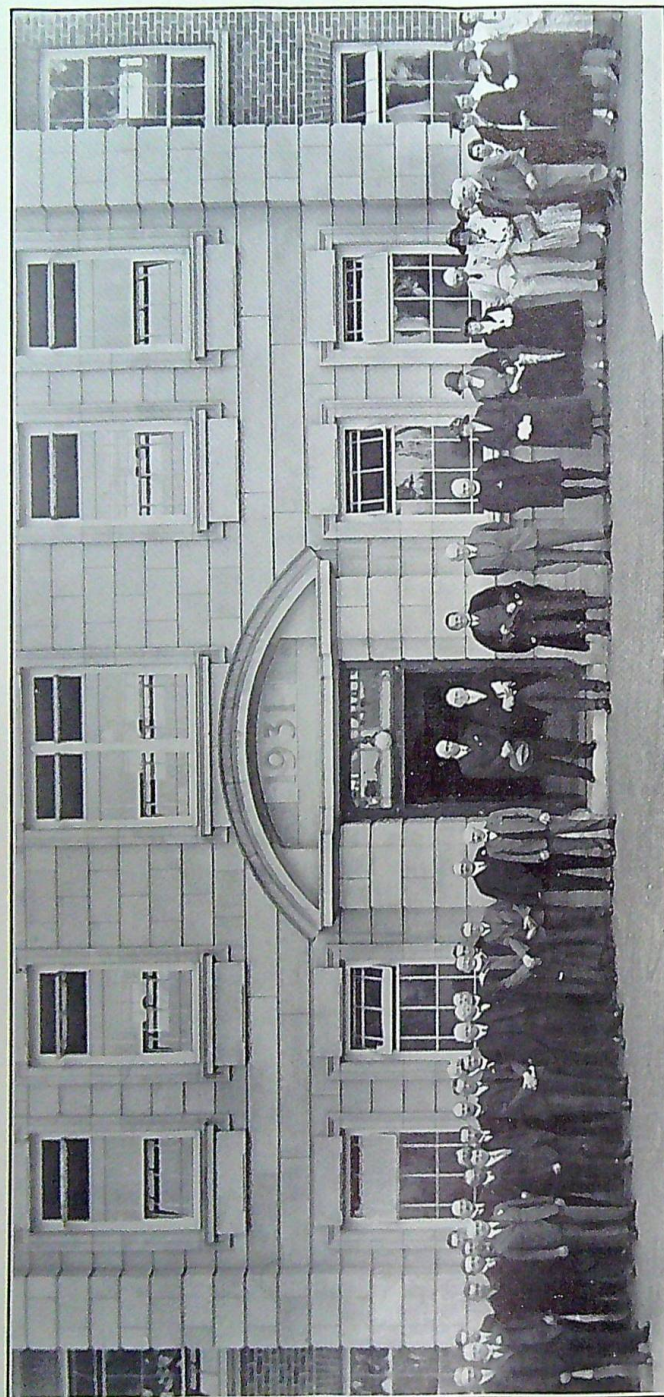


THE OPENING OF THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS, JUNE 18th, 1932  
by SIR JAMES OPENSHAW, O.B.E., M.A., D.L., C.C.



The representative assembly at the doors.

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## EDITORIAL

On June 18th a new and promising chapter in the School's history was begun when Sir James Openshaw opened the new buildings in Church Road.

The buildings are already familiar to our readers and, no doubt, are as beautiful and spacious as the modern architect and builder can produce; but it must be remembered that the most important part of a School is not the building, but the spirit. We are now well encamped, and, when we survey the past year, it is not too much to claim that we have brought with us that admirable spirit which was so apparent at Golden Hill. Indeed, we claim to have strengthened it considerably; it is for future generations to judge the success which has attended our efforts. We can only say that the start gives promise of a great and successful future.

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The Editor.

## SCHOOL NOTES

### PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys: *Head Prefect*: Vause P.G.

*Prefects*: Briggs C. A., Fishwick J., Stringfellow R. E.

*Sub-Prefects*: Haydock J., Patefield P., Stringfellow C. D.

Girls: *Head Prefect*: L. M. Lomax.

*Prefect*: M. B. Wilkinson.

*Sub-Prefects*: P. Ainsworth, K. M. Butterworth, H. Howard, A. M. Nuttall.

This term there are on the School Roll the record number of 254 pupils—an equal number of boys and girls. We welcome to our midst 63 new pupils and hope that they will be as happy with us as we have been during this last year.

With the Summer Term came the end of a busy year which saw changes and innovations; the House System is firmly established with its spirit of friendly rivalry; the Prefects have experienced the bitter and the sweet of Power; various School Societies have contributed to the year's successful activities; new Staff and new pupils have taken their places among us. The Summer Term brings with it always its own delights and pleasures, and we look back now on long sunny days of work and play. Not even the thought of Public Examinations could mar the pleasure of the hour, for, after all, results do not appear until September, and Youth cannot look too far ahead.



On Saturday, May 7th, the Annual Sports were held. The weather was kind to us and there was a large attendance of parents and friends. A detailed account and results of all events are given separately.

The new School Buildings in Church Road were officially opened on June 18th, by Sir James Openshaw, the Bishop of Burnley conducting the religious part of the ceremony. This important occasion has been chronicled in detail elsewhere in this issue.

Last term saw a great improvement in the appearance of the School grounds; the lawns, which have grown from seed, are looking remarkably well kept, and the shrubbery which divides the grounds from Church Road is flourishing.

We congratulate Worden House on winning all four cups on Sports Day; Cuerden on being top of the Merit Order and on winning the Cricket Knock-out Competition; Clayton, who were Rounders Champions; and Farington, who won the Tennis Knock-out Competition. At least one honour has fallen to each House.

This Autumn Term has seen a great change in Boys' Games, for we now play Rugby instead of Association football. The change is undoubtedly for the good of the School and our greater enjoyment. This change-over has necessitated a new lay-out of the games pitches.

We have also acquired a fine radio-gramophone, which is to be used for work and play. We have already listened to broadcast talks and lectures, and are looking forward to using it during House parties and for music recitals.

Miss Milroy has left us temporarily to teach in Harrisburg, U.S.A. Our best wishes go with her. She has exchanged posts with Miss Lehman, whom we are very glad to welcome. Miss Lehman has taken over all Miss Milroy's work and is Form Mistress of Form I and Farington's House Mistress. We hope that she will enjoy her stay in England and her work in Balshaw's.

We beg to acknowledge to receipt of Magazines from the following Schools and Colleges:—Chorley Grammar School (2 issues); Faraday House; Preston Catholic College (2 issues); Preston Convent School; Newton-in-Makerfield Grammar School; Preston Grammar School (2 issues); Upholland Grammar School; Wigan Grammar School.

We congratulate Mr. R. L. Sutcliffe (O.B.), who has been successful in passing the honours examination of the British Cystical Association (F.B.O.A. Hons.), and Mr. F. W. Roscoe (O.B.), on his success in the Final Law Examination.

We feel there is cause for considerable satisfaction in the results of the Higher School Certificate and School Certificate Examinations held in July last.

P. Ainsworth, McCann W., and Rimmer A. G., all obtained the full Higher School Certificate and of 29 pupils who entered for the School Certificate, 22 passed, of whom four Haydock J., L. Lomax, Salisbury W., and M. B. Wilkinson obtained Honours.

Our good wishes go with all who left us during the last School year. McCann W. and Rimmer A.G., proceed to Manchester University for Honours courses, and E. Cross, E. Forshaw, Shepherd R., A. Thornber and E. Yates to Training Colleges. We hope to have news of them from time to time.

## The Official Opening of the New Buildings

JUNE 18th, 1932.



Presentation of the key to Sir James Openshaw by the County Architect, S. Wilkinson, Esq., F.R.I.B.A.

Although the School had been in working order for some time, the official opening was deferred until a representative assembly could be got together, and everything prepared for their inspection.

While the bulk of the School and parents were assembled in the Hall, a chosen group representing the County, the Governors, Leyland Urban District Council, local Headmasters, the Old Students, the present Staff and Prefects, gathered outside the Main Door for the Ceremonial Opening. Promptly at 3 p.m. the County Architect, S. Wilkinson, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., presented the key to Sir James Openshaw, who performed the Ceremony.

The party proceeded to the platform and the Chair was taken by J. B. Cardwell, Esq., M.A., Chairman of the Governors. The Service of Dedication was then conducted by the



Bishop of Burnley; the Hymn, "All things are Thine," by Whittier was sung, and the Bishop read the Lesson from Ecclesiasticus XLIV vv.1-15.

The Bishop read prayers for the blessing of God on the work and gave thanks for past mercies. The Hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past," was then sung.

Sir James, who was welcomed on behalf of the School by the Chairman, opened his address by tracing the long history of the School from its comparatively slender early endorsements, to the splendid building in which his hearers found themselves. He assured them that the Higher Education Committee of the Lancashire County Council was fully alive to the need for developing secondary education, but he emphasised that these facilities could only be fully utilised by hard work on the part of the pupils. That and Lancashire "grit" were the only qualities to pull us out of our present difficulties.

The Headmaster, in his address, promised that whatever was valuable should be retained from the traditions of the Old School, but where necessary a ruthless pruning should be carried out in accordance with new needs. He indicated various innovations such as the School Lunch, the supplying of milk, the Tuck Shop, the Handicraft Department and the special School Buses.

The Bishop of Burnley, in proposing a vote of thanks to Sir James Openshaw, paid tribute to his work on the Higher Education Committee and his never failing interest in local affairs. He thought, however, that the problem of the future would not be one of work but of leisure; if, and when, mankind learnt to distribute the commodities which their machines were even now ready to manufacture for them, they would enjoy an ample leisure of which it was the business of Education to show them the fullest use.

Mrs. Todd, J.P., seconding, pointed out that our expenditure on armaments was still far greater than on education, and appealed for a wiser use of the national income.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by L. K. Hindmarsh, Esq., M.A., who spoke from personal experience of Mr. Cardwell's unremitting thought for the School of which he had so long been a Governor. A. J. Lomax, Esq., J.P., seconded.

A most enjoyable interlude was provided by the Choir's rendering of Mendelssohn's "Greeting Song" and Handel's "Where'er you walk."

After the formal ceremony parents and other visitors took advantage of the Headmaster's invitation to inspect the Buildings and Grounds. The proceedings were favoured by fine weather, which displayed the School to its best advantage.

## THE GRIFFIN

The name and characteristics of the Griffin may be traced back to a considerable antiquity. It may be defined as a fabulous creature, half vulture, half lion, supposed in classical times to inhabit the wastes of Central Asia. Its name comes from the large curved beak (Gr. Gryphs—curved) and the spelling "grype" is found as late as 1600 in English. Before this time, however, the final "n" had become usual and the field narrowed down essentially to "griffin" or "gryphon": Shakespeare preferred the former, Milton the latter, which has a classical flavour and perhaps more picturesqueness. The former appears to have become accepted in the 19th century.

Dante (*Purgatorio* XXIX) gives the Griffin what is undoubtedly its most exalted station in literature when he describes it as drawing the triumphal chariot of the Church

"un carro trionfale

. . . . . d'un grifon tirato venne,"

and describes, following classical authority, the bird part of him as coloured gold, and the rest, white mingled with vermilion.

The legend of the Griffin passed safely along with other miscellaneous lore, from the dying Roman Empire to the semi-barbarous kingdoms which succeeded it.

The name passed through many variant spellings: "Girphinne, baith bird and beast we should call it," explains the medieval "Book of Precedence."

"Chase these gryffons, if thou might" says the romance of Richard Coeur de Lion (about 1350), but here the word means Greeks, to whom it was sometimes applied.

And now we come to one of the classical sources of information for our subject: Mandeville in his famous but entirely fictitious "Travels" (about 1360), naturally makes great play with such a picturesque legend. In the land of Bacharie (Central Asia), he says "ben many griffounes more plente than in any other countree. Sum men seyn that they han the body upward as an egle, and beneath as a lyoun; and treuly thei seyn soth that they ben of that schapp. But o griffoun hath the body more gret and is more strong, thanne eight lyouns—and more gret and strongere than an hundred egles. For a griffoun there wil bere fleyng to his nest a gret hors, or two oxen yoked togidere, as thei gon at the plowgh." He adds to round off this impressive description, that their claws are like the horns of great oxen, and then men make "full strong bowes" of their ribs.

The Elizabethans made good use of the Griffin for metaphor and allegory. Lyly in his play "Gallathea" (1592), refers to the medieval belief anent its nest making habits:—"Gryphes make their nests of gold," the alchemist tells his boy Raff, and the latter, if a docile pupil, no doubt believed what he was told. (There is a moral in this, but we will not stay to enquire it out). Spenser describing the evil route which assailed the Castle of Temperance, mentions, "Others like dogs, others like Gryphons dreare" (*Fairie Queen* II XI).

Ben Jonson, like Lyly, adheres to a classical rather than a medieval spelling, using "gripe" as does Shakespeare in his "Like a white kind under the gripe's sharp claws" (from the early "Rape of Lucrece").



Later he prefers what has come to be accepted: the "clip-wing'd griffin," says impatient Hotspur, is part of the "skimble-skamble stuff" with which Glendower strains the credulity of his hearers. In "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the reference "the dove pursues the griffin," is purely ornamental, and griffin probably means vulture.

Sir Walter Raleigh has an interesting "discourse of Griffins and other fables" in his *History of the World* (1614): "The Griffins, a kind of Fowle, the fiercest of all other; with which Griffins a nation of people called the Arimaspi make warre . . ." and after mentioning various authorities, Herodotus, Lucan, etc., he concluded sturdily, "but (for mine owne opinion) I believe none of them." Purchas, however, in his "Pilgrimage," published almost at the same time (1613), shows no incredulity, but stolidly refers to "Gryphons keepers of the treasures."

Milton refers at least twice to the creature, using it as a synonym for greed in the description of "griffon-like promoters" in the "Reformation of England," but simply for its picturesqueness in the well known lines (*Paradise Lost* Bk. II):

"As when a gryphon through the wilderness  
With winged course, o'er hill or moory dales,  
Pursues the Arimaspi, who by stealth  
Had from his wakeful custody purloined  
The guarded gold."

It is typical, but as we should expect, that the Griffin is not much in evidence between Milton and the Romantic Revival. The increasingly matter-of-fact, even scientific spirit of the years after 1660 was not favourable to legends, however picturesque. After Pepys' reference to a ship called the "Griffen," on December 26th, 1661, we make a long cast forward to Scott's in the "Bristol of Triermain" (1918):—

Warriors of old, he says,  
"Braved the fierce griffon in his ire."

Arnold introduces it into "Sohrab and Rustum," almost for the first time, not as a forbidding monster of greed, but in a kindly role:—

"It was that Griffin, which of old rear'd Zal,  
Rustum's great father, whom they left to die  
A helpless babe, among the mountain rocks.  
Him that kind Creature found, and rear'd, and  
Then Rustum took it for his glorious sign."

So that Rustum's Griffin seal, pricked on Sohrab's arm, establishes their relationship at the conclusion of the fatal combat. And with this honourable conclusion we may leave the Griffin to his repose.

## THE ANNUAL SPORTS

The Annual Sports were held on May 7th last. To say that we were fortunate as regards the weather is but a mild way of expressing our amazing luck. It rained almost incessantly for several days beforehand and it rained almost incessantly for several days afterwards. May 7th itself however, was fine and sunny—a veritable oasis in a desert of downpours—if one may strain the metaphor so far.

Arrangements went according to plan and the whole affair was a credit to all concerned—competitors, organisers and spectators.

Interest was maintained to the end by reason of a tense struggle between Worden and Clayton for the Championship—Cuerden and Farington being out of the running very early on. Clayton held a slight lead all the afternoon until the Relays took place, when they were overhauled and eventually beaten. The strength of Clayton's challenge to Worden may be seen in the fact that the former secured more points from the boys' events alone than the total points of each of the other two houses. Worden's superiority lay in the Relays the Jumping and the good work of Vause and Isabel Haydock.

It is estimated that there were some seven or eight hundred spectators present, five hundred and twenty of whom partook of tea for the provision of which the School catering authorities were entirely responsible.

Suitable music was played during the afternoon by the North Lanes. (Chorley) Band.

The final results were as follows:—(Cl.=Clayton, Cu.=Cuerden, F.=Farington, W.=Worden).

1. *Hitting the Hockey Ball (Open)—Girls.*—1, A. Hunter (W.); 2, M. B. Wilkinson (Cl.); M. Wrennall (Cl.).
2. *Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 15)—Girls.*—1, G. Houlden (F.); 2, H. Baron (Cl.); 3, D. Herring (Cu.).
3. *Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open)—Boys.*—1, Vause (W.); 2, Stringfellow C. (Cu.); 3, Edge (Cl.).
4. *Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 15)—Boys.*—1, Sharp (Cl.); 2, Greenwood (F.); 3, Siddle (Cl.).
5. *Long Jump (Open)—Boys.*—1, Vause (W.); 2, Fishwick (Cl.); 3, Briggs (Cl.).
6. *Long Jump (Under 15)—Boys.*—1, Mortimer (Cl.); 2, Edleston (W.); 3, Siddle (Cl.) and Greenwood (F.) tied.
7. *Long Jump (Open)—Girls.*—1, M. Cuerden (Cu.); 2, M. B. Wilkinson (Cl.); 3, B. Hesketh (W.).
8. *Long Jump (Under 15)—Girls.*—1, D. Bridge (Cu.); 2, M. Cuerden (Cu.); 3, F. Bell (W.).
9. *100 Yds. (Open)—Boys.*—1, Vause (W.); 2, Shepherd (Cu.); 3, Bryan (W.).



10. 100 Yds. (Under 15)—Boys.—1, Mortimer (Cl.) ; 2, Siddle (Cl.) ; 3, Sharp (Cl.).
11. 100 Yds. (Under 13)—Boys.—1, Darnell (F.) ; 2, Pattinson (F.) ; 3, Whalley (Cu.).
12. 100 Yds. (Open)—Girls.—1, K. M. Butterworth (Cu.) ; 2, M. B. Wilkinson (Cl.) ; 3, E. Yates (Cl.).
13. 100 Yds. (Under 15)—Girls.—1, F. Bell (W.) ; 2, I. Haydock (W.) ; 3, I. Oakes (F.).
14. 100 Yds. (Under 13)—Girls.—1, D. Smith (W.) ; 2, E. Haydock (W.) ; 3, A. Seed (F.).
15. High Jump (Open)—Boys.—1, Vause (W.) ; 2, Fishwick (Cl.) ; 3, Haydock (W.) and Patefield (F.) tied.
16. High Jump (Under 15)—Boys.—1, Mortimer (Cl.) ; 2, Eddleston (W.) ; 3, Greenwood (F.) and Siddle (Cl.) tied.
17. High Jump (Under 13)—Boys.—1, Challenger (W.) ; 2, King (Cl.) ; 3, Greenwood (F.).
18. High Jump (Open)—Girls.—1, I. Haydock (W.) ; 2, K. M. Butterworth (Cu.) and A. Thornber (Cu.) tied.
19. High Jump (Under 15)—Girls.—1, I. Haydock (W.) ; 2, D. Bridge (Cu.) ; 3, I. Edelston (W.).
20. High Jump (Under 13)—Girls.—1, E. Haydock (W.) ; 2, B. Damp (Cl.) ; 3, D. Smith (W.).
21. 220 Yds. (Open)—Boys.—1, Fishwick (Cl.) ; 2, Vause (W.) ; 3, Briggs (Cl.).
22. 220 Yds. (Under 15)—Boys.—1, Mortimer (Cl.) ; 2, Rimmer (Cl.) ; 3, Siddle (Cl.).
23. 220 Yds. (Under 13)—Boys.—1, Wilkinson J (Cl.) ; 2, Whalley (Cu.) ; 3, Lloyd (W.).
24. 220 Yds. (Open)—Girls.—1, E. Yates (Cl.) ; 2, B. Hesketh (W.) ; 3, K. M. Butterworth (Cu.).
25. 180 Yds. (Under 15)—Girls.—1, I. Haydock (W.) ; 2, F. Bell (W.) ; 3, M. Cuerden (Cu.).
26. 440 Yds. (Open)—Boys.—1, Fishwick (Cl.) ; 2, Patefield (F.) ; 3, Marland W. (Cl.).
27. 440 Yards (Under 15)—Boys.—1, Mortimer (Cl.) ; 2, Edleston (W.) ; 3, Marland L. (W.).
28. 880 Yds. (Open)—Boys.—1, Briggs (Cl.) ; 2, Palmer (F.) ; 3, Marland (Cl.).
29. 1 Mile (Open)—Boys.—1, Palmer (F.) ; 2, Stringfellow C. (Cu.) ; 3, Haydock (W.).
30. Old Boys' Race.—1, J. Sanderson ; 2, R. Crozier.
31. Obstacle Race (Boys and Girls under 12).—1, Bretherton (F.) ; 2, Greenall (W.) ; 3, Stephenson (W.).
32. Tug of War (Open)—Boys.—1, Worden.
33. Tug of War (Under 15)—Boys.—1, Clayton.
34. House Relay (Open)—Boys.—1, Clayton ; 2, Worden ; 3, Farington.

35. House Relay (Under 15)—Boys.—1, Clayton ; 2, Worden ; 3, Cuerden.
36. House Relay (Under 13)—Boys.—1, Farington ; 2, Worden ; 3, Clayton.
37. House Relay (Open)—Girls.—1, Cuerden ; 2, Worden ; 3, Farington.
38. House Relay (Under 15)—Girls.—1, Worden ; 2, Cuerden ; 3, Clayton.
39. House Relay (Under 13)—Girls.—1, Worden ; 2, Farington ; 3, Clayton.

The Victor Ludorum Cup was won by P. G. Vause, of Worden House, who secured 32 points—the runner-up (Fishwick, of Clayton) securing 23 points. Vause won the Cup last year also.

The Victor Ludorum Cup was won by Isabel Haydock (Worden), who secured 17 points, this being the second time she has won the Girls' Championship Cup. The runner-up this year was M. B. Wilkinson (Clayton), who secured 13½ points.

The House Relay Cup was won by Worden, the points obtained by the various Houses being as follows :—

Worden	....	....	....	....	56 points
Clayton	....	....	....	....	36 „
Farington	....	....	....	....	28 „
Cuerden	....	....	....	....	24 „

The House Championship Cup was also won by Worden, the final points being :—

Worden	....	....	....	....	166 points
Clayton	....	....	....	....	149½ „
Cuerden	....	....	....	....	69½ „
Farington	....	....	....	....	64 „

Worden House, therefore, secured all four cups.

The prizes took the form of silver shields set in oak, one being given to the winner of each event. The shields were distributed at the close by Mrs. J. B. Cardwell, who also kindly consented to receive one inscribed with her name in memory of the day. The Headmaster, in a suitable speech, thanked Mrs. Cardwell on behalf of the School.

## —o— EVENING ON EXMOOR

Purple heather splashed with gold ;  
A sunset pales on hill and wold ;  
Wild ponies browse unmindful there  
Of damp sea mist and chilling air ;  
And far below in valley green  
The church of Oare lies still, serene.  
Midst memories of Lorna Doone,  
A rippling brook still sings its tune.  
And now the heaths in gathering gloom  
Eerie size and shapes assume.

J.S., IIIa. (Cuerden).



## YO-YO

Up and down, round about,  
 Over the falls and in and out  
 Little nimble Yo-Yo, jumping up the string,  
 When an expert holds you, you seem a magic thing.  
 Gleaming red and flashing white,  
 I must hold you very tight,  
 Lest some day you long for fame,  
 And make long distance flight your aim.

J.A., IIIa. (Cuerden).

## DEBATING AND MUSICAL SOCIETY

This term should prove a full one for the Debating Society. There are to be a series of lectures or talks by various masters. Mr. Bull's "Impressions of Russia," which will be based upon his own recent wanderings and experiences in that country should be interesting. Mr. Wilkinson's talk on "Music up to 1700 A.D." will give us a good idea of the kind of music to which our ancestors used to listen and perhaps dance in the good old times when such masters as Beethoven and Chopin had yet to be born. This lecture, together with the talk on "Some Musical Masterpieces," also by Mr. Wilkinson, will be illustrated by music played on the Radio-Gramophone which has recently been installed in the Hall.

The last talk, by Mr. Hilditch, on rather an unusual subject, should interest most members of the Society.

There will be debates during the term but no dates have yet been decided for them. Although all the lectures and debates were very well attended last year, we are expecting even better audiences this session when the lectures are in the Hall, for there will be room for everybody. Only seniors are expected to attend the debates; probably the majority of the juniors would find little to interest them in some of the subjects.

R.M.P. (Hon. Sec.).

## LIBRARY NOTES

This last year has seen a great number of additions to the Fiction and Reference Libraries. Those wishing to become members (and all new people are eligible) should come to the Library on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, or during Friday dinner time. Anyone wishing to join may do so for the modest sum of 1d., which entitles the member to one book a week. There is now in the library a sufficient variety of books to suit most tastes; for the juniors a number of fairy stories and tales of school-life; and for the seniors, a good choice of classical and modern fiction. The senior girls, especially, might make more use of the library, and the senior boys might remember that library rules are not made merely to be disregarded.

At any rate we hope to see more people coming regularly to borrow during the winter terms, when less time can be spent in outdoor games.

E.A. (Librarian).

## THE SCHOOL CONSERVATORY

There is little space to explain in detail the present growth of the School Conservatory, but it may be said that, during the last session especially, great progress has been made. One who had not visited the Conservatory for several months would be agreeably surprised at its appearance. On the Rockery, the ferns, of which there are numerous beautiful varieties, have done well and are now surrounded by a thick bed of moss. A natural touch is lent by the presence of the Amphibia, which dwell in almost natural surroundings.

Since the commencement of the new term there have been the most welcome additions of fine orange and eucalyptus plants, and several cacti, alpine plants and creepers, all of which are flourishing.

One of the greatest developments is in the Aquatic Section. There are now three large Aquaria, and among the specimens already acquired are English sticklebacks and roach, and North American sunfish. Their graceful evolutions among the rocks and the various aquatic plants, together with the floral specimens around, give a very pleasing effect even to the most critical eye.

If the rapid development continues there can be no doubt that the Conservatory will soon be very popular indeed.

## MY DAY IN THE LAKES

One bright September day we set out in the car for the Lakes. I was quite excited for it was my first visit to the mountains. We soon left behind the dismal towns near our own home and went on through the country, passing through many woods where the leaves were turning gold and brown. In one shady woodland I had the luck to see a small squirrel hopping about in the branches. At last we passed Lake Windermere, a giant's mirror in a frame of peaks. Soon we came quite close to the Langdales. I had never seen such high mountains before and I was both amazed and fascinated. They were beautiful in the warm sun and rose like stone guardians over the small Dungeon Ghyll Hotel and the farm close by.

Here we stopped for lunch in a small dusty lane. All round us towered mountains. In front of us were the Crinkle Craggs looking rather like their name, all crinkled; and majestic Bowfell. To the left was Pike O'Bliscoe and to the right the Pike O'Stickle and Harrison Stickle, two towers dominating the valley, the most lovely sight of all.

After lunch we walked partly up Bowfell; this was my first walk on a mountain and our route lay up the "band" of Bowfell. It was such fun scrambling over the rocks and wet, boggy grass, and we were loathe to leave all this beauty behind us.

I shall never forget my first visit to the lakes and mountains.

M.B. IIIa. (Cuerden).



## THE NEW BALSHAVIANS

See the many new faces on view,  
Timorous tots all a-flutter,  
Shaky and shrinking  
Hearts nearly sinking,  
Pathetically drinking  
In words that their teachers may utter.

What innocence ! These youngsters so fresh  
Have never lit bunsens before !  
Or played a straight bat  
(Just fancy that !)  
I tell you flat  
They're just unaware what's in store.

They've never learnt Latin and French,  
They can't give you a Geometry theorem ;  
Or show you the way  
At Rugby to play ;  
'Tis plain as the day  
There's plenty in future to cheer 'em.

B.L.W.

## HOW MRS. PIG ENHANCED HER BEAUTY

One day, the animals of the farmyard decided to hold a ball. Mrs. Pig, who found that she could not wave her hair for the event, decided instead to curl her tail which was at that time very long and straight. Unable to purchase curling tongs, she did the next best thing to procure a permanent wave. She wound her tail round the branch of a tree and suspended herself in mid-air to give the necessary tension. Unfortunately, the weight of Mrs. Pig was too much for her tail, which snapped, leaving now only a few curly inches of the once long, straight tail. This bump of misfortune, however, did not improve Mrs. Pig's features for she fell on her nose, which slightly broadened her outlook. Hence the snout !

S.L. IIIa. (Worden).

## WHY THE BLUE-BELLS TURNED BLUE

Once upon a time when the woods were thickly populated with fairies and pixies, the beautiful flowers which we now call blue-bells were snow-white. The fairies agreed that they should have a contest to see who could write the best poem. On the appointed night, a fairy was writing a poem in the fork of a tree overhanging the white bells, when she let her ink pot fall on top of the bells, and instantly each flower turned blue. From that day to this we call them blue-bells, and if we listen closely on a Spring evening we can hear them singing in the woods.

R.G., IIa. (Worden).

## The Worden House Visit to Liverpool

On May 20th. last, thirty-five members of Worden House visited Liverpool to pay homage to Music. The excursion was in piquant contrast to the previous term's visit to Manchester. On that occasion, at the *Daily Dispatch* works, we had a glimpse of the world of commerce and science ; this time, at Liverpool, we entered, for a brief while, the lighter world of art and culture.

Messrs. Rushworth and Dreaper's collection of antique musical instruments is unique ; many of them are the only surviving specimens of their kind, whilst others have personal associations with famous composers. (There is actually a grand pianoforte used by Beethoven). Collectively, they enable one to trace out the evolution of the modern Concert Grand, the modern Organ, and modern Wind and Strings.

Looking over the Collection, one's mind is carried irresistibly back to the days when Music was in its infancy, to the time when men were first being stirred to create beautiful edifices of tone, and to express in sound the beautiful ideas within them. It was on instruments such as these—the Spinet, the Harpsichord, the Clavichord, and so on—that Beauty and Genius struggled to express itself centuries ago, both creatively and from the point of view of interpretation.

Our guide first outlined to us the development of the pianoforte. This instrument is the outcome of five hundred years' development. The Clavichord is its first true descendant, its construction being made possible by the newly-found art of wire-drawing. Previous to six or seven centuries ago, all stringed keyboard instruments were strung with a substance similar to that used in a violin.

There are two principles on which a stringed keyboard instrument may operate : either the strings can be plucked, or they can be struck. In the former case we have the Harpsichord, Spinet and Virginal ; in the latter, the Pianoforte and Clavichord.

The Clavichord has strings of thin brass wire which are struck by a brass tangent fixed on the end of each key. The tone is delicate and charming ; though it can be varied, the power is never very great. This instrument was the favourite of Bach ; indeed, practically the whole of his stringed keyboard music was specially written for it. Readers will recall the famous "48 Preludes and Fugues," the English and French Suites, the Partitas, Inventions and Concertos.

The Virginal, of course, is well-known to readers of Elizabethan literature. Every educated lady of the period played on it. Its tone is produced from the strings by means of a leather quill which plucks them when the keys are depressed. The tone produced this way is, of course, much louder than in the case of the Clavichord. It is not, however, so sweet.

The Spinet resembles the Virginal. The former is much more like the modern grand pianoforte in shape and construction. The Virginal, on the other hand, is contained in a box that can almost be lifted. The tone both of the Spinet and Virginal, as it is obtained by plucking, cannot be varied.



The next stage was the Harpsichord—a sort of Spinnet with two keyboards and several stops for the purpose of varying the power of tone. In appearance, the keyboard resembles that of an organ; the shape of the whole instrument is that of a modern Grand.

Next came the Organ Series. We saw a Portatif Organ, an instrument much used in religious processions, and which could be carried by four bearers. The wind is supplied by means of bellows at the top of the instrument, operated by hand from two opposite sides.

The first use of foot pedals for blowing is illustrated by the Pipe Organ which, in appearance, resembles a harmonium, but with an array of pipes above the keyboard.

Another interesting exhibit was the Piano (or Bottle) Organ. The tone is produced here from varying sized bottles, across the mouths of which air is directed. The bellows are controlled by foot levers.

The Barrel Organ, too, must not be forgotten. This was used when there was difficulty in obtaining an organist. The keys are operated by pins on a revolving cylinder on which notes of the tunes have been pricked. The cylinders are set in motion by means of a rotating handle; the wind is supplied by a foot pedal.

Our guide then took us to the violin section. By means of twenty or so component parts he showed us how the instrument is put together. Few of us can have scarcely realised the extraordinary pains that are taken to secure the necessary exquisite tone! The violin provides one of the few cases in which the machine has not ousted hand-labour. Violins have not altered in design since the days of Corelli and other old Italian masters. Neither to-day can they reproduce the beautiful tone of the Stradivarus.

And so the instructional part of our visit came to an end. The hospitality of Messrs. Rushworth & Dreaper, however, had, as it were, scarcely begun. They offered us tea and took a photograph of the group (sending, later, to each one of us a beautifully mounted copy). Our appreciation of their kindness will long remain. Finally, we wish to express our deep gratitude to the guide who so pleasantly and competently instructed us.

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## SILVAN

I wandered afar in the depths of the woods,  
Where the wild roses fragrance the air—  
In a wondrous green twilight, there,  
In the depths of the woods.

Mossy green, the venerable trunks of the trees  
Reached up; the mysterious roof  
Was leafy, gloomy, rustling, aloof,  
In the will of the breeze.

And where crocuses grew (early Spring),  
I gazed in the shadowed deeps of a pool  
Which, reedgirt, motionless, cool,  
Mirrored the tree tops' swing.

E.B. (O.B.).

## KING JOHN AND THE ABBOT

### ACT I.

*Scene I.—John's Throne Room, John seated. Courtiers and Soldiers in attendance.*

*John:* (To Captain of Soldiers): Bring in this man who doth our secrets sell,

This lazy priest, who, so my agents tell,

Unto our foes doth information give.

If so he doth, in sooth, he shall not live.

*Soldier:* It shall be done, my lord, and that with haste.

(Enter Abbot, attended by a guard).

*Abbot:* My liege, I do protest my innocence!

This wicked charge my spirit doth incense.

No traitor am I—that I swear on oath!

If this be false, the devil take us both.

*John:* I cannot listen to this string of lies,

And so, within three weeks from now, he dies

If answer he cannot these questions three.

Hark, villain, while I give them unto thee.

First thou must say of me, noble of birth

Unto a penny, that which I am worth;

And second, I must know without a doubt

How long 'twill take to ride the world about;

And, most important—nay, friend, do not shrink,

But answer me rightly what now I do think.

Now remember, good abbot, these questions three

Which in twenty days hence must answered be.

Away with him, soldiers!

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*Scene II.—Abbot riding about his estate.*

*Abbot:* I've racked my brains since I left tyrant John,

But, woe betide me, answer have I none.

My day of execution comes next week

I must some servant wise and faithful seek.



(Enter Shepherd).

*Shepherd:* Upon thy countenance is sorrow, lord.*Abbot:* And cause it has to be there, on my word.  
The tyrant John has poséd unto me  
Three questions, which, e'er long must answered be,  
But them I cannot solve, that do I vow,  
The villain means to have my head, I trow.*Shepherd:* Tell me these questions, then, my lord, and I  
Will answer them for thee. I do not lie.  
For, though a fool, I have a pretty wit  
Which, in tight corners, has not failed me yet.*Abbot:* First I must say to him of noble birth  
Unto a penny, that which he is worth ;  
And, secondly, tell him without a doubt  
How long it will take to ride the world about ;  
And, at the last question, I have not to shrink,  
But answer him rightly, tell what he does think.  
And if these questions three I answer not  
Within a week, on gallows will I rot.*Shepherd:* I think that I can help thee, good my lord,  
For my good friends say, as we eat at board,  
That I closely resemble thee, and, by my troth,  
If I were to dress in a cassock of cloth,  
I could visit King John, lord, instead of thee.  
And answer right boldly his questions three.*Abbot:* It shall so be done without any delay,  
I'll send thee to London town this very day. (*Exeunt*).

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*Scene III.—Same as Scene I.*

(Enter Shepherd disguised as Abbot).

*Shepherd:* Good morrow, your Grace, I have come just now  
To answer your questions, I'll do it, I trow.*John:* Proceed, father Abbot.*Shepherd:* The first answer I'll give you right now, your Grace.  
The Bible does tell how, by Judas the Base,  
For but thirty pence our Saviour was sold  
To the vengeance of Pilate for this sum of gold ;  
And, since our dear Lord was worth only this price  
One penny less for yourself should suffice.  
Next, rise with the sun and ride with the same,  
Till, next day in the morning, it rises again ;  
In so little a time, without any doubt,  
Your Grace will have ridden the whole world about.  
And last, for your thoughts, you will surely be merry,  
You think I'm the Abbot of Canterbury ;  
But I'm only his shepherd, as your Grace will see,  
And I come to beg pardon for him and for me.*John:* Thou hast gained for thy master a pardon, good man,  
And thee also I'll help, on my oath, if I can.  
Wouldst thou desire to be a courtier of mine  
Surely, good fellow, thou wilt not decline ?*Shepherd:* Forgive me, my liege, but refuse you I must,  
For in me my master has placed all his trust ;  
So, if it please you, I'll go home anon,  
With the Pardon I got him from good King John.*Curtain.*

M.L.B., IVa. (Cuerden).

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## A BALL

There was a sound of festive mirth one night,  
For all the men and women of the town  
Were gathered there beneath the lamps so bright,  
Bathed in Love's soft glow and Beauty's light.  
To music soft and sweet, and languorous sighs  
Every heart with happiness did glow ;  
And Love was Truth and all else Lies,  
As Youth and Pleasure hand in hand did rise.

F.C. IVa. (Cuerden).



## AUTUMN

Now the long, sultry, scorching days are over, and a freshness, stimulating after the glare of past days, is in the air.

The rain has refreshed the baked earth and has revived the fields, where the cows present a picture of peaceful animal life.

The orchards are abundant in apples, pears and plums, and the hedges are filled with such wild crops as elderberry and blackberry, from which the farmer's wife makes wine for the winter nights. Hips and haws make beautiful the moment, but promise a hard winter.

It is of this blessed fruitfulness that Keats writes in his ode :—

“Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun ;  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run ;  
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,  
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core ;  
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells  
With a sweet kernel ; to set budding more,  
And still more, later flowers for the bees,  
Until they think warm days will never cease ;  
For Summer has o'erbrimm'd their clammy cells.”

Autumn is the time when poets probe reflectively into the beauties and mysteries of nature, and when we take our last walk abroad in the brief hours before dark, for we have nearly spent our legacy of time.

The trees are a mass of rich warm colour, but not for long, for the air seems to awaken, and a cold wind blows the many-tinted leaves before it and strips the trees all gaunt and bare. Shelley writes :—

“O wild West Wind, thou breath of Autumn's being,  
Thou, from whose unseen presence the leaves dead  
Are driven, like ghosts from an enchanter fleeing,  
Yellow, and black, and pale, and hectic red,  
Pestilence-stricken multitudes.”

All thoughts of bathing are put behind us, as in the morning and at evening, mists creep over the field. Now we begin to gather around the fire, and perhaps, listen to stories of the old-fashioned winters, when the whole landscape lay buried beneath a sheet of dazzling whiteness, and when the path from the house-door to the road, lay between huge, sparkling, white walls.

F.C. IVa. (Cuerden).

## ON THE GENTLE ART OF LISTENING

I am of the opinion (and I understand that many other great men agree with me) that the art of listening is falling on bad times. Nowadays everybody seems too intent upon turning as much as possible of his energy into sound waves which will have, according to up-to-the-minute scientists, chaotic effects on the future.

I refer, of course, to the theory that all sounds, past and present, are circulating on space, and it is only necessary to obtain a sensitive detector to enable us to recapture the gems of ancient orators, such as used to frequent the Hyde Parks of Ancient Greece, or to reconstruct a word picture of Columbus demonstrating how to eat an egg without using an egg-cup. If this theory is correct, what a crowded ether there will be in the near future! Imagine interference from Bill Smith shouting “Foul ref! Send him off!” when tuned in to a recital of Plato's Love Lyrics.

However, to raise this discourse to its former lofty heights (the Editor suggests taking it to the top of Mount Everest) a few remarks on listening are indicated. To constitute a good listener, one must have at one's disposal a mantelpiece (on which to place one's feet), an armchair and ears. From my own experience I find that in many cases a man with a pitchfork who can administer frequent resuscitating jabs in the nape of one's neck commands attention.

Some would-be humourist would say that I have omitted the most important requisite for successful listening—something to which to listen. But I do not believe that this is necessary. Did not the poet Keats (of whom no doubt a few of my readers may have heard) write in defence of my statement that “ditties of no tone or melodies unheard are sweetest?” Mr. Bull will probably tell you that he did not, but still he might have done if the phrases above had occurred to him.

Therefore, I advocate everyone—especially those whose father has only one joke—to take a course of listening. The finest thing to which to listen is undoubtedly nothing. For most people listening to nothing will not be hard; it merely means listening to what circulates in their heads.

But a word of warning. Beware of listening indiscriminately to nothing. Only listen to the finest specimens of pure silence, and when they have made their influence felt, treasure them up in your heart. If you do this, at the end of your life, you will be able to say that now “I have in my heart what I have in my head—NOTHING.”

The man who can say that will be famous, so do not forget—Listen!

W.McC., U.VI. (Farington).



## TO MY DESTRUCTIVE PUP—A Parody

They told me, oh my little dog, they told me you'd been bad ;  
 They brought me torn up slippers that had once belonged to Dad.  
 They brought me torn up garments that had once belonged to Bill,  
 But, oh, my little Highland brave, there's one who loves you still.

And now that you are flying, my dear old terrier tyke,  
 To bite the butcher's trousers and pull him off his bike,  
 I know that you'll bring home his "bags," for dear old friendships' sake.  
 For the butcher takes himself away but those he cannot take.

J.D., IV.b (Farington).

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## A SCHOOL ALPHABET

A is for Allxbnx, athletic though bony.  
 B is for Bryxn, who is Allibone's crony.  
 C is for Cxckxr of the world famous store ;  
 D is for Dvxs, tell me no more.  
 E is for Exrdlxy, cheerful and chatty.  
 F is for Fxbxs, neither hefty nor natty.  
 G is for Gtxs, not progressive, but static,  
 H is for Hxckxng, of fame acrobatic.  
 I is for 'Ighxm, a good sort at Maths.,  
 J is for Jxcksxn, who is keen on the baths.  
 K is for Kxxtxs, mostly spelt with a C.  
 L is for "Lxpxnx," called also "Je Suis."  
 M is for Mxrrxs, reputed a brainy 'un ;  
 N is for Nxlsxn (his hero's Jim Sullivan).  
 O is for Olxvvr Twxst who was greedy,  
 P is for Pxrkr, some of ours seem seedy.  
 Q is for Qxxtxncx, a bill that's receipted.  
 R is for Rxmmxr, by his smile we are greeted.  
 S is for Smxth, who presents himself shyly ;  
 T is for "Thxmxs," a burgher of Mawdesley.  
 U has no name, you can put what you want to,  
 V is for Vxxsx, and a very good one too.  
 W is for Whxllxy, a very keen biker,  
 X is unknown, so perhaps it is I, sir,  
 Y is for Yxx, and I hope you are thriving ;  
 Z is for Zxrx, the end of my striving.

F.W.S., V. (Cuerden).

## FORM IIa.—THE INNOCENTS ABROAD

Before our first impressions fade, we hasten to commit them to paper. In the years to come, when we idly turn over the leaves of the *Balshavian* of Autumn, 1932, we shall sigh, maybe, for our lost youth. In that black minute these things will no longer astonish and thrill us :—

" . . . having an organ and a piano and a radio-gram."  
 " . . . not having prayers at night."  
 " . . . a tuck shop."  
 " . . . different rooms for different subjects."  
 " . . . a greenhouse on the second floor."  
 " . . . teachers wearing gowns and sitting on a platform."  
 " . . . having a different teacher for every subject."  
 " . . . obeying prefects as well as teachers."  
 " . . . prayers in the Hall instead of in each classroom."  
 " . . . a gymnasium with rope ladders and bars."  
 " . . . sliding blackboards in the Geography and Handicraft Rooms."  
 " . . . shower baths and footbaths."  
 " . . . shoe boxes in the cloak room."  
 " . . . being able to sit down in the hall" ( ! ! ).  
 " . . . a Gym Mistress who wears a short tunic like ours."

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## How the Forget-Me-Not got Its Name

Long, long ago, when the flowers had no names, the wise counsellors of Fairyland called a meeting at which the Queen was present. At this meeting the Queen was asked to christen each flower in Fairyland. With sweet dignity, the Queen consented to carry out this hard task.

At three o'clock one sunny afternoon, the Queen left the palace with her two wisest subjects. Some flowers she named according to their surroundings and others from their looks. And what lovely names she chose :—Love-in-the-Mist and Bluebells, Snap-Dragons and Buttercups, Love-in-Idleness, Milkmaids and Mayflowers.

Her majesty, thinking she had named all the flowers, rode back to the palace, well pleased.

Suddenly a fairy, greatly concerned, arrived at the palace, to say that her Majesty had missed one flower. This upset the Queen, and with all speed she followed the fairy to the bank of the stream, where the tiny flower was growing. The Queen had no idea what to call this dainty little blue flower. Suddenly she said, "I will call you Forget-me-Not, because I forgot you before."

And that is why the Forget-Me-Not is so named.

E.M.W., IIa. (Farington).



## HOUSE NOTES

## CLAYTON HOUSE.

*House Master:* Mr. Sutcliffe.*House Mistress:* Miss Royle.*House Captains:* Briggs C., and B. Wilkinson.

The past year has been a successful one, and, although achievements have not been brilliant, the House has made a good start; more important, however, is the fact that the future is very promising and much should be accomplished.

On Wednesday, May 18th, the House visited Liverpool, where a most enjoyable day was spent. The party was entertained by Messrs. Rushworth and Dreaper, who conducted us round their world-famed collection of antique musical instruments. We would take this opportunity to offer our belated thanks to the firm for our hospitable reception, and especially to our guide, who gave us practical demonstrations of the method of operating these instruments. The party then visited certain sections of the Walker Art Gallery and Museum.

After lunch we were conducted round the C.P.R. liner "Duchess of Atholl," and concluded the day with a visit to New Brighton.

The House did exceptionally well on Sports Day, when we were very unlucky to secure only second place for the House Championship Cup.

In the Boys' Section, Clayton was far superior to any of the other houses: Mortimer, Siddie, Rimmer A.B., and Sharp carried all before them in the junior events, and the junior team won their Tug of War.

In the Senior Boys, our strength lay in the track events, especially the middle distances, for Fishwick won both the Open 220 and 440, without serious opposition. and Briggs won the Half Mile again.

The Girls, although not so strongly represented, put up a remarkably good performance and deserved better luck.

The Open and Under 15 Boys' Relays were both won by Clayton.

The Cricket League team finished top, being undefeated—a very good performance. However, we were less fortunate in the Knock-Out Competition.

The Rounders and Tennis League teams, although not very strong at the beginning of the session, improved gradually until they were second in both lists. We suffered a narrow defeat in the Tennis Knock-Out but made amends by winning the Rounders Knock-Out Competition.

We congratulate Rimmer, who has passed the Higher School Certificate Examination, and M. B. Wilkinson, who has passed the Oxford School Certificate Examination with Honours; also the following who have been awarded School Colours:—

Fishwick: Cricket and Athletics.

N. Yates: Rounders.

We wish all those members who are leaving us the very best of luck; and we are pleased to welcome all new members.

## CUERDEN HOUSE.

*House Master:* Mr. C. S. Hilditch.*House Mistress:* Miss E. Brindle.*House Captains:* Stringfellow C., and A. Nuttall.

To reach every final and win two out of five is a fine first year's record. Cuerden are hockey and cricket champions and have given the tennis, rounders and football winners a good tussle. Last term they also finished up the year's intellectual champions to prove their superiority at work as well as play. House visits and social events have knitted the members into a cheerful family. At the same time "our relations with foreign powers continue to be friendly."

The Cricket Final was a most exciting struggle. Worden made 76, thanks chiefly to the redoubtable Vause who scored 47; Cuerden replied with 44, a collapse after the third wicket being caused by the bowling of Vause. He elected to put Cuerden in again and was unable to repeat his performance. Singleton played a great game to score 61, easily the best "knock" he has had yet, and the innings closed at 93. Stumps were to be drawn at 7.30 and there was great anxiety (on our part) lest there should not be time to get Worden out again. Gates (openly bribed!) rose to the occasion and clean bowled Vause and Haydock. The side was out for 12, several, we fear, to intimidation, and there were fully ten minutes to spare. Gates, Shepherd and Singleton bowled well, and the fielding could not have been more keen. Never have we listened so anxiously for the Church clock.

Farington beat us in the tennis final by thirty games to twenty-two. It was a remarkable match for while both Farington couples beat our first pair, Elsie Sharples and Alice Nuttall, our second string, Annie Thorner and Doris Herring, beat both Farington couples. Clayton appear to have won the rounders' final.

The League Cricket team finished third, but several promising players were found, notably Hocking (Captain), Barrow, Banks, Simmons and Turner. The Tennis League side did very well, finishing first. Its members were E. Sharples, A. Nuttall, D. Herring and K. Butterworth. The Rounders team nobly supported all the other teams.

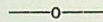
At Half Term, a House visit was paid to Messrs. Jacob's biscuit works at Aintree. This firm is easily the most popular biscuit firm in the country with Cuerdenians. We saw every stage in the life of a biscuit from dough till death. Never had we realized so humble a domestic stop gap has so thrilling an existence. Not only did we browse on the way through (S—g holding the record with six marsh-mallows in sixty-three seconds), but a handsome tin of biscuits—appropriately red—was given to each of us upon leaving. These proved useful in staving off the pangs of sea sickness when crossing the raging billows to New Brighton. All members were safely collected in a train at Exchange. Even now the House Master has a vision of a straggling herd rounding corners, threading traffic, besieging tram-cars, boarding boats, invading cafes and asking for change.



An open-air social was held towards the end of term, and although the weather drove us into the Hall for games later on, the parents and friends who came had plenty of entertainment. Despite the highly imaginative umpiring of Mr. Wilkinson and Briggs (who took his duties very easily until his chair was removed to the long field), the boys were beating the girls left-handed at cricket when rain stopped play. At rounders, it is believed, the girls were beating the boys, but here again only the girls could tell. We must have another of these affairs next summer.

We are sorry to lose two such captains as R. Shepherd and Annie Thornber. Both were entirely free from affectation and always did their very best for the House. They were extremely popular not only in the House, but throughout the School, for their personalities, not merely for their athletic abilities. Shepherd had the distinction of being School Captain, and Annie was Games Captain. To them and to Annie Mayor and R. V. Simmons we wish all good fortune.

C. Stringfellow and Alice Nuttall are this year's captains, and have the full confidence of the House. Salisbury and Kathleen Butterworth are reliable vice-captains. With Gates and Elsie Sharples as games captains we should hold our own again this year. In conclusion we thank all who have helped us, especially the parents with gifts, and the prefects who have made themselves so useful at our socials.



#### FARINGTON HOUSE.

*House Master:* Mr. Lomax.

*House Mistress:* Miss Lehman.

*House Captains:* P. Ainsworth and Stringfellow R.

Once more under considerable pressure from the Editor, Farington is forced to chronicle all its successes of last term (failure being an unknown word in the camp).

And so our first year in the new school ended with a Summer Term which was worthy of its name. It saw the House system successfully established and with it a wholesome house spirit of keen, yet friendly, rivalry for first place, both in the outdoor and social spheres of School life. Farington House may look back on a very successful year conscious that all its members have co-operated and done their bit to the best of their ability. Glorious sunshine added real enjoyment to the excitement of Knock-Out Competitions and League matches.

The Summer Term was very long and full to overcrowding with outdoor activities, so full, in fact, that it was found necessary to discontinue the monthly efforts of the Sketching Society. Every night saw some House team either practising for, or playing House matches—a truly active term.

Although the results of the Cricket League matches have not been tabulated, Farington have the satisfaction of knowing that their position would be either first or second.

This is a very creditable performance and is mainly due to the splendid efforts of the captain of the House League team, Iddon, who on several occasions "stemmed the breach," and retrieved an awkward situation by superb batting or bowling. Still we must not underestimate the efforts of the other members of the team, who, by perseverance and sustained enthusiasm, helped to win the matches and showed that Farington has a bright future, as regards cricket.

Although beaten by an innings in the Cricket Knock-Out, we were certainly not disgraced. Each member played to the best of his ability, but the odds against us were much too great. Cuerden having six 1st XI players in their team.

The Tennis team proved invincible in the Knock-Out, beating Clayton in the first round by 26 games to 23; and Cuerden in the final by the broader margin of 30 games to 22. We were very fortunate in having three members in the 1st VI.

When the last game of the season came in the Tennis League, the leaders were only one point ahead, and hopes of Farington's heading the table ran high. But as the last match was lost, second position had to suffice.

As this was the first year in which the School as a whole has played Rounders seriously, players had to be made and not found. A very creditable team has been formed, and by steady play gained second position in the League. The Rounders Knock-Out Team was beaten in the first round by Cuerden's superior fielding, after an interesting game which was enjoyed by both sides.

In an endeavour to improve our knowledge of the gentle art of cricket, several members of the House, including the girls, visited Old Trafford to see the second day's play in the Lancashire v. Kent match. It was a most enjoyable outing which even Manchester's rain could not spoil, and which came to a perfect ending with a visit to Lyons for sundaes and ices.

Against very strong opposition, Palmer and Patefield kept the Farington flag flying on Sports Day, the former once more displaying his abilities as a long distance runner.

We hope that the enthusiasm shown during the past term will be maintained and imitated by the newcomers during the coming term when Farington should once more lead the way.

The House is unfortunate in losing its House Mistress, Miss Milroy, who is going to take up an exchange post in America for one year. She may be assured that the House bids her "Au Revoir" with all good wishes for her happiness. We welcome Miss Lehman, who is taking Miss Milroy's place, and hope that she will enjoy her stay here as much as we enjoy having her.



## WORDEN HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

House Mistress: Miss M. A. Rahill.

House Captains: Vause P. G., and L. Lomax.

One could hardly call our Summer Term a watery one even though there were several downpours during the first few weeks, and in spite of the fact that the last week had a decided aqueous quality about it. At any rate, quite a large percentage of cricket, tennis and rounders matches took place, and the large programme of League matches and Knock-Outs was carried through to the bitter end.

Perhaps the most important event of the term was the Annual Sports. We, in Worden, hope that athletics occupy this honourable position, for the Sports are Worden's own property. We may, by some sort of miracle hitherto unexplained, have our cricket aspirations silenced in the Knock Out; we may even lose a Tennis Knock-Out by one single game; we may, in some inexplicable fashion, be knocked out at Rounders; but when it comes to running and jumping, other Houses take second, third and fourth places.

To win all four athletic cups is an extraordinary achievement, and it goes without saying that no other House is likely to emulate this performance for many years. Apart from the general all-round keenness and willingness to train (there were always more Wordenites than anyone else about on training days), our success was due mainly to three things—first, our superiority in the Relays; secondly, our very good high jumping (we secured five firsts and a second out of the six events in this department); and lastly, the very fine work of P. G. Vause and Isabel Haydock, who obtained 49 points between them, thereby winning the respective Boys' and Girls' Championship Cups. Individual performances by Wordenites who secured places in the various events were as follows:—

P. G. Vause :	High Jump (Open). 1st place.
	Long Jump (Open). 1st place.
	Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open). 1st place.
	100 Yards (Open). 1st place.
	220 Yards (Open). 2nd place.
Isabel Haydock :	High Jump (Open). 1st place.
	High Jump (Under 15). 1st place.
	180 Yards (Under 15). 1st place.
	100 Yards (Under 15). 2nd place.
Alice Hunter :	Hitting the Hockey Ball (Open). 1st place.
Barbara Hesketh :	220 Yards (Open). 2nd place.
	Long Jump (Open). 3rd place.
F. Eddleston :	High Jump (Under 15). 2nd place.
	Long Jump (Under 15). 2nd place.
	440 Yards (Under 15). 2nd place.
Frances Bell :	100 Yards (Under 15). 1st place.
	180 Yards (Under 15). 2nd place.
	Long Jump (Under 15). 3rd place.
Dorothy Smith :	100 Yards (Under 13). 1st place.
	High Jump (Under 13). 3rd place.
Edna Haydock :	100 Yards (Under 13). 2nd place.
	High Jump (Under 13). 1st place.
J. Haydock :	Mile (Open). 3rd place.
	High Jump (Open). 3rd place.
L. Marland :	440 Yards (Under 15). 3rd place.
J. Challender :	High Jump (Under 13). 1st place.
R. Greenall :	Obstacle Race (Under 12). 2nd place.
G. Stephenson :	Obstacle Race (Under 12). 3rd place.
G. Bryan :	100 Yards (Open). 3rd place.

In the Relay Races, we secured first places in the Girls (Under 13) and Girls (Under 15), and second places in each of the other four events.

Our Games' League record for the year is above the average—we secured the championship of the Rounders and Hockey Leagues, and were joint champions of the Football League.

Our performances in regard to schoolwork have also placed us at the head in this respect. We were top of the House Merit Order for both the Autumn and Spring Terms, and second for the Summer Term—in the last instance we yielded first place to Cuerden who just beat us by a very small percentage.

To turn to the lighter side of things, a House Party was held on May 27th. This was the third Worden Party of the year and the most successful, in spite of the fact that Mr. Sutcliffe was not there to perform his celebrated 'potato glide.' The next House Party is to take place on October 14th.

This term's issue of the House Magazine—"The Word"—is making its appearance sometime during November. It is hoped that members of the House will get busy and send in articles, letters, poems or other journalistic efforts to the House Master as soon as possible. Contributions of any description are welcomed. Remember that the success of the Magazine depends upon the number of contributors who will come forward and write things for us. Bear in mind also that other Houses look to us for what is best in House journalism.

For the benefit of new members of the House (whom, by the way, we welcome) we state here that each member of the House will receive free a printed copy of the Magazine. This is a privilege which no other House grants.

On the 20th May there was a House visit to Liverpool, mainly for the purpose of viewing Messrs. Rushworth and Dreaper's fine collection of old musical instruments. An account of this trip is given elsewhere in this Magazine.

At Half Term, there was a House Ramble. Unfortunately, the Hon. Organiser found the hour of meeting much too early. In short, he overslept. As a consequence, those members of the House who turned up at Chorley Bus Station had plenty of opportunity to view the Market Place and the colourful buildings of the Grammar School. However, the late comers eventually caught up to the party somewhere near Rivington (or was it Belmont?).

During the term, members of Worden have been awarded School Colours as follows:—

P. G. Vause, for cricket and athletics.

J. Haydock for cricket.

Isabel Haydock for athletics.

We also congratulate J. Haydock and Lilius Lomax, who secured Honours in the Oxford School Certificate Examination.



## CRICKET

*Captain:* Vause P. G.

Our fixture list for the Summer Term was lengthened and included matches against local clubs and neighbouring schools. From the results of these matches we are able to conclude that the standard of cricket played by our 1st and 2nd XI is easily equal to that of other Schools.

## ACCOUNTS OF SCHOOL 1st XI MATCHES.

June 4th. School v Leyland III: *played at School.*

The School lost the toss, and were sent in to bat. Vause and Singleton opened the School's innings and 21 runs were on the board before they were separated, Vause being bowled by Weller for 16. The School then lost wickets rapidly, 7 being out for 30 runs. A useful stand by C. Stringfellow (10) and Gates (7) helped to add 20 runs to the score for the eighth wicket. The School were all out for 53 runs.

The Leyland Club's innings did not start very well, 5 wickets being down for 30 runs. But F. Weller (24) and S. Wallace (25 not out) made a determined stand, and the School score was passed without the loss of another wicket. The visitors were finally all out for 97 runs. Vause, who took 5 wickets for 24 runs, was the School's most successful bowler.

June 25th. School v Old Boys, *played at School:*

The annual fixture with the Old Boys was played on the School ground in beautiful weather. The Old Boys sent the School in to bat. With only one run scored, Singleton was caught behind the wicket off Berry. The School could not make headway against the bowling of Berry and Sumner, and 5 wickets were down for 35 runs. Then Vause and Jackson added 32 runs for the sixth wicket, when Vause was bowled by J. Iddon's first delivery. The School were all out for 83. Berry took 7 wickets for 12 runs.

The Old Boys opened well, scoring 18 runs before losing Hocking by a splendid catch at point by Gates. The side then collapsed being all out for 48 runs. Fishwick bowled remarkably well, taking 5 wickets for 18 runs.

July 2nd. School v Preston Catholic College, *played at Preston:*

This match was a new addition to our fixture list and it was a very enjoyable game.

The home team decided to bat on a soft wicket and knocked up a score of 59. F. Hamer batted well in scoring 11 runs. Vause took 4 of the wickets and Fishwick 3.

The School started badly, losing Vause and Singleton with only 12 on the board, but splendid batting by R. Shepherd (17) and J. Fishwick (10) enabled us to pass our opponents' score with only 7 wickets down. Hargreaves took 2 wickets for 8 runs.

July 5th. School v Wellington House, *played at School.*

The School decided to bat. On a very awkward wicket the batsmen could do nothing against the bowling of the visitors, the side being all out for 33 runs. Annett took 4 wickets for 3 runs.

The visitors started well, scoring 27 for the loss of only 2 wickets. The wicket, however, was still in favour of the bowlers, and the visitors lost 5 wickets in adding 3 runs, but finally passed the School's score with the last batsman in. Wellington House were all out for 43. Vause and Fishwick divided the wickets for the School.

July 9th. School v Chorley Grammar School, *played at School:*

This match proved to be the most exciting and most enjoyable of all our matches, the result being a tie of 63 runs each.

Chorley batted first and opened with C. Yates and A. Wilkinson. Wilkinson was bowled without scoring; 16 runs were added before Yates (13) was bowled. Chorley then lost 7 wickets for 34 runs, but a fine batting display by H. Stythe (19 not out) helped the Chorley side to score 63 runs. Vause took 7 wickets for 21 runs.

The School soon lost Singleton, but a stand by Vause and Fishwick added 40 runs to the score. The School equalled the visitors' score with only 7 wickets down, and without any addition to the score, another batsman was out. The game became exciting, the School wanting only one run to win and two batsmen to go in. The Chorley bowlers gave nothing away and got our last two batsmen out for no addition to the score. G. Little bowled well in taking three for 13.

July 15th. School v County Offices, *played at School:*

The School opened with Vause and Fishwick and a good start was made; 30 runs were added before Fishwick was bowled. Then wickets fell rapidly, 5 being down for 38 runs. Haydock and Singleton, however, made a brilliant stand, adding 50 runs, of which Haydock claimed 30 and Singleton 19. The innings closed at 97.

The County Offices started badly by losing 3 wickets for 4 runs. Then stands made by Hoggarth (41), Maguire (18) and Heathcote (20 not out) enabled the visitors to pass our total with only six wickets down. Fishwick bowled well, taking four of the wickets.

July 23rd. School v Old Boys, *played at School:*

It was decided to have a two innings match in the second game with the Old Boys. The School again were sent in to bat and lost 2 wickets for 9 runs. Vause and R. Shepherd added 44 runs before Shepherd was bowled after scoring a splendid 25. The side was all out for 95. Vause carried his bat for 37. Wilde took 6 wickets for 18.

The Old Boys were completely routed, being all out for 12 runs in the first innings. Only three batsmen scored runs, of which Hocking scored 7. Vause took 7 wickets for 6 runs.

In the "follow on" the Old Boys fared little better and were all out for 38 runs, Vause taking 5 for 13, and R. Stringfellow 3 for 10.



July 25th. School *v* County Offices, *played at School*:

The second game with the County Offices was more evenly contested but our opponents were again victorious.

The School batted first and scored 47. The County Offices started badly, having 5 wickets down for 17, but through the batting of J. Cuerden, who scored an uncompleted innings of 47, the visitors were all out for 86. Vause took 4 wickets for 20 (performing the "hat-trick") and Haydock took 2 wickets for 5.

July 27th. School *v* The Staff, *played at School*:

The annual game with the Staff XI ended in a good win for the Staff.

The Staff won the toss and decided to bat. Opening with the Headmaster and T. Bretherton, they made a good start; Bretherton was dismissed at 25, and Mr. Oldland at 35, having scored 26. The batting then became very scrappy and only the bright hitting of Walsh enabled the Staff to score 86 runs.

In the School's innings Fishwick was the only one who offered any real resistance to the Staff attack, the side being dismissed for 56 of which Fishwick scored 11, being the eighth out. Miller took 5 wickets for 5 runs (including the "hat trick").

## SCHOOL 1st XI. AVERAGES FOR SEASON, 1932.

## BATTING (Qualification 5 innings).

Name	No. of Innings	Times Not Out	Runs	Most in Innings	Average
Vause.....	10	1	192	45	21.33
Haydock.....	9	—	60	30	6.67
Shepherd R.....	8	—	53	25	6.63
Fishwick.....	10	—	48	11	4.8
Singleton.....	10	—	48	19	4.8
Jackson.....	10	1	35	8	3.89
Gates.....	8	2	19	7	3.167
Stringfellow C.....	10	—	28	10	2.8
Marland.....	5	—	13	9	2.6
Briggs.....	9	3	11	7*	1.82
Stringfellow R.....	6	2	6	3	1.5

\*—Indicates not out.



CRICKET 1st XI.

Back Row: Jackson, A.; Singleton, F.; Gates, E.; Salisbury, W.; Stringfellow, C. D.; Marland, W.

Front Row: Briggs, C.; Shepherd, F. W.; Vause, P. G. (Captain); Fishwick, J.; Haydock, J.

Absent: Shepherd, R.; Stringfellow, R. E.

Played 9—Won 3; Lost 5; Tie 1.



## BOWLING AVERAGES.—Qualification 5 wickets.

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Vause.....	104.5	33	179	47	3.81
Fishwick.....	96.1	26	215	32	6.72
Stringfellow R.	17.5	2	49	6	8.17

## July 28th. The Final of the "Knock-Out" Competition.

The match was played between Worden House and Cuerden House. It was a very exciting game and Cuerden were worthy winners.

Worden decided to bat first and scored a total of 74 runs. Vause made 47; Gates took 4 wickets for 29 runs. Cuerden started very steadily, scoring 25 for the first wicket, but after this the side collapsed, being all out for 44. Vause took 8 wickets for 9 runs.

Following on, Cuerden scored 92 runs after losing 3 wickets for 10 runs. Singleton batted excellently for 58. Vause and Morris each took 5 wickets. Worden needing 63 runs to win, started very badly, losing Vause, Haydock and Jackson for 8 runs, and the side offered no resistance to the bowling of Gates. They were all out for 12 runs, Gates taking 7 wickets for 7 runs.

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## TENNIS NOTES

*Captain:* A. Thornber.

Juniors as well as seniors enjoyed the privilege of using the hard courts which are the envy of most visiting teams. Each house was allowed certain periods during which members might play. During the summer term there was great interest in League matches and Knock-out Competitions, the latter being decided in favour of Farington. Cuerden headed the tennis league, with Farington second, and Clayton a close third, Worden tailing off badly. The league matches revealed some promising junior players in the middle school. The grass courts have also provided many of the juniors with much fun.

The School Tennis VI had a successful season. Our first match against the Old Girls was disappointing for we beat them easily. Our next match against the Convent was more interesting. The matches were fairly even but we again won. We played our best tennis against Ashton-in-Makerfield. The arrangement before the match was that we should count the final result on games—and scoring thus, we won by one game. Reviewing the sets, however, we found that we had lost by five sets to four, and, therefore, prefer not to assert our victory.



Another interesting match was against Queen Mary's School, Lytham, where we had an old defeat to avenge. We finally won by 6 sets to 3, but not without a struggle.

The Staff match was enjoyed by both girls and Staff. The girls lost by 5 events to 4. The last match of the season against the Old Girls, was again disappointing. We won this match easily by 8 events to 1.

### OUR TENNIS KNOCK-OUT.

An enthusiastic crowd awaited the arrival of the competitors in the final round of the tennis knock-out. Farington having beaten Clayton after a hard struggle, were now about to meet Cuerden in the final. Farington were fortunate in having three of the School team among their numbers. The Cuerden first couple beat the Farington second couple. As the result of the second round was a victory each for the Houses, the sides were square on sets. Farington, however, led by three games, and so the tennis shield passed to them, leaving, incidentally, the Upper VI classroom where it had hung since it came from the Old School.

## ROUNDERS NOTES

We decided to devote the summer term to Rounders and leave cricket to the boys. We had tried the experiment in previous years, but had failed to find an adequate team. We obtained regulation sticks and balls, and soon raised a 1st and 2nd IX. The Middle School took up the game enthusiastically—stimulated by House practices and league matches. We lost our first match against Ashton-in-Makerfield, but in the return match, we found, much to our surprise, that we could win easily.

We raised a good team of fielders, an excellent back-stop and first post and reliable long-fields, but our batting was weak. It must be confessed that everyone was extremely reluctant to put in hard practice at strokes. Always to play a game means that little improvement in batting is made.

The League matches interested everybody, and the final result shows a keen struggle for the head of the table. Worden, who were well ahead at the beginning, suffered some defeats towards the end of the season. Farington and Clayton received the same points. Farington played steadily throughout the season but Clayton who ended the first round with no score improved so considerably after an alteration in the first team, that they won all the next round.



ROUNDERS, 1st TEAM.  
*Back Row:* E. Yates, M. B. Wilkinson, G. Houlden, I. Haydock.  
*Front Row:* F. Bell, A. Thornber (*Captain*), D. Iddon.  
*Absent:* M. Wrennall, A. Hunter.  
 Played 4—Won 3; Lost 1.



TENNIS 1st VI.  
*Back Row:* M. McKittrick, M. B. Wilkinson, E. Forshaw.  
*Front Row:* G. Houlden, A. Thornber (*Captain*), L. Lomax.  
 Played 6—Won 4; Lost 2.



The Rounders honours fell to Clayton, who won the Knock-Out final against Cuerden.

There were only three outside matches this term, two against Ashton and one against Upholland. At Ashton-in-Makerfield we lost badly on the first innings by 16 rounders to 4. The damp ground and rain seemed to affect us more than our opponents, and to add to our discomfiture, we played the first innings with the old type of bat, which we found unwieldy. The second innings, however, we played with our own sticks and won by 7 rounders to 4. The final result was a loss to the School by 11 rounders to 20.

The return match at Leyland proved a victory for us by 13 rounders to 1, not very brilliant scoring on either side.

The match against Upholland was played at School, the School winning by 8 rounders to 1.

#### THE ROUNDERS KNOCK-OUT.

There was great excitement among the girls, and polite interest shown by the boys when it was announced that the Rounders Knock-Out was to take place that night. As in the previous Hockey Knock-out, Clayton and Cuerden met, but it was obvious from the beginning that Clayton had the stronger team. Very little scoring was done in the first two innings, owing to a strong wind directed against the batting side. In Clayton's second innings, however, the score rose considerably, due as much to Cuerden's bad fielding as to Clayton's batting. Cuerden were able to do very little in their second innings and so the game ended with an easy victory for Clayton. Thus in the past School year, each House, as far as the girls are concerned, has had a victory: Cuerden won the hockey knock-out, Farington the tennis, and Clayton the rounders knock-out, whilst all the cups went to Worden on Sports Day, a victory of which they are very proud.

#### 1932 SCHOOL MATCHES—RESULTS.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Tie.
1st XI Cricket.....	9	3	5	1
1st IX Rounders.....	4	3	1	—
1st VI Tennis.....	6	4	2	—



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THE TUCK-SHOP TOFFEE.

Sir,

Have you ever visited the tuckshop, to buy (or otherwise secure) a square, or rather a rectangle of toffee there?

Have you then noticed that these slabs, being of dimensions five inches by two inches (approximately) are too large, presumably, to enter your editorial mouth without suitable sub-division? Personally, we effect this division by dropping them from a height. But this method, sir, is not elegant. It is cumbersome. Therefore, we suggest a method which is at the same time effective, refined and convenient, *viz.*, the provision of small hammers at various key points in the School, such as the Sixth Form Classroom, the Masters' Room, the goalposts, the Hall and the Handicraft Room (where the hammers could also be used for driving nails into pieces of wood).

The hammers could be secured, by means of small chains to the wall. You, sir, who are always quick to "seize" upon improvements, will immediately be in favour of the scheme.

Yours, etc.,

Two members of the Upper Sixth.

## THE LOOSE LEAF SYSTEM.

Dear Sir,

Recently the loose leaf system was introduced into the School and now we do all our French in green (or is it brown?) folders. This idea of associating lessons with colour is very good indeed, and introduces some brightness into the School, and as you know, sir, this is beneficial to children. Thus if the next lesson is Mathematics the colour for which is, I think, black, we say "The outlook for the next lesson is black"; if geography, "Next lesson I shall be blue." Other such jokes as, "I am in the pink for next lesson," will follow naturally. These jokes cause roars of bright, fattening laughter.

The idea, however, could be extended. Thus if black were the colour chosen for maths., then this subject should be taught by a negro in a dark room using black chalk, and the children should write on black paper with black ink. Similarly a Red Indian would have to be engaged for the red subject and a Chinaman for the yellow subject.

The idea, extended "ad infinitum" would provide the variety and originality for which all modern educationalists are seeking.

Yours, etc.,

Hyam A. Cretin.

## Balshaw's Grammar School Old Girls' Association

*President:* Miss Rahill, B.A.

*Vice-Presidents:* Miss Brindle, B.A.; Miss Royle, B.A.

*Secretary:* Miss J. Vause.

*Treasurer:* Miss K. Sheehan.

This year we regret to say, the number of members of our Old Girls' Association has suddenly decreased and although girls have always been in the majority at School, the Old Boys' Association has now twice as many members. It is up to the Old Girls to remedy this, and show their interest by coming forward with either suggestions or written articles for the Magazine.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Will all members please note that subscriptions are due after the Annual General Meeting in December, instead of twelve months after payment of same?

## HOCKEY.

We have this year two hockey teams, both of them in the "Lancashire Central Ladies Hockey League," but there are still vacancies for any keen and interested old students.

## TENNIS.

This year, through the kind permission of Mr. Oldland, Headmaster, we were allowed the use of the School Courts one evening a week, Thursday, from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., but we regret to say this was not appreciated by many of our members, and as a result, we were unable to arrange any mixed matches against local clubs as we have done in previous years.

On Thursday, December 1st, at 7.30 p.m., our Annual General Meeting will be held in the School Library, at 7.30 p.m., and we hope all Old Girls will make an effort to attend.

Subscriptions for this year must be sent before the end of November to the Hon. Secretary.

A hearty invitation is extended to all Old Students to the Re-Union, to be held at the beginning of January.

Joy Vause, *Hon. Secretary,*

6, Balfour St., Leyland.



# Balshaw's Grammar School Old Students Association

(OLD BOYS' SECTION).

Will all Old Boys, who are members of the Association please note that the Annual Subscription of 2/6 became due on Sept. 1st (with the exception of those who only paid after June)? This alteration has been made to give the Treasurer and Secretary more time to have the accounts completed ready for the Annual Meeting at the end of January.

Will all Old Students kindly note that the Annual Re-Union will take place on January 6th, 1933, in the Public Hall, Leyland? Full details will be given as usual on the invitation leaflet.

## FOOTBALL.

Owing to the lack of interest taken in this section of sport, the Committee has very reluctantly been compelled to disband the Old Boys' team this season. It has been very trying and also tiring work for a few of the interested members of the football section to carry out the duties of the Club, and also its fixtures in the Preston Amateur League, in order to complete the matches without forfeiting the guarantee money. The Committee therefore, agreed, that, considering the expense and also lack of interest and support, it would be better to give football a rest this season, and perhaps before another season commences, we may have plenty of willing helpers to run a Football team successfully, both financially and socially.

## ANNUAL DINNER.

Nothing definite has been fixed as yet for this year's Annual Dinner, but the usual notices and invitations will be sent out in due course.

R. Crozier, *Hon. Secretary.*

# CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER, 1932.		Sports Results.
W. 14	Autumn Term Begins. Supervision Duty: Mr. Wilkinson, Fishwick, M. B. Wilkinson.	
Th. 15		
F. 16		
S. 17		
M. 19	Supervision Duty: Miss Royle, Stringfellow R. E., P. Ainsworth.	
Tu. 20		
W. 21		
Th. 22		
F. 23		
S. 24		
M. 26	Supervision Duty: Mr. Sutcliffe, Patefield, K. Butterworth.	
Tu. 27		
W. 28		
Th. 29		
F. 30		
OCTOBER.		
S. 1	Hockey: School 1st XI v. Upholland Grammar School (a)	
M. 3	Supervision Duty: Miss Lehman, Briggs, H. Howard.	
Tu. 4		
W. 5		
Th. 6	Hockey Leagues: Cl. v. Cu. (1)..... W. v. F. (1).....	
F. 7		
S. 8	Hockey: School 1st XI v. Chorley Grammar School (h).....	
M. 10	Supervision Duty: Mr. Hilditch, Haydock, L. M. Lomax.	
Tu. 11		
W. 12	Publication of <i>The Balshavian</i> , Vol. VIII, No. 3.	
Th. 13	2.45 p.m. Lecture, "The Colouring of Animals," by Prof. Graham Cannon.	
F. 14	Worden House Party.	
S. 15	Hockey: School 1st XI v. Rivington Grammar School (a).....	
M. 17	Supervision Duty: Miss Brindle, Fishwick, A. M. Nuttall.	
Tu. 18	Hockey Leagues: Cl. v. F. (1)..... Cu. v. W. (1).....	
W. 19		
Th. 20		
F. 21	Debating and Musical Society: Music up to 1700 A.D., by Mr. B. L. Wilkinson. Clayton House Party.	
S. 22	Hockey: School 'Under 14' XI v. Newton Grammar School Junior XI (h).....	
M. 24	Supervision Duty: Mr. Wilkinson, Stringfellow C. D., B. M. Wilkinson.	
Tu. 25		
W. 26		
Th. 27	Debating and Musical Society: "Impressions of Russia," by Mr. A. J. Bull.	
F. 28		
S. 29	Half Term Holiday.	
M. 31		



## NOVEMBER.

Tu. 1	Half Term Holiday	
W. 2	Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, Vause, P. Ainsworth.	
Th. 3	2.30 p.m. at Bolton : Performance of "Le Barbier de Séville," by Les Comédiens de Paris.	
F. 4	Cuerden House Party.	
S. 5		
M. 7	Supervision Duty : Mr. Sutcliffe, Stringfellow R. E., H. Howard.	
Tu. 8	Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. W. (1)..... Cu. v. F. (1).....	
W. 9		
Th. 10		
F. 11		
S. 12	Hockey : School 1st XI v. The Convent (Preston) 1st XI (h) Hockey : School 2nd XI v. The Convent (Preston) 2nd XI (a)	
M. 14	Supervision Duty : Miss Lehman, Patefield, K. M. Butterworth.	
Tu. 15		
W. 16		
Th. 17	Hockey Leagues : Cu. v. F. (2)..... Cl. v. W. (2).....	
F. 18		
S. 19	Hockey : School 1st XI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School (a)..... Hockey : School 'Under 14' XI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield Junior XI (h).....	
M. 21	Supervision Duty : Mr. Hilditch, Briggs, A. M. Nuttall.	
Tu. 22		
W. 23		
Th. 24		
F. 25	2.30 p.m. Lecture : "The Uses of the Aeroplane," by Capt. J. Laurence Pritchard, Hon. F.R.Ae.S. Farington House Party.	
S. 26	Hockey : School 1st XI v. Queen Mary's School, Lytham (h)..... Hockey : School 2nd XI v. Queen Mary's School 2nd XI, Lytham (a).....	
M. 28	Supervision Duty : Miss Brindle, Haydock, L. M. Lomax.	
Tu. 29	Hockey Leagues : Cu. v. W. (2)..... Cl. v. F. (2).....	
W. 30		

## DECEMBER.

Th. 1		
F. 2	Debating and Musical Society : "Some Musical Masterpieces," by Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.	
S. 3		
M. 5	Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson, Fishwick, P. Ainsworth.	
Tu. 6		
W. 7		
Th. 8		
F. 9		
S. 10	Hockey : School 1st XI v. Old Girls (h).....	
M. 12	Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, Stringfellow C. D., B. M. Wilkinson.	
Tu. 13		
W. 14		
Th. 15	Hockey Leagues : F. v. W. (2)..... Cl. v. Cu. (2).....	

## DECEMBER—continued

F. 16	Debating and Musical Society : "The Glass of Fashion," by Mr. C. S. Hilditch.	
S. 17		
M. 19	Supervision Duty : Mr. Sutcliffe, Vause, H. Howard.	
Tu. 20		
W. 21	Autumn Term Ends.	
Jan. 18, 1933	Spring Term Begins.	
April 12, 1933	Spring Term Ends.	
	Date not yet decided :— Distribution of Prizes.	

## MISCELLANEA.

<i>Clayton House:</i>	House Mistress : Miss F. W. Royle, B.A. House Master : Mr. J. Sutcliffe, B.Sc. House Captains : M. B. Wilkinson (Girls), C. A. Briggs (Boys). House Colour : Green.
<i>Cuerden House:</i>	House Mistress : Miss E. Brindle, B.A. House Master : Mr. C. S. Hilditch, B.A. House Captains : A. M. Nuttall (Girls), C. D. Stringfellow (Boys). House Colour : Red.
<i>Farington House:</i>	House Mistress : Miss E. M. Lehman, B.A. House Master : Mr. H. J. Lomax, B.Sc., A.R.C.Sc. House Captains : P. Ainsworth (Girls), R. E. Stringfellow (Boys). House Colour : Gold.
<i>Worden House:</i>	House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill, B.A. House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A. House Captains : L. M. Lomax (Girls), P. G. Vause (Boys). House Colour : Blue.
<i>Boys. Head Prefect:</i>	Vause P. G. <i>Prefects:</i> Briggs C. A., Fishwick J., Stringfellow R. E. <i>Sub-Prefects:</i> Haydock J., Patefield P., Stringfellow C. D.
<i>Girls. Head Prefect:</i>	L. M. Lomax. <i>Prefect:</i> M. B. Wilkinson. <i>Sub-Prefects:</i> P. Ainsworth, K. M. Butterworth, H. Howard, A. M. Nuttall.
<i>Captain of Rugby Football:</i>	Vause P. G.
<i>Captain of Hockey:</i>	M. B. Wilkinson.
<i>School Lunch:</i>	12.30 p.m. in Dining Room. A two course lunch—meat or fish and two vegetables, and sweet—is supplied daily, price 8d. Pupils should purchase a week's supply of tickets from the Senior Mistress, Miss Rahill.
<i>Tea:</i>	A light tea can be obtained in the Dining Room at 4.5 p.m. Price 3d.
<i>Milk:</i>	10.45 a.m. in Dining Room. Certified "Grade A" Milk can be obtained at "Break," price 1d. per bottle (with straw).
<i>School Bus:</i>	Special buses run from the Ribble Motor Bus Station, Tithebarn Street, Preston, at 8.20 a.m. daily and pick up pupils en route.
<i>Tuck Shop:</i>	Open at 10.45 a.m. and 4.0 p.m. each day.
<i>Commissariat:</i>	In IIIa room at 4.0 p.m. on Thursdays (Miss Brindle).



## MISCELLANEA—continued

*Detention:* 4.0 to 4.45 p.m. in IIIb. Room.

*Lunch Hour:* In wet weather, girls may stay in IVa. and V. Rooms, boys in II. and IVb. Rooms.

*School Clearance:* All pupils must leave the School premises not later than :—5.15 p.m.  
Autumn Term ; 5.30 p.m., Spring Term ; 6.15 p.m., Summer Term.

*Broadcast Lectures:*

*Mondays :* 2.30-3.0 World History (IIIa.).  
3.25-3.40 French Readings and Dialogues (IVa.).

*Tuesdays :* 2.0 -2.20 Round the Country-side (I.).  
3.35-4.0 Early Stages in French (IIIa.).  
4.5 -4.25 Current Affairs (Up. and Lr. VI.).

*Thursdays :* 2.0 -2.20 Tracing History Backwards (Up. and Lr. VI. P.S.).  
2.30-2.55 King's English (IIIb.).

*Fridays :* 2.0 -2.20 Life and Work in Europe (I., IIb., IIa. and V.).  
3.0 -3.30 Concerts and Gramophone Recitals (IIIa. and IIIb., 3.0-3.15 ;  
IVa. and IVb., 3.15-3.30).

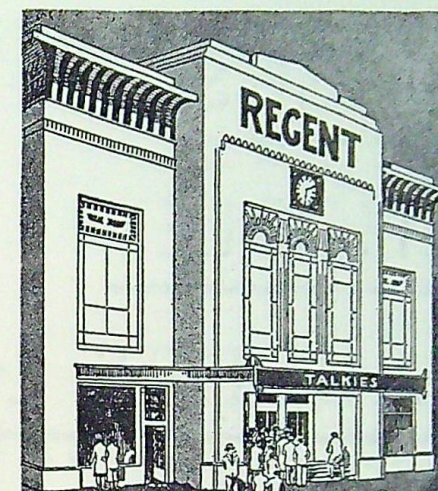
The School Choir meets at 4.0 p.m. on Fridays.

## GAMES.

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Tu.....	Practice or Game for 3rd XXX	Cl. & Cu., A. & B. Teams	W.
W.....	Practice or Game for 1st XXX	Teams 1st & 2nd XI	Cl.
Th.....	Practice or Game for 2nd XXX	W. & F., A. & B. Teams	Cu.
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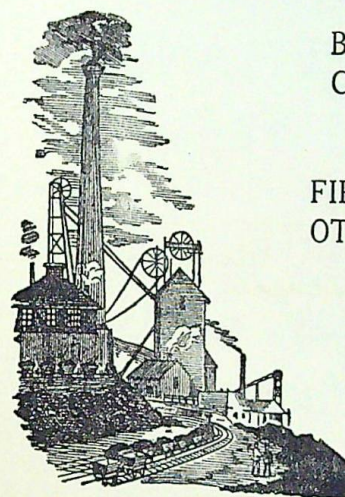
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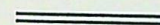
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