to the discipline and spirit of the College.” He was succeeded in office by Major B. Freake.

Games and Athletics

At Bisley the VIII placed 8th in the Ashburton Shield competition to Victoria College's 7th and so the Haines Shield went to Victoria College. Three of the Elizabeth College VIII gained places in the Public Schools' hundred. In cricket the XI defeated Victoria College in both matches and in athletics Elizabeth College won the Hutchence Cup.

Sixteen Juniors opened a Gymnastic display in the College Gymnasium at 6.30.p.m. on 3rd December. A visiting team of ten boys from Vauvert School continued the programme with forward rolls on box and beam followed by several good backwards somersaults. A team of Senior boys impressed the audience with their daring and agility. Individual trophies were awarded by age groups to Under-14, Under-16 and to Senior competitors.

Interest in the sport of boxing has waned over the years consequently for the first time for many years no boxing championships were held and were thus discontinued.

1967

Academic Achievements

At the end of the academic year some encouragement was found in the improved 'A' level results compared with last year although at 105 subject passes they were not viewed with any degree of complacency. The 'O' level pass rate had fallen to 368, lower than either of the previous two years.

Michaelmas Term opened with 570 on the roll. Only nine College boys were proceeding to university of whom none to Oxford or to Cambridge. A further six entered Colleges of Higher Education while two boys entered Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth; one the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and two the Royal Air Force College Cranwell. One boy joined the College of Civil Aviation at Hamble. One boy entered Gray's Inn. Finally one boy who left in 1965, J.D.Hodder, won a place at the Royal College of Music.

Buildings and Resources

During the year work continued on the Cottage at the North end of the Winchester building. With frustrating slowness it was converted into a stack of three classrooms with the lowest in the basement on a level with the miniature range and the lower end of the Rue des Frères.

The Boarding House received central heating and the new Housemaster was provided with a small and rather inaccessible flat at the very top of the main College building to accommodate him with his family.

At the Lower School the demand for places made it clear that

either the entry be restricted by raising entry standards or the College must extend the facilities. The Board of Directors decided upon the latter course and erected a prefabricated building on permanent foundations to provide : a hall, a changing room and lavatories, four classrooms, two storerooms and a common room for the masters there. The plan enabled Lower School to offer one form for the seven-years-old entry and two forms each at eight, nine and ten. The new building was intended to be open and available for use from September 1968.

This development was achieved without recourse to the States neither was any benefit from the Block Grant passed on to the Lower School indeed the very generous bequest of H.A.C.Williams (O.E.2329) made it possible. It was the intention of the Board of Directors to treat this bequest as a loan so that it could be used repeatedly to fund necessary projects around the College.

Drama and Music

Before Christmas the Shakespearean Society staged excellent performances of “Julius Caesar” in College Hall.

The College Choir was invited by the Abbé André Chevalier to St.Brieuc to sing at a Service of Christian Unity in the Cathedral there in January and later in the day to give an hour-long recital of English Church music. At the second they were rewarded with a huge audience who gave them a wonderful welcome. Soon after their return they delighted packed houses in College Hall with their spirited singing of ‘The Pirates of Penzance’. Some 1200 people attended the performances.

Games and Athletics

In Soccer the College XI won four including a Victoria Match, drew two and lost three.

Personalia

The Very Revd.Canon E.L.Frossard, C.B.E. resigned his position as Dean of Guernsey and as a result of this ceased to be Chairman of the Board of Directors of Elizabeth College. He was first appointed to the College Board of Directors in March 1923. He served two six-year terms on the Board as a member elected by the States of Guernsey. He became Chairman in 1947 when he was appointed Dean of Guernsey. During the twenty years of his Chairmanship the number of boys in College increased from 320 to 520. To accommodate this growth, the Lower School was moved to Beechwood, the Grange Club in Upland Road was acquired, the Milnes Laboratories and the Winchester Building were built and the dormitory provision at for School House was extended.

In tribute the Principal wrote : “It has been largely due to his influence that our excellent relationship with the Education Council has been made

and maintained. Under his guidance the College has done more for the Island and has come nearer to fulfilling Queen Elizabeth's intention in founding it than ever before in its history. The Island and the College owe him a great debt for his wise and Christian leadership. The College and all who have served the College during these twenty years will remember him with great affection."

Trinity Term saw another retirement : that of Bill Allen in his eightieth year - he had been College Groundsman since 1902. A remarkable length of loyal service to the College. He was elected to Honorary Life Membership of the Old Elizabethan Association.

1968

Academic Achievements

At 'O' level 377 pass grades were achieved - a drop from last year and still viewed as unsatisfactory by national standards. At 'A' level 136 pass grades were gained thereby showing a pleasing increase on the results of a year ago.

Of the pioneer group of 13 boys who followed the new Physical Science Course to 'A' Level all passed but none with grade 'A' or grade 'B'.

The Michaelmas Term opened with 590 boys enrolled of whom 131 were at Lower School. At the universities two boys gained particular distinction : G.Swan who was awarded a King Charles 1st Scholarship at Exeter College, Oxford to read Mathematics and R.D.Coupe elected to a Choral Exhibition at Trinity College, Cambridge while R.Ellison gained a place to read Modern Languages at Pembroke College, Cambridge. Ten others began degree courses at other universities and a further nine started at Colleges of Education or Technology. One boy entered Gray's Inn.

At the Service Colleges, one entered Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth, two joined the Royal Air Force College Cranwell and two started at the College of Aviation at Hamble.

Buildings and Resources

With work on the Cottage at the northern end of the Winchester building now complete the first use of the three new classrooms there was by the Mathematics Department temporarily displaced from the Ozanne Building which was to be internally restructured during the course of the ensuing academic year. The College was able to fund this work with the valuable help of certain parents who were subscribing collectively at an annual rate of £2,130. These injections of capital enabled the College to diminish the size of its borrowings and so to effect savings in interest payments.

On Saturday 13th July the new prefabricated building at Lower School was opened by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Lieutenant General

Sir Charles Coleman. The occasion was the Lower School prizegiving at which Lady Coleman presented the prizes.

In his Annual Report the Principal revealed an alarming situation which had arisen affecting the appointment of new masters. As he explained it was generally accepted at that time that the maximum safe limit of borrowing for house purchase was a sum three times the borrower's annual salary. In Guernsey the cost of controlled houses suitable for a married man was now considerably beyond that figure. Mr Day said that it was for these reasons that during the year he had been unable to appoint a married man. Furthermore restrictions placed upon bachelor accommodation were such as would be considered intolerable in England. Because of this he would be losing a bachelor from the staff next April. These problems which had for some time been acute in Guernsey had now reached crisis.

Curriculum

In the Junior Department names for the three divisions of each year group were instituted : Laud, Morley and Saravia respectively so as to overcome the implicit priority resulting from the use of 1,2 and 3 or a,b and c, etc.

Games and Athletics

It is interesting to note the state of sporting performance during the rest of the academic year. In Hockey the XI was rather good and included among its successes wins against Victoria and the Old Elizabethans. The College Athletics team beat Victoria by 71 points to 32. The College deployed its best squash team to date and engaged in a tour in the English mainland winning all three of their matches. They also vanquished Victoria. Sailing had become accepted onto the official sporting scene and celebrated its arrival by winning the Victoria match 15.5 - 30. Shooting saw the College 'A' VIII win the Staniforth Trophy while the 'B' VIII finished ninth. The R.A.F. section won the Assegai Trophy. At Bisley the VIII were placed sixth in the Ashburton Shield Competition, but Victoria placed fourth and so won the Haines Shield. On the open range in Guernsey they won the Vice-president's bowl from the Old Elizabethans but were defeated by the Guernsey Rifle Club.

Among the cinderella sports remained swimming where although the standard was rising Elizabeth College was beaten in every department except free style in the Victoria match. This situation emphasised the real need for a pool on College premises which facility the Old Elizabethans were now endeavouring to secure for the College.

Old Elizabethan Association Gifts

The Old Elizabethan Swimming Pool Project aimed to raise the £10,000 necessary for the provision of a 25 metre pool to accommodate four lanes

on the site of the old tennis court on the North side of the Gymnasium. The school was set the target of raising £2,000 of the total and set about this task with enthusiasm. There was a news-sheet called 'Splash' to publicise fund-raising events and to record the current total of funds raised. A dinner and cabaret for staff and parents was held in College Hall. A 'Splash Dance' attended by parents, O.Es. and boys was held at the Duke of Richmond Hotel. Boys donated 6d. each per week so that by the end of the Michaelmas Term £180 had been raised in this way. A competition based upon the parable of the talents was set up to see which boy could increase £1 as starting capital by the end of term. One boy achieved £14 by setting up a Gonk factory ! The Lower School ran a Bring and Buy Sale and raised £190. Parents arranged coffee mornings, a jumble sale, a Beetle Drive and a sale of Christmas Decorations, altogether raising £150. By the end of the Lent Term something over £2,200 had been raised and the £2,000 target thus exceeded.

Personalia

At the end of August Canon E.L.Frossard, C.B.E., M.A., died almost exactly a year after relinquishing his office as Dean of Guernsey. The College mourned a great friend.

1969

Academic Achievements

At 'A' level with 149 subject passes there was further improvement the Mathematics results being particularly good. Sadly the 'O' level pass rate was again disappointing and at 366 subject passes showed a drop compared with 1968 figures.

The new academic year started with 604 boys enrolled of which 143 were at Lower School. In addition to the place gained at Pembroke College, Cambridge by R.Ellison and already mentioned, R.A.O.Smals and L. Le R. Strappini took up places to read Law at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. A further 17 boys began university courses while seven boys began courses at Colleges of Art, Education or Technology. One boy entered Gray's Inn. Four boys entered the Service Colleges : one to Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth, two to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and one to the Royal Air Force College Cranwell. Thus more boys than in any previous year were now proceeding to degree courses and former pupils were now graduating with higher honours and in a wider spread of disciplines than ever previously.

Buildings and Resources

The College Carnival held on the first Saturday of Trinity Term was the last and most ambitious of the College's fund-raising activities for the

College Pool. It involved a large proportion of the school. Many weeks of work had gone into its preparation. Over 600 people attended and it showed a profit of over £300. Altogether the College raised over £2,800 for the Old Elizabethan Swimming Pool Project.

The Swimming Pool was completed on time by the start of Trinity Term. It was then possible to proceed with paving and fencing the surrounding area so that it was handed over to the College by Dr. Francis Hardy on behalf of the Old Elizabethan Association on 24th May.

The achievement by the start of the new academic year of the internal reconstruction of the Ozanne Building enabled the Mathematics Department to return home and so vacating the three classrooms in The Cottage but, more particularly, the new basement provided a photographic darkroom, a radioactive laboratory and a project centre. The latter in conjunction with the nearby music room and handicrafts room in the Winchester Building enabled the Creative and Constructive Arts programme to proceed.

The concern which the Principal had expressed in his last Annual Report about the impact of rising house prices on the recruitment of teaching staff led to the utterance of a joint statement by the Board of Directors and the Education Council about the critically dangerous situation which was placing all the schools in the Island in jeopardy. In response the Housing Authority made great efforts and remedied the difficulty confronting bachelor masters but left unsolved the problem of inaccessibly high house prices for the married man although separate action by the States “appears to have stopped the price rise but not to have reversed it.”

Curriculum

The Principal now saw as vindicated the curricular changes which he had instituted in 1959. However he observed that under that scheme less than one-third of all boys learned any Biology; in order to learn German a boy had to relinquish Geography at 13 and History at 14; it was impossible for a boy to study Art or Handicraft in school hours after he was 13. Anxious to remedy these disadvantages and so to ensure that no boy had to make decisive choices before the age of 16 the Principal now introduced certain curricular changes.

The Science Department now reduced from six periods to four the number of periods devoted to Physics and Chemistry hereinafter to be called Physical Science while incorporating in the revealed two periods per week Biological Science. Furthermore these two disciplines : Physical Science and Biological Science were to follow five year courses to ‘O’ Level of the type generated by the Nuffield Science Teaching Project.

In Modern Languages study after the first year some of the time given over to French would become available for the study of a second language, at

this stage German with the chance of Russian becoming an option in the future. Those boys with small aptitude for language would be able to study Geometrical and Engineering Drawing instead of the second foreign modern language.

At the same time a new grouping of subjects under the heading 'Creative and Constructive Arts' was identified these to include Art, Handicrafts and Music. In the timetable this grouping had to be set against Latin much to the Principal's regret there being no discernable alternative.

As the new curriculum was assimilated into the timetable a 'blank' form which for this new academic year was the Fourth Form resulted from allowing those boys who had completed three years on the 1959 pattern to continue with it (in the Fifth Form) and those who had done two years or less to change over to the new scheme. This was facilitated by the re-creation of an entry-level Form I at the Upper School. Forms I and II together made the Junior Department of which Mr.R.C.N.Roussel was appointed master-in-charge.

Drama and Music

The Choir visited Brittany to sing in the Cathedral at Dol the occasion being once again Christian Unity Week. They gave a recital at Parame Parish Church close by St.Malo and another next day at Guingamp. Their final recital was given at the Church of St.Michel at St.Brieuc. Apart from these formal occasions the whole party of boys and masters were received with such hospitality as caused the correspondent in The Elizabethan to remark "we all ate very well, thanks to the generosity of the people of Dinard, who treated us like Royalty".

Despite the short time since the last presentation of "The Beggars' Opera" in the Quatercentenary year 1963 this production was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by its audiences. It is worthy of note that whereas the 1963 production had the support of a five-piece instrumental group this year's performances had a piano accompaniment provided by Stephen Le Prevost later to become Assistant Organist at Ely Cathedral.

The Shakespearean Society performed "The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew" to large and appreciative audiences. As "The Elizabethan" commentator observed '... the producer can be proud of a play which appealed to all age groups, at which everyone laughed, and which was an unqualified success.'

Games and Athletics

At the end of the Michaelmas Term Mr J. Reddish retired after serving the College since 1937 as Football and Cricket coach. His last Cricket season saw the College XI beating Victoria College at home and away with two members of the team scoring centuries for Elizabeth College in the match in Jersey. In his last term the College XI was seen as one of the best ever. It not only defeated Victoria College in both matches but also was unbeaten on its tour in England and

gained a superb victory over Ardingly College at the end of Term. Of him the Principal said : “He has been an Island figure, and though we shall miss him most I am sure that the whole Island will miss him too.”

Service Training

The R.A.F. Section of the CCF won the Assegai Trophy once again.

1970

Academic Achievements

The GCE results showed a surprising reversal of the form of recent years. Thus while the pass rate of 129 at 'A' level showed an unwelcome fall the 'O' level figure at 424 was a gratifying improvement over those of recent years. At 'A' level in the recently-introduced subject of Physical Science 31 passes were recorded and these included those of three girls who had worked with College Sixth Form for two years.

K.J.Le Page was awarded a King Charles Scholarship in Physics at Exeter College, Oxford. He did not take up his place there until Michaelmas 1972.

At the start of the new academic year there were 624 boys attending Elizabeth College of whom 165 were at the Lower School. 16 boys entered University degree courses; a further 6 began degree courses at Polytechnics and 6 pursued HND and DipEd courses at Polytechnics, Technical Colleges and Colleges of Education.

Buildings and Resources

In his Annual Report the Principal took up again the difficulty mentioned in his last report attendant upon the appointment of married Masters brought about chiefly by the high cost of suitable housing. He identified the other big difficulties : the obtaining of a sufficient loan; the affording of repayments at commercial rates of interest; the high cost of basic foods : bread, milk, meat and vegetables compared with the U.K. and the lack of a National Health Service added more to the financial burden than was offset by the lower rate of personal taxation which obtained in Guernsey. Furthermore the housing licences then issued enabling schoolmasters to occupy local market houses expired upon their retirement so necessitating their return to the U.K. with all the attendant removal expenses and the need throughout their stay in Guernsey to maintain contributions to the Ministry of National Insurance in U.K. In the light of this it is not surprising that the Principal, the Education Council and the Guernsey Civil Service were all encountering great difficulty in appointing suitably qualified professional married

men to essential posts in the Island.

The College suffered a severe blow early in the Michaelmas Term with the loss of use of the Church of St.James-the-Less as a College Chapel. As a result of storm damage sustained in the summer added to a slow deterioration which had loosened external woodwork and possibly some internal plaster the building had become dangerous.

The situation regarding religious worship in the College was made more difficult because of being without a Chaplain. The Principal took services for the boarders in College Hall on Sundays, members of the congregation of St.James were welcomed to attend as well and did so loyally. The Rev.Clifford Bozeat generously made Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Chapel available for use by the College for morning assemblies. The end of term Carol Services were accommodated at St.Stephen's Church by the kindness of the Vicar Canon B.H.Kemp.

The College now appraised the effects of losing this facility. The College hall built to accommodate 180 seated could only accept the whole 460 of Upper School provided the majority were standing. College morning assemblies taken under these conditions were a travesty of what had been routinely available in St.James-the-Less. There was now no comparable venue for Speech Days nor for the Carol Service.

The Principal observed in his annual report :

‘Our music, particularly the choral music for which we have a considerable reputation, will clearly suffer disastrously. Such music needs a Church, or a Hall with the resonant characteristics of a church, not only for performance but for practice. If we are to lose St.James permanently an adequate College Hall is a most pressing necessity. As neither the site nor the money is available, providing both will tax the ingenuity of the Board of Directors to the full.’

In contrast at the Lower School the hall in the new building could accommodate Lower School concerts and the first of two Carol Concerts took place there. Nevertheless on account of the popularity of these concerts the second had to be in the Ladies' College Hall where it was attended by an audience of over 500.

Work began on the installation of a 30-booth Cybervox language laboratory at the top of the Upland Road building.

Curriculum

In June in response to the increased pressure for places at the Lower School the Board of Directors decided to establish an additional form for seven-year-olds there. There would in future therefore be vacancies for 36 seven-

year-olds at Lower School. At the Upper School, in addition to candidates successfully passing from Lower School to Upper School, there were vacancies in Form I most of which were taken up by the 26 Special Place holders from Island Primary Schools.

Drama and Music

In recent years the Choir's trip to France during the week of prayer for Christian unity had each year exceeded the last in the scale of its endeavour and the resultant delight shared by the French hosts and their guests. 'This year's French trip,' as The Elizabethan's correspondent put it, 'like all its predecessors, surpassed our wildest ideas in success and enjoyment.' They flew to Dinard, rehearsed in Pleurtuit Parish Church and next day recorded several anthems in Parame Parish Church later making a television recording there. They were received by the Mayor in St.Malo town hall and after dinner gave a recital to a full church at Pleurtuit. A similar recital was delivered to a capacity audience at the modern Church at St.Servan the following evening. Received at a Vin d'Honneur at Rennes town hall they met the Cardinal Archbishop of Rennes and the Bishop of Winchester (the College Visitor). That night the Choir gave a recital in Rennes Cathedral.

Next morning they received Anglican Communion in the chapel of the Collège de St.Vincent in the presence of both the Archbishop and the Bishop then, to quote from The Elizabethan :

'The Pontifical Mass at 10.30. a.m. was an historic event. Apart from singing during the service, we were censed; our priests and bishops were prayed for as equals. However, the most important occurrence was the kiss of peace given by the Cardinal Archbishop to our Bishop, which has only happened once before since the separation of the two churches.'

That afternoon the Choir visited Mont St.Michel and that evening gave a short recital in a suburban church in Rennes. Four days from the start of their trip the Choir flew back to Guernsey from Dinard. What an action-packed experience for all who undertook that wonderful visit! It must have required much imaginative organisation beforehand the burden of which must have fallen on the Director of Music, Mr Eric Waddams. The standard of choral music at the College was then of a high order and all those involved felt a great sense of camaraderie.

Games and Athletics

College won back the Hutchence Cup and came close to winning the annual swimming fixture against Victoria College this latter being significant evidence of the benefits of coaching received in the new College swimming pool.

In shooting the College VIII won the Haines Shield and the R.A.F. Section won the Assegai Trophy for the third year in succession.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

From 14th-21st March a wide variety of events in Town and around the Island were organised as part of 'Rag Week' which raised £127 for the Sarnia Housing Association.

Personalia

After 40 years as a master at Elizabeth College the Vice-Principal, Major F.G. Manchester retired. During that span of years he had contributed to every activity in the College. A Scholar of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge where his subjects were History and Economics he successfully helped many Elizabethans to similar honours in History and Modern Languages at the Senior Universities. He was an enthusiastic cricketer and coach; he ran the 1st XI Hockey team very effectively, coached boys in life-saving, he judged boxing competitions, refereed football matches and was Chief Timekeeper at Athletics Meetings. He was an officer in the O.T.C. before the war and Contingent Commander of the J.T.C after it. As a producer of plays he demanded and got the best from his actors. His bass voice lent power to the Choir and his enthusiasm assisted in the revival of performances of Gilbert and Sullivan operas at the College after the war. He ran the Tuck shop and the examinations; above all he loved being Housemaster of School House : his care for the boarders, his sharing of their hardships and his concern for their morale - his complete and exemplary lack of selfishness made School House a tower of strength at the centre of the College. Following his appointment as Vice-Principal in 1961 he had with very great regret to relinquish his Housemastership. Within the Common Room as Vice-Principal he asked for help from colleagues only if he could not possibly perform the extra work himself. His influence throughout the College was immeasurably great and the College's gratitude to him for his years of service, unbounded.

The Vice-Principal appointed by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Principal was Mr W.W.M. Cooper Head of Classics and erstwhile Housemaster of New House.

Service Training

A reorganisation of the CCF took place : membership became voluntary there being a choice extended to boys joining Fourth Form either to join CCF or to enter the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. With this reorganisation came the return of Life Saving courses available to boys engaged in either activity. After three years in either CCF or D of E a boy was free to transfer to Social

Service work under the auspices of the Island Insurance Authority.

The College Scout Group, the Sixth Guernsey, with membership limited to members of the College remained distinct from the effects of CCF reorganisation and remained voluntary but was facing difficulties. On the one hand the owner of the Bunker at St.Jacques which had been for so long the Group Headquarters was about to dispose of the property and on the other hand there was no longer a Scouter on the teaching strength at the College. The Group had therefore to rely upon the generous help of others in that regard.

1971

Academic Achievements

The GCE examination results at 'O' level were greatly affected by the absence of Form Five - for it will be remembered that in his introduction of considerable adjustments to the academic curriculum in Michaelmas 1969 the Principal created a new Form One at Upper School and caused a blank form to be opened up on Form Four. There were therefore only 224 subject passes at 'O' level. At 'A' level 136 subject passes (the same as the 1968 figure) showed an improvement over the previous year but fell short of the 149 of 1969.

Robert Barton received the Sword of Honour at his passing out parade at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. It was thought to be the first time that this honour had been bestowed upon an Old Elizabethan.

Michaelmas Term 1971 was to be his last as Principal and in his annual report Mr Day recorded the award to K.J.Le Page of a King Charles 1st Scholarship to read Physics at Exeter College, Oxford. There were two places gained at Cambridge to read Law : one by J.C.E.Elworthy at Fitzwilliam College and the other by R.F.Hamon at Emmanuel College. A further 16 boys entered University degree courses and two more found places at Polytechnics to work for degrees. P.N.Le Messurier took up his place to read music at the Royal Manchester College of Music. Not until after Mr Day had written his annual report did it become known that the Senior Prefect N.K.Howick had been awarded a Hardy Cross Open Scholarship to read Engineering at Pembroke College, Oxford; St.J. Robilliard had won an open Exhibition in General Studies at Emmanuel College, Cambridge; R.J.Collas received a King Charles First Exhibition in Engineering Science tenable at Jesus College, Oxford; finally that J.M.Hunter had gained a place to read Geography at Pembroke College, Oxford.

Such a record of achievement must have been a great reward to John Day at the end of his time as Principal. Not since 1959 had the record of awards and places gained at Universities looked so good and the Michaelmas 1971 achievements were better than that. So where he had seen his task as that of raising academic standards towards those of English Public Schools he had signally

succeeded. Moreover he did this in the context of Guernsey recovering still from the ravages of the Occupation. Indeed the College itself required extra buildings not only to accommodate the increased numbers, now 638 compared with 510 when Mr Day became Principal, but also to provide the specialised facilities required for teaching science, languages, handicrafts, engineering drawing and geography to name but some of the more obvious.

Buildings and Resources

His fourteen years in office had seen the building of the Milnes Laboratories, of a new wing for the Boarding House, of the Winchester Building, of the Cottage, of the new main building at the Lower School plus the gutting and refitting of the Ozanne Building. The draining, levelling and grassing of the Memorial Field had also been undertaken. When the Principal relinquished the immediate care of School House it was necessary to separate the Principal's House from the Boarding House and there to provide central heating and a Housemaster's flat.

It must be remembered that the College buildings inherited by Mr Day were not modern. The ravages of time demanded their continuous repair and extensive dry rot required remedy in elderly structures which often fell far short of contemporary building standards even when they were new ! It was often difficult to know where to draw the line between good husbandry and desirable but costly rebuilding.

In the same period the Old Elizabethan Association had developed areas for games and exercise : the relaying of the Cricket Square on College Field; doubling the playing area of the Memorial Field and the provision there of a pavilion and changing rooms; the College Pool (with great help from parents); the provision of boats for the College Sailing Club.

While on the subject of buildings the loss of use of the Church of St.James-the-Less was a particular sadness to Mr Day because it had become the College's spiritual home - a 'chapel' designed by the same architect, Wilson as had been responsible for the College main building. More than that the garrison Church building could seat around 1100 and so could contain the whole College at once and many parents too for both religious and secular College occasions. On a daily basis it received the whole Upper School for assembly. Its wonderful acoustic properties encouraged fine choral singing and it boasted a good pipe organ well built by Maley, Young and Old know who all learned their trade from Bevington who lived in Guernsey and Jersey. It had a sturdy tracker action and sported a sixteen foot reed which must have made an impressive sound !

The Church did not of course belong to the College and although at the end of Mr Day's term of office it was estimated that it would have cost between £10,000 and £12,000 to make it proof against 'wind and weather' it would

have cost a great deal more to make it strong, to redecorate and to maintain it. In consequence of these considerations the Board of Directors judged that its acquisition by them would be financially imprudent.

Drama and Music

Towards the end of Michaelmas Term the College mounted performances of Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra" in College Hall. It was a daring production performed in the round with the intention of making the members of the audience feel more involved in the play. This made considerable demands of the technicians responsible for lighting and for special effects. However their endeavours were successful as were the performances.

Games and Athletics

The R.A.F. Section of the CCF won the Assegai Trophy for shooting for the fourth consecutive year.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

Not all of College life was serious as demonstrated each year by the activities of 'Rag Week'. That said while those taking part clearly had a lot of fun they expended much effort in a good cause : this year the proceeds were given to aid Cancer Research. Among many other activities in which they engaged was an egg-throwing competition. This required that the egg be caught unbroken ! An attempt was made to beat the world record, thought to stand at a distance of 120 feet. Two members of School House succeeded in achieving a throw of 146 feet. Sadly however it was later learned that the best recorded distance was 148 feet and 3 inches. However the two boys were invited to participate in the National Egg-throwing Championships on 24th April! There was a car rally and treasure hunt, a raffle in which (as the Elizabethan put it) 'by some strange twist of fate all the evening's prizes were won by members of the College.' A chess marathon lasted for 36 hours. Four boys played non-stop tennis from 9.00.a.m. to 7.00.p.m. A dance was held at the Carlton Hotel the raffle there was well supported. An attempt at breaking a stretcher-carrying record presently held by an army team of eight over a sixteen mile course was made by a group of School House boys who managed to complete half the course. Altogether a total of £150 was raised for Cancer Research.

Comment

It is worthy of note that Mr Day had over the years developed a good relationship with the Director of Education as had the College Board of Directors with the Education Council. The work of the College was seen as complementary to the States' educational provision in the Bailiwick and both

parties enjoyed better than a modus vivendi for they shared ideas and assisted each other wherever possible.

The period of 'the sixties' was not an easy one for those responsible for adolescent youth worldwide. This was the time of student riots in Paris; the time when the 'hippies' with their long hair and interest in 'flower power' and drugs seemed to have taken over the aspirations of the student world. Authoritarianism was old hat. Schoolmasters spent hours listening to their senior pupils explaining how wrong hierarchical systems really were. Schools' councils were set up at which pupils could air their views and try to push back traditional boundaries of right and wrong. The permissive society had arrived. Boys boarding schools sought to contain their potentially wayward students (not referred to as 'boys' anymore !) by setting up bars for use by the senior members of Sixth Form where they could legitimately enjoy a ration of beer on school premises. However there is no evidence that Elizabeth College had recourse to such palliative action !

1972

It was on 1st January 1972 that Richard Anthony Wheadon assumed responsibility as Principal of Elizabeth College. He perceived the College as an Island-wide boarding school. It was therefore his aim so to increase the number and extent of College-based activities as to give all boys the benefits which normally accrue to pupils receiving a boarding education. [At this point it is interesting to refer back in this history to Mr Day's own observations made in his 1959 Speech Day report about the arrangements for Day Boys at Gresham's School where he had recently been a Housemaster.] At the same time Mr Wheadon wished the College as a Christian educational environment to encourage in its pupils the highest possible standards that each could achieve in every aspect of his life thereby to give each boy norms of personal conduct which would remain with him for life.

Academic Achievements

The subject pass rate at 'O' Level seemed to mark a record high with 493 that is 69.0% and the fall to 120 or 71.8% in the number of passes at 'A' level was in part attributable to the absence of a Lower Sixth Form resulting from Mr.Day's second reorganisation of the curriculum causing a blank form to travel up the school.

Buildings and Resources

At the request of the Principal an informal meeting of the Board was held in the Principal's House in College in September. The Principal expressed his concern that there now remained only a small space for new buildings on the site in The Grange after which it would be impossible to provide there any new

accommodation or facilities which future educational requirements might demand. Aware that his bold suggestion that the College should proceed to relocate on a more spacious site near the playing fields might shock conservatively-minded members of the Board the Principal was surprised and delighted when it was met with agreement and enthusiasm.

Meanwhile a Minerva fire alarm system was installed throughout the Main Building which of course contained residential accommodation for the Boarders, the School House Master and his family and the Principal and his family.

College Occasions

For full College occasions such as Commemoration and Confirmation the generosity of Canon B.H.Kemp permitted the College use of St.Stephen's Church where on Sunday mornings the Boarder's attended Communion celebrated by the College's Honorary Anglican Chaplain the Revd.W.A.Canham.

Curriculum

To provide good standards of pastoral care and to involve parents more closely in their sons' education it was seen as necessary to improve communications between the College and the parents. Report forms were redesigned to provide a page for each subject and much more factual information about individual performance than had been possible on the single sheet for each boy which the new system replaced. Parents were invited to send back their response to their son's report using the specially prepared back page of the report.

In order to provide pastoral care within the College the vertical divisions provided by the House system with its Housemaster and House Tutors were intersected by horizontal divisions with a Master in Charge of Senior School (Fifth and Sixth Forms), a Master in Charge of Middle School (Third and Fourth Forms) being added to the existing arrangements for the Junior School (First and Second Forms). At each of the three levels a Master was appointed to organise games. Furthermore as far as was possible arrangements were made to make parts of the College specific to each of these horizontal divisions so that age groups could be kept together when not being taught : Junior School in the Ozanne Building and Cottage, Middle School in the lower two floors of the Main Building, Senior School (except the Lower Sixth) in the upper two floors - with the Upper Sixth in the top corridor where attic space was converted into a Common Room for them. The Lower Sixth had their Common Room in the Upland Road Building.

The provision of Tutors for each House at each of the three age groups Junior, Middle and Senior made masters more available for boys needing help during the school day. Junior School Tutors declared telephone numbers and times at which they were available for parents to telephone them as did House

Masters for parents of boys in the Middle and Senior School.

Thus a dialogue between home and school could be achieved when necessary during a boy's adolescent career through the Upper School. Prep. Books were introduced so that parents could verify that each prep. set had received proper attention from their son. Parents were also asked to inspect and to acknowledge the three-weekly assessment grades of their son's achievement and effort allocated by subject Masters.

To keep College families in touch with College events a Calendar in triptych format on card was printed to include details of College occasions and games fixtures for each term.

At the start of the Michaelmas term there were 646 boys enrolled of whom 174 were attending the Lower School. The blank form moving up through the College had by now reached the Upper Sixth consequently the College could expect a sparse set of 'A' level subject passes in 1973. Four Boys entered either an Oxford or a Cambridge College and 17 joined other Universities to follow degree courses. A further seven went to Polytechnics and Colleges of Education.

Other minor timetable changes allowed the number of periods allocated to each of History, Geography and the three Science subjects to increase from 2 to 3 each while reducing the number of periods per week allocated to Mathematics from 6 to 5 each week. These curricular adjustments caused all boys to take Divinity at 'O' level at the end of their Fourth year.

In the course of the next two years arrangements for the early taking of History and French 'O' levels by the most able boys was phased out after which the only subjects in which the most able boys would write 'O' level papers before the end of their Fifth year were English and Mathematics.

It must be observed that in 1972 Fourth Form boys whose preparation for examination in History at 'O' level enabled the most able amongst them to take the exam. that year. That left only a handful to take the exam. in 1973. Their 28% pass rate if included in that year's statistics would distort the overall pass rate for the year.

In 1973 the most able boys studying French took 'O' level in that subject and in 1974 the remnant managed a pass rate of 11.1% in that subject which if included in that year's statistics would distort the overall pass rate.

Regrettably the demand for Latin in Sixth Form had now become so small as to be an uneconomic provision. However in an attempt to increase its popularity with boys entering the Upper School the College embarked upon the Cambridge Classics Project. This new approach aimed to enable boys to read Latin in the original with understanding but did not cause them to learn the conjugations of verbs and the declension of nouns - grammar and syntax were at least secondary ! While this approach, if successful, might popularise the study of Latin, gain for its readers new insight into classical history and most of all instil an awareness of the

derivation of words used in the romance languages it would not assist them towards a more adroit use of constructions in their mother tongue. However for those who might not stay that course it would facilitate their access to an alternative study 'Classics in Translation' (or ancient history) thereby providing a valuable 'O' level course which encouraged reading and writing among those less given to those pursuits.

A Master was recruited to act from September 1972 as Careers and Vocational Guidance Master also having responsibility for assessment of Boys' aptitude throughout the College and the provision of diagnostic and if necessary remedial help for boys. The Master of the Senior School was given responsibility for providing boys with advice concerning Higher Education opportunities.

Drama and Music

During Trinity Term the Choir won first prize in the Classe Superieure of the French National Choir Festival. Richard Pinchmain won the Special Trophy for gaining top marks in the pieces in which he sang. In recognition of these achievements the Bailiff generously afforded the Choir a Vin d'Honneur on 13th May.

The 100th Concert in College Hall during Trinity Term was attended by parents and friends invited by Elizabethans. It was greatly appreciated although much of the humour was for the initiated and some applause was partisan! According to the Guernsey Evening Press 'this was a lively concert, laudably ambitious musically and full of humour. The organ blew a fuse and a music stand refused to behave - but this only added to the fun.' The concert ended with School House marching down the Hall singing the Carmen followed by everyone joining in Aulde Lang Syne.

During the year music for daily assemblies was provided by Andrew King and David Farnon. Andrew King was only eleven years old at the time ! His legs were not yet long enough for him to reach the pedals on the organ. It must have required quite a lot of courage of one so young to play the organ for the whole Upper School in either Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Chapel or in College Hall but he seemed to be quite composed throughout. Under his professional name of Andrew Lawrence-King he has since achieved international renown as an exponent of the harp.

The Shakespearean Society performed Eliot's play "Murder in the Cathedral" in Ebenezer Church at Brock Road. This ambitious production was well acted and much helped by excellent enunciation and real feeling for the verse was well demonstrated by many of the cast.

Games and Athletics

The College VIII won the Staniforth Trophy, the British Schools'

Small Bore Rifle Association's Team of Eight Competition and the Eastern Command Small Bore Trophy.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

In February a Dinner and Cabaret took place in College Hall enabling a most enjoyable meeting between parents and Masters. This event provided also an opportunity for boys to give a service, the Editor of The Elizabethan commented : 'it would have been hard to find a more willing band than those who helped to get the Hall ready, waited at table, washed up and did all the other tasks that had to be performed to ensure the evening's success.' There were 150 diners and over £120 was raised to help the Junior School's sponsorship scheme, the formation of a Lower School Cub Pack and the equipping of the College basketball teams.

A Junior School dance was held in College Hall during which Boys and their partners from Ladies' College, Blancheland and the Girls' Grammar School jived their way to cheerful exhaustion in the course of some three hours. It was a very happy occasion enjoyed by everyone present.

A Charities' Week committee headed by the Senior Prefect worked hard to organise and run a series of fund-raising events which spanned the week containing Foundress's Day and Speech Day. There were three dances organised : one for Middle School, another for the Senior School at St.Helene's Hotel and the third for parents at the Royal Hotel. There was a Pram Race, an egg-throwing event; a car treasure hunt; an evening in Herm for Parents and friends and a School House and Country House joint wine and cheese party As a climax there was a 'Charity Happening' in College grounds with sideshows, a sale, a non-stop sponsored swim, cake stall, bottle stall and the stocks! A cheque for £838.98 was afterwards presented to the President of the Sarnia Housing Association by the Senior Prefect at a morning assembly on 19th June.

Service Training

The College CCF found a Guard of Honour for H.R.H. the Princess Anne as she arrived at the White Rock on 24th May on the occasion of her visit to the Bailiwick.

This year for the first time the College Guard of Honour for the Remembrance Day Parade at the Town War Memorial was afforded a position not facing the wall behind the Memorial as in previous years but rather as part of the parade drawn up in a half circle facing the Memorial from where they could witness the customary activities and wreath-laying.

The College Scout Group went overland to its annual camp in Sweden during the Summer holidays. The end of 1972 saw the departure of the 6th

Guernsey (Elizabeth College) Scout Group from the bunker at St.Jacques which had been their headquarters for over 20 years. While awaiting the readiness of the new building at College Field use was made of the Island Scout Headquarters at Rue Mainguy.

The main structure of a new headquarters for the College Scout Group was completed at College Field but its internal division and furnishing had yet to be achieved. A new Cub Scout Group was established at the Lower School.

1973

Academic Achievements

At 'A' level with a severely depleted Sixth Form as explained earlier only 89 subject passes were obtained representing however a pass rate of 81.7% which may have been a new College record ! At 'O' level with the History results excluded (as explained above) 407 passes equated to a pass rate of 69.5%. However what did not show in the published statistics was that at 'O' level there was an improvement of pass rate in nine out of fifteen subjects compared with last year while at 'A' level there was an improvement of pass rate in seven out of eleven comparable subjects.

As the new academic year opened 101 new boys - more than ever before - were welcomed. There were 677 boys enrolled at College of whom 170 were at Lower School. Only 14 boys were proceeding to university for degree courses and four others to Polytechnics and Colleges of Higher Education. C.M.de la Rue took up his place at Pembroke College, Cambridge where he was to read Modern Languages.

At the end of 1973 P.R.Farrand and P.W.Guilbert were awarded King Charles First Exhibitions tenable at Exeter College, Oxford to read Mathematics and Physics respectively.

Buildings and Resources

In May the Board of Directors agreed formally that consideration be given to the provision of a new College on another site.

In July the Board of Directors moved that meetings be set up to further the achievement of a new site for the College with the Education Council, the Advisory and Finance Committee (to which the College Board had direct access through the Education Council), the Board of Administration and the Housing Authority.

In the Summer holidays College Hall was redecorated. A new remotely-controlled system of stage lighting was installed to be operated from the gallery at the East end of the Hall. The proscenium arch was removed revealing the simple but impressive lines of the Hall's original design and allowing the whole of

the stained glass at the west end of the Hall to be visible. Because a number of the Honours boards in the Hall were full and no space was available for additional boards in the Hall, while yet others were no longer used, all of them were resited in the North corridor leading away from the Hall and hereafter the names of all those on those honours boards have been and others who achieve academic distinction in future would be inscribed in an Honours Book available for inspection.

At the northern end of the top storey of the main building a new Sixth Form Centre had been revealed in what was previously an attic area to provide a Common Room, a Prefects' Common Room and two seminar rooms.

In order to provide extra recreational space for boys' use during the Lunch hour the floor of the miniature range was sealed and table tennis tables and other facilities were made available there.

At College Field an additional pavilion and the new Scout headquarters for the College Group were completed and came into use. A further four and a half verges of land purchased by the Old Elizabethan Association adjoining Memorial Field were drained, levelled and seeded. At the same time the drainage of other areas of the Memorial Field which tended to become waterlogged was improved.

Three additional Masters had been appointed and Mr E.W.Waddams having retired a violinist, Mr H.M.Attwell, was appointed Director of Music to encourage the playing of stringed instruments so enabling orchestral music to develop throughout the College. At the Lower School he started to use the Suzuki method of group tuition very successfully.

By October it seemed that the present view of the Island Development Committee was against any change of site for the College, however much would depend upon the outcome of a feasibility study commissioned by the IDC and being conducted by their Planning Officer, Mr Sylvester-White. Meanwhile the Board of Directors assured the Principal and the Masters of their determination to attend to the College's future accommodation requirements.

In November a meeting between the Chairman of the Board and Mr Sylvester-White gave an indication of the Planning Officer's current thinking regarding the possibility of moving the College to another site, placed more centrally in the Island and near the playing fields. He advised that :

1. Commercial development might take place up to Doyle Road crossroads and College was in this area (i.e. occupying a marketable and valuable site)
2. That realistically College could not be moved sooner than five years ahead.
3. That College should not meanwhile build on the present site.

4. That College should acquire buildings outside its present boundaries thus adding to the capital value of the College when removal became possible.

For itself, the Board of Directors considered that the transfer of the Boarding House to another site might help to ease the pressure on space at the Grange site.

Curriculum

During the winter terms of the academic year 1972/73 Elizabeth College played host to members of Sixth Forms from other Island Schools and members of the College of Further Education at a series of Sixth Form Lectures run in conjunction with the States Education Department which assisted with the funding where necessary to bring speakers from outside the Island.

A further development on the academic front was the introduction of NFER tests to measure English and Arithmetical Quotients up to the end of Fourth Form and Verbal Reasoning (or for the very young Non-Verbal Reasoning) Quotients up to and including Fifth Form. As the years passed from here on the bank of evidence not only showed that with encouragement and achievement boys V.R.Q.s increase but that those exhibiting depressed ability in E.Q. or A.Q. compared with their V.R.Q. could be assisted at an early stage with specialist tuition to redress those imbalances and so progress to higher levels of achievement in these key subject areas.

There had been evidence over the years that some of the boys who were underachieving at College were also very disorganised with some showing minor disciplinary problems probably arising from frustration with their lack of academic progress. The demands of the College day of moving from room to room at the end of each teaching period with all their belongings made calls upon their personal organisation in and out of school which were too much for them. To make life simpler for them so that they could concentrate more successfully upon their academic work arrangements were made for one Master to teach them all their 'Arts' subjects in one classroom while another Master was responsible for teaching them all their 'Science' subjects in another. With their lives thus simplified (and in this account hindsight enables the actual outcome to be anticipated) it was found that their academic performance improved, their NFER quotients went up, the 'crime' rate dropped and many were later able to resume placement in the main stream of the College. At this stage suffice it to say that in September 1973 First Form Laud, Morley and Saravia were joined by the Arnold stream. Named after the late Bailiff, Sir William Arnold, who would have championed the cause of such as these already members of the College who were in need of some extra help to achieve their potential.

A School Recreation Committee was set up to improve and

expand the recreational facilities available to boys particularly during the lunch hour. The committee included a representative from each year of the Upper School with a Master as chairman. As a result of this committee's suggestion plans were laid to turn the lodge into a new Tuck Shop.

It was at about this time that the use of corporal punishment was discontinued throughout the College.

Drama and Music

In January the College Choir again visited Rennes, Brittany. They gave a recital of English church music in the Church of the Sacré Cour. Next day the Choir sang for "*Une Veillée de Prière - Unis dans le Même Esprit*" in the presence of Cardinal Gouyon, the Archbishop of Rennes at which both he and the College Chaplain gave addresses. The following evening the College Choir again sang in the Cathedral. David Farnon accompanied Andrew King as soloist in Pelham Humfrey's setting of John Donne's "Hymn to God the Father" and in the Ave Verum from Mozart's Requiem. Other short solos were given by R.A.Pinchmain, P.A.Farnon and T.E.M.Falla.

In the course of Michaelmas Term Mr K.Fletcher House Master of New House introduced the idea of a team of boys, about a dozen, playing carols at carol services and at various hospitals and homes at Christmas time. This was to be done on a set of 15 handbells which Mr.Fletcher had rescued from the Town Church with permission from the Rector. By the end of the term the handbell team affectionately known as "The Clangers" was sufficiently proficient to play for the patients at the Princes Elizabeth Hospital, the Hostel of St.John, the 'Le Platon' home and at 'Maison Maritime'.

Games and Athletics

Despite the depletion of senior games players resulting from the curriculum innovation of the previous Principal the College had a good year in sport. The Soccer XI drew with Victoria away, while at hockey College beat them soundly as we did also in cricket and squash. We defeated them in the Hutchence Cup in which four records were broken by Elizabeth College. Although the pool had been heated by one of the main building central heating boilers which greatly encouraged the training of swimmers we lost by a touch in the final relay against Victoria.

In the course of the year at Sixth Form level as an alternative to Physical Education a variety of games options were successfully introduced including Archery, Badminton, Basketball, Fencing, Judo, Rock-climbing, Squash and Tennis.

J.R.Le Lievre achieved some notable distinctions at a young age

by becoming the Channel Island Squash Champion and Young Cricketer of the Year. He was also a member of the England Youth team which played squash in Scandinavia. He was nominated Outstanding Individual Sportsman of 1973 and so received the Wilkinson Sword Trophy.

In squash at the Hampshire Championships R.Le Lievre won the Under-16 Plate Competition and Richard Atkinson won the Under-19 Competition. During the Christmas holidays the College squash team played in Birmingham, Bournemouth, Huddersfield and London and J.R.Le Lievre became Under-19 Hampshire Champion, London Open Champion, Middlesex Open Junior Champion and Middlesex Under-19 Open Champion.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

During the Lent Term Dr. Anne Robertson gave talks to groups of Boys from the Fourth Forms on the subject of Personal Relationships and in the Summer Term at a different level she spoke to members of the Sixth Form on similar topics. Dr. Anne Robertson gave short courses in counselling to twenty members of College Staff (including two House Masters' wives).

In line with the increased communications now being set up between the College and parents Dr. Anne Robertson considered with parents of boys about to enter Fourth Form some of the problems associated with the growing adolescent.

Personalia

It was with great sadness that the College received news of the death of Sir William Arnold, Bailiff of Guernsey. Although not an Old Elizabethan he was a member of the Board of Directors and always showed great interest in the College which as well as the Bailiwick had lost a great friend.

Service Training

As the number of College boys engaged in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme drew close to one hundred, three boys, P.R.Farrand, N.M.Ozanne and P.A.Salazar achieved their Gold Awards.

1974

Academic Achievements

A full Upper Sixth this time caused the 'A' level pass rate to be properly representative of the performance of boys who had completed the standard two year preparation for that exam. There were 97 subject passes which constituted 70.8% of the overall College entry. It is particularly worthy of note that D.G.Farnon passed 'A' level Music with grade 'A' at the end of his Lower Sixth

year. He then embarked on work for his LRAM.

At 'O' level just as with History last year, the overall pass rate in French was depressed by the incorporation of the performance of boys judged last year not able enough to pass in that subject at that stage and who therefore received a further year of instruction. A fair comparison of overall 'O' level passes must not include their 11.1% pass rate ! Thus the actual total number of passes (with Grade C or better) was 452 which represented 62.3% of the whole entry, if the French results are discounted the passes were 448 representing a 65% pass rate.

The average VRQ for 1973's Fifth Form with an 'O' Level pass rate of 69.5% was 121.8 while that of 1974's with a pass rate of 65% was 117.3. The annual measurement of quotients was starting to build up a battery of useful information. Not least encouraging were the clear signs of improvement in VRQ as boys progressed up the school presumably the result of boys' benefiting from their College education. Nowhere was this more true than in the new Arnold stream.

The Michaelmas Term opened with 698 boys enrolled of whom 169 were attending the Lower School. At the same time two boys were proceeding to Exeter College, Oxford, a further ten to other universities while ten more were entering courses at Polytechnics and other institutions of Higher Education. Two boys were beginning their training at the Royal Military College Sandhurst.

In academic competitions teams from the Upper and Lower Schools won their respective sections of the Battle of Britain Quiz and the Upper School team went on to win the Jersey Milk Marketing Board Knock-out Quiz. Three senior boys were placed first in the 'Youth Speaks' public speaking competition in Guernsey and went on to win the Amesbury Shield in the Southern Area finals held in Southampton. In the National Stockpiler Competition Elizabeth College was placed fifth out of 600 schools nationally.

During the Christmas holidays came news of two awards tenable at Jesus College, Oxford : one a Meyricke Scholarship to W.J.Knight to read English Literature and the other a King Charles 1st Scholarship in Mathematics to E.P.Plummer. Further J.F.Chandler was awarded a King Charles 1st Exhibition to read Mathematics at Exeter College, Oxford.

Buildings and Resources

The start of the New Year saw the appointment of a full-time Careers and Vocational Guidance Master drawn from the Youth Employment Service in the United Kingdom. In addition to helping boys with advice about their academic careers during and after College he also set up links between the College and potential employers in the Bailiwick and beyond. This appointment released the previous holder of this position to concentrate more of his time upon teaching Arts subjects to the Arnold Stream alongside his other responsibilities including NFER assessment throughout the College up to and including Fifth Form.

In January there was a meeting with the IDC President and Planning Officer regarding the College's present and future needs. Particular reference was made to the positioning of temporary and permanent buildings within the curtilage and possible permitted heights of such developments.

The Board of Director's Building Sub-Committee had three time scales in its purview for the provision of accommodation to meet College needs starting from September 1973 : 12 months ahead; 6 years ahead and 20 years ahead. The Vimiera site at the bottom of the Rohais (and where the St.Pierre Park Hotel now stands) was for sale and so was visited by the Sub-Committee as a possible site for the College. Close to the playing fields at Foote's Lane on the one hand and not far from the Rue a L'Or to College Field on the other. Centrally placed in the Island it was easily accessible and would not add to traffic congestion in The Grange. With some 32 acres of albeit hilly land attaching it had much to commend it.

By the time of a Board meeting on the 25th February it had become possible for the Lower School to repay the loan made to it from a bequest to Elizabeth College by H.A.C.Williams (O.E.2329) which had been used to fund the new building at Lower School. However the Board preferred to see the expenditure as an investment in real estate and so preferable to holding cash. A suitably inscribed plaque was to be put in place at Lower School.

At the same meeting the Board having received Mr Sylvester-White's report considered that the only practical course was to dispose of the present site in the private sector.

On 28th March a meeting chaired by the Dean was convened at Elizabeth College between the College Board of Directors and the Education Council to view the present College facilities and to consider possible alternative provisions. One of the concerns expressed by the Council was for the growing size of college numbers and especially the fourth stream entry. In response to a specific question the Principal responded that at that time 69% of the boys in the boarding house had Guernsey connections.

A meeting of the Board of Directors on the 13th May received the response of the Education Council which was essentially that "The Council agrees that parts of the College Buildings are substandard and ideally should be replaced with a new school." However the Council was anxious about the growing size of the College with special reference to the Arnold Stream. The Principal expressed the view that the College should co-operate with the Education Council but that the fourth stream should continue as long as present boys had need of it.

Throughout the academic year the Board of Directors Building Sub-Committee met almost weekly working on ways and means of providing for the College's present and future accommodation needs at both Upper and Lower Schools. Factors affecting the Pupil population at College were as follows. The

Arnold stream causing a small inflation of numbers was a temporary expedient to solve an inherited but transient problem after which its demands for space and resources would disappear. But places at College were much sought after around this time despite the problems prevalent in the Guernsey growing industry resulting from a sharp increase in the world price of heating oil which was causing many growers to go out of business. In 1964 the successor to the post-war bulge in the national birth-rate reached primary schools so it was likely that 16 years later another increase in numbers would become apparent at primary level.

In July the Board of Directors settled on the following numbers as the basis for the design of new College : 600 at Upper School and 200 at Lower School. Three sites were discussed : Springfield, in King's Road, Vimiera at the bottom of the Rohais and Meadowview in Footes Lane each of which had been visited by the Building Sub-Committee.

Meanwhile there was a pressing need for more teaching space. With the possibility of the College being rebuilt on another site it would have been folly to use capital to build upon the small area of unused land belonging to the College near the old fire station (the facade of which is preserved to this day). Five Masters at Upper School were peripatetic and it was in an attempt to overcome that unsatisfactory state that plans for additional classrooms of a semi-permanent nature to be sited on the old Gymnasium roof were drawn up and even passed by the IDC but ultimately they had to be abandoned on the grounds of expense. A cheaper solution was found in the siting of a relocatable classroom on the jealously valued lower lawn close to the Winchester building.

In the September 1974 edition of 'The Elizabethan' the Editor was to write :

"To some extent the position will be a little easier when the reconstruction of St.James's, recently decided upon by the States, will provide an assembly hall, but the basic problem of overcrowding will remain. The area now occupied by the Upper School is less than the grants of land made in the 16th century when there were less than 20 boys in the school - much of this gift of land has been irretrievably lost."

However the Board considered it unwise to commit such funds as it had to the purchase of property on neighbouring sites (as had been suggested by the IDC Planning Officer) in order to increase the capital value of the Grange site against the time when it would be put on the market to fund the removal of the College to a new site. There were therefore only a few ways in which to proceed and these in order of increasing cost were :

1. Import temporary accommodation.
2. Cunningly convert/improve present building spaces to more appropriate uses.

3. Remove the Boarding House to a position nearer the playing fields - the College's possible future geographical centre of gravity - thus revealing space within the College Main Building for educational purposes.
4. Remove the College to a new site.

It was against the background of this thinking that new accommodation provisions were made during the Summer holidays and after the pattern of option 1 above the said re-locatable classroom was installed upon the lower lawn at Upper School. At Lower School two Classroom huts bought from the States Education Council were brought from Les Beaucamps and installed. Improved arrangements were made for Masters at Lower School to change into and out of games clothes as necessary.

Following option 2 the Science Lecture theatre was converted into a General Science Laboratory, the Projects Room was changed into a classroom/laboratory and the College Lodge was equipped as a Tuck Shop to provide some extra nourishment for boys at lunch time.

Finally the College main building was made safer for all especially its residents. Bearing in mind that all the staircases are wooden and the flooring likewise a fire alarm system had been installed in 1972. However it was urgently necessary that smoke- and fire- stop structures be fitted around the stair wells at key positions throughout the building in accordance with the advice of the Fire Chief. An emergency lighting system was installed in College Hall and in the residential parts of the main building. The Fire Brigade visited the College and rehearsed means of evacuating anyone who might be trapped on the uppermost floor of the building.

College Occasions

On 24th May for the first time the College held an Open Day to coincide with Senior Prizegiving which took place in College Hall in the evening. From 11.00. a.m. until 5.30.p.m. the College was open to visitors. As "The Elizabethan" account later read :

‘Much hard work, involving a majority of boys in the College, produced a most interesting series of exhibitions and displays which gave a very good impression of the many activities within the College. The many visitors were undoubtedly impressed by what they saw and they showed a great deal of interest in all that was going on.’

On 5th December the College was visited by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Vice-Admiral Sir John Martin and Lady Martin. In the Le Marchant Library the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Very Revd. Canon

F.W.Cogman who had with the Principal received His Excellency and Lady Martin at the College steps, presented members of the College Board. There then followed an informal tour of the College, after which Sir John and Lady Martin took sherry with the Masters in the Common Room of the Upper School followed by lunch in the Boarding House. In the afternoon they visited the College playing fields which were by then in use by members of the Upper School.

Curriculum

The format for the forms throughout the Upper School was now established as five years up to and including Fifth Form from which all boys will take 'O' level followed by a two year preparation for 'A' level. The only exceptions to the pattern to 'O' level were in Religious Studies in which all boys were examined at the end of Fourth Form and for boys in top sets for Mathematics and English who took those 'O' levels from Fourth Form.

The study of Spanish had been established for boys entering Third Form. Next year would see the first College boys being examined at 'O' level in Spanish. Likewise in July 1975 the first boys to have completed the Schools' Council's Integrated Science Project (for which Elizabeth College had become a trial school) in Physical Science and Biological Science would be examined at 'O' level.

During Trinity Term the Director of Music approached the Principal with the suggestion that a music school for young people and based at Elizabeth College be run annually during the Summer holidays. This had the Principal's enthusiastic support and he suggested that it be run by its own team in such a way as to be administratively and financially independent of the College, that it be accommodated on College premises and identified with the College by name provided it redound to the College's credit. The Director of Music being happy with these proposals the Principal undertook to place the matter before the Board of Directors for their consideration.

In November the Board of Directors agreed that the Principal should invite a team of Her Majesty's Inspectors who would be in the Island on behalf of the States Education Council in May of 1975 to visit College to investigate and report on the College's administrative system which had recently undergone revision and modification.

The Board also authorised the Principal to investigate necessary arrangements for the inauguration of an annual Elizabeth College Summer Orchestral Course with a view to its being held for the first time in the Summer holidays of 1975.

Drama and Music

The new Director of Music was bringing about a considerable

increase in the amount of instrumental music being played at College the instruments being not confined to strings but extending to brass and woodwind with help of suitably skilled Masters whose main disciplines were used in other departments of the College and from the generous help of certain members of the L'Islet Salvation Army Band. Choral music continued to flourish under the direction of Mr R.H.Surcombe, Head of the Mathematics Department, but who had been Organ Scholar at Exeter College, Oxford during his undergraduate years and was now Director of Choral Music at Elizabeth College.

At the end of term Carol Services in St.Stephen's the New House handbell team, "The Clangers" played carols as the congregation gathered before the start of each service. They later played at the Town Church Carol Service.

As usual during the period up to Christmas and especially on Christmas Eve when they were once again guests at Government House the College Choir engaged in a round of Carol Singing to raise funds for their visit to France in the New Year.

Games and Athletics

In games and athletics victory over Victoria was achieved in Athletics, Cricket, Football, Squash and Tennis but was still elusive in swimming. To raise funds for their matches against Clifton College, whom they beat, and Wycliffe College, who beat them, the College swimming team engaged in a sponsored 20-mile walk.

The College Soccer XI had its best season since the war in which of the 24 matches played it won 20. Against Victoria one game was won, the other lost. In Squash the First VI made history in their match against Victoria by winning all fifteen games outright.

In the Ashburton Shield competition at Bisley the College VIII beat Victoria and so won the Haines shield. In more general competition in athletics the College won the main Island trophy, the Coronation Cup. The Elizabeth College team won the Sarnia Walking Team's trophy. Senior boys from the Senior and Second Senior Prefects downwards were wonderfully helpful throughout the year in coaching games at the Upper and at the Lower Schools. The following extra games and pastimes were added to those introduced last year : Bridge, Chess, Golf and Horse riding.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

Dr.H.B.Jones of the College medical practice and Dr.J.F.Bolt together with Detective Sgt. Enevoldsen of the C.I.D. gave generously of their time in acquainting boys with the dangers arising from the abuse of drugs.

The College Chaplain, the Reverend P.G.Lane, in addition to his many other duties at College as Head of Religious Studies, a Modern Languages

teacher and a House Master, assembled for printing material for a College hymnbook. This required him with the help of the College Voluntary Service Unit to write to publishers and authors concerning matters of copyright and royalties attaching to the hymns in the new book. He had also encouraged the work of a College-wide Icthus Club concerned in the broadest sense with all aspects of the Christian way of life.

The College continued to use the Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Chapel for daily assemblies and St.Stephen's Church for Christmas Carol Services, Confirmation and Commemoration while the future of St.James-the-Less was still under consideration. The most recent estimate of the cost of its restoration had risen to £70,000 !

Another very successful Dinner and Cabaret was held in College Hall for staff and parents of boys in the Lower and the Junior Schools.

Service Training

A further four boys gained Gold awards under the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme : David Bisson, A.Chapell, J.R.Le Lievre and N.Willis.

On 4th October the CCF found a Guard of Honour for the swearing-in of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Vice-Admiral Sir John Martin, KCB, DSC. The Guard wore a specially issued No.2 dress for the first time instead of battledress.

The next occasion upon which the CCF found a Guard of Honour was for the Remembrance Day Service. Representatives of the R.A.F. section lined the route at the opening of the new R.A.F. museum at Castle Cornet.

Old Elizabethan Association Gifts

The 4.5 verges of land purchased by the Old Elizabethan Association and added to the Memorial Field were cleared, graded, sown and mown so as to be ready for the start of the Michaelmas term.

Personalia

On 31st December Major W.C.F.Caldwell died at the age of 78. He had been appointed to the College teaching staff by the Revd. W.Campbell Penney in 1919 and retired in December 1956. He had been in charge of the Junior Department at Great Hucklow during the war. For many years he served in the College Corps and was College Vice-Principal.

1975

Academic Achievements

At 'A' level there were 95 subject passes representing a rate of 82.6% - almost

certainly a College record. In six of the eleven examined subjects all candidates passed and nine subjects showed better pass rates than last year. D.G.Farnon passed his L.R.A.M. having already achieved his A.R.C.M.

At 'O' level with 539 subject passes the 70.3% pass rate showed a 5% improvement over the previous two years. The mean VRQ for Fifth Form this year was 121.7.

Under-Officer R.L.M.Hackett who had been College Senior Prefect and Senior Under Officer in the College CCF was awarded the Sword of honour at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. In achieving this distinction he, with his brother, made history by being the first pair of brothers both to be honoured with this award.

At the start of the new academic year there were 710 boys enrolled of whom 160 were attending Lower School. This was the last year in which there would be a four form entry to the Upper School.

Twelve College boys were entering degree courses of whom four were at either Oxford or Cambridge where three had gained awards last Winter and the fourth N.P.de la Rue was joining his elder brother at Pembroke College, Cambridge. A further four boys who had gained places at university had decided to delay their entry for one year. Twenty one other boys were starting at Polytechnics and other institutions of Higher Education.

Elizabeth College won the Battle of Britain quiz competition.

By the end of the year A.Warren had been elected to an Open Scholarship in Mathematics at Exeter College, Oxford. P.Kenmir received an English-Speaking Union Travelling Scholarship which provided for him to enjoy approximately six months travel in the U.S.A. starting in January 1976.

Buildings and Resources

At their meeting on 17th March 1975 the Board of Directors accepted the advice of their Building Sub-Committee that the land fronting King's Road, opposite College Field and just contiguous with Lower School land be bought from Col. H.J.de Sausmarez to enable the building of a Boarding House for Upper and Lower School boys.

College Occasions

During the course of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother the whole College, Masters and boys were invited to be present on 29th May, at Her Majesty's departure for Alderney in a helicopter of the Queen's Flight from College Field. On this occasion the Bailiff presented the Principal and Mrs Wheadon to Her Majesty, who then made her way to the waiting helicopter taking the opportunity graciously to speak to a number of the boys among those lining her route.

At the Senior and Middle School prizegiving on 23rd May, His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Martin were the principal guests. After the completion of the formalities His Excellency and Lady Martin attended the Charities' Week buffet dinner and dance at the Royal Hotel.

Curriculum

On 28th & 29th May, 1975 at the Principal's request and with the consent of the Board of Directors the College was visited by two of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, Mr P.Burns and Mr M.White who were at the time visiting other Island Schools for the States Education Council. Their brief at Elizabeth College was to appraise critically the College administrative structure in both its academic and pastoral aspects which the new Principal had put into place and to advise him of ways of making further improvements.

At the end of Trinity Term a Higher and Further Education Colloquium was held for Fifth Formers and their parents. Various academic careers were outlined by the College Careers officer, the Sixth Form Master and by Mr K.J.Pascoe, Senior Tutor of St.John's College, Cambridge.

Drama and Music

An Evening of Speech and Drama held in College Hall included not only the finals of the annual Elocution Competitions but also a performance of 'The Real Inspector Hound' by some Lower Sixth boys and three members of the Ladies' College. The same cast later won the Junior section of the Guernsey One Act Play Festival with this play at the Little Theatre.

The Lent Term of 1975 saw the presentation by Mr K.Fletcher of his "Bard in the Hand - an Elizabethan musical for the Masters and Boys of Elizabeth College." The company of over 100 drew on the talents of Masters, their wives, boys and friends of the College. In the course of its final dress rehearsal and the four performances it played to audiences totalling over a thousand people. The musical accompaniment was provided by violin, trumpet, percussion and flute led from the piano by the composer Mr Fletcher. The enthusiasm of even the first night audience was summed up by the correspondent of "The Elizabethan" thus : "*They threw their caps as they would hang them on the horns o' the moon. Shouting their emulation.*"

At Easter the Choir visited Dinard as guests of the Anglo-American Church where they sang Matins and gave a recital.

In the 103rd annual concert played to a full College Hall. There was much instrumental music : Brass Band, wind quintet and the first public performance by the College Orchestra. The evening ended with choir and orchestra together performing 'Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo.'

During the Summer Holidays two music courses were run : one based at the Lower School was for boys and girls from the Island at present in the

early stages of learning to play stringed instruments. The other was the first Elizabeth College Summer Orchestral Course attended by 47 students. Staged at Upper School it was for boys and girls from the Bailiwick and elsewhere who were more advanced players of all kinds of orchestral instruments.

The basis upon which the Elizabeth College Summer Orchestral Course had been set up was one which the Principal had proposed and which continues today, namely this : the Course is financially independent of Elizabeth College but should carry the name of Elizabeth College in its title. In return for the prestige which the ECSOC should bring to the College's good name the College would provide free of charge the necessary accommodation for the Course. Thus it behoves the organisers of the ECSOC to ensure that the Course is so ordered as to bring credit to the College so that it is advantageous to the College to host so laudable an enterprise.

Games and Athletics

In an exciting swimming match against a team from Clifton College after the end of term the result was Elizabeth College 61.5 points and Clifton College 48.5. The benefits of the College Pool were now showing although a victory against Victoria was still proving elusive.

R.Le Lievre had become the first holder of the British Under-16 Squash Championship and C.N.Allen, still only in Fifth Form, had been selected for the Public Schools' Soccer XI. The College Soccer XI had played 9 matches without defeat and scored 55 goals.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

In the week leading up to Half Term the many Charities' Week events arranged to take place throughout the Upper and the Lower Schools of the College raised £1,500 for the benefit of underprivileged children in Guernsey. Of the total £1,000 went towards the building of a hostel for mentally handicapped children and the remainder provided a climbing frame for the children of Swissville Nursery and toys for use by the play group of Holy Trinity Church.

Personalia

Trinity Term and the holidays afterwards were not without their great sorrows.

Two boys died. Mark Le Cocq (aged 11 years) was tragically killed in a go-karting accident and Martin Linehan (aged 17 years) lost his life in a motor accident on the Vazon Bay road while engaged in a Church treasure hunt. Early in the term Mr Harry Robert for fourteen years groundsman at Upper School died suddenly at his home.

In the Summer holidays Mr R.J. van Leuven was taken ill and

died on 29th July. He joined the College in 1946 and until his illness in 1961 was active as a Cricket and Hockey player. He had been Head of the English Department and Country House Master and a founder member of the Saravia Society. He organised the annual Elocution Competitions. He had been due to take up his appointment as Senior Master on 1st September of this year. His dedication to the College was unstinting and his loyalty exemplary. The College mourned the loss of a true and gentle friend.

On 31st August Mr W.W.M.Cooper, the Vice-Principal retired after 29 years as a Master at the Upper School. A Scholar of Keble College, Oxford he was appointed to teach Classics by the Revd. Milnes just after the War. In his time he had been a Boarding House Tutor, College athletics coach, Group Scout Leader of the Sixth Guernsey and Island Commissioner for Scouts, Head of the Classics Department, New House Master and Vice-Principal. He assisted backstage with the building and installation of scenery for numerous drama productions. His dry wit cheered colleagues and encouraged boys to whom he was affectionately known as 'Granddad'. He was much loved. Throughout the many years of his service the College benefited from his uprightness, lightness of touch, kindness and loyalty. As his long-time colleague, R.J. van Leuven wrote of him 'Not only was practical and unstinting help always given in time of need, but also ... "Coop" was always ready to offer sympathy, consideration, kindness and all with unfailing courtesy.'

The Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Principal appointed Mr V.G.Collenette to succeed Mr W.W.M.Cooper as Vice-Principal.

A distinguished Old Elizabethan, Air Marshal Sir Peter Le Cheminant was appointed Deputy Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Central Europe in the rank of Air Chief Marshal.

Service Training

The CCF found a Guard of Honour for the Liberation Day parade and then a Royal Guard for the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. Subsequently His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commended the contingent on the excellence of their steadiness and turn-out on these and similar occasions which he had witnessed.

PART 2

1976

Academic Achievements

In the Guernsey Eisteddfod boys from Elizabeth College won eight cups and 38 certificates in the Literary Section, three certificates in English Elocution, four certificates (three with honours) in French Recitation and seven Music Certificates.

A.L.King was elected to an Organ Scholarship at Selwyn College, Cambridge where he would read for his Natural Sciences Tripos. He was also awarded a place at the International Youth Science Fortnight in London at Easter.

At 'A' level the 113 subject passes constituted an 82.5% pass rate almost identical to that of 1975 whereas at 'O' level the pass rate fell back to 66.3% and the mean VRQ for the Fifth Form to 120.1.

Buildings and Resources

At the Upper School a new Signal Room was built inside the western edge of the college curtilage by Upland Road. The building which became a great help to the Signals section of the CCF was built at a cost of £3,852 of which £3,500 was met out of a grant from the Ministry of Defence. Until this time the only space available indoors for practical signals training had been in each of the two tiny 'cells' in the North corridor at the very top of the main building.

At Lower School Parents and Masters gave of their time to complete the full establishment of a solar-heated swimming pool generously donated by a Master, Mr R.L.Keeping. The Lower School boarding house was fitted with a fire alarm system; the cycle shed was transformed into a furniture store and the laundry was converted into a cycle shed.

At Lower School Mr M.S.Child-Thomas was succeeded as Master-in-Charge by Mr M.S.Booth.

College Occasions

Senior Speech Day in College Hall on 28th May welcomed the Director of Education, Mr M.D. Hutchings as principal guest. Also present was past Principal Dr. Francis Hardy, now aged 97. The Principal announced a project which the College hoped shortly to undertake namely the construction of a new boarding house which would not only provide the boarders with better accommodation but would also release a large area of the College main building for educational purposes.

On 19th October a Service of Thanksgiving was held at St. Stephen's Church attended by all members of the College of both Upper and Lower School, boys and staff together numbering nearly 800. The occasion was to commemorate the laying of the Foundation Stone of the main building 150 years earlier by the then Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Charles Colborne. The Bidding was read by the Vice-Principal. The Choir sang an anthem "O Sing to the Lord a new song" to a setting composed by the Director of Choral Music, Mr C.N.Claxton.

Before the service started the Principal read to the congregation a letter which he had sent on behalf of all members of the College to Her Majesty the Queen offering her greetings and good wishes as a token of the College's loyalty and affection as members of the Royal Foundation of Elizabeth College. The envelope in which that letter was contained was a special First Day Cover, designed by the Vice-Principal, Mr V.G.Collenette and it carried a 7p stamp depicting the College's main building.

In response Her Majesty the Queen was graciously pleased to accept the first day cover into the Royal Collection. She also thanked the College for its kind and loyal message of greeting.

During the Michaelmas Half-Term an exhibition was set up in College Hall to mark the 150th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the College main building. Many College treasures were displayed including a letter written by the King's secretary in 1635 establishing King Charles First Scholarships. The plans of the main building drawn by John Wilson were on display as were over 130 cups and trophies belonging to the College.

Curriculum

The new academic year opened with 734 boys enrolled of whom 167 were at Lower School. The new entry totalled 110 boys and was the largest on record. Two major administrative changes were made at Upper School :

1. Whereas it had been for many years the practice for the afternoons of Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to be allocated as corps and games afternoons the playing fields were now inadequate to meet the simultaneous needs of the increased numbers at the College. Furthermore the ineffective use which this arrangement caused the playing fields to be put was all too apparent - they were unused for four days of every week. From now on therefore games were to be timetabled by age-groups throughout the week from Monday to Saturday inclusive. This had the added advantage of allowing games times to coincide with those of other island schools for purposes of competition.
2. The size of the three dayboy Houses had now grown too large for

efficient pastoral care and were much larger than School House for the purpose of inter-house games. The Upper School was therefore once again divided into six Houses : School, Town, Country, New, North and South; the two latter being the latest additions. Further, in the interests of effective pastoral care, the Master of the Junior School was provided with six Junior House Tutors to help him.

Drama and Music

In the Lent Term the College presented four performances of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night". The cast consisted of five adults from within and outside the College and eleven College boys. The small orchestra of boys, girls and adults played incidental music composed and arranged by Andrew King. The performances played to audiences totalling over one thousand people.

The second Elizabeth College Summer Orchestral Course was successfully run at College during the summer holidays and the end of course concert presented in the Ladies' College hall. Last year's teaching team was augmented by the Coull String quartet who had been recently appointed the resident quartet at the University of Warwick. The course organisers received much help and advice from Dame Ruth Railton who visited the course towards the end of the week. Dame Ruth was Founder and Musical Director of the National Youth Orchestra and National Junior Music School.

Games and Athletics

The College enjoyed a particularly good year in games competition if victory over Victoria College provides as measure of that for Elizabeth triumphed in Athletics, Cricket, Football, Sailing, Squash, Swimming and Tennis. The Hockey match was drawn.

Fencing at College had in the previous two years progressed so well that in March and for the first time Elizabeth College was represented at the Public Schools Schoolboys' Fencing Championship in London.

Archery as a sport developed a good following in the course of the current academic year so that by March 15 boys had become competent archers.

The College Soccer XI defeated Victoria College 5-4, Westminster School 6-3 and Chigwell School 1-0.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

In the Lent Term Mr K.Fletcher produced the cabaret for the biennial fund-raising Dinner and Cabaret. A few days later and in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Guernsey a repeat performance of the cabaret was given together with a programme of music played by the College brass band to entertain lonely people in the Island in College hall.

Service Training

During the year for Third Form boys not yet involved with CCF or Duke of Edinburgh's Award work a staff of eight provided a variety of courses from which a boy could sample two : Board Games (both the playing and designing of the same); Cookery; D.I.Y. (an introduction to simple house repairs and maintenance); Drama (a workshop course in make-up, lighting, set design, improvisation, etc); Expedition training and Camping; Photography (including developing and printing).

1977

Academic Achievements

In the Guernsey Eisteddfod boys at Upper School gained 34 Certificates in the English Literary section 25 with merit, 5 with first class and four with honours. In the French Literary Speech and Drama section Upper School boys won one Certificate of Merit and three First Class Certificates. Lower School boys won three First Class Certificates, seven Certificates of Merit and one Honours award; in the English Literary Section they won two First Class Certificates and two Honours Awards. In Choral speaking the Lower School won the Invicta Cup and a First Class Certificate while in the Music section the Lower School Choir won the Unison Singing Cup and the Cup for School Choirs.

A College team of A. Knight, S.O'Toole, D.N.Stephenson and B.J.Taylor represented Guernsey Schools and tied for first place in Westward Television's "Around the World in 48 Hours" quiz series, with a team from Poltair School in Cornwall and won a weekend in Gibraltar.

The results of the 'A' level exams showed a pass rate of 89.3% which was the best on record at Elizabeth College with 133 subject passes and that in a year when nationally 'A' level results were less good than usual. At 'O' level a 67.6% pass rate at College showed a small improvement on the previous year. The 83 Fifth Form candidates obtained on average 6.8 subject passes each. The maximum number of 'O' level passes held by boys leaving Fifth Form was as in 1976 thirteen that figure having stood at twelve in the previous two years. Seven candidates gained no 'O' level passes at all. The average VRQ for the Fifth Form in 1977 was 121.4.

Of those boys who left in July, while G.E.Falla and A.L.King were proceeding to Cambridge, 20 were proceeding to degree courses at other Universities, 5 had decided to defer entry to university for a year. A further 11 were proceeding to courses at Polytechnics (another boy had decided to delay for one year his entry to Polytechnic) and 9 to other places of Higher and Further education.

I.S.Bott was elected to a King Charles First Scholarship tenable

at Jesus College, Oxford to read Mathematics. P.J.Fernando was elected to an Open Exhibition at Churchill College, Cambridge to read for his Natural Sciences Tripos.

College Occasions

The Foundress's Day Service was held on 25th May in the Town Church where were accommodated together, all the Upper School, the Masters and the Board of Directors.

The Annual Commemoration Service was held in St. Stephen's Church on 9th July. The Address was given by the Revd. Father D.J.S.Mahy (4789) Dean of the Roman Catholic Church in Jersey.

On 3rd June in College Hall during Prize giving Andrew King was presented to the principal guest as Scholar of the Year. The Organ Scholarship tenable at Selwyn College, Cambridge where he was to read Natural Sciences had been awarded to Andrew on condition that he gained adequate grades at 'A' level. In fact he achieved grade 'A' passes in Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physical Science. In Mathematics he was awarded a Merit grading in his 'S' level paper and a Distinction in his Physical Science 'S' level paper. At the age of thirteen he had won the Bisson Cup and the Upson Memorial Cup for organ playing, the latter trophy being for open competition in the Guernsey Eisteddfod. He had won that competition every year since until 1976. At the age of fifteen he was appointed Assistant Organist at the Town Church where he gave his first recital. In the academic year 1976/77 he obtained his LRAM for Organ performance. His suite for Recorders and Strings won its class in the Guernsey Eisteddfod in 1976.

Curriculum

The new academic year started with a total of 745 boys enrolled of whom 160 were at Lower School.

The annual colloquium on Higher and Further Education organised by the College Careers officer, Mr C.E.Ball for new members of the Lower Sixth and their parents once again proved to be very popular and was well attended. Dr.K.Edwards of St.John's College, Cambridge took part. Explanations of the life, curricula and modes of entry applicable to Oxford, Cambridge and the other Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Further and Higher Education were explained. Throughout the year the College Careers officer arranged specialist careers talks given by Guernsey business men and others, work experience for boys, job interviews (real and mock) and counselled boys about their choice of course within the College curriculum. Not only was he responsible for all public examinations entries but he also advised boys regarding their next stage following the publication of their GCE results.

Drama and Music

In March for four nights during which all available seats were sold the College production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers" was staged at the Beau Séjour Theatre. The cast consisted of boys, Masters, wives of Masters, parents, pupils from Blanchelande and from the Girls' Grammar School totalling 74 in number and supported by a full orchestra. Before the end of term a concert performance of some of the items from the show was staged in College Hall for the benefit of elderly people from around the Island. Transport was arranged by the Rotary Club of Guernsey and coffee and biscuits served during the interval by the College Voluntary Service Unit.

During the Easter visit of the Choir to France they gave a recital of English Church music in St.Malo Cathedral and the following morning sang Mass there for a congregation of over 700. To raise funds for this visit the choir had during the previous Christmas vacation sung carols at a number of hotels and clubs in Guernsey

The 105th College Concert was brought forward from the end of the Trinity Term to the Saturday closest to 25th May and re-named the Foundress's Day Concert. This was done to avoid clashes between concert rehearsals, demanding end-of-term activities and boys' G.C.E. examination commitments.

In the latter part of the Summer holidays the Elizabeth College Summer Orchestral Course attracted 86 students aged between 8 and 20 years drawn from Island Schools and from Jersey. The course again culminated in two concerts being staged on consecutive nights in the Ladies' College hall.

The College handbell team "The Clangers" once again engaged in an extensive programme of ringing carols to young and old in hospitals, homes and institutions in the period leading up to Christmas and this year for the first time they were invited to join the Choir as guests on Christmas Eve at Government House.

Games and Athletics

In the Guernsey Schools' Cross-Country Championships all six events were won by teams from Elizabeth College. Later in the year the College won the Coronation Shield. Thirteen College boys were selected for the Guernsey team in the Inter-Insular match. In the Hampshire Championships A.C.P.Blin, P.A.Farnon, A.W.Mason, R.J.Price, B.J.Taylor and S.C.Toynton were selected to represent Guernsey and in those Championships, P.A.Farnon was placed first in the Shot and A.W.Mason was first in the Triple Jump.

The Hockey XI beat Victoria College 2-1 and was later numbered among the ten schools including teams from Holland and Spain which met at the Taunton School Festival.

The College Team won the Liberation Day Road Relay Race into driving rain and a head wind in a time only seven seconds outside the record set in 1976 by the Elizabeth College team. In College Athletics ten College records were broken and in the Hutchence Cup in which Victoria College was defeated by 60-52 ten of the thirteen Elizabeth College athletes taking part produced their personal best performances.

In the Guernsey Jubilee Tennis Championships M.Roberts won the Under-13 competition and with A.D.Laws won the Under-13 doubles competition. S.W.B.Parkinson won the Under-15 event for Elizabeth College while P.Vincke and C.Wells took the Under-18 Doubles title.

I.G.Robinson became Channel Islands' Squash Champion and Under-19 Champion. M.Roberts although still under the age of thirteen became the Island Under-16 Champion and P.Matthews was the island Under-14 Champion.

Personalia

In the evening of 29th April Dr Francis Hardy died of pneumonia at the age of 98. He had been Principal of Elizabeth College from 1924 until 1939. He was a man remarkable not only for his longevity but also for his intelligence, self-discipline and loyalty to Elizabeth College with which he maintained close links until his death. Each year he attended formal occasions such as Speech Day, College drama productions and Old Elizabethan dinners. While his presence is sadly missed his memory will linger in the minds of many for years to come.

On 28th May Mr Louis Guillemette died. He was a staunch Old Elizabethan who joined the College at the age of 13 in 1923 and left five years later. In 1975 he joined the Board of Directors of the College for whom he served on their Boarding House Sub-Committee, Building Sub-Committee and Finance Sub-Committee. With his death the College lost the wise counsel of one of its sons who had served the Bailiwick of Guernsey loyally and devotedly all his life.

On 1st August at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital Jonathan Self (From IV) died as a result of a road accident.

Service Training

In the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme C.A.Beaton, C.S.Le Conte and P.K.Veron each achieved a Gold Award.

The College Scout Group was visited at their new Headquarters at College Field by the Chief Scout, Sir William Gladstone who presented his Commendation for Good Service to the Group Scout Leader, Mr. C.C.Robins. Queen's Scout Awards were won by A.K.J.Bowyer, T.M.Searle and G.Smith.

Academic Achievements

The GCE examination results saw a big and welcome improvement in the 'O' level pass rate to 73.7% believed to be the highest on record at College at that time. For the 93 Fifth Form candidates this represented an average of seven passes with grade C or better. The average VRQ for the year group was 121.7 this year. The maximum number of passes held by Fifth Form boys in this year was 13. One boy gained no 'O' levels at all !

At 'A' level the pass rate fell back to 81%. Out of the eleven subjects in which boys were examined Art, English, Further Mathematics and History showed a 100% pass rate.

The new academic year opened with the College receiving 101 new boys, there being a total of 735 boys enrolled (ten fewer than in September 1977) of whom 164 were at the Lower School (an increase of 4). At the same time P.J.Fernando took up his place at Cambridge while 12 other boys entered degree courses at other Universities and another 10 boys deferred their university entry for a year. Nineteen boys proceeded to Polytechnics and other places of Higher and Further education.

Before the close of the academic year 1977/78 E.P.Plummer (O.E. 6358), a King Charles First Scholar at Jesus College, Oxford had achieved a First Class Honours degree in Mathematics and had been elected to a Senior King Charles First Scholarship for the period of his post graduate research. He was also awarded the Jesus College Bursary for Research and Advanced Studies.

In December J.D.Lockett was elected to an Open Scholarship to read Mathematics at Jesus College, Oxford. He had been a 4-term candidate for this examination and his scripts were described by the mathematics tutor at Jesus College as of an exceptionally good standard.

Buildings and Resources

In his Annual Report on the state of the College the Principal made important observations concerning College buildings as an essential teaching resource :

“Five years ago I set before the Board of Directors as a 6-year plan a list of facilities needed for the Upper School. This list included :

- a. A resources and reprographic centre,
- b. five permanent classrooms,
- c. a Sixth Form Centre,

- d. a gymnasium big enough to take a normal-sized class,
- e. a creative and constructive arts centre,
- f. a refectory,
- g. a fully equipped lecture theatre,
- h. accommodation for the administrative offices and stationery store.

In order to reveal the extra space for these developments on an already overcrowded site I subsequently proposed to the Board of Directors' Building Sub-Committee, under the enthusiastic chairmanship of the late Mr. A. Gamble, that the Boarding House be re-sited. The achievements of this would have the simultaneous virtue of lifting the standard of that accommodation which was described in 1975 by H.M. Inspectors as "unworthy of the College and sub-standard by present-day levels".

Clearly despite the undoubted urgency of the needs, limitations of space and finance determine that progress can be only gradual. So far however it has been possible to ease a little the pressure only where the shoe pinches most. Taking these items in turn :

The College Library is across Upland Road and upstairs instead of being at the hub of the College; we have two hut classrooms; the Upper Sixth of 54 boys has approximately 875 sq.ft. of attic space to use as study area and Common Room; the gymnasium is the same as ever and without heating; we have no means to develop any crafts except in wood, thus excluding metal and forge work, fibre glass and thermoplastics; while our small tuck shop provides soup, hot dogs, chips, etc., at lunchtime, and forms 1 and 2 eat their sandwiches in the miniature range below ground, many boys obtain a proper lunch only by going home and so exacerbating the lunchtime traffic problem; we had a lecture theatre but it was essential that it be converted into a General Science Laboratory; the old Guernsey Militia hut which at present houses the administrative office is being extended in similar architectural style to relieve congestion. Finally during this year it has been possible to increase to four the high-vaulted classrooms in the main building which have had suspended ceilings installed thus improving their acoustic properties to an acceptable level."

College Occasions

Senior Speech Day was held in College Hall on 20th May. The College's principal guest was the Right Honourable George Thomas M.P., the Speaker of the House of Commons. Himself a devout Christian, a one-time schoolmaster and a man revered by MPs on both sides of the House of Commons, Mr Speaker held his Speech Day audience in thrall throughout his unscripted address. He placed the greatest value on the privilege of serving others. I.S.Bott was presented at Senior Prizegiving to the Speaker as Scholar of the Year.

Foundress's Day was marked by the traditional service in the Town Church at 0915 hrs. The day was brought to an impressive close by the Foundress's Day Concert in College Hall that evening including performances by the Orchestra, Wind band, Brass Band and Choir.

The visit on 28th June of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince Philip involved six Elizabeth College boys in performing a brass fanfare composed and conducted by Mr C.N.Claxton, the College Director of Choral Music. This was sounded both outside the Royal Court House and subsequently inside the Sir John Loveridge Hall at Beau Séjour as Her Majesty entered those places. Mr J.S.Cobbett, Head of the College Art Department, was responsible for the calligraphy of the two Loyal addresses which were read and presented to Her Majesty by the Bailiff, Sir John Loveridge. Major I.J.Rawlins-Duquemin was Commander of the Royal Guard of fifty cadets found for the occasion. Mr and Mrs Cobbett were presented to Her Majesty after the meeting of the States over which Her Majesty presided; the Principal and Mrs Wheadon, Major and Mrs Rawlins-Duquemin and Mr Claxton were presented to Her Majesty on board the Royal Yacht 'Britannia' that evening. Crowns minted to mark the occasion were presented to all students throughout the Bailiwick.

Drama and Music

The fourth Elizabeth College Summer Orchestral Course attracted over eighty girls and boys from the Channel Islands and France.. The Course Director was Mr C.N.Claxton, the Musical Director Mr.H.M.Attwell was assisted once again by members of the Coull String Quartet, Mr Arthur Burns of the L'Islet Salvation Army and Dennis Rudd of Arundel Court Middle School, Portsmouth. It was at this time that the States of Guernsey appointed their first peripatetic music teacher, a violinist, Mr John Whomersley was later to become Director of the Schools' Music Service in Guernsey.

Games and Athletics

In competition with Victoria College, Elizabeth won both games of soccer, drew at hockey, won the swimming and gained the Hutchence Cup by 89 points to 23. In that last event ten of the eleven College athletes taking part

recorded their personal best performances. The success in swimming was in large measure attributable to the Winter training at Beau Séjour in which College boys engaged coached by Mr B.W.Allen.

While still in statu pupillari at Elizabeth College C.N.Allen played in the Guernsey Muratti team which beat Jersey 2-1. N.E.Lainé was a member of the Guernsey Junior Golf team which beat Jersey.

It is good to note that this year eleven College boys sailed with the Ocean Youth Club in their yacht "Sir Thomas Sopwith".

In Inter-Insular athletic competitions Elizabeth College boys representing Guernsey at Under-15 level won the 100m., 200m., 400m. and Shot Putt while in the Under-17 events Elizabeth College boys won the 100m., 200m., 400m., 800., 1500m. and 3000m., high jump and long jump events.

During the Christmas holidays 14 boys from Third Form went to Los Angeles on a soccer tour. Having set out on 21st December they returned on 7th January. As well as playing soccer they visited many well known tourist attractions.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

For five days during January on the invitation of the Principal the College was visited by Brother Damian of the Society of Saint Francis. Each day he took morning assembly for a different age group and met boys more or less informally in the School. In the Lunch hours he made himself available for boys to chat to him while at the week-end the Boarders had their chance to get to know him. The Boys of the Lower School were wonderfully impressed by him. Although there could be no measure of the influence of his presence there can be no doubt that it brought into scrutiny many of the standards of our society as well the degree of individuals' Christian commitment. Damian's understanding of community life enabled him to offer valuable support to Masters and boys alike and they were left very much looking forward to his next visit. His simple goodness and serene presence illuminated us all and left joy in our hearts.

The College record of success in many fields of sport is a proud one. To enable College sportsmen to pit their skills against a wide field of competition they need to meet their counterparts in England. The cost of travel placed considerable demands upon parents' pockets and often it was the same parents whose sons were selected to represent Elizabeth College. In order to reduce that financial burden Mr.R.C.N.Roussel launched a Tours Fund from which some degree of subsidy could be offered on each occasion. The fund derived its income from the proceeds of Cabaret-Dinners, raffles and other enterprising schemes which required much ingenuity and effort continually throughout each academic year.

In Lent Term two Cabaret Dinners were held in College Hall to

raise money for the Tours Fund. These occasions as always very popular with parents included as the Cabaret performances of “Pyramus and Thisbe” - an adaptation by Mr.K.Fletcher from Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”. The same adaptation was later entered for the Guernsey One Act Play Festival.

In order to extend College boys’ horizons to the needs of people on the other side of the world Peter Findlayson (O.E. 6194), who had offered his graduate ability as a teacher to the organisation for Voluntary Service Overseas, kindly agreed that the College should sponsor his work in North Borneo where for two years he would be teaching in a school that was so overcrowded that its pupils attended on a shift basis. Of the £1170 raised by the various activities of Charities’ Week, £300 was used to pay for Peter’s kitting-out and travelling expenses and a further £150 was used to provide books for his pupils to use. In return Peter undertook to provide College with photographs and account of his daily work and life so that College might understand the needs of the children in Sarawak. Of the remaining money £600 went to the Samaritan organisation in Guernsey and £50 to the Save the Children Fund. The forty College boys who took part in the World Aid Walk collected £440 between them towards the £4050 total. Eight teams of boys joined in the 1978 Swimathon.

Personalia

In January, W.J.Allen, more normally known as ‘Bill’, groundsman of Elizabeth College from 1902 to 1967, died in his 91st year. His time with Elizabeth College was interrupted on two occasions : a period of the Great War when he served with the Manchester Regiment, and in 1940 when for sheltering in the College Field pavilion two Old Elizabethan army officers who were on a secret mission in Guernsey he was afterwards imprisoned in Guernsey, Jersey, Caen and Paris, undergoing solitary confinement in the Cherche Midi Prison. The College Field was made to appear largely as it does today because of the work of Bill Allen.

On Sunday May 7th Mr Andrew Gamble died. He became a member of the Board of Directors in January 1973, appointed by the States of Guernsey. As he himself said, the welfare of the College ranked very high on the list of priorities in his life. This was apparent in the generous way in which he gave of his time and energy as Chairman of the Board of Directors Building Sub-Committee to prospering the planning of new buildings and of buildings’ refurbishment in an endeavour to bring College facilities into line with its needs, while at the same time securing its future. The College owes him a great debt of gratitude for his interest and support. His two sons attended the College. He is remembered with affection as a true Christian gentleman.

Two past Vice-Principals also died in this year : Major F.G.Manchester and Mr W.W.M.Cooper. Each gave generously of themselves to

the College. Accounts of their contributions to the life and work of the College appear earlier in this history. Their profound and good influences upon the lives of countless Elizabethans serve as fitting memorials to each of these remarkable men.

On 30th June the Very Reverend Canon F.W.Cogman retired from the office of Dean of Guernsey and ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Directors having served in those capacities since 1967. During this period Canon Cogman, who had at one time taught at Elizabeth College, and at the Boys' and Girls' Grammar Schools had also been a States Member, was a member of the Education Council. This link between the Council and the College was valuable to both enabling their co-operation and mutual understanding. Much of the work of a Chairman of a Board of Governors goes unsung and unnoticed because it is discreetly transacted. The College has good reason to be grateful to Canon Cogman for all his concern and endeavour for the College throughout the years of his Chairmanship.

After almost 26 years as School Staff Instructor with the College CCF Sergeant-Major N.E.Ozanne retired in August . During his years of service with the College he had been responsible for training Guards of Honour found each year by the College for Remembrance Day, Liberation Day and for Royal visits. Their steadiness and high standard of turn-out have received frequent commendation from many public figures. In addition to his basic duties as SSI he was responsible together with the Officer i/c Shooting for the considerable success of the Contingent in this field throughout his term of office. In recognition of his devoted and loyal service Her Majesty was graciously pleased to confer upon him the award of the British Empire Medal.

Service Training

In the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme 7 boys received their gold, 8 their silver and 34 their bronze awards.

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Academic Achievements

The Senior Prefect, D.Hollingsworth was one of 140 chosen from 4,000 applicants to take part in the National Youth Theatre's Senior Course from 23rd July – 11th August.

The year's GCE results both showed improvements on those of a year ago. At 'A' level 134 subjects passes constituted an 82.2% pass rate with a pass rate in four subjects of 100% and of those English Literature achieved this distinction for the third consecutive year. At 'O' level the pass rate improved by almost 10% to become 83.5% and an all-time College record. 87 candidates obtained an average of eight passes each, one boy gained 14 passes, five others thirteen and there were thirteen boys who passed in 12 'O' level subjects. The

average V.R.Q. for the year was 123.3.

The new academic year started with fewer new boys, only 93 and 722 boys enrolled of whom 159 were at Lower School. With I.S.Bott and J.D.Lockett entering Oxford another 18 boys began degree courses at other Universities while a further 7 deferred their university entry for twelve months. T.J.Garnham joined Trinity College of Music in London and 13 others entered Polytechnics and other Colleges of Higher and Further education.

In December M.R.Thompson was elected to a King Charles First Scholarship to read Mathematics at Jesus College, Oxford. He had been a four term candidate for that examination and the scripts that he wrote were of such distinction as to place him top of the lists of Scholarship awards in that subject at that College in 1979.

Buildings and Resources

At their meeting on 27th June the States resolved to allow the College a loan of up to £260,000 repayable over a period of fifteen years. This brought nearer the achievement of new boarding accommodation on the site purchased for the purpose in King's Road. Ultimately the removal of School House to this new site would reveal a large volume of space in the main College building for re-use for educational purposes.

College Occasions

The College's principal guest at Middle and Senior School Prizegiving was Sir Alfred Blake, KCVO., MC.,LLB, until lately Director for the Duke of Edinburgh of his Award Scheme. During the day the College was open to Parents and friends of the College who were able to view boys' work and demonstrations of activities throughout the year.

The Foundress's Day concert held in College Hall on 25th May included polished performances of many kinds : the College Choir, the Orchestra, the Brass band, the Wind band and the String Group all made their contributions. The three interval readings were provided by the winner of each section of the Spoken English Competition. The whole concert was a sparkling performance before an appreciative audience with not a vacant seat in the house.

Curriculum

In the week-end of 5th-7th October Major Duncan Christie-Miller who was responsible for the training of Royal Marines at Lympstone assisted by two Officers and a Warrant Officer from the same unit ran a leadership course for 28 Upper Sixth boys who had not necessarily experienced the CCF.

Drama and Music

Four College performances of “The Merchant of Venice” by William Shakespeare played to packed houses from 14th-17th March. Superbly performed and sumptuously dressed the production had its incidental music composed by a present pupil T.M.C.Feak and played by members of the College on harpsichord, oboe, recorders, viola, violin, ’cello and percussion.

On 20th April some 40 members of the College Choir went by hydrofoil to St.Malo where they were accommodated by the Institute de Moka. Next day, Saturday, they performed a short recital before a sung Mass which was succeeded by a further recital. The College Chaplain concelebrated during the Mass at the Unity Service. The Choir’s performances were accorded an overwhelming acclamation by the Congregation. The recording session early next morning was followed by breakfast after which the singing of Mass in St.Malo Cathedral. Once again the singing of the office was preceded and followed by a short recital and the congregation accorded them a standing ovation.

The Choir had no fewer than sixteen items in their repertoire at this stage and six of them were composed by the Director of Choral Music, Mr C.N.Claxton. His music was well received both in Guernsey and in France.

Games and Athletics

During the Easter holidays 70 Upper School boys went on a ski trip to Leysin in the Alps. At the same time a party of Lower School boys went skiing in the Auvergne region of France.

On the games field against Victoria College in soccer we won one lost one; in hockey we won; we won both games of cricket the second of these being with a score of 216 for 9 on the board by one run in the fifth ball of the last over ! The Hutchence Cup was also a win for Elizabeth College by 78 to 34. It was the thirteenth match with Mr Pedlar in charge of training. There were thirteen boys in the team and the meeting took place in Jersey on the 13th July. With 13 events to be decided under perfect conditions Elizabeth College athletes set up seven new match and two new College records. We lost both Tennis and Squash but won the Swimming match.

As a measure of the College’s competitive worth in games and athletics the following records are witness to its high standing at this time. In the Michaelmas Term of 1978 the 1st XI Football team won all their matches against Chigwell School, King Edward’s School Witley and Winchester College. In Lent Term the 1st XI Hockey Team were guests at the Taunton Schools’ Hockey Tournament where they drew three, won one and lost one. At an athletics meeting with a team from Winchester College, Elizabeth College triumphed by 77 points to 35.

The Lower School also enjoyed a successful year against Victoria

College Preparatory School whom they defeated in both Soccer and Cricket. The Lower School Soccer XI for the second time won the Junior Island Schools' Knock-Out Competition in Guernsey.

Personalia

J.Steininger who joined Elizabeth College in September 1975 died at the age of 15½ as the result of a road accident. A cheerful respectful and popular boy he was an enthusiastic member of the College CCF and included work as a St.John Ambulance Cadet among his extra-mural activities. He represented Country House in Soccer, Hockey and Cricket. His chief enthusiasm however, was for swimming and in 1978 he won the Dickson Trophy for Diving. In his memory the Johann Steininger Memorial trophy for Under-15 diving was donated to the College by his contemporaries there.

On 27th November on his way home from a first XI Fixture Stephen Sullivan was involved in a minor road accident. A few hours later he died in hospital as the result of an extremely rare medical condition. He was a gifted games player and had been awarded his colours for First XI Football, Hockey and Cricket and in 1979 was Vice-Captain of both Football and Cricket. Popular with both Masters and boys Stephen was a responsible College Prefect in his Upper Sixth year with 9 'O' level passes to his credit and excellent 'A' level prospects had he survived.

During the night of 19th/20th November Mrs Nancy Falla died unexpectedly at home. She had been appointed Principal's Secretary by Mr Day in 1958. Her loyalty and dedication to Elizabeth College were second only to the devotion she showed to her husband Frank and their children.

Mrs Falla was succeeded in office as Principal's Secretary by Mrs J.F.Evett.

Service Training

The CCF Contingent enjoyed an outstandingly successful year as evidenced by its exam. results : Army Apex exam. passes: 55/55; RAF Proficiency Part II passes: 9/9; RAF Proficiency part III passes: 6/6; RAF Advanced training passes: 6/6; Royal Corps of Signals Classification exam. passes: 18/18; Royal Corps of Signals Assistant Instructor exam. passes: 8/8.

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Academic Achievements

At 'A' level the overall pass rate was 86.4% being the second best on record at Elizabeth College attributable in part to the structured arrangements made for Upper Sixth private study during their last academic year. A 100% pass rate was achieved in Classical Civilisation, German, History, Further

Mathematics, Religious Studies and Music.

'O' level examination saw 90 Fifth Form candidates obtain on average 8 passes each with grade C or better. One boys gained 14 such passes while M.J.Murphy and J.J.N.Mauger both obtained passes in 13 subjects with grade 'A' in all of them. A further seven boys passed in 13 subjects. The overall pass rate was 83.4% - a mere 0.1% less than last year's all-time record for Elizabeth College. The average V.R.Q. for the year group was 122.

One hundred and two new boys joined the College at the start of the new academic year. Although this may have been the largest single entry the total number of boys enrolled fell for the third successive year. Of the total of 707, 163 were attending the Lower School.

Of those who had just left College only M.R.Thompson was going up to Oxford. There were no entries to Cambridge. Twelve other boys were beginning degree courses at other universities, a further eleven of whom 6 had definite places had decided to delay their start at university for a year and thirteen were entering Polytechnics and Colleges of Higher and Further Education.

At the start of the Christmas holiday A.R.Guilbert was elected to a King Charles First Exhibition tenable to read Mathematics at Jesus College, Oxford. At the same time S.O'Toole was offered a place at Exeter College, Oxford to read English Literature and S.R.Langford was offered a place at Regents Park College, Oxford.

Buildings and Resources

On Monday 29th January work began on building the new Boarding House at the site bordering upon King's Road. The achievement of this building was to meet two aims simultaneously. Not only would it provide modern accommodation for the boarders but their removal from the main College building (and the removal of the Principal, his wife and family to private accommodation outside the College) would reveal a large area of floor space there for redevelopment for educational purposes which would benefit all members of the College.

With this prospect in view the Principal invited an Advisory Committee of Masters under the chairmanship of the Vice-Principal to consider among many aspects of the College's administration and organisation, the kind of features necessary to bring the physical resources of the College up to date.

When the Advisory Committee submitted their report to the Principal he passed a copy of it to each member of the Board of Directors so as to provide a closeness of communications between the College's governing body, the Principal and the Masters' Common Room.

After the Easter holidays the Principal set before the Board of Directors Building Sub-Committee an outline scheme showing how with very few

structural changes in the main building it would be possible to meet the following needs identified by the Advisory Committee of Masters : two Economics classrooms, an Economics Library and bookstore; a Computer Studies Centre; two Music classrooms with one large and one small Music rehearsal rooms, a music practice room with an instrument store; a metalwork and plastics workshop located alongside the existing woodwork and art departments; a resources and reprographic centre with audio-visual booths; a lecture theatre with projection and video recording facilities; a drama studio and workshop, costume store and costume workshop; a larger Orderly Room for the CCF; Upper Sixth Form private study area and common rooms with small kitchen; improved common room for Masters providing an interview room and a Chaplain's Room; permanent (instead of hatted) accommodation for the College administration. The disused boarding house kitchens and dining room would be used to provide lunchtime refreshments for day-boys.

College Occasions

The 22nd April saw the swearing-in as Lieutenant Governor of Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Le Cheminant, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.F.C., R.A.F., who was also O.E. 3946 was proudly attended by a Guard of Honour found from Elizabeth College CCF and commanded by the Contingent Commander Major, I.J.Rawlins-Duquemin.

Curriculum

On 26th September the sixth annual Colloquium on Higher and Further Education was held in College Hall. The Principal was in the chair and welcomed over 100 Lower Sixth Form boys and their parents who had come to listen to Dr. Kenneth Edwards, the Tutor for Admissions from St.John's College Cambridge, Mr A.R.Cross, Master of the Senior School responsible for College entries to Oxford and Cambridge Colleges and Mr C.E.Ball, the College Careers Officer each giving his perspective on universities, polytechnics and other institutions of Higher and Further Education. On the completion of the formal part of the evening which included the showing of a film about university life and colour slides of Cambridge, refreshments were served while members of the audience conversed informally with the speakers.

Drama and Music

From 19th – 22nd March there was each evening a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Pirates of Penzance' given by boys, Masters, Masters' Wives and friends of the College to full houses at the Beau Séjour Theatre. The orchestra consisted almost entirely of College boys.

The Sixth Elizabeth College Summer Orchestral Course hosted

98 students from the Channel Islands and from France. The Course Director was Mr C.N.Claxton and the Musical Director was Mr H.M.Attwell assisted by the Coull Quartet and the Darius Wind Quintet.

Games and Athletics

The College shooting VIII visited Jersey on 7th June to compete shoulder to shoulder against Victoria College for the W.T.Marrett Cup. This was the first year that Elizabeth College won the trophy since it was recovered in the early 1970's and competition for it transferred from the Old Boys to the present members of the two Colleges.

The College won the Staniforth Challenge Trophy with a score of 788 out of 800.

For the fifth successive year Elizabeth College won the Hutchence Cup this time by 77 points to 35 with Elizabeth College setting up three new records for the meeting. In the last ten years Elizabeth College won the Hutchence Cup competition nine times.

Elizabeth College won the Dorey Cup for tennis in competition with Victoria College by 6 matches to 3.

The 1st XI Football team defeated Victoria College at home and away they were also successful in their matches with Winchester College and Charterhouse during their tour in England.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

From 21st – 27th March Brother Damian of the Society of St.Francis paid his second visit to the College. As well as taking daily Assemblies he spent time talking to Masters and boys and displaying the wisdom and practicality of the Christian life. His presence and example and the tireless work of the College Chaplain and the numerous Island Clergy who continually give generously of their time for the College's benefit encourage within the College a Christian atmosphere in which all work and thrive.

Old Elizabethan Association Gifts

The F.G.Manchester Fund of the Old Elizabethan Association provided the College with many facilities during the year : new athletics hurdles, Solar heating for the swimming pool, an all-weather Nottingham match wicket at the Memorial Field and two similar all-weather net wickets at College Field. The fund also met the cost of hiring the Osmond-Priaulx all-weather hockey pitches for use in training and for matches by the 1st XI in very wet weather.

Personalia

On 22nd May Mr C.J.McCathie (O.E. 3891) died. He had been

serving his second term of office on the Board of Directors and until July 1979 had been President of the Old Elizabethan Association. He was a kindly generous-hearted man who cared deeply about every aspect of his considerable involvement with Island life.

In the morning of 15th September Mr A.M.Gilkes died. He became a member of the Board of Directors in January 1980 and served on their Finance Sub-Committee.

Service Training

During the year College boys won 5 gold, 18 Silver and 14 bronze awards in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

The 6th Guernsey (Elizabeth College) Scout Troop achieved 3 Chief Scout Awards made to John Levick, John Paul Bisson and James Le Page.

1981

Academic Achievements

At 'A' level there were 173 subject passes which constituted 86.1% of the entry while at 'O' level the pass rate fell back by 4% to 79.4% despite the fact that the average VRQ for the year group was 124.26 – higher than any VRQ previously recorded at Elizabeth College. 80 Fifth Form candidates obtained an average of 8.4 passes with Grade C or better or with Grade 1 in the Certificate of Secondary Education.

In September with 107 new boys (the largest new intake) College reopened with 712 boys enrolled (an increase of 5 on last year) of whom 171 were attending the Lower School.

In addition to the three boys already mentioned as going up to Oxford another thirty two began university degree courses. A further eleven were entering Polytechnics and Colleges of Higher and Further education. Four more boys went to gain practical farming experience prior to entry to Seale Hayne Agricultural College in one year's time. Altogether these represented the highest number so far proceeding to Higher and Further education from Elizabeth College.

In December the Senior Prefect M.J.Murphy was elected to an Open Scholarship to read Mathematics at University College, Oxford; J.Mauger was elected to an Open Scholarship to read Mathematics at St.John's College, Oxford and R.Jarvis received a Horne Scholarship to read Mathematics at St.John's College, Cambridge. At the same time places were offered to A.P.Bott at Jesus College, Oxford to read Modern Languages; to B.Dempster at Pembroke College, Cambridge to read Natural Sciences; to R.Hill at St.John's College, Cambridge to read Natural Sciences; to J.La Chapelle at St.John's College, Cambridge to read

Modern Languages and to J.Lowe at St.Catherine's College, Cambridge to read French.

Two more boys were given conditional offers of places to read Natural Sciences : C.J.Bideau at Robinson College, Cambridge and P.E.Digard at St.John's College, Cambridge. Thus a total of 10 boys gained awards or places at Oxford or Cambridge Colleges during the year under review – a number greater than in any other year included in this history of the College.

Buildings and Resources

Shortly after his installation as Principal at Elizabeth College Mr J.K.Day instituted a College Re-endowment Fund which grew to between four and five thousand pounds and then languished. In order to give it a purpose other than simply being absorbed into College Funds it was designated "The College Computer Fund". It had no income but that of its own interest however it was swelled this year by a donation from Rea Brothers (Guernsey) Ltd to help with the purchase of new equipment.

On 6th August 1981 the new premises to accommodate Elizabeth College School House were completed simultaneously bringing nearer the improved teaching facilities which can be provided in that part of the main College building to be vacated by the School House. In these summer holidays a start was made on the extensive rewiring of the whole of the main College building while the staircases there were refurbished to meet fire safety regulations.

The Lieutenant Governor, His Excellency Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Le Cheminant, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.F.C., officially opened the new boarding house in King's Road on 16th September. The new building provided residential accommodation for 65 Upper and Lower School boys, three House Tutors, a Matron and for the House Master and his family. Senior boys had study-bedrooms other boys were accorded work units incorporating study facilities and a bunk bed over the top housed in large communal rooms. There was a large recreation room and a dining room alongside the fully-equipped kitchen and food store. In his opening address His Excellency emphasised the importance of the occasion in the life of the College. Not only did this new building provide much-needed modern accommodation for the boarders but their removal from the residential accommodation in the Main College Building in The Grange would reveal a large volume of space for reuse for the educational benefit of all boys at Upper School. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, The Very Revd. Canon J.W.Foster then blessed and dedicated the building. Groups of guests were then conducted around the house before taking tea in the dining room.

It is worthy of note that despite the generous terms afforded by the States for the provision of a loan to enable the College to build the new Boarding House in the event the College was able to fund the new development from its

savings without recourse to the States' loan. The States however did agree to the use of the loan if necessary to facilitate the refurbishment of the revealed space in the College main building.

Drama and Music

From 18th to 21st March each evening the College Hall was filled with enthusiastic audiences attending performances directed by Mr Kenneth Fletcher of his musical written 'For the Masters and Boys of Elizabeth College' entitled "Bard in the Hand". Skilfully Mr Fletcher centred his writing which contained a preponderance of Shakespeare's own words upon the stained glass window located at the West end of College Hall which enshrines the personalities involved in the founding of the College. The culmination of the production saw the same characters portrayed on stage, momentarily as a tableau while the stained glass window was illuminated from outside.

The Seventh Annual Elizabeth College Summer Orchestral Course attracted 120 boys and girls from the Channel Islands and from France and culminated in an Orchestral Concert before a capacity audience in the Mare de Carteret School hall.

At the end of term customary services of Nine Lessons and Carols were held in the Town Church each being heralded by the playing of the College Handbell Team, 'The Clangers'. Collections taken at these were given to support the work of the Guernsey branch of the Samaritans, while that taken at the Lower School Carol Service was donated to the Cancer Research Campaign and the British Institute for the Brain Injured Child.

Games and Athletics

On 17th and 18th January M.Guille attended the Great Britain Air Rifle Shooting trials at Bisley and was selected to be one of three members of the National Junior Squad to shoot in the Nordic Air Weapons Open Championships at Cardiff and in the European Air Weapons Championships in Athens. The Athens meeting is considered the most difficult in the Air Rifle calendar : Matthew was the highest scorer in the British team which was placed sixth overall.

This was a particularly good year for College shooting. The College team won the Staniforth Trophy. In the Ashburton Shield competition the College VIII was placed 2nd only four points behind the winners, thus Elizabeth College received the Montague-Jones Trophy and medals. By the same token College won the Haines Trophy from Victoria College which was less well placed in the Ashburton.

The result of the Hutchence Cup meeting was Elizabeth College 70 points and Victoria College 42. The Elizabeth College team achieved 14 personal best performances and two new match and school records. To date

Victoria College had won this fixture 17 times (one tie) and Elizabeth College had won it 33 times. In the same season on the Osmond Priaulx track Elizabeth College defeated the GIAAC by 57 points to 55.

In the Swimming match against Victoria College and for the first time Elizabeth College was victorious at both the Senior and Junior levels.

The 1st XI Cricket team vanquished Victoria College at home and away the second of these occasions being the 100th time that Elizabeth College has defeated Victoria College at Cricket. The same team later beat St.Dunstan's College, drew with Sevenoaks School and lost to Reigate Grammar School during their tour in England.

An illustrious Old Elizabethan, Colonel C.E.Blad presented for the first time to the Old Elizabethans a fine silver trophy given by Brigadier T.S.Dobrée for annual competition between the College 1st XI Cricket team and that of the Old Elizabethans.

On that same occasion there was formally presented to the College in memory of Stephen Sullivan a fine pair of wrought iron gates for the entrance to College Field. A plaque was erected on the right hand side of the entrance to commemorate the occasion and its purpose.

The Castle Race attracted 81 swimmers and was won by J.C.Buchanan of School House. School House teams won the Senior and Under-16 sections of the event while the New House team won the Under-14 section. Thirteen boys from Lower School also took part. The Principal also swam the event but whereas his two sons T.R.E.Wheadon and T.A.Wheadon placed second and third respectively the Principal came in 63rd !

Old Elizabethan Association Gifts

During the year the Old Elizabethan Association generously afforded the College some carrying cases which greatly help in the transportation of rifles to Bisley. They also provided a new springboard and winter cover for the swimming pool; a new high jump landing mat for use with spikes and a heavy roller for the cricket wickets.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

Fifteen teams from Elizabeth College including one from the Masters' Common Room took part in the Guernsey Swimathon at Beau Séjour and together raised £628.14 for charity.

Service Training

On 19th May D.J.Baker, R.C.B.Judge and T.A.Wheadon were received along with many other young people in the Blue Drawing Room of Buckingham Palace by H.R.H. the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh from whom

each of those present was to receive their Gold Award.

1982

Academic Achievements

At 'A' level 100% pass rates were achieved in Biology, Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, English Literature, Further Mathematics, German, History, Music and Religious Studies. Out of 14 comparable subjects 9 showed better pass rates than in 1981. The overall pass rate at 91.4% was the best recorded at Elizabeth College.

At 'O' level 82 Fifth Form candidates obtained an average of 6.5 passes each, the overall pass rate was 72.3% i.e. 7% less good than 1981.

Michaelmas Term opened with 100 new boys, a total of 704 enrolled of which 162 were at Lower School. In addition to the ten boys going up to Oxford or Cambridge a further 15 boys took up places at other universities while 19 others entered places of Higher and Further Education at this time.

Buildings and Resources

During the Summer holidays the space revealed in the main College building by the transfer of School House to the new Boarding House and by the Principal and his family moving out to private accommodation elsewhere in the Island was converted to a multiplicity of other College purposes. Moreover these improvements had knock-on effects elsewhere in the College by revealing space which was then advantageously put to other educational purposes. Two examples illustrate this process.

The Principal's and the Bursar's offices which for many years had been housed in a building near the Mathematics Department were now found suitable space in the main building. This enabled the establishment of a new computer centre for boys in the vacated space. Some years ago the pressing need for more laboratory space made it necessary to convert the Science Lecture Theatre into a General Science Laboratory. Now with the installation of the College Library and Manchester Room on the first floor of the College main building it became possible to construct a Lecture Theatre equipped with closed circuit television and projection equipment in the Upland Road building where the College Library used to be.

Curriculum

A new scheme for careers guidance was introduced through College participation in a trial scheme promoted by the Independent Schools' Careers' Organisation. For this purpose the College purchased a 4000 series PET computer which enabled boys one at a time to respond to 40 programmed questions

based on the Conolly test. This test provided as a printout for analysis by the College's Careers Officer a statement of the boy's achievements, skills and preferences which were then discussed with the boy affording him career guidance. By means of this same programme it was possible for a boy to see how changes in his course at College would affect his career prospects in a chosen field. A further programme called 'Discover' enabled a boy to seek out for himself information about higher educational opportunities appropriate to particular careers and specific vocational training with the names and addresses of where it was available together with current job opportunities in each career category.

Drama and Music

A group of boys with a little help from the Vice-Principal and three other Masters very successfully presented the comedy 'The Real Inspector Hound' by Tom Stoppard in College Hall on two occasions : one to the Sixth Form and the other to families and friends.

On 22nd March at St.George's Hall, Exeter a rock band called 'The Limit' comprising C.Jolliffe-Bran, T.Jolliffe-Bran and R.A.LeTissier won the South-West Regional Final and went forward to the National Final of the Rock School Competition held in the Ritz Ballroom, Manchester and organised by the Trustee Savings Bank and were placed fifth out of the nine bands in the final. To mark their success they were subsequently presented with a silver disc by the Trustee Savings Bank.

From 24th to 27th March performances of 'Orpheus in the Underworld' by Offenbach were staged at Beau Séjour by boys, sisters, Masters, parents supported by a 30-strong orchestra comprising mostly College boys. Tickets for the four performances were all sold one week before the first night.

Games and Athletics

A team from Doncaster Grammar School competed in a swimming gala against a College team which scored 121 points in response to 107 from the visitors.

The skipper of an Ocean Youth Club ketch showed a video recording made by Channel Television and spoke to boys interested in joining one of three cruises scheduled to start from Guernsey in April and May. The College had provided a steady supply of crew members for such training cruises in recent years.

In the Juveniles section of the Easter Festival organised by the Guernsey Velo Club P.E.de Jersey was first in the hill climb, in the 10-mile time trial and in the 25-mile time trial. In the ten-lap races J.M.Bott was first in both races.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

A Cabaret Dinner to raise money for the Tours Fund was held in College Hall on 11th March. Many helpers used the one-time Boarding House kitchens to prepare an excellent Dinner while others set out the tables in the Hall and boys waited at table throughout the event. The Cabaret was provided by Elizabethans young and Old and by a Barbers' Shop Quartet of Masters and friends of the College.

Personalia

At the end of Trinity Term and after 33 years of service to the College Mr.W.J.Gaudion retired. He had been appointed as a master to teach Chemistry in 1949 and upon the retirement of Mr.Littlewood was appointed Head of the Science Department. He was closely associated with the design of the Milnes Laboratory completed in 1958. The College was a trial school for the Nuffield Physical Science 'A' Level Course started in 1966 and remained in the vanguard of modern teaching practice by adopting the Schools' Council Integrated Science Project to 'O' level. Many boys gained awards at Oxford or Cambridge because of Mr Gaudion's enthusiasm for his subject and his skill at imparting it. Mr Gaudion became Town House Master and Careers Master in 1957. In addition to his enthusiasm for Golf which he shared with interested boys whom from 1966 he took to the Aer Lingus Golf Championships he was also a keen marksman. He introduced a Signals Section to the CCF in 1950 and after his resignation from the CCF in 1971 he continued to coach the College shooting VIII until 1976 having taken the College VIII to Bisley on 25 consecutive occasions.

On 25th July Mr.Andrew Croft died from natural causes in his sleep. He had assumed responsibility as Master in charge of Games and Physical Education in September 1980 at the age of 22 years. The College 1st XI Cricket and Football teams had quickly come under his control and in 1982 the M.C.C. Channel Islands Touring Team Captain, Mr Richard Briance expressed the opinion that the College XI that year was the best in the last 12 years as a result of Mr.Croft's coaching. He also observed that the wicket at College Field was 100% better than the improved wicket of the previous year thereby showing the benefit of Mr.Croft's experience of wicket preparation and maintenance gained during his four years at Plymouth. His budgeting and administration were conducted with outstanding thoroughness. He was respected throughout the Island as a talented enthusiastic sportsman and was capped for Guernsey in his first Cricket season in 1981. In 1982 he represented Guernsey in Football. His funeral was conducted in the Town Church by the Dean of Guernsey.

1983

Academic Achievements

The 'A' level results showed 156 subject passes and a pass rate of 90.2% just one percent below the College's best performance. At 'O' level the pass rate rose again to 76%.

With 101 new boys and 693 boys enrolled of whom 158 were at Lower School the new academic year opened with a steady population at all levels except Sixth Form where there were only 104 boys. Of the nineteen boys going up to university P.J.Meador was entering Hertford College, Oxford while N.Dorey joined Clare College and R.A.Jarvis St.John's College at Cambridge. Thirteen other boys went to Polytechnics and other places of higher education.

In the last week of the Michaelmas Term news was received that P.J.Riou had been elected to an Open Scholarship at St.Catherine's College, Oxford to read Zoology and J.F.Ehman was awarded an Exhibition at Girton College, Cambridge to read Medical Sciences. P.E.De Jersey was offered a place to read Geography at Hertford College, Oxford and A.M.Martel gained a place at Trinity College Cambridge to read Mathematics.

Buildings and Resources

By the start of the Trinity Term the Masters' Common Room which at the Upper School had had to contain some 38 persons providing them with individual lockers, a workroom, sitting room and a small-scale catering facility had been dingy, restricted and lacking in privacy had been superseded by redefining rooms which had formed part of the Principal's House. All those necessary facilities plus an interview room were found there but on a scale commensurate with the number of staff who needed to use them.

The busy life of the Upper School was reflected at Lower School under the vigorous direction of the Master, Mr.M.S.Booth. There the original stone building still housed the Master and his family but since the completion of the new Boarding House no longer contained Lower School boarders. It had therefore been possible to realise within it four large classrooms by the demolition of partition walls that were not load-bearing. Computer education was now under way and a Science Laboratory was available for the first time. The Library was re-established by the main entrance simultaneously providing an interview area. The Master was provided with a new study and his old one now enabled the extension of Masters' changing and cloakroom facilities.

During the Summer holidays those spaces in the main College building previously occupied by the Masters' Common Room and the Boarders' Dining Room were changed to teaching rooms and a bookshop. By this means the English Department was contained entirely on one level.

Remarkably the installation of suspended ceilings in the main building's teaching rooms and carpeting throughout rooms and corridors had a

wonderfully civilising effect quietening the din and clatter of an old-style school into the sophistication of an academic environment.

For the Upper Sixth the provision of Common Rooms, Locker Space, facilities for hot drinks and a study for the Master of the Senior School were all in place in time for the new academic year. The spacious improvement of accommodation throughout the College that flowed from the redevelopment of the vacated residential accommodation in the main College building was impressive. All these many conversions and refurbishments were carefully supervised by the College Bursar, Lt.Cdr.J.S.Barnes who had also monitored the achievement of the new Boarding House designed by the Architects Messrs Lovell and Ozanne.

The fullness of the College site on the Grange was not diminished. Immediate needs had been met in modern terms and in many respects. But the Art Department still languished in the artificially-lit basement of the Ozanne Building and there was no provision for the teaching of metalwork. The Gymnasium was unheated, dated and too small for a Basketball Court with adequate run-offs. The open-air swimming pool remained unused from October till April each year. College Hall remained too small for a seated Upper School assembly and at a deeper level the College still had no Chapel. This latter was and remains a grievous omission from the College's provision bearing in mind the intention of our Royal Foundress and the sad neglect of religious worship in society today which must be challenged by encouraging religious observance in the young.

College Occasions

The 25th May, Foundress's Day and the College's official birthday was marked this year by the presence of the College Visitor, The Bishop of Winchester, the Rt. Revd. John Taylor. On that one day Bishop John not only administered Confirmation to members of the College in the morning but also gave the Address at the annual Foundress's Day Commemoration Service in the afternoon and was the College's principal guest at Senior School prizegiving in the evening.

Curriculum

It would be wrong to give the impression that the curriculum at Lower School was limited to academic work and sport indeed the multiplicity of educational activities and initiatives of all kinds encouraged and assisted by parents and supported by the fund-raising work of the Friends of Elizabeth College Lower School were truly admirable.

Drama and Music

At the end of the Lent Term three performances in College Hall of R.C.Sherriff's play "Journey's End" the cast comprising entirely College boys was

supported by an exhibition of relics and mementos of the First World War together with art work produced by boys of all ages throughout Upper School.

Games and Athletics

At the Lower School Football XI beat Victoria 2-1. Lower School won the Island Junior Schools' Seven-a-side Football knock-out competition. S.Crispini was named the most promising player attending a Soccer Course at Easter in England. In the Guernsey Swimarathon the Lower School team won the Guppy Junior Trophy for completing most lengths in the session. In the Channel Islands county amateur Swimming Association Championships in Jersey M.Veillard placed first in the hundred metres butterfly event only 0.53 secs. outside the Southern Counties qualifying time. M.Keyho became the first Lower School boy to gain the 5 star Amateur Athletics Association award.

Throughout the Trinity Term Mr.Leigh-Morgan, father of a Lower School boy, organised very popular cricket coaching by suitably skilled parents for the third year in succession. By way of reward the Lower School defeated Victoria College Preparatory School in the away match by scoring 120 runs and then getting the Victoria team all out for 21 runs !

Moral, Religious and Social Education

Twenty teams from the Upper and Lower Schools of Elizabeth College entered the Swimarathon and by their efforts and sponsorship contributed over £900 to the charities supported by the event. There were five trophies for which the College could compete and again this year the College won all five (including the Lexicon Trophy [Teachers] won by the Elizabeth College Staff Team).

Old Elizabethan Association Gifts

The Old Elizabethan Association presented the College with two tennis courts on an all-weather playing area in the grounds of School House in King's Road.

Over an extended period The College Shooting VIII along with teams from other Public Schools had struggled with a shortage of .303" calibre ammunition, dispatched by out-of-date firearms towards targets designed for use by 7.72 mm calibre rifles. In anticipation of the forthcoming issue of 7.62 calibre competition rifles the Old Elizabethan Association arranged for the provision of extra marksman's sights for addition to these rifles. The new rifles became available a few days before the Bisley meeting.

Service Training

From the start of this academic year the College CCF saw the

introduction of a Royal Navy Section under the command of Lt.D.F.Raines, R.N.R. Initially 7 cadets transferred from the Army and R.A.F. Sections to train as R.N. N.C.O. Instructors in preparation for the Michaelmas term 1984 intake. The new R.N. Section was affiliated to H.M.S. Guernsey. Lt.D.F.Raines presented a College plaque to that ship from which he received in turn a plaque on behalf of the Contingent.

The International Air Cadet Exchange annually enabled CCF cadets from Europe, North America, the Middle and Far East to travel to distant countries within the exchange network and for some two weeks to experience life in that country. In the British Isles only some 15-20 of these Awards were made nationally each year. This year the College Contingent was honoured by the selection of Cadet Warrant Officer T.R.E. Wheadon (College Senior Prefect) to visit Canada under this scheme during the Summer holidays. In the course of the Annual Inspection of the College CCF he also achieved the rare distinction accorded nationally on an annual basis to only one cadet out of over 1000 : the Certificate of Good Service awarded by the Air Officer Commanding R.A.F. Cadets.

1984

Academic Achievements

At 'A' level the pass rate was 89.1%, 1.1% below that of the previous year. At 'O' level 81.6% was a pleasing improvement showing 81 candidates each obtaining an average of 8.1 passes with grade C or better.

As the number of Island children of school age fell once again, the number of boys enrolled at Elizabeth College dropped to 676 of whom only 137 were at Lower School. The Sixth Form increased slightly in size to 110.

In addition to the four boys going up two to Oxford and two to Cambridge a further twenty progressed to other universities and seven more to Polytechnics and other institutions of Higher Education.

During the Christmas holidays it was learned that four boys had been successful in gaining awards or places at Oxford Colleges : P.J.Bown (Senior Prefect) was awarded a King Charles First Exhibition tenable at Jesus College to read Medical Science; J.M.Crocker was offered a place to read Geography at St.Anne's College; I.D.O'Meara was accepted at Balliol to read Jurisprudence and P.J.Riou (previously elected to an open scholarship at St.Catherine's College to read Zoology) to read Medical Science and to retain his Award.

Buildings and Resources

On 20th February the College computer centre opened. The centre provided fifteen BBC 'B' machines connected together with a further two machines for use by instructors. Over 200 boys who had applied for membership of the computer group received their first instruction on the new machines.

College Occasions

From 2.00.p.m. to 7.00.p.m. on the 24th May the College Open Day attracted over 800 parents and friends. They witnessed at first hand the various activities which go to make a typical school day and also to viewed the recent extensive refurbishment of the Upper School.

In the morning of Wednesday 30th May Major I.J.Rawlins-Duquemin commanded a Royal Guard drawn up on the Cambridge Berth for inspection by Her Majesty the Queen Mother on the occasion of her fourth visit to Guernsey. The 37 Cadets who formed this Guard were congratulated by Her Majesty the Queen Mother's Private Secretary and by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the high standard of their turnout and bearing. The next morning boys and Masters were assembled at College Field to bid farewell to Her Majesty as she departed by helicopter of the Queen's Flight to continue her tour of the Bailiwick in Alderney and Sark.

The Bishop of Winchester the Right Reverend John Taylor ex officio the College Visitor came to the Upper School on Friday 9th November and there met the Principal, Masters and Prefects. He spoke first to the Prefects whom he met informally in the Upper Sixth Common Room and was then escorted to the entrance to College Hall where the Bursar and the Chaplain were presented. In the Hall the Masters were assembled and on behalf of the College the Principal presented a framed print of Elizabeth College to the Bishop to commemorate the years 1975 to 1985 of his office as Visitor. He then moved to the Masters' Common Room where over tea he talked to Masters. The Bishop concluded his visit to the College at the Boarding House where he had supper with Mr and Mrs Pedlar and the boarders.

Drama and Music

At the end of the Lent Term four performances of "The Mikado" by Gilbert and Sullivan played to full houses in College Hall with an orchestra comprising boys, Masters and two young ladies : Samantha Hawkins and Karen Le Page. The Cast included girls from Blanchelande, the Grammar School and St.Peter Port School.

For the third consecutive year an evening of Chamber Music was provided in College Hall at the end of the Trinity Term. In previous years the performers occupied one side of the floor and the audience the other side and on the stage. This year however the introduction of "The Blues Group" restored performers to the stage. A total of 38 boys, three girls and four masters took part in performances of music by Beethoven, Corelli, Pleyel, Mozart, Wesley and Elgar. The evening realised £100 towards the tenth Summer Orchestral Course scheduled for August.

Old Elizabethan Association Gifts

During the year the Old Elizabethan Association provided service of mains water and electricity together with connection main drainage connection at the Memorial Field pavilion. At College Field they provided connection to mains electricity. The OEA also provided a new College Flag.

An outstanding gift to the College was made by the Old Elizabethan Association in the form of a Bedford Dormobile for team transport to sports venues and for the transport of other boys to expedition centres around the English mainland. £1,200 worth of photographic equipment from the OEA enabled the establishment of a new Photography Club know an "Focus".

The F.G.Manchester Award Scheme administered by the Old Elizabethan Association enabled S.R.S.Hughes to attend the Royal Yacht Association's Race Training Scheme at the Warsash Sailing Club. He subsequently became part of the National squad. A.M.A.Cross received substantial financial assistance from the same source making it possible for him to join in a nine-day pilgrimage to the monasteries of the Serbian Orthodox Church. He had been encouraged in this activity by the Bishop of Basingstoke the Right Reverend Michael Manktelow. Thirdly, and also assisted by an F.G.Manchester award C.A.L.Brock a member of the Sixth Guernsey (Elizabeth College) Scout Group during the Summer holidays engaged in a fund-raising 650 mile sponsored cycle ride through Holland, France and Denmark.

Personalia

On 31st August the Vice-Principal, Mr.V.G.Collenette retired having served 36 years as a Master at Elizabeth College. In fact he joined the College in 1936 as a boy and was among those who went with the College when it was evacuated to Derbyshire during the Second World War. He was awarded a King Charles First Scholarship to Jesus College, Oxford where he read Modern History. Afterwards he took a diploma in Geography at the University of London. He was appointed to the teaching staff at Elizabeth College in 1948. He was gifted with widespread abilities all of which he brought to bear in his contributions to the life of the College during the next years. Thus at various times he was Art Master, Head of the Geography Department, Lower School Boarding House Master, Master of School House, Stage Manager, Chairman of the Theatre Club Committee, Editor of "The Elizabethan" (for 29 years), Honorary Secretary of the Old Elizabethan Association, Athletics Coach, Master in charge of Middle School Games, Master in charge of the Playing Fields and in 1975 was appointed Vice-Principal by the Board of Directors. Thus Elizabeth College was the focus of his life for some 48 years as boy and Master. Since his marriage to Thelma Shaw he was ably sustained by her in all that he did; she herself served on the College Staff as her Father had done before her. Vernon Collette joined the company of those other distinguished Vice-

Principals who have served the College so ably and well down the years and whose careers are accounted in this history. Indeed the College has been wonderfully blessed in the calibre of men who have served in this office with such selfless dedication.

The Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Principal appointed Mr.S.G.D.Morris to be Vice-Principal from the 1st September 1984.

1985

Academic Achievements

Early in the New Year A.O'Neill was offered a place at Magdalen College, Cambridge to read Geography.

In the English Literature section of the Guernsey Eisteddfod 10 College boys gained First Class Certificates, 26 more gained Merit Awards and J.R.Cross won the Junior Prix d'Honneur for Prose and an Honours Certificate. In the Drama section J.M.Harris with the poem "Seamus Beg" won the Under-13 class. In the Choral Speaking class Form 4G won "The Teachers' Association Trophy" for their rendering of "The Runaway Heart" and received a Certificate of Honour.

At 'A' level 57 Sixth Form candidates achieved an overall pass rate of 88.2% with 100% pass rates being achieved in Biology, Further Mathematics, German and Music. At 'O' level 87 Fifth Form boys obtained an average of 8.1 passes with grade C or better. The overall pass rate was 81.5%.

As the new academic year began 679 boys were enrolled, there being of those 137 at the Lower School and 116 in Sixth Form. In addition to P.J.Bown, J.M.Crocker and I.D.O'Meara all of whom were going up to Oxford and A.O'Neill who was going up to Cambridge a further 17 boys were entering other Universities and six others going to polytechnics and other institutions of Higher Education.

Buildings and Resources

On 5th July the erstwhile garrison Church of St.James the Less now de-consecrated and refurbished was officially opened as a concert hall by H.R.H. the Duke of Kent.

The College entered into a contract with the Friends of St.James which enabled the daily use of St.James by the College for morning assemblies during term time and on two major occasions annually without additional charge. Naturally if the College should need use of St.James at other times it could arrange for such use with the Director of St.James on a fee-paying basis.

At that time St.James did not have an organ available for the accompaniment of hymn singing during assemblies so an Elizabeth College piano was used and kept there for that purpose.

College Occasions

The Address at the annual College Commemoration Service on 24th May at the Town Church was delivered by Brother Damian, S.S.F., who spoke about ‘love in action’ as an alternative to the power of the bullet and the fist in resolving conflict. He drew upon his experiences gained while living in Belfast during the previous five years.

Curriculum

From Monday 14th until Thursday 17th January inclusive the College was closed because the snow and severe frosts made the Island roads impassible to vehicular traffic. No buses operated at this time and the Guernsey Police advised that only those with essential business should attempt to use the roads.

On 16th March Mr Colin Lucas, Admissions Tutor of Balliol College Oxford (later to become Master of that College and in 1997 Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford) spoke most cogently about undergraduate life at Oxford to an audience of Lower Sixth boys and their parents gathered in College Hall for the annual Higher Education Colloquium.

In the Easter holidays 17 Elizabeth College boys and 8 girls from Blanchelande College visited sites of archaeological interest in Greece under the leadership of the College Classics Department and Mrs A.R.Cross.

Twenty boys attended the Brathay Hall Trust Field Studies Centre to undertake a Geography Field Study Course organised by the Geography Department.

Towards the end of the Trinity Term 20 Senior boys attended the Slapton Ley Field Study Centre in Devon for a Biology Field Course led by the Biology Department. At about the same time forty-four boys from the Lower School attended a Field Week at a P.G.L. Centre in Breconshire. A further 40 went to France to engage in various structured activities designed to improve their knowledge and understanding of the French language and ways of life.

During recent months the Principal had thought it appropriate for the College to be especially alert to the increasing pressure placed upon the family unit by outside demands to which its members young and old respond often at the expense of their time together as a family. Perhaps the College was itself unintentionally exacerbating the problem in the homes of day boys.

For those boys in School House the College is a boarding school. As such the College has a responsibility to provide boarders with educational pursuits for their benefit and recreation at weekends as well as during the week. The College’s policy has been to extend those openings to day boys for their advantage too. By this means the College curriculum in its widest sense deliberately provided a plethora of opportunities for boys’ positive involvement in the hope that every

boy would find at least one worthy activity in which to succeed.

In an endeavour to resolve a conflict of interests within the family and after much thought and careful planning it was decided to dispense with formal teaching on Saturday mornings. In place of the five taught periods there would be provided a wide range of voluntary activities in which boys could engage on Saturday mornings *but only if they and their families wished them to do so.*

Furthermore and in order to integrate parents with the voluntary work of the College at the weekend, parents were invited to assist in the provision of those Saturday Morning Activities by bringing with them their skills and interests for the benefit of all boys.

These new arrangements also allowed families *if they wished* to have time off together from the end of School on Friday until its resumption on Monday morning without any interruption of their sons' academic instruction. At the same time the service available to boys at the College was extended and increased by virtue of the addition of the Saturday Morning Activities to the curriculum.

There were however two important requirements which had still to be met. Firstly academic curricula had still to be completely taught within an unchanged time span. Thus the five teaching periods taught in the past on Saturday mornings had to be reallocated one to each day Monday to Friday. This increased the number of taught periods per day to eight.

Secondly, the College was rightly jealous of the high standard of its representative teams in competitive sport. Now whereas this could with advantage take place on a Saturday morning instead of Saturday afternoon it was necessary to stipulate that the attendance of boys selected to represent the College in competitive sport on a Saturday was mandatory. In the event this was never a contentious problem.

So it was that the College introduced the five-day week from the start of the new academic year in Michaelmas 1985. It was the last secondary school in the Channel Islands to relinquish Saturday School. Over half of the boys in the Upper School attended Saturday Morning Activities on a regular basis. Furthermore they were encouraged to do so by the introduction of the Le Cheminant Award Scheme. Not dissimilar from the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme the Le Cheminant Scheme enabled by the generosity of Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Le Cheminant sought to reward those boys who by participation in Saturday Morning Activities increased the frontiers of their experience and achievement in a variety of worthwhile pastimes and skills.

Among the Saturday Morning Activities available to boys for their participation from the start of the scheme and in addition to representative team games were : Astronomy, Canoeing, Careers, Coin-collecting, Cricket Awards, Drama, Fencing, Film Production, First Aid, Fishing, Gardening,

Geography, Healthy-Living, Hockey Awards, Judo, Modelling, Music, Photography, Sailing, Science, Shooting, Shorthand, Squash, Taxation and Investment, and Typing.

There was a further incidental benefit arising from the reduction from six to five of the days per week of formal teaching and that was a saving in the cost of cleaning, lighting and heating at both the Upper and the Lower Schools ! Altogether the new arrangement was seen to render a better service to College boys and their families and that more economically !

From the Michaelmas issue of 'The Elizabethan' magazine a new A4 format was introduced and because the extent and diversity of College activities had so much increased it was seen necessary to contain in a separate volume 'The Elizabeth College Record' a catalogue of boys' achievements in all fields of endeavour.

Drama and Music

In College Hall during February two drama workshops were staged presenting two short plays and involving 41 boys of all ages. The productions were "Black Ey'd Susan" and "Us and Them". In March there were four performances of "The Pot of Gold" by Plautus produced by Mr.A.R.Cross, Head of the Classics Department. The cast was drawn from College boys and girls from Blanchelande College.

The Elizabeth College Wind Quintet, (Mr C.R.W.Cottam, N.R.McGhee, E.A.McInnes, N.J.Webb and Mr R.A.Wheadon) were awarded a Certificate of Merit in the Guernsey Eisteddfod.

The College Choir visited the vicinity of St.Malo and sang masses at St.Jean L'Evangeliste and the parish church of St-Meloir-des Ondes. In addition to providing the nucleus for the Christmas Carol Services in the Town Church, the Choir sang four offices of Choral Evensong there in the course of the year.

The Foundress's Day Concert included a performance of the Haydn Trumpet Concerto with A.S.Grice as soloist accompanied by the College Orchestra. Music was played also by the College Wind Band (which also gave a charity concert in the Vale Douzaine Room and played in the High Street at Christmastide also in aid of charity). The Concert included a performance of Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" sung in the original Hebrew accompanied by organ, piano and percussion.

The 11th Elizabeth College Summer Orchestral Course attracted over 120 students from within and outside the Bailiwick. Members of the Coull Quartet were again among the course tutors were also Professor and Mrs Peter Mountain. Professor Mountain was at this time Professor of Strings at Glasgow Royal Academy of Music.

Games and Athletics

From 11th-21st April an Elizabeth College group of 132 skied in the Colle di Tenda in the Alpes Maritimes.

In the British Schools' Small Bore Rifle Association's Team of eight Competition, the College teams were placed first and second. At Bisley the College VIII placed third in the Ashburton Shield Competition and since in doing so they scored 5 points more than the team from Victoria College they secured the Haines Shield. The team was awarded the South-West District Challenge Trophy.

Personalia

The Right Reverend Colin James was enthroned as Bishop of Winchester on Friday 28th June.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

At various times throughout the year the College engaged in fund raising for charity. Here two examples must suffice. Of the 200 teams taking part in the Guernsey Swimathon Elizabeth College provided 24 and raised over £1,111. Members of the Lower Sixth were sponsored for pushing a bed round the Half-Marathon and raised £315 for the needy in Ethiopia and a further £321 was donated to the same fund by other members of the Sixth Form.

From 3rd – 8th November the College was once again fortunate to receive Brother Damian of the Society of St. Francis who had a very busy week with Masters and boys throughout the College not only taking assemblies and joining in many College activities but also spending time with individuals of all ages throughout the College community. When the time came for him to leave he had once again spread an atmosphere of joy and peace for all to know.

Service Training

During the academic year under review the CCF was busy and successful. With 188 cadets on strength and divided between the three Arms, 12 cadets engaged in canoeing, orienteering and initiative tests on Exmoor at Easter. 50 cadets attended the Army Section Annual Camp at 30 Signal Regiment, Blandford. 45 cadets passed the Proficiency Certificate. 7 cadets passed the Royal Corps of Signals Classification exam. and four more qualified as Assistant Instructors.

Four cadet members of the RN Section spent four days at sea in the South-Western approaches on board HMS Guernsey on a Fishery Protection patrol. The experience despite awful weather conditions was valuable to them. Commodore C.J.Howard RN, commodore HMS Nelson, Portsmouth was the Inspecting Officer at the Annual Inspection of the Contingent at Elizabeth College.

Guards of Honour were found as usual for Remembrance Sunday, Liberation Day, for the visit of HRH the Duchess of Kent and for the departure from office of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Sir Peter Le Cheminant, GBE, KCB, DFC.

There were at this time 27 Cub Scouts, 29 Scouts and 8 Venture Scouts in the College Group. On the occasion of the visit of HRH the Duchess of Kent the Group was represented by R.J.Bailey, S.J.Bown and R.J.Searle. In the course of the year fund raising events organised and run by the Group realised a total of £1,395 for its use. 34 Cubs attended camp in Herm and for a fortnight in August eighteen Scouts and three Leaders attended a 65-acre camping, activities and training centre at Auchengillan 12 miles north of Glasgow. There they engaged in Abseiling, Archery, Badminton, Canoeing, Squash, Swimming, Table-tennis. Those working for the Chief Scout's award went on separate expeditions for several days. Ben Lomond was climbed and local hills explored.

On Monday afternoons throughout the year while more senior boys were engaging in CCF, work for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and work for the Community Service Unit members of Third Form took part in a wide spectrum of activities. These included : Art, Badminton, Brass Band, Chess and Bridge, Computing, Cookery, Drama, Golf, Personal Survival, Photography, Sailing, Table-Tennis, Tennis and Woodwork.

1986

Academic Achievements

Early in the New Year news was received of places gained at Oxford and Cambridge Colleges - some entries to be delayed for a year until 1987 : A.M.A.Cross to Balliol College, Oxford to read Jurisprudence; D.A.Jehan to read Physics at Lincoln College, Oxford; J-P W.S.Nicolle to read Engineering Science at Exeter College, Oxford (1987); M.R.Blackwell at St.John's College, Cambridge to read Veterinary Science (1987) and C.A.L.Brock to read Mathematics at Trinity College, Cambridge (1987).

At 'A' level the overall pass rate was 94% which constituted the highest overall pass rate recorded so far at Elizabeth College. Of the passes gained 50% were of either Grade A or Grade B and 100% passes were achieved in 9 subjects : Art, French, German, English Literature, History, Geography, Further Mathematics, Classical Civilisation and Music.

The 'O' level results showed 78 Fifth Formers obtaining an average of 8.1 passes with grade 'C' or better and an overall pass rate of 80.8%.

The Michaelmas Term began with 678 boys enrolled of whom 142 were at Lower School and 114 in Sixth Form. The growth in the popularity of the 'Gap' year between leaving school and going up to university was apparent in this year's figures : out of 27 who had gained places on university degree courses

nine were deferring their entry until 1987. The catholic spread of subjects chosen for study at university was impressive : Archaeology, Business Economics, Computer Science, Ecology, Hotel and Catering Management, Management Studies, Mathematics with Statistics, Industrial Economics and Accountancy, Psychology and Sociology, Sports Science, Veterinary Medicine and that list omits the more usual choices which were still represented.

A further eleven boys were proceeding to Polytechnics and other institutions of Higher Education. Here the subjects chosen were more traditional being Accountancy (the most popular), Agriculture, Computing, Geography and Estate Management.

College Occasions

In the morning of the 23rd May the Bishop of Winchester administered confirmation in the Town Church to 22 College boys and in the afternoon of the same day he preached at the College Commemoration Service also in the Town Church in his capacity not only of Bishop of Winchester but also as The College Visitor.

Curriculum

Eighteen boys took part in the Young Enterprise Scheme. This was the fourth consecutive year since its inception that College boys had been involved and thereby learned about the flotation and organisation of a manufacturing company; dealing with the marketing of a product and in conclusion taking the company into voluntary liquidation. One company called “Liztek” composed entirely of Elizabeth College boys this year won the shield as the best Young Enterprise company in Guernsey.

Drama and Music

On Thursday 22nd May in St.James’s the College gave a matinée and an evening performance, each of three hours duration entitled “The Festival of Arts” featuring performances by the College Wind Band, the College Chamber Orchestra, the College Choir, the Lower School Choral Speaking Eisteddfod entries and a number of excerpts from the College Drama productions, together with a performance of “The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew”. Throughout there was maintained a standing exhibition of paintings, drawings and graphic designs produced by pupils and set up in the Dorey Room.

In the holiday period leading up to Christmas the Choir sang on seven occasions. At Les Rocquettes Hotel, in St.James at a mid-day concert and that evening at the Ladies’ Night of the Sporting Club of Guernsey. On Christmas Eve as had been the custom for over twenty years they were invited to sing at Government House. His Excellency and Lady Boswell had among their guests that

evening the Bailiff and Lady Frossard and a number of young and old handicapped people from the Ron Short Centre and from the Cheshire Home. Afterwards they sang at the Royal Hotel, the O.G.H.Hotel and at the Duke of Richmond Hotel.

Games and Athletics

In the Public Schools' three day Fencing Championships at Crystal Palace Sports Centre, Richard Geering became the first Channel Islands' schoolboy to win a national Fencing title – the Junior Master-at-Arms Trophy – awarded to the best individual fencer in foil, épée and sabre. Thirty-eight schools were represented with seventy-four competitors in the junior épée event, ninety in the foil event and sixty-three in the sabre. These championships are the largest of their kind in Western Europe. Elizabeth College was placed third for the Pearson Cup (awarded to the school with the best results in all three events) as a result of the useful support of the College fencers A.C.Bisson, D.A.Jehan and S.G.R.Surtees. Bisson reached the final of the sabre event.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

Senior boys raised over £800 of the £12,000 raised nationally for the Joint Educational Trust of the late Group Captain Douglas Bader by means of a twenty-two mile “bed-push” around Guernsey. A further £623 was achieved during College Charities Week which was held between 3rd until 6th July. £409 was given to the Guide Dogs for the Blind as a result of a Sunflower Competition.

Old Elizabethan Association Gifts

Once again the Old Elizabethan Association had throughout the year made generous provisions for the benefit of the College : Cricket Wicket Covers which in a damp summer rescued more than a few games from being abandoned; Starting Blocks for the Swimming Pool; three Dinghies for the Sailing Club, Reversaboards for indoor athletics training in the Gymnasium; a Telescope and ammunition for use by the Shooting VIII; the provision and installation of a Tachograph in the College minibus to enable its legitimate use on the European Continent; Colts XI Hockey Shirts; hire fees for the Osmond Priaulx Hockey Pitches and the in principle provision of hire fees for Hall and Judo Mats needed for Saturday morning Judo training.

Personalia

After over 24 years of service as Clerk to the Board of Directors and Bursar, Lt.Cdr.J.S.Barnes retired in April. During Commander Barnes's term of office both the Lower and Upper Schools of the College were extensively improved. The Ozanne Building underwent total internal reconstruction; the Winchester Building was achieved; swimming pools with solar heating panels were

installed at both the Upper and Lower Schools; the Language Laboratory and Computer Centre were established. After the building of the new Boarding House in the King's Road and the consequent evacuation of School House and the Principal and his family from the main College Building its complete refurbishment had been completed. At the Lower School the removal of boarders to the new Boarding House similarly enabled the redevelopment of the Main Building there for educational purposes. The erection of the main timber-structured teaching block at Lower School took place under Commander Barnes's supervision. Indeed it is as a result of Commander Barnes's careful husbandry and good budgeting that the College facilities were maintained in good repair and new structures were funded without recourse to outside financial assistance.

Lt.Cdr.J.S.Barnes was succeeded in office by Major F.W.Le Maitre (5019).

On Whit Sunday the Bishop of Winchester ordained to the Priesthood the Revd. Richard Hamilton (5164) who at that time was a Master in the College Modern Languages Department.

Mr.A.M.Hunter (4243) who was appointed to teach History at Elizabeth College from 1948 by the Revd.W.H.G.Milnes retired after 38 years service at the end of Trinity Term. From 1949 until 1951 he had been Tutor in School House and was appointed Games Master in 1960 – a post which he held for 14 years. In 1984 he was appointed Senior Master and was Head of the History Department until his retirement.

At the end of Trinity Term Mr.M.S.Booth left Elizabeth College to take up his appointment as Master at the Abbey School, Woodbridge in Suffolk. During his ten years as Master of the Lower School the administration and activities both within and outside the curriculum there prospered as did communications with Parents whose valuable support furnished Lower School with much-needed additional facilities. Mr Booth was succeeded in office by Mr.D.Williams.

1987

Academic Achievements

At the Upper School in the Guernsey Eisteddfod English Literature Section 50 certificates were gained. 41 boys entered musical Eisteddfod events and as a result 10 were placed first in their class and a further 17 were either second or third. At the Lower School 16 boys gained first class certificates, 21 were awarded merit certificates and 1 an honours certificate.

The 'A' level results in which 163 subject passes out of an entry total of 170 constituted a pass rate of 95.6% which was the highest on record at Elizabeth College. Of these 47% were of either 'A' or 'B' grade. In eight out of the 13 examined subjects 100% pass rates were realised. At 'O' level 90 Fifth Form candidates obtained an average of 8.13 passes each. The overall pass rate was

82.1% which was the best at Elizabeth College since 1980 – itself at 83.4% an all-time College best.

The new academic year began with 668 boys enrolled of whom 136 were at Lower School and 119 in Sixth Form. This size of Sixth Form is about right for a secondary school of some 530 pupils bearing in mind that the College is expected by the Guernsey Education Council to prepare its Sixth Form students for examination at ‘A’ level in three subjects.

Of the 26 boys entering the Universities at this time M.J.Collenette was to read Physics at Wadham College, Oxford; P.A.Higgs was to read Engineering at Sidney Sussex, Cambridge and S.J.Hillion was entering Jesus College to read Mathematics. It is perhaps appropriate here to mention that Steven Hillion who was the College Senior Prefect achieved grade ‘A’ passes in every G.C.E. subject in which he was examined throughout his time at College. He passed 13 subjects at ‘O’ level and ‘AO’ level and 4 at ‘A’ level gaining a distinction in his Further Mathematics special paper.

Buildings and Resources

The College continued to have urgent need of facilities to teach properly the use of metals and plastics in its Craft, Design and Realisation courses. Likewise the Art Department urgently needed well-lit studios. In order to provide these properly-equipped spaces plans were drawn up by the College Architect, Messrs Lovell, Ozanne and Partners for a building to contain on its top floor an Art Department and overlooking the swimming pool a Geography Department and these on top or alongside a new Gymnasium and administrative workshops situated behind the old Fire Station. However the I.D.C. was unable to permit these plans to go forward because under the then zoning of St.Peter Port the College was designated a conservation area. Until such time that these facilities were provided the College continued to operate at an educational disadvantage.

Curriculum

Voluntary Saturday Morning Activities flourished and gained opportunities for fencing, table-tennis and windsurfing. A Model Railway was established in the North-West tower room of the College Main Building.

The severity of the British Winter penetrated Guernsey and justified the closure of the College for three days in January because roads had been rendered dangerous by ice and compacted snow especially in the higher parishes.

Boys were encouraged to engage in overseas travel in order to benefit their understanding of their European neighbours. Thus 40 boys together visited the Black forest, Freiburg, Switzerland and, for recreation, the Europark. In October 29 boys went to Cherbourg, Bayeaux, Caen, Arromanches, St.Lo and

Balleroy. Before Christmas a group of Sixth Form boys went to Paris to fill out their understanding of the French Revolution of 1789 by visiting the Conciergerie Prison, Les Invalides, the Palace of Versailles, the Carnvalet and Louvres Museums as well as other places of popular and special interest. At Easter 5 boys were engaged with reciprocal exchanges with Frankfurt students. At the same time another group of boys saw historic sites in and around Athens. 70 boys went skiing at Les Arcs.

A two-day course in Study Skills for all members of the Lower Sixth was presented by the Management and Skills Training Organisation assisted by five members of the College teaching staff. The aim of the course was to introduce boys to improved methods of personal organisation, self-motivation, listening, writing, reading and memory training. Boys were taught techniques to help them in these areas and how to set their own targets to monitor the improvement of their own performance.

Drama and Music

From 25th – 28th March in a performance of “The Goalkeeper’s Revenge” a cast of boys and girls portrayed life in the Lancashire back streets of the 1920’s on the stage of College Hall.

During the week beginning 18th May the same stage saw three excellent performances of Oscar Wilde’s “The Importance of being Earnest” by College boys and girls from Blanchelande. Responsibility for the production of this play rested with the Senior Prefect, S.J.Hillion.

At the end of the Lent Term the Lower School Choir performed “Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat”. At Lower School at this time there were 20 boys learning to play the violin, 13 the piano, 4 each the clarinet and the flute and 2 the organ. One boy was learning to play the trumpet and all first year boys were taught to play the recorder.

The Foundress’s Day Concert held in St.James’s included items by the College Wind Band, the College Choir and the College Orchestra. The latter performed ‘An Oxford Elegy’ by Vaughan Williams with P.J.Carre as narrator. The leader of the orchestra was H.J.L.Nicolle. The major work of the evening was a performance in its entirety of Grieg’s A Minor piano concerto in which the soloist was A.S.Grice.

One hundred and fifty boys and girls attended the 13th Elizabeth College Summer Orchestral Course. As some measure of the standard the following were among items superbly performed in the concerts held in St.James at the end of the Course on 28th and 29th August : ‘Adagio for Strings’ by Samuel Barber; Bach’s Third Brandenburg Concerto in which the harpsichord continuo was played by M.R.Power; ‘Havanaise’ for violin and orchestra by Saint-Seans in which the soloist was D.Le Page and two movements from Mahler’s First

Symphony 'The Titan'.

Christmas was a busy time for musical College boys. "The Clangers" and College Choir in addition to heading up the two carol services in the Town Church had their own programmes of ringing and singing around the Island's hospitals, homes, hotels and clubs. Their fixtures concentrating rapidly on Christmas Eve which for both groups began with the singing and ringing of Carols at Government House. The College Wind Band under the baton of their conductor Mr.T.H.Bell provided seasonal music in town as shoppers hurried about buying provisions for Christmas – a very atmospheric time especially as the evening draws in and the Christmas lights are on. The Band also gave a lunchtime concert of carols at the Town Church in aid of the Ethiopian appeal.

Games and Athletics

In games and athletics the College had a good year beating Victoria College at home and away at first and second XI levels in Soccer and Hockey. The College was likewise victorious in the Hutchence Cup. The 1st XI Cricket team beat Victoria by 7 wickets, won the Dobree Cup from the Old Elizabethan Association by 102 runs, defeated the G.I.C.C. twice and was also victorious over a strong Guernsey touring team. On the English mainland they won a match against Forest School, London whose team was strengthened by several visiting schoolboys from Western Australia.

Elizabeth College won the Staniforth Challenge Cup and each member of the VIII received a gold medal. The VIII also won the Haines Shield and it is interesting to note that Channel Island Schools were collectively placed second in the Schools' National Challenge Bowl.

College boys engaged in surf canoeing, canoe polo, windsurfing and cross-country running. In the latter three College boys took part in the All England Championships at Preston in Lancashire. In the Guernsey Inter-Schools cross-country competition Elizabeth College teams were placed 1st, 4th and 7th in the Under-14 and 1st and 2nd in the Under-16 competitions. The College team won the Schools' Liberation Day Relay.

A.R.Veillard was placed 13th out of 44 competitors in the Jersey Triathlon by swimming 1 kilometre, cycling 40 kilometres and running 10 kilometres.

At the Lower School their 5-a-side Soccer teams played 20 matches of which they won 12, lost 5 and drew 3.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

During the academic year other opportunities were taken to diminish the needs of others. The College entered 22 teams in the Swimathon and raised £1188. In Charities' Week £600 was raised for Christian Aid. The College

Wind Band collected £125 for charity by busking in Town before Christmas. Two boys, R.D.Nicholson and S.D.Rowe-Hagans swam 1 mile, cycled 15 miles and ran 6 miles to raise £160 in aid of the British Diabetics' Association. J.P.Morris on his BMX bike cycled non-stop round the Island for 49 miles to raise £209 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Personalia

With effect from 1st August Major F.W.Le Maitre (5019) was succeeded as Clerk to the Board of Directors and College Bursar by Mr.K.V.Austin (4974).

At Assembly on Monday 30th November the Principal announced that he would be succeeded in office on 1st September 1988 by Mr J.H.F.Doulton a Housemaster at Radley who had been educated at Rugby School and who was an Exhibitioner at Keble College, Oxford where he read Litterae Humaniores.

Service Training

Throughout the current academic year there were 162 Cadets on strength in the College CCF Contingent divided between the three arms thus : Army Section : 108; R.A.F. Section: 29; R.N.Section : 25. From this it can be seen that the R.N.Section which came into being in Michaelmas 1982 had become well established in the ensuing four years.

Three officers and 15 cadets from the Elizabeth College CCF took part in a ten mile sponsored march on Sunday 28th June and raised £145.40 for the 'Signalman Green Fund'. Signalman Green of 30th Signal Regiment (to which Elizabeth College Signals Section is affiliated) was permanently paralysed as a result of an injury sustained during an inter-station rugby match.

1988

Academic Achievements

In the English Literature Classes of the Guernsey Eisteddfod boys from the Upper School were awarded 116 certificates of Honour, First Class Certificates and Certificates of Merit – believed to be the best College results on record. At the Lower School three boys gained Honours certificates, 15 First Class and 21 Merit Certificates.

S.J.Hillion (7651) completed his first year at Jesus College, Oxford with such distinction that he was elected to a King Charles First Scholarship.

At 'A' level the overall pass rate was 95.2% with 160 subject passes out of a maximum of 168. 100% pass rates were achieved in 11 of the 15 examined subjects. The 'O' level pass rate was 79.1%.

Of the boys leaving Sixth Form three were going up to Oxford : S.A.Child to Jesus College to read Mathematics, R.C.Marshall to New College to read English and T.C.Taylor to St.Catherine's College to read Biochemistry. M.R.Power was entering Trinity College of Music and twenty-two others were going up to Universities to follow a wide range of degree courses. A further five boys had deferred their University entry until 1989. Seven boys were proceeding to Polytechnics and other Institutions of Higher Education and eight more were delaying that progression until 1989. In all 46 boys were going into higher education from the Upper Sixth Form of 51 members.

Buildings and Resources

Pending a permanent solution to its needs, temporary arrangements were made to enable the Art Department to work in natural light by moving it on 8th February from the basement of the Ozanne Building into the Militia Hut which after housing the College's administrative offices had been home to the Computer Centre. The Computer Centre was re-housed at the top of the Ozanne Building. Machinery for metalworking and equipment for working with plastics was then installed in the basement of the Ozanne Building.

College Occasions

On 12th May His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Lieutenant General Sir Alexander Boswell K.C.B., C.B.E., visited the Lower School. The Head Boy J.Ridgewick and the Deputy Head Boy S.Ingrouille were presented to His Excellency. Then followed a tour of the Lower School concluding in the Common Room when His Excellency took coffee with the Lower School staff and enjoyed lemon slices prepared by boys in the Cookery Club.

During the week leading up to Foundress's Day Mother Frances Dominica spent two days visiting the College Community. Mother Frances was Mother Superior in a women's religious community, she was in charge of a home for the elderly and a refreshment centre for the homeless. Possibly her most demanding rôle was running Helen House – a hospice for children with terminal illnesses. While at College she saw boys involved in island-wide community service at Mont Varouf School, the Hostel of St.John, the Cheshire Home and Valnord School. She joined in Sixth Form discussion groups and preached at the Commemoration Service. There she spoke of the importance of companionship in all walks of life.

In the evening of Friday 27th May at the Middle and Senior Schools' Prizegiving in St.James's Dr.W.E.K.Anderson, Headmaster of Eton College, was the College's principal guest and in that capacity presented the prizes and addressed those present.

The College hosted 40 headmasters, all members of the Eastern

Division of the Headmasters' Conference, 2 headmistresses representing the Girls' Schools' Association and 30 wives of headmasters on 7th, 8th and 9th June. After attending Evensong in the Town Church where the College Choir sang the office, the visitors with members of the College Board of Directors with their ladies were guests at a Vin d'Honneur at Government House. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Boswell were then guests at a dinner for all the visitors in the Hatton Gallery at Castle Cornet. During the evening members of the College played a variety of items of chamber music culminating with a performance of Haydn's "Farewell Symphony".

The following day business meetings were held at School House and in the College Lecture Theatre. Papers were received concerning "The Offshore Finance Industry in Guernsey" from J.G.J.Evett, Managing Director of the Barfield Bank and Trust Company and from M.Le Moignan, The Chief Officer, Guernsey Police concerning "Young People and the Civil Authority". All the visitors were entertained to an evening buffet in Herm and were afterwards found dancing eightsome reels to an accordion on the grass in front of the White House Hotel before returning to their Guernsey hotels. Next morning there were discussion group meetings for headmasters and their wives before their departure from Guernsey Airport and their return to their schools in England.

Curriculum

A.S.Bourne and N.J.R.Wilson were members of the Young Enterprise company which traded under the name "Hilite" which won the Tektronix Shield and was ultimately placed second nationally out of 1500 competing companies.

Saturday Morning Activities continued successfully throughout the year and made 26 different activities available to boys and on average over half of the boys of the Upper School attend on a voluntary basis. In response to boys' requests new activities added this year were : Climbing (using £750 worth of equipment provided by the Old Elizabethan Association), Lifesaving, Aviation Club and War-Gaming.

Opportunities for overseas travel organised by the College continue to abound, thus : 10 senior boys to Barcelona to improve their Spanish; 15 Duke of Edinburgh boys on expedition to the Lake District; 11 'A' level Geographers to Shrewsbury; 13 Fifth Form boys to Paris to improve their French; 68 boys to ski at Valloire; 17 boys to the Cairngorms under snow conditions; 13 boys to Greece; 4 Upper Sixth boys to Caen in preparation for their 'A' level French examinations; not to mention the usual sporting tours.

In a related field ten third year boys took part in a French exchange with pupils of the private boarding school Ecole des Roches situated near Verneuil-Sur-Avre in Normandy during the month of June. Five French boys came

to Guernsey while five College boys took their places at Ecole des Roches. One week later the five College boys with their French friends changed places with their counterparts at Ecole des Roches for a week.

At the Lower School, Field Week which the Principal introduced some years ago continued to be popular and successfully enabled all but the youngest of those boys to visit places of interest in England, Wales and France.

It is important to recognise the considerable extra work undertaken by the College teaching staff in arranging and supervising these educationally valuable expeditions and excursions in addition to the other voluntary activities which they facilitate for boys' benefit.

Drama and Music

During the year the College Choir sang offices in the Cathedrals of Salisbury, St.Malo and Winchester. While in England they gave a charity concert at Stockton Manor in aid of leukaemia research.

Music concerts throughout the year featured the Wind Band and Orchestra in the Winter Concert; while the Junior Wind and String groups and the entire First and Second Forms as a massed choir performed in the Junior Music Evening in Lent term.

Over one hundred College boys and some girls from Blanchelande were involved in the four performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S.Pinafore" which played to full houses in College Hall in March.

At the Foundress's Day concert the Choir, Wind Band and Orchestra performed a comprehensive programme which included Vivaldi's Gloria, Tchaikowski's 1812 Overture and the first performance of the Rhapsody for Piano and Orchestra by M.R.Power (an Upper Sixth boarder) in which the soloist was the composer.

Some of the chamber music groups so prevalent throughout the College gave a memorable Chamber Music Concert in College Hall in July. At the Lower School two violin workshops presented by the Director of Music displayed the effectiveness of the Suzuki method of instruction with many pupils also contributing solo items.

Some 150 students from within and outside the Bailiwick attended the 14th Elizabeth College Summer Orchestral Course which now had a staff of sixteen course tutors. Outstanding among the items performed at the concerts held in St.James were Serenade for String Orchestra by Dag Wiren; Vlatva by Smetena and "The Lark Ascending" by Vaughan Williams. The performance standard was very high.

Moral, Religious and Social Education

Throughout the years since 1972 the College has endeavoured by

various educational means to advise its pupils regarding the traps offered by alcohol, drugs abuse, smoking and unsafe sex. In this year the Chaplain, the Revd. I.A.Terry with the help of a number of other masters set up for boys a scheme of education in what were termed Life Skills. As a result of this teaching it was hoped that boys learned to decide 'no' and having so decided one has to hope that they will have the moral courage to say 'no' even in the face of pressure from those around them to submit and surrender to a cosy welcome and an unhealthy future. The College received great help in these endeavours from the Medical Officer of Health, Dr.N.C.King, Dr.J.F.Bolt and from Officers of the Guernsey Police force.

Service Training

His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Alexander Boswell, K.C.B., C.B.E., was the Inspecting Officer at the Annual Inspection of the College CCF Contingent on 3rd June.

Conclusion

The essence of a well run organisation is thoughtful forward planning. As far as possible nothing is left to chance so that even when the unexpected happens a good plan enables sensible adjustments to meet changed circumstances, and the show goes on. Three Masters during my term in office as Principal who were chiefly responsible for consistently high quality work in that field were :

1. the Careers Officer, Mr.C.E.Ball who engaged in meticulous forward planning related to arrangements for boys' academic progress through the College curriculum and onwards to Further and Higher Education or to employment;
2. Mr.R.H.Surcombe, Head of the Mathematics Department, who annually ensured that before the end of each Trinity Term we had a workable timetable ready for the next academic year;
3. the Vice-Principal who is daily responsible for the practical achievement of these plans in the face of ever-changing circumstances – Masters away with teams or off sick, epidemics, building works, snow, miscreants, lost property and important College occasions which he has to organise !

The College has been outstandingly well served by its Vice-Principals as their records here show and Mr.S.G.D.Morris who had been in office for only 4 years at the time that this history ends had shown himself to be their worthy successor.

Of course the best planning would have been pointless without the talented, sustained high quality effort and dedication of the rest of the teaching staff, the administrative staff especially of the Bursar's Office (whose vital work

often goes unsung) and everyone else employed there.

Of the Principal's rôle in all this let me quote the words of Dr. Francis Hardy whose term of office as Principal of Elizabeth College was completed in 1939 – the end date of volume III of the Elizabeth College Register. In his book "A Headmaster Remembers" on pages 34-35 Dr. Hardy wrote :

"The position is very onerous and exacting. It makes heavy demands on a man's resources in regard to time and energy. The headmaster must at all times be alert, tolerant and broad-minded; firm, tactful, reasonable, but not arrogant nor aggressive. He must have the unswerving loyalty of his staff, and be a source of inspiration to the boys whose interests he must always have at heart. He must be a good organiser and administrator. He must safeguard and maintain the school traditions; be alive to new opportunities for education in an ever-changing world. He must have the confidence and full support of the governing body of the school. He must be popular with parents and the public at large.

All this involves a heavy strain on a man's mental and physical capacity. When the school is doing well he can feel pleased and satisfied without expecting adulation or praise, but he must always be on his guard. If the school suffers from misfortune his critics will be unmerciful."

While I endorse all that Dr. Hardy has set out I do not quote his words here as being descriptive of my own contribution but rather as an insight into what the office demands.

The College has come a long way since the Revd. W.H.G. Milnes had to begin again upon his return to Guernsey after keeping the spirit of Elizabeth College healthy and strong in England during the Occupation of Guernsey. Academically in 1987 it boasted an 'A' level pass rate of 95.6% and in 1988 out of an Upper Sixth Form of 51 boys 46 were proceeding to places of Higher Education. Elizabeth College is an amazingly busy school with a range of opportunities which would do credit to a school of more than twice its size. This account of its life bears witness to that.

During my term of office 2,530 boys passed through College and thirty-five different members served on the Board of Directors. For me it was a great privilege to have responsibility assisted by a wonderfully gifted and dedicated staff for the education of those boys and I am grateful to the Board of Directors for the support they gave me in that time. Floreat Collegium !

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