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EDITORIAL

It is a year since the last issue of "The Balshavian", and much water has flowed under the bridges since then. One might expect an upheaval so vast and tragic as this present war to have touched the minds and spirits of us all; but in reality, its effects are by no means traceable in the greater part of the School; and this is as it should be. It may be that some of us are more aware of the good things of life when their security is threatened. The war is measured by most of us, however, in so far as its influence has reached our daily lives with a bewildering confusion of gas-masks, rations and black-outs. It is true that blessings are never noticed until they are lost. Who, at this time last year could have imagined an Autumn term without its House Parties and its various social entertainments? Yet this is only one of the ways in which the war has affected School life.

The changes in the life of the School are reflected in "The Balshavian": the semi-conventional plea of the Editor for an increase in original contributions is of no value now; for if the "official" news of School activities during three terms is to be contained in one copy of the Magazine, this can only be done at the expense of original contributions. "Time and the hour run through the roughest day", and at some future date, perhaps not far distant, the School will turn once more to its peace-time activities, and enable its scribes again to take up their inspired pen.

MR. THOMAS DODD

After 48 years' service as Clerk to the Governors of the School, Mr. Thomas Dodd retired on 31st March last.

Six years after his appointment Mr. Dodd negotiated the formulation of the first scheme for the administration of the foundation in 1898 and there must, indeed, be few Clerks or Correspondents of Governors of Secondary Schools in this country who can claim such length of service.

Though he may be unknown to many pupils past and present he may be assured that throughout his service the school has always realized that it had in him a wise and sympathetic counsellor working behind the scenes wholeheartedly on its behalf. We should like to feel that he will take into his retirement the knowledge that that work will never cease to be held in grateful memory by all Balshavians.

V.U.O.

SCHOOL NOTES

PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys : Head Prefect : Pickburn, E. R.

Prefects : Haworth, F., Martindale, D., Hope, T. E.

Sub-Prefects : Sutton, H., Farrington, E.

Girls: Head Prefect: J. Shepherd.

Prefects : C. M. Marshall, M. E. Ryding.

Sub-Prefects : P. M. Sagar, W. M. Carr, M. B. Andrew.

It was with deep regret that we parted with Miss Postlethwaite and Miss Benn during the past year. Miss Postlethwaite, who had been with us for three years, has taken over the duties of Domestic Science Mistress at a school in Wolverhampton; Miss Benn, who had been with us for two years has been appointed to a Physical Training post under the Huntingdonshire County Authority. We take this opportunity of welcoming Miss Whitehouse, our new Domestic Science Mistress, and Miss Bartlett, our new Gym Mistress.

The whole School learnt with deep regret of the death of one of our Old Boys, Roy Culshaw. The School was represented at the funeral by the Headmaster and a party of six boys' prefects who acted as bearers.

This year, on May 3rd and 4th, the School Dramatic Society are to produce two one-act plays, "The Prince who was a Piper," by Harold Brighouse, and "Elizabeth Refuses," by Margaret Macnamara.

On June 15th, 1939, a party of 123 pupils visited Liverpool Docks and Port Sunlight, accompanied by Mr. Oldland, Miss Rahill, Miss Benn, Miss Whewell, Mr. Downer, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Parry.

On February 23rd, Mr. Guy Butler, M.A. (*Ex-President of C.U.A.C.*, and a World's Record holder) gave a lecture and demonstration to the School on the subject of Training for Athletics.

On February 29th the Osiris Players gave a most successful performance of "Oedipus Rex" an appreciation of which is included later in the magazine.

The School Camp this year will be held on the shores of Derwentwater, as in previous years.

In response to the "Grow More Food" appeal put forward by the Government, a School allotment has been started under the guidance of Mr. Bennison.

The material of the School Summer Dresses has been changed this year; it is now of floral design, and girls may have a choice of four colours. This ought to make for a pleasing variety. Those girls who wish to wear out last year's dresses may do so for this Summer.

Not the least among the changes which the School has undergone during the last year is the construction of eight air-raid shelters in the School grounds, providing ample accommodation for the entire School and Staff.

The Annual Sports will be held on April 25th and 26th this year. The boys' events will take place on the former date, the girls' on the latter. This arrangement is necessary on account of the limited accommodation of the air-raid shelters.

We offer our sincere congratulations to Miss A. B. Spellman, formerly our Gym. Mistress, who has been appointed Organiser of Physical Training for the county of Westmorland, and also on her engagement to Mr. George Johnson of Silloth.

The School wishes to extend its welcome to Mr. G. K. Buckley who has been appointed Clerk to the Governors of the School. He succeeds Mr. Thomas Dodd — his partner in the firm of Messrs. T. H. and T. Dodd and Buckley, Solicitors, Preston — who has retired from the Clerkship after 48 years.

The National Savings Group has been resuscitated in the School under the direction of Mr. Fisher, and has been well supported by the whole School.

Owing to reasons of national economy, Certificates of Merit were presented to pupils at the Annual Speech Day, instead of the conventional prizes. The presentation itself was made by the Headmaster before the assembled School, on the last day of term.

The School offers its congratulations to Lucy Sutcliffe, who is the first girl from the School to receive her M.B., Ch.B. of Liverpool University, where she graduated in June, 1939. She is now House Surgeon at the Liverpool Women's Hospital.

We receive visits from many members of H. M. Forces among the Old Boys of the School.

We must congratulate Farington on heading the Merit Order during the last two terms.

We must congratulate Farington too, on winning the Hockey, Tennis and Rounders Knockouts, Cuerden on winning the Rugby Knock-outs, and Clayton on winning the Cricket Knock-outs.

We congratulate the following pupils who were awarded Training College Scholarships during the last year :

M. E. Ryding (Whitelands, London) and Martindale (Chelsea, London).

The following also gained admission to Training Colleges : P. M. Sagar (Avery Hill, London), Pickburn, E. R. (Goldsmith's, London) and Farrington, E. (Leeds).

It is regretted that the nominal roll of Old Balshavians cannot be included in this issue.

The record number of 10 pupils obtained their full Higher School Certificates in July last. Our congratulations go to them all : O. Dickinson, H. Garbutt, C. M. Marshall, M. E. Ryding, J. Shepherd, Anderton, N. G., Haworth, F., Hope, T. E. (Distinction in French), Rosbotham, R. S., Turner, R. (Distinction in History) ; and to the winners of the Oxford School Certificate : Barnes, Bowling, Douglas, Eason, Farrington, Fisher, Holme, Hull, Lloyd, Lund, Marsden, Sanderson, Sutton, Valentine, J. M. Andrew, B. Hamer, J. Hamer, M. Holden, M. W. Holding, J. C. Howcroft, B. Knowles, M. M. Lord, B. M. Miller, R. Ratcliffe, B. S. Slater, M. Snape, J. D. Webster.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following Magazines :— The Hoghtonian, the St. Dunstan's Chronicle, The Rydeian, The Preston Catholic College Magazine, The Faraday House Journal, The Ubique Reminisci, The Chorleian, The Rivingtonian, The Haberdashers' Aske's Hampstead School and the Wellingborough Grammar School Magazines.

SALVETE

To Clayton House :—D. Bibby, E. M. Darbyshire, B. G. Harrison, K. E. Lea, S. A. Maders, N. Metcalf, A. Rigby, D. Turner, V. Pinder, Barrett, G. F. C., Carr, G. J., Elston, P., Kenyon, D., Mills, M. J. F., Mills, P. J. F., Stickland, H. C., Stickland, D. R.

From Valamo I went back to Sortavala and took the train to Punkaharju. Finnish trains are driven off wood and do not exceed 30 m.p.h. The track is a single one. Along the line are neatly-stacked piles of birchwood ; beyond that, one rarely sees anything but trees. The stations are for the most part merely clearings in the forest.

From Punkaharju I took the early morning boat for Kuopio. I spent twenty-four hours on this boat, and it is interesting to note that the total cost of the 120 miles' journey through the chain of lakes, together with cabin, lunch, dinner and breakfast was roughly eight shillings. I was the only permanent passenger on board ; children used the boat to go to school ; traders used it to send paraffin, sugar and stores ; farmers even used it to convey cows.

From Kuopio I carry two vivid memories. First, at the local barber's I was shaved by a woman ; second, I witnessed a gang of women bricklayers (complete with female foreman) building a new brick theatre.

From Kuopio I entrained for Kajaani and Vaala. The less said about this ten-hour journey the better. Oh those monstrous forests ! The thousands of passing trees made me absolutely dizzy. I descended every hour or so to consume coffee and doughnuts at wayside halts.

From Vaala next morning I joined four other people, and we took a boat to shoot the Oulu Rapids. This was a most exciting trip. At times we were shot along at 20 m.p.h., drenched with spray, and missing rocks by inches. The steersman, however, appeared to know what he was doing so we had no fear.

From Oulu I took the train to Rovaniemi. The Finnish railway system stops here. The next day I took the Arctic bus to Petsamo. This 350 miles journey takes sixteen hours with time off for dinner at Ivalo. The postal bus was cramping and there was absolutely nothing to see except endless trees. At intervals the bus stopped to deliver or collect letters. At midnight that night I crawled into bed and dreamed of trees.

Next morning I arose at 7 a.m. and did the same journey back to Rovaniemi. That was the day before Germany invaded Poland and it was necessary to get back to England as soon as possible. Apart from this, travel cheques were no longer cashable and it is fortunate that I had some change on me. With this I got from Rovaniemi to Oslo by train (37 hours' continuous riding) and by a stroke of luck I found a boat to England, with war declared.

B.L.W.

January, 1940

The Bus rolled round the corner, a stream of snow spraying up from the wheels. "If you shine your torch he won't miss you, Goodbye." I jumped on. The dozy parcel-laden occupants raised their eyes to look at the new-comer then turned again to the more serious contemplation of their reflections in the windows. So we sped along, the conductor sat hung by an arm to the front seat. In between his controlled yawns he whistled some nondescript

tune. We stopped. A man in a trilby got on and the conductor without moving from his seat, raised a long arm to press the bell. The man sat down near the door thereby blocking the path of the high-heeled damsel who, emerging from the nether regions of the bus, wished to alight. The conductor allowed him to pull back the door and wish her goodnight. She tripped off daintily through the snow, leaving the conductor and the trilby in a whispered conversation which lasted to the bus-station. I got off. The platform where the snow had melted into dirty slush, held a good sprinkling of stamping people. The trilby and I walked up and down the platform till we had passed so many times that it became silly. My feet grew colder and colder. Now and then a fit of coughing, generally started by the trilby travelled down the waiting crowd. They seemed to be all couples except the trilby and me. The large white face of the clock gazed down upon us, now and again jumping three minutes at a time.

My spirits rose. A bus was drawing up in the station. But no, it was not for me. The trilby got on and it moved away leaving me to cope with the couples alone: couples in front of me, couples behind me, couples all around me. I did not like it at all. If the bus did not come before quarter past I would eat my last sweet. I sat on the edge of a snow-covered seat and began to crunch, only to discover another couple hiding behind the booking office. I rose distracted — I was an intruder, an interloper. Fancy all this to come of a harmless visit to a friend. Which would be the best way to walk if the bus never came?

There would be drifts in the fields, better keep to the road. Cows passed amidst those silent couples, staring into space.

And then, could I believe my eyes? The kindly, contented face of my bus rolled gently into the station. A crowd drifted towards the door, I forced myself into the seething mass, I closed my eyes, I clutched my bag, I fought and the couples were my enemies. I used my fists—ah! was this the firm metal of the bus? I pulled myself up into the blue cavern. I was first. I had defeated the couples.

Feeling suddenly tired I chose my seat and asked bravely for half. A rather large half, the conductor must have thought. The bus forced its way through the snow. I got off and crossed the sea of white. Had they? Yes they had. Here was the key under a plant-pot. I groped for the switch. Something brushed against my legs, there was a purring sound. There was the glass of milk, there the biscuits and here was Thomas, quite a suitable reception for a conqueror.

A.B. Va (Clayton).

The School Visit to Liverpool and Port Sunlight

The morning of June 15th, dawned dull and misty but in spite of the weather there was no gloom apparent on the faces of a crowd of Balshavians assembled at Preston railway station. This year we were, along with several members of the staff, to visit Liverpool Cathedral and docks, and the soap works at Port Sunlight.

The time for the departure of the train drew near and soon we were on the way to Liverpool.

On arriving, we entered the waiting motor coaches and were driven to Liverpool Cathedral. Here, a guide took us round, pointing out the fine architecture of the Cathedral (which is still unfinished) and relating some of its history.

After this, we were driven to the docks. There we boarded the Canadian Pacific liner "Duchess of Richmond" (20,000 tons) and were conducted through the dining rooms, lounges, state rooms, gymnasium etc., and were shown the various shops, including a toy shop, a hair-dresser's and a chocolate shop, from which passengers can purchase almost any thing they require whilst at sea. As we were driving away, we managed to obtain a glimpse of the new "Mauretania" which was in a neighbouring dock.

After lunch we recommenced our journey and took the road for Eastham Locks and Port Sunlight. As the locks were closed and rain was falling heavily we stayed only a few minutes and then went on to Port Sunlight.

On entering the grounds of the soap works there was a strong smell of chemicals, and of course soap, and as we drew nearer the smell became correspondingly stronger!

First of all we entered a large room the walls of which were covered with illuminated pictures showing the various countries in which raw materials for the soap are found. Then, led by a feminine guide, immaculate in white hat, coat and boots, we commenced our tour of the works. From the balconies, which run all round we were able to see the liquid soap bubbling in vats, then being dried and cut by machinery into bars of various lengths. We next saw the soap being packed in wrappers, printed on the premises, and placed in boxes, also made on the premises. In another room we saw soap-flakes and soap-powder going through the same process. In yet another department we saw perfumed soap of all colours, shapes, and sizes, being labelled and placed in huge crates. With glee many of the girls saw their favourite toilet soap, shampoo, perfume and face-cream being made!

What really amazed us all was the speed with which things were carried out; machinery did everything, from pouring into the vats the raw materials, to lifting into the warehouses huge crates of soap all packed ready for delivery, girls merely 'feeding' various machines with fresh supplies of material. It was a pity that we had not the time to see everything more fully.

After we had received a sample of soap and had tea we returned to Liverpool railway station and caught the train for Preston; everyone agreed that it had been one of the most successful school trips for a long time.

M.W.H. Form L.VI (Worden)

A Pupil Looks At The School in Wartime

While city schools and reception areas were suffering all the ruthlessness of evacuation we were lucky enough to remain neutral. Not many weeks of the new term had elapsed before we were back at school. It was surprisingly intact after the pile of bricks and splintered glass of our dreams.

Immediately we began to adapt ourselves to war-time conditions. In the winter, so that none would be able to reach home before darkness fell, games and societies were held during school hours. The Dramatic Society will have the most to show and the plays will be presented.

House parties were abandoned and speech day was an informal affair. We collected in the hall and the prize-winners made their way on to the platform, and then emerged from behind the Christmas tree bearing their certificates.

The sports will be held on two days this year, one day for the boys and one for the girls. The limited accommodation of the air-raid shelters is the cause of this arrangement.

But these are only adaptations; our other changes are progressive.

The National Savings Group has received many new members and on certain days stamps, books and stamps are to be seen in the Library, all very precise.

The boys assisted by the girls, have made vegetable plots on the spare ground, but at present seem to be having difficulty with the rabbits who are opposed to this aggression on their native land, and are resisting strongly. But with plenty of ammunition and wire entanglements we shall soon conquer.

These are not the only war-time institutions. On any day, at almost any hour one may see a stream of knitting dangling from the fingers of industrious females. Already two parcels of comforts have been sent off.

But air-raid practices are best. During a particularly dull lesson we are taken by surprise in the middle of a yawn by the blissful sound of the intermittent ringing of the school bell. The abandon which accompanies such yawns is suddenly broken, a pixie leaps within us, and the whole form takes on a new lease of life. We grab our coats and gas-masks, we dash in orderly manner past the teacher who has also become a human being who must seek shelter, and then surging round the door, we fly down the stairs. Then:

Out of the buildings the rats came tumbling,
Great rats, small rats, lean rats, brawny rats,
Brown rats, black rats, grey rats, tawny rats,
Grave old plodders, gay young friskers,
Cocking tails and pricking whiskers."

So we rush across to our several holes and use our remaining breath to answer our names. The hole is filled with a snorting and a grunting as we put on our gas-masks. We only 'see ourselves as others see us', when we catch a glimpse of an ugly nozzle with a stumpy trunk emitting groans and rumblings from its muzzle. The rest is an anticlimax. We walk slowly back to our form rooms, reaction sets in and we begin to yawn again.

So we consider ourselves fortunate that, at this rather useless age, we can, in these small things help the prosecution of the war.

A.B. Va (Clayton).

Oedipus Rex

On February 29th, we received another visit from the Osiris Players. This year the play chosen was Sophocles' "Oedipus Rex" and was well attended by the school.

"Oedipus Rex" is the story of a King whose kingdom has been smitten by famine. Wishing to rid the kingdom of this curse he seeks the advice of his chief priests. He is told that the curse has been brought upon the kingdom by a man who has killed his own father and married his own mother. Oedipus decrees that this man, when found, shall be banished. Later he finds that he himself is the culprit and in his grief he tears out his eyes.

In spite of certain unavoidable difficulties which are met with in most classical productions owing to lack of action, the Osiris Players gave a very vivid and interesting representation.

We thank the Osiris Players for a very entertaining afternoon and look forward to another visit from them.

D.M., Form UVI. (Cuerden).

ATHLETICS.

A practical Demonstration in the Gymnasium given by Guy Butler, M.A.
(Ex President of C.U.A.C. and world's record holder.)

On Friday, February 23rd, 1940, we were very pleased to receive a return visit from Mr. Guy Butler. He gave us a very interesting lecture and practical demonstration. The senior boys and girls were privileged to attend, and they assembled in the Gymnasium.

Our lecturer commenced with an introductory talk on training for athletics. He told us that perfect relaxation was necessary, and that the arms should move freely and smoothly. Mr. Butler demonstrated the action of the arms and legs, and showed us one or two styles used by Lovelock, Owens and other famous athletes.

The lecturer next considered Hurdling. This was probably the most interesting part of the demonstration. We were shown that the fundamentals of hurdling could be practised in the gymnasium, and were told that we could do exercises in our own homes to improve the flexibility of hip muscles.

The lecturer then gave us some hints on High-Jumping, and the lecture ended.

We all thoroughly enjoyed this interesting lecture, and we should like Mr. Butler to know that we have practised some of the exercises which he demonstrated to us.

We look forward to another lecture like this in the future.

E.R.P., Form UVI (Farington).

THE SCHOOL SOCIETIES

The Dramatic Society

Undeterred by the war, and despite some shaking of heads we are going to give a play this term. It will be part of an entertainment rather different from those of previous years, and we hope the new venture in its own way will give as much pleasure as before to our very helpful audience.

Several of our most experienced players have left us this year, notably Priestnall, Olive Robinson and Valentine. We shall miss them greatly and here record our appreciation of their work. They too, we hope, gained a good deal from their work in the Society. We send them our heartiest good wishes and hope to see them and all old Society members at our future shows.

It is chiefly due to the enthusiasm and interest of the new members shown during the weekly meetings of the last two terms that we decided to put on Harold Brighouse's one-act fantasy "The Prince who was a Piper". This is an entirely new vein for us. It should give Miss Whewell further opportunities to show her flair for costume both in colour and design.

This year, however, sees the creation of a dangerous precedent. We have rivals in the Elocution Society who are producing Margaret Macnamara's one-act play "Elizabeth Refuses" a delightful comedy taken from "Pride and Prejudice". Of them never let it be said that one syllable went unheard. We shall watch their venture with jealous attention but wish them good luck.

In addition we are to have two short ballets which promise to be good, by two young dancers from Form Ia, and two part songs by a group of singers trained by Miss Robinson. To Miss Rahill, Miss Robinson and Miss Bartlett we give our best thanks for the help they are giving us.

We are giving only one public performance this year, on Saturday afternoon, largely owing to transport difficulties, but we hope to make that performance worthy of the Society.

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C.S.H.

The Art and Craft Society

The last two terms have been very successful and the membership of our Society has greatly increased. Some excellent pieces of work have been produced and great keenness has been shown by all members.

Glove-making has proved to be a very popular craft and a large number of gloves have been made.

Painted wood, especially book-ends, has provided much original work. Soft pewter work is now coming into prominence, and we apologise in advance to our neighbouring Societies for any disturbance caused by the thunderous attack of hammer upon dozens of nails.

K.W.

The Reference Library

Our history for the last few months has been largely one of adjustment to new conditions. We have made few spectacular additions to our shelves, and have accordingly availed ourselves of the opportunity for consolidation. For example, it has been found desirable to alter the system by which books could be borrowed from the fiction library, and we now have a simplified method.

In future, we shall not have a consignment of books from the County Library every term, but will receive it in the Autumn term and retain it for the whole year. It is hoped, therefore, that any suggestions of titles will aim at books of substantial worth—obviously, if we are to retain the books for a whole year, we want something that will neither date nor pall quickly.

W.J.D.

The Musical Society

If it takes all sorts to make a Musical Society then our Society should be made. On the one hand, we have one young lady who asked for Richard Strauss' "Death and Transfiguration"—she was, I believe, violently assailed in the cloak room afterwards—whilst on the other hand we have a young (a very young) lady who asked for "that piece of music called Mozart"!

Since last September we have ranged over a wide and varied field of music. Light items such as the Ballet Music from Faust (Gounod), Schubert's "Military March," Tchaikowsky's "Nutcracker Suite" and Schubert's "Rosamunde Ballet" have found themselves in such elevated company as Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," the Rondo from Beethoven's First Pianoforte Concerto and Max Bruch's Violin Concerto. Opera has been represented by six or seven records from "La Traviata." Overtures have been represented by Mendelssohn's "Fingals Cave," his "Midsummer Night's Dream," and Beethoven's "Fidelio" and "Egmont." Descriptive Music has been represented by Smetana's "Moldau" which describes the countryside of Czechoslovakia. Pianoforte music was represented by some records of Chopin's music.

At the same time, we have tried to instil some idea of musical form into the younger idea. What is a Rondo, for instance? What is a sonata? What is a fugue? What is a symphony and what is a concerto? To know what these things are is half the battle.

B.L.W

Le Cercle Francais

For the first term of the year the French Society continued on the same lines as before. It was then suggested that we should be more ambitious and prepare a puppet theatre. Work on this is now progressing. We hope to present "Cendrillon" as our first show, using costumes and settings of the Louis XIV period. Both senior and junior members of the society have shown great enthusiasm for the scheme, and we hope that this will continue.

K.R.

The Philatelic Society

After a few false starts, we managed to evolve some very interesting papers on philatelic subjects. Hope gave us a very able account of the stamps of Great Britain, and the following week, Pinder entertained the society with a description of the process of manufacturing stamps. Also on a few occasions, there have been a series of short disquisitions by any one who had useful information to impart. Meanwhile, there has been a brisk trade in "swapping" and collections are growing apace.

As regards our future programme, it is hoped that we may have some specialised exhibitions of the stamps of certain countries, and also a field day of "finds" should prove instructive.

W.J.D.

The Photographic Society

The chief activity of this society has been the developing of films and the making of prints from the resulting negatives. Many members had not previously seen these interesting processes demonstrated. The senior members are already able to develop their own films.

Talks on the following subjects have been given to the society :

Handling the camera.

Lens apertures, shutter speeds, and exposures.

Filters and their effects.

Mounting Prints.

Reduction of over exposed negatives and the making of a silhouette portrait have also been demonstrated.

F.P.

The Choir

Since there was no speech day last year, we concentrated on preparing for the carol service held on the day before the end of the Christmas Term. Dressed in white frocks and hoods and red capes, we walked in singing "The Boar's Head Carol", and then we assembled on the platform. A large boar's head, carved from a turnip and lit by a candle, was carried by a small boy at the head of the procession, and various other members carried turnip lanterns. Some of the carols were sung by the whole school, some by the choir in unison; there were also some solos and one or two part songs. After singing for about an hour and a quarter we filed out of the Hall singing "Good King Wenceslas," Muriel Holding and Thistlewaite taking the parts of the page and the king respectively. Hence everyone repaired either to the Dining-room or to the Cookery rooms for lemonade and biscuits, very gratefully received after so much singing, and so ended the afternoon's festivities.

Chosen members of the Choir are at the moment learning madrigals which they hope to sing at the School Play to be presented in May.

There seems to be little prospect of the Choir Party this year, because of Blackout restrictions, so we will just have to look forward to next year and hope for better things.

M.B.A.

The Scientific Society

It is with very great pleasure that for the first time we record the activities of this society. At the first meeting held on October 26th, many ideas were forthcoming as to how the time allotted for our meetings should be passed, and the work varied, and the meetings have been very interesting and instructive.

On November 3rd, two short lectures were given by Annie Lee and Wilcock, the former choosing for her subject, "Perpetual Motion and Perpetual Lamps,"; the latter talking about "The Gyroscope." On another occasion Mr. Lomax held the attention of all members by the interesting way in which he lectured on "Rocks and their formation", illustrating his lecture by fossils, and specimens of rocks. Marsden chose as the subject for his lecture, "The Miracle of Flight," and explained clearly how aeroplanes are able to remain in the air. On the occasion of a "surprise" meeting, two teams were picked; members of one team asked scientific questions of members of the other team and vice versa, each member having to ask and attempt to answer a question. Points were scored and the game was a great success.

McCann and Rosbotham were the lecturers on December 7th. Both lectures were very interesting, McCann's subject being "Railways" and Rosbotham's "The Electric Eye." On January 11th, Mr. Lomax gave another lecture entitled, "The Carboniferous System," and this proved to be as interesting as his first one, being illustrated by fossils and specimens. For the first time since the organisation of the society, practical work was attempted on January 18th, all members taking part. Numerous experiments were carried out, and it was unanimously agreed that this was the most interesting meeting yet held. The work was continued at the next meeting.

Lectures were given by Eckton on "The Solar System," and Tennant on "Alternative Fuels for the Internal Combustion Engine." Both were illustrated by photographs shown by means of the epidiascope. A study of the spectrum was undertaken on February 15th, under the supervision of Mr. Lomax, when Geissler tubes were examined through the Spectroscope. At our next meeting Mr. Lomax demonstrated certain interesting phenomena arising from the study of sound waves. We thank Mr. Lomax for the numerous ways in which he has contributed to the success of the Society, and also the members who have given lectures. Our thanks also go to Tennant for supervising the borrowing of books from our Scientific Library, instituted in October.

R.E.E.

The Model Engineering Society

Although actually intended to include all branches of model engineering, the activities of the Society have been mainly confined, as yet, to the subject of Model Railways. In this direction, however, much has been achieved; a staging has been erected which extends over one half of the Prefects' Room: on it a lay-out has been assembled which promises to be one of the "high lights" of the Society. Although yet by no means completed, the railway includes a remote signalling system which adds greatly to the realism of the lay-out. The locomotives are driven by electricity through a transformer from the mains current. A Society fund is raised by voluntary contributions: out of this we have been able to buy a Contact Breaker, which was necessary for the safety of the Transformer; for when so many eager hands are busy operating the lay-out, short circuits often occur. The Society, though recently formed, has enjoyed a success out of proportion to its age: we therefore look forward with great confidence to its future.

T.E.H.

The Dancing Society

This term the dancing society has had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Bartlett, as its instructress in place of Miss Benn, who was in charge of the Society last term.

We are lucky in having the use of the School hall for our Society meetings, as it is the ideal place for dancing. The music is provided by the School radiogram.

The members of the Society made good progress last term, and showed enthusiasm in learning basic steps. This term we hope to learn more advanced steps in ballroom dancing, and we are looking forward to the national dances which we are to learn as soon as we can obtain the necessary gramophone records.

P.M.S.

The Greenhouse

This Spring, plant life has been very active in the greenhouse. The daffodils did extremely well, and produced large blooms. Snowdrops, Hyacinths, Jonquils, Narcissi, Tulips and Freesias have also flowered. The Orchid plant produced two large, white and brown, spotted, Slipper-Orchids.

We have been given several tomato plants, which we hope will produce as many tomatoes as our tomato plants did last year.

We raised from seed many cabbage, brussel sprouts, onion and lettuce plants, to be grown in the School garden.

We have been presented with two goldfish, the owners of which were very sceptical as to whether Timothy (our now famous goldfish) would eat the two comparatively small fish. However, Timothy was too refined, and showed no cannibalistic tendencies.

In one of the tanks, there were some tadpoles, which unfortunately for them, have been eaten by a water scorpion, and some large caddis-worms. The caddis-worms, which camouflage themselves with water weeds, are now trying to kill the water snails. This they cannot do because of the snails' hard shells. We hope to have some different species of plants by next term.

B.Y.S.

The Debating Society

This is one of the oldest of the school societies, and although its membership is small the debates are always keenly contested. Some interesting lectures were given with Mr. Bull as chairman. On Dec. 8th, Mary Deacon, gave a talk on John Bunyan, and told how he was put into prison for his preaching and there wrote "Pilgrim's Progress." On Nov. 3rd, Dorothy Ball gave a lecture on Tennysons "The Lady of Shalott." She described Tennyson's method of picking a definite subject and building a poem round it, and showed how the subject in this case was the island in the middle of the river. She ended by telling a little of the story of the unfortunate lady, and by quoting the last few lines of the poem.

On November 17th, the society had an interesting lecture on "How to look at Pictures," by Mr. Bull, who gave us several standards by which to test a picture. The lecture was illustrated, and then, to show that we had understood the points raised, we each criticised a picture.

A debate on November 30th, was held on the subject: "That examinations are useless and should be abolished." Norma Hilton, Eileen Hilton, Mary Deacon, Hilda Walmsley and Dorothy Ball were against the motion. The sum of these people's remarks was that examinations helped pupils to concentrate and made them work harder, and that the competition they incurred was good. Barbara Tomlinson pointed out that there was needed for school examinations a fair proportion of intelligent work and memory work. The motion was unanimously defeated.

The subject for debate on October 26th, was "The B.B.C. is carrying on satisfactorily under war conditions." Joyce Hamer, Doris Cowell and Mary Deacon agreed with the motion, using varied examples to support their case. Florence Hutchings and Barbara Tomlinson opposed the motion, saying that more instructive programmes and talks were given than real entertainment.

We next debated on whether it is better to live in the town than in the country. Mary Deacon, Hilda Walmsley and Dorothy Ball supported the motion, the war having taken away, they maintained, any pretence to beauty which the towns possessed. Barbara Tomlinson opposed the motion saying towns have better amusements, and the means of self-education on a scale such as the country cannot hope to emulate.

C.M.M

The Natural History Society

The society has made great progress since its inauguration, and although a large majority of our members are drawn from the lower forms, the quality of the lectures is remarkable. The following is a list of lectures delivered to the society :

- The life of the Rook and Crow (lantern) :
Mr. Bennison.
- The working of the Microscope (demonstrated) :
F. Mitchell.
- Stoats and Weasels (lantern) :
B. Chew.
- Fresh water Aquaria (lantern) :
Marian Hodgson.
- The arachnidea class of animals (lantern) :
Beryl Booth.
- Birds of our shores :
D. and H. Stickland.
- The lower forms of pond life :
J. Burgess.
- The life-history of the Bee :
Mr. Bennison.
- Glycerine mounts for the microscope (demonstrated) :
F. Mitchell.
- Balsam mounts for the microscope (demonstrated) :
F. Mitchell.
- Birds of Prey :
D. Kenyon.

In addition to these lectures many interesting demonstrations of microscope slides were given ; and the society collected specimens of fresh water life from the school pond for study under the microscope.

F.L.M.

The Geographical Society

The Geographical Society has made a very successful beginning. We decided at the outset to construct a model of the one-inch ordnance survey map of Preston and district, and this is now being made.

We have also had four talks as a change from the practical work. In November we were honoured by a visit from the French Circle, when Huguette Sayada gave us a very interesting talk on Tunisia, which she knows well, illustrated by photographs shown on the screen. Other talks have been given by Joan Owen, Molyneux and Hill. They were illustrated by photographs and provided a pleasing variety. Joan gave an account of her visit to the Lake District, Hill described some famous buildings in London, and Molyneux spoke on the National Parks of Canada. Other members are to give talks during the present term.

W.J.F.

The Elocution Society

The Society made its first appearance this year. A portion of each meeting has been devoted to practising exercises, which though perhaps rather irksome to the junior members, are essential to perfect speech. We have also read poems, plays and stories. One or two people have kindly lent us records of well-known elocutionists in both lyrical and dramatic works ; these have proved instructive as well as amusing. This term the seniors of the Society are producing a one act play based upon scenes from "Pride and Prejudice"—"Elizabeth Refuses." We hope at some future date to discover talent among our junior members.

B.H.

THE KNITTING CLUB

Although the club is still very new, it may well be proud of its achievements. At least seventy knitted garments have been completed by members in spite of, or perhaps because of, three weeks' break at Easter. However, there is still room for improvement : new members subscriptions and patterns are always welcome. It is very gratifying to note the number of boys in the upper forms who are regular subscribers. Anyone wishing to join has only to apply to Miss Rahill, and those subscribers who wish to knit will be given wool. Over a hundred girls at the moment are knitting for the troops, and enthusiastic knitting has exhausted the supplies of wool almost as soon as they are bought ; we are therefore anxious for new subscribing members.

Members may make any garment within reason, provided that it is wearable when finished. The garments already completed are :

- 18 Pairs Mittens.
- 28 Helmets.
- 2 Pairs Cuffs.
- 2 Pairs Gloves.
- 3 Pairs Socks.
- 1 Pullover.
- 15 Scarves.
- 1 Blanket.

M.A.R.

CRICKET, 1939

Saturday, May 20th. School 1st XI v. Chorley G. S. 1st XI. Home. Won.

The School batted first on a perfect wicket. Matters did not progress very favourably for the School at first, but Bowling ably took command and was well supported by the solid batting of Hull. However, the position was still far from good, and the School batting lacked confidence. Jones bravely attacked the bowling. By means, chiefly, of no fewer than nine fours he soon reached a fine score of 42! The School had thus a satisfactory total for Chorley to rival. They started extremely well. The opening batsmen did well, and their score steadily threatened the School's total. But Sutton's consistent bowling took its toll, and the last five wickets fell for about as many runs. Sutton had taken all but one wicket, only 26 runs.

Result : School, 103 (for 9 wickets) ; Chorley, 73.

Tuesday, June 27th. School 1st XI v. Wellington House XI. Home. Won.

The match against our ancient foe was anxiously expected. It proved to be perhaps the best of the season. The House batted first and quickly lost a wicket against the accurate bowling of Fisher. The School maintained their supremacy for a time, but the visitors' batsmen attacked the bowling mercilessly and had speedily doubled the score. But when he finally returned a catch to Sutton, the School regained confidence and fielded well. Nevertheless, Wellington House had amassed a substantial total, and the School had a formidable task set them. Happily the opening batsmen found the bowling of very unequal quality, and Priestnall was able to take the total to 33 in the quarter-hour before tea! The School continued watching the quick scoring. After hitting eight fours in his 41, Priestnall was out, and Sutton nobly held his end whilst Eckton neatly added to the total. Hull followed and steadily did his share; Sefton found his best form, and hit five fours in his 23 out. With the exception of the opening bowler, the House could not maintain a consistent attack. The School thus won with four wickets in hand.

Fisher took 5 wickets for 21 runs, and Sutton 5 wickets for 23 runs.

Result : School, 117 (for 6 wickets); Wellington House, 109.

Monday July 15th. School 1st XI v. Merchant Taylors' 1st XI. Home. Won.

Although rain had fallen during the morning, the match was interfered with only for a short spell and was played out. Merchant Taylors' batted first and did not show much ability on the difficult wicket, on which they had been asked to bat. Wickets fell to the bowling of Sutton and Fisher, and the School fielding was of a high standard. A fifth-wicket partnership, however, more than doubled the score, but after ten had broken it in a deadly over, Sutton then dealt with the remaining batters, no runs being added. The School soon settled down. Sutton followed his fine bowling with a neat innings of 25. Eckton, too, was on his best form, reaching a similar total. Sefton



THE SCHOOL CRICKET 1st XI, 1939.

Back row : (left to right): Mr. R. A. Bennison ; Berry, E. ; Fisher, J. ;
Pickburn, E. R. ; Farrington, E. ; Marsden, C. E. ; Sefton, K.
Front row : (left to right): Hull, S. ; Eckton, R. E. ; Priestnall, R. H. ;
Bowling, J. ; Sutton, H.



THE SCHOOL RUGBY 1st XV, 1939-40.

Back row : (left to right): Tennant, A.; Brinnand, A.; Molyneux, A.;
Pickburn, E. R.; Sefton, K.; Haworth, F.; Marsden, C. E.
Middle row : (left to right): Lloyd, H.; Martindale, D.; Farrington, E.; Sutton, H.;
Hough, R.; Fisher, J.
Front row : (left to right): Rigby, W.; Chew, B.

and Pickburn also, quickly made the issue certain. The School maintained an all-round superiority right from the first. Sutton took 5 wickets for 25 runs, and Fisher 3 wickets for 6 runs.

Result : School, 100 (for 7 wickets). Merchant Taylors', 61.

Saturday, June 17th. School 1st XI v. Kirkham G. S. 1st XI. Away. Lost.

Although the sky was always cloudy, and rain fell at intervals, we were able to carry through an interesting match. After a stand of 43 by the School's opening pair, a collapse set in, which only Farrington could at all withstand. After a good start, the School bowlers lost their grip, and a fine 42 by a Kirkham player turned the issue in their favour. Apart from this one innings the School bowlers always had the better, and the fielding was up to the usual high standard. Farrington had taken 5 wickets for 33 runs and Marsden 3 wickets for 17 runs.

Result : School, 63 ; Kirkham, 99.

Monday, June 5th. School 1st XI v. An Old Boys' XI. Home. Drawn.

This match proved one of the most enjoyable for the team. After some delay the School opened their innings in good style. Sutton especially excelled himself, and his 33 with a 15 by Priestnall took the score to 43 for the loss of only one wicket. Bowling then assisted Sutton with 10 ; and Hull again played a useful part. When the School declared, the hundred-mark had just been reached. The Old Boys were soon in difficulties, but Vause and Richardson saved the situation, aided by Fishwick and Hocking. When stumps were drawn the Old Boys had scored 89 with only one wicket standing.

Result : School, 101 (for 5 wickets declared) ; Old Boys, 89 (for 8 wickets).

Thursday, June 22nd. School 1st XI v. A. Sedbergh School XI. Home. Lost.

The School opened the batting on a perfect wicket. But early wickets fell disastrously, and the scoreboard read eleven for three wickets. Only Farrington made any progress against the Sedbergh attack, in which the left-arm bowler was very prominent. 42 runs were by no means sufficient against such opponents. The School attack was steady and scoring slow. Two wickets were gained before the School total was passed, and then the Sedbergh batsmen took full control of the game. Sutton was the most successful bowler, and had the best analysis of the match.

Result : School, 42 ; Sedbergh, 153 (for 9 wickets).

Saturday, June 24th. School 1st XI v. Preston Catholic Col. 1st XI. Home. Won.

The Catholic College batted first and were soon in difficulties. Although two players offered some resistance, all found great difficulty in playing Fisher, who had his best analysis of the season. The School work in the field was always good and keen, and Farrington

found the wicket also to his liking. The School opened steadily but it was Bowling who first substantially added to the score. When the ninth wicket fell, the School needed six runs to win. The excitement as intense as Fisher bravely and determinedly attacked the bowling. He finally drove the College's best bowler for four to win the match by two runs. Fisher took 5 wickets for 30 runs, and Farrington 3 wickets for 26 runs.

Result : School, 74 ; Preston Catholic College, 72.

Saturday, July 1st. School 1st XI v. Old Boys' XI. Home. Won.

The return fixture with the Old Boys was eagerly expected by the School. The previous fixture had proved a near and very interesting struggle. This time the Old Boys took the field first and their attack was steady, but increasingly less effective. 56 runs were scored for the loss of only one wicket, the School opening batsmen taking advantage of slow fielding. The chief scorers in the early stages were Priestnall and Bowling. But the scoring did not slacken, and the later batsmen took complete command. After a declaration, the Old Boys opened their innings shakily. But while other wickets fell, Hocking batted with great power and determination in amassing a score of 76 runs. The School's work in the field was of a high standard, and the bowling of Sutton was especially effective. Hocking's resistance was a source of anxiety to the School, but it did not prevent a victory against the Old Boys. Sutton took 6 wickets for 35 runs, and Farrington 3 for 26 runs.

Result : School, 141 runs (for 8 wickets, declared) ; Old Boys, 120 runs.

THE STAFF MATCH.

The Staff match ended in a very disappointing way. The match had to be abandoned after an admirable start by the School. The School innings opened sensationally, Priestnall being out for 2 in Mr. Bennison's first over. However, the School recovered from this setback and went on to amass a fine total of 103 for 4 before they declared. Sutton made 55 not out and Sefton 17 not out. Mr. Wilkinson's reputable bowling had for once very little effect on the School batting. Heavy rain fell before the Staff could start their innings, and as the rain continued the match finally had to be abandoned.

Results of other School matches were :—

The School 2nd XI v. Kirkham Grammar School 2nd XI. Home. Lost.

Result : School 2nd XI, 119 runs ; Kirkham 2nd XI, 139 runs (for 9 wickets.)

The School Colts XI v. Chorley Grammar School Colts XI. Home. Draw.

Result : School Colts XI, 39 runs ; Chorley Colts XI, 39 runs.

The School Colts XI v. Ormskirk Grammar School Colts XI. Away. Won.

Result : School Colts XI, 65 runs (for 1 wicket, declared); Ormskirk Colts XI, 47 runs.

The School Colts XI v. Preston Catholic College Colts XI. Home. Won.

Result : School Colts XI, 53 runs. Preston C. C. Colts XI, 34 runs.

The School Colts XI v. Ormskirk Grammar School Colts XI. Home. Won.

Result : School Colts XI, 126 runs (for 4 wickets, declared); Ormskirk Colts XI, 49 runs.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost.
1st Team.....	9	5	2	2
2nd Team.....	1	0	0	1
Colts' XI.....	4	3	1	0

R.M.P.

School 1st XI AVERAGES FOR SEASON 1939.

1. BATTING.

	Runs Scored	Innings	Times Not Out	Average
Sutton.....	159	9	1	19.8
Bowling.....	145	9	0	16.1
Priestnall.....	124	9	0	13.7
Pickburn.....	35	6	3	11.7
Hull.....	81	9	2	11.5
Sefton.....	72	8	2	10.3
Eckton.....	66	9	0	7.3
Farrington.....	39	8	1	5.5
Berry.....	5	1	1	5
Fisher.....	12	4	0	3
Marsden.....	—	—	—	—

2. BOWLING.

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Sutton.....	85	16	280	40	7
Marsden.....	12	4	36	5	7.2
Fisher.....	59	14	171	18	9.5
Farrington.....	67	12	237	18	13.2

CRICKET KNOCK-OUTS.

The Competition this year provided many high totals and long matches. In the first match Worden met Clayton. The former amassed a very high total, but Clayton found the bowling to their liking and passed it, finally to win comfortably. Farington, in their tie, defeated Cuerden.

THE FINAL.

The final of the Cricket Knock-outs was played between Clayton and Farington, and ended in a victory for the former.

Clayton batted first and made the rather mediocre score of 68, of which Sefton made a gallant 46 not out, Farrington having taken 7 wickets for 12. Farington went in and finished with the poor total of 13. For Clayton, Sefton took 3 for 3, and Sutton 6 for 9.

Clayton played steadily in their second innings and attained a total of 86, making a handsome lead of 141. In Clayton's second innings, Leyland made 27 and Sutton 35. Farington made a desperate fight in their second innings by vigorously attacking the Clayton bowling. They ended with a fine score of 119 which was just short of the Clayton total.

Thus once more Clayton take possession of the Knock-out Cup.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Worden succeeded in capturing the Shield from Clayton.

<i>House</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Points</i>
Worden.....	6	3	1	2	8
Cuerden.....	6	2	1	3	7
Clayton.....	6	1	1	4	6
Farington.....	6	0	3	3	3

Shield Winners : Worden.



THE SCHOOL HOCKEY 1st XI, 1939-40.

Back row : (left to right): B. Lee ; P. Briggs ; D. Topping ; B. Haigh ; C. M. Marshall ; J. Boothman ; A. Glover.

Front row : (left to right): J. Shepherd ; M. E. Ryding ; Miss K. M. Benn ; B. Y. Sharples ; W. M. Carr.

ROUNDERS, 1939

Captain : W. CARR.

THE SCHOOL ROUNDERS 1st IX, 1939.

Back row : (left to right):

B. Y. Sharples ; D. Topping ; B. Haigh ; A. Glover ; Miss K. M. Benn.

Front row : (left to right): E. Wilson ; B. Slater ; W. M. Carr ; M. E. Ryding.

The team was very successful this season in spite of the fact that we had six vacancies to fill at the beginning of the term. These places were ably filled by members of the previous Junior team, and so we hope to continue the success next season. The fielding and batting were good and the whole team combined well.

We fielded a young but promising Junior team ; they easily won all their matches.

Much enthusiasm was shown in the House Leagues and in the Knock-out Competition. We congratulate Farington on their success in the House Leagues and also in winning the Knock-out Cup.

May 20th. School 1st IX v. Newton-in-Makerfield G. S. 1st IX. Away. Won.

As this was our first match we were, at first, doubtful as to what would be the result. But we need not have worried. The School soon proved itself the superior team, batting well but not getting much fielding practice.

Result : School, 14 ; Newton, $\frac{1}{2}$.

July 1st. School 1st IX v. Upholland G. S. 1st IX. Home. Won.

This match was spoiled somewhat by showers of rain. The School again proved the better team, scoring nine rounders in the first innings compared with Upholland's two.

In the second half Upholland rallied a little, but the School managed to add six more rounders to their score while Upholland scored $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Result : School, 15 ; Upholland, $3\frac{1}{2}$.

July 15th. A School IX v. An Ashton-in-Makerfield G. S. IX. Home. Lost.

We each fielded a mixed team of Juniors and Seniors.

The School put up a good fight, but lost to Ashton's superior fielding. Both sides batted well.

Result : School, 2 ; Ashton, 3.

July 27th. School 1st IX v. The Staff.

This was a very enjoyable match. The batting and fielding of both sides were good as will be seen from the result.

Result : Staff, 7 ; School, 9.

May 20th. School Junior IX v. Newton Grammar School Junior IX. Away. Won.

In this match the fielding of both teams was decidedly poor. During the first innings each side scored one rounder, but in the second innings the School batting improved considerably.

Result : School, 4 ; Newton, 1.

July 1st. School Junior IX v. Upholland Grammar School Junior IX. Home. Lost.

The School batted and fielded well during the first innings, and at half-time were leading by two rounders, but in the second innings the visiting team, greatly improved, succeeded in scoring three rounders.

Result : School, 2 ; Upholland, 3.

July 15th. School Junior IX v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G. S. Junior IX. Home. Won.

During the first innings the batting of both teams was weak, but the School fielded well and were leading by two rounders to one. Each side scored one in the second half.

Result : School, 3 ; Ashton, 2.

The Rounders' League Championship and Knock-out Competitions were both won by Farington.

TENNIS, 1939

Captain : H. GARBUTT.

At the beginning of the Tennis season we had four vacancies to fill, and prospects of a successful season were not promising. We practised hard, however, and improved our style considerably, and towards the end of the season our play had improved all round.

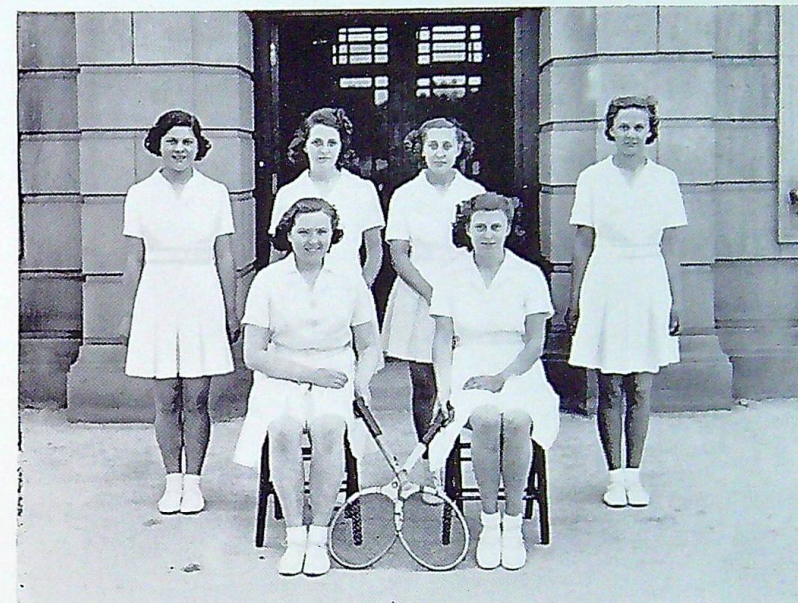
We are glad to notice that the Juniors are taking more interest in Tennis, the courts were always filled on Junior Games' nights.

We congratulate Worden on winning the Tennis Leagues and Farington on winning the Knock-out Cup.

May 13th. School 1st VI v. Rivington Grammar School 1st VI. Home. Lost.

The School team had only practised for a short time and lacked combination. In spite of this we managed to hold our own being defeated only in the last set.

Result : School, 4 events ; Rivington, 5 events.



THE SCHOOL TENNIS 1st VI, 1939.

Back row : (left to right): W. M. Carr ; C. M. Seed ; D. Topping ; J. Webster.

Front row : (left to right): H. Garbutt ; B. Slater.

June 17th. School 1st VI v. Rivington G. S. 1st VI. Away. Lost.

In the return match, both teams had improved their style considerably. The School team however, showed evidence of needing more serving practice. The long deuce games showed that the teams were evenly matched.

Result : School, 3 events ; Rivington, 6 events.

June 28th. School 1st VI v. Preston Park School 1st VI. Away. Lost.

With one of our first couples absent, and the other still shaky after an illness, we did not feel confident from the beginning. Rain spoiled the last two sets. The Park School team easily proved superior as will be seen from the final score.

Result : School, 1 event ; Park School, 8 events.

July 26th. School 1st IV v. Staff IV.

Though the School won this match the Staff couples played well in spite of the hot weather which made everyone feel exhausted. As this match was played in the afternoon we had a large number of spectators.

Result : School, 3 events ; Staff, 1 event.

May 25th. School 1st VI v. Old Girls' 1st VI. Home. Lost.

Of course, the Old Girls proved far superior to the School team, but we enjoyed the match and we were able to see some really good tennis and picked up many valuable hints from watching their style.

Result : School, 2 events ; Old Girls, 7 events.

1939.

The Tennis League Championship was won by Worden and the Knock-out Competition by Farington.

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1939/40

In spite of climatic conditions and political factors beyond our control, we have had a very successful season. We believe that our 1st XV was one of the best teams we have had, and only lack of training, due to the shortened school day, prevented the side from developing its full power. Enthusiasm among the team has never been greater, and we are grateful to several of the seniors who by their own play and coaching in house practices have fostered this keenness.

Only one round of Leagues could be played, but these games were well contested. Cuerden won the knockout by sound if unspectacular football, and well deserved their victory.

CHARACTERS OF 1st XV.

Farrington (Captain).—A good captain who gave his team confidence. Strong in defence and a determined runner.

Sutton.—"Like a brick wall at full back" according to one of our opponents. Showed more enterprise than a wall, however and scored several tries.

Kenyon.—Always alert at fly-half for an opening, and full of fight in defence.

Lloyd.—A lively tearaway sort of forward who was always up with the ball.

Martindale.—A sound scrummager who did much unseen but invaluable work.

Sanderson.—At centre three was our most dangerous attacking player. He is very quick off the mark, handled the ball well and tackled splendidly.

Hough.—Although rather light he tackled spendidly and always ran for the line.

Rigby.—At scrum half showed promise and got the ball away neatly.

Haworth.—Played some good games as a loose forward.

Fisher.—A hardworking forward especially good with his feet—still has a tendency to get off-side.

Pickburn.—Very fast in the loose and a good dribbler.

Sefton.—His weight in the scrum was very useful and he is a very good kick.

Molyneux.—A very active forward who improved considerably—shows much promise.

Rimmer.—A young player who showed plenty of courage and always played hard to the end.

Tennant, Chew and Marsden also played several games and their play showed much improvement.

R.A.B.

Oct. 28th. School 1st XV v St. Joseph's College 1st XV. Away. Lost.

From the beginning of the match it was obvious that our forwards lacked both height and weight. The school centres several times missed their men, and at half time the score was 8-0 in favour of St. Joseph's.

After half-time, however, the school made a determined attempt, and succeeded in equalising through two tries from Sanderson, one of which came from a fine run from our own twenty-five yards' line. Sefton took the kicks, failing at the first, but making no mistake

with the second. For a time after this, the school were actually on top of St. Joseph's, but soon lack of training began to tell, and the school forwards went to pieces, a fact which resulted in several more tries for the opposing side's large forwards. These were able to shake off the half-hearted tackles which some of our forwards made.

Result: St. Joseph's 26 pts., School 8 pts.

Nov. 1st. School 1st XV v A Stonyhurst College XV. Away. Lost.

This match was played on a heavy field which prevented our backs from using their superior speed. The forwards were fairly evenly matched in weight, but having played together more, the Stonyhurst pack was able to out-manoeuvre the school scrum by their wheeling. Sanderson opened the score by a long run down the field, and shortly after he was followed by a try from Farrington, which was converted by Sefton. After half time Stonyhurst did most of the attacking and soon wore down the School's opposition in the forwards who lost the ball every time. By this means, and by poor tackling by some of our backs, Stonyhurst scored three tries and a dropped goal.

Result: Stonyhurst 13 pts., School 8 pts.

Nov. 4th. School 1st XV v Hutton Grammar School 1st XV. Away. Lost.

The School kicked off and were soon pressing Hutton in their own twenty-five. For a time the School continued to attack, and then Sefton opened the score after being awarded a penalty kick. The play then came back to the middle of the field, and from this position Farrington picked up a loose ball and scored. Sefton converted the try and the School were eight points up. Before half time, however, Hutton's heavy forwards began to use their weight more and forced their way over for a try which was not converted. Shortly after they added to their score by a penalty kick. After half time the match was played with great vigour, but although the School forced their way up to Hutton's twenty-five several times, they were unable to score. Hutton then began a passing movement which resulted in a try which was converted, and from then on the score remained the same.

Result: Hutton 11 pts., School 8 pts.

Nov. 11th. School 1st XV v A Sedbergh School 1st XV. Away. Lost.

The School kicked off, but were very soon driven into their own twenty-five by some very good forward rushes by the heavy Sedbergh pack. It soon became evident that the Sedbergh forwards were too heavy for the School pack, as time after time the School was pushed off the ball, thus never giving the backs a chance to attack. Some sound tackling by the School threes kept Sedbergh from scoring for a time, but before half time these repeated attacks brought a try for a Sedbergh wing three, and after this the score steadily mounted against the School.

Result: Sedbergh 18 pts., School nil.

Nov. 18th. School 1st XV v Hulme Grammar School (Manchester). Home. Lost.

This match was played on an ideal day. Both sides were fairly evenly matched in the backs, but Hulme had the advantage of height and weight in the forwards. After some hard play amongst the forwards, the ball went loose and Sanderson picking up at full speed dashed over to score near the corner flag. Sefton failed at the kick, and when the ball was brought back into play Hulme began to attack. After a brilliant run by one of their three-quarters, Hulme scored, and the try was converted. This was the last try of the match, Hulme winning on their conversion.

Result : Hulme 5 pts., School 3 pts.

Nov. 25th. School 1st XV v Ormskirk Grammar School 1st XV. Home. Won.

This match was spoiled for both spectators and players by a continuous downpour of rain. The School forwards heeled the ball well, but were unable to make much progress, although a rush led by Lloyd and Martindale took the ball into the opponents' twenty-five; it passed along the School three-quarters to Sutton who scored after coming up from full-back. After this the School were doing all the attacking, and Farrington and Sanderson both added to the score. Sefton did some good kicking with a heavy ball, only missing one conversion on the touch line.

Result : School 13 pts.; Ormskirk, nil.

Nov. 29th. School 1st XV v A Merchant Taylors' School XV. Home. Won.

Owing to the late arrival of the opposing team, and to the 'black-out' the game had to be shortened to twenty minutes each way. The School won the toss and played with the wind. It was soon evident that the School was the stronger team and soon Sutton opened the score to be followed by Sanderson and Farrington, and then Sutton scored again. Sefton did some good work with the kicks, and Martindale, Lloyd and Molyneux led several forward rushes.

Result : School 18 pts., Merchant Taylors, nil.

Dec. 2nd. School 1st XV v Kirkham Grammar School 1st XV. Home. Lost.

Immediately after the kick-off Sanderson, who had followed a long kick, scored. Sefton converted the try, thus giving the School a lead of five points in the first few minutes of the game. Kirkham now began to fight back, to be checked for a time by the School's backs. However, these repeated attacks were not without result, for just before half time the heavy Kirkham forwards pushed their way over our line for a try, and shortly after followed it by two more. After half time the School began to attack, and after a long dribble down the field Sanderson went over for the second time. The School continued to attack but were held by Kirkham's stubborn defence, and when full time came neither score had been changed.

Result : Kirkham 11 pts., School 8 pts.

Dec. 9th. School 1st XV v Hutton Grammar School 1st XV. Home. Won.

This match was played in the rain, a fact which gave the heavy Hutton forwards a decided advantage over the School's lighter pack. By playing together, however, the School held their own, and just before half time Sanderson picked the ball up from a loose scrum and dashed over Hutton's goal line for a try. This try was improved by Sefton who made no mistake about the difficult kick. After half time Hutton fought hard, and were rewarded by a try from their stand-off half. The kick went wide, however, and when the final whistle sounded, despite heavy pressure by the Hutton forwards in the last few minutes of the game, the score remained the same.

Result : School 5 pts., Hutton 3 pts.

Dec. 2nd. School 2nd XV v Kirkham Grammar School 2nd VX. Away. Lost.

The School won the toss and with a fairly strong wind blowing, Kirkham kicked off into the wind. The ground was very muddy and there was little handling. The ball rarely got out to the backs. The School pressed hard in the first quarter of an hour and their efforts were rewarded with a try scored by Morphet converted from a difficult position. Encouraged by a five point lead, the School continued their efforts. However, strong retaliation got the opponents a try which was followed by two more by half-time.

In the second half the School held back Kirkham for some time. Once the School came within an ace of scoring after a break away, but bad luck dogged them. Kirkham increased their lead and at the final whistle the score was nineteen points to five in favour of Kirkham.

Result : Kirkham 19 pts., School 5 pts.

Oct. 27th. School Bantams v St. Joseph's College Bantams. Away. Won.

St. Joseph's kicked off with the wind, as Tonge had elected to play against it, and attacked so vigorously that our line was several times in peril. A passing movement was begun in our threes, however, which resulted in the ball being carried into St. Joseph's half, and from this position Dalton forced his way over St. Joseph's goal-line for a try which was not converted. The play then swept from one end of the field to the other, till Edmondson picked up the ball and scored. After half time the School was definitely on top, and no less than three more tries were scored for the School this half by Dalton, Edmondson and Kelly.

Result : School 15 pts., St. Joseph's nil.

Nov. 25th. School Bantams v Ormskirk Grammar School Bantams. Home. Won.

The conditions were not exactly ideal for a rugby match, as there was a continuous downpour of heavy rain all the time. In the first half the School attacked hard, and about half way through this half Tonge went through Ormskirk's defence and scored but was unable to convert the try. Ormskirk now made some unsuccessful rushes, each one being checked by the sound tackling of our backs.

In the second half the School was mainly on the defensive but managed to keep Ormskirk's eager threes from penetrating far enough to score.

Result : School 3 pts., Ormskirk nil.

MARCH 1st. RUGGER KNOCK-OUTS.

The final of the Rugger Knock-Outs was played between Clayton and Cuerden, after Clayton had beaten Farington in a replay, and Cuerden obtained a crushing victory over Worden. The sides were fairly evenly matched, the Cuerden pack being slightly superior to Clayton's pack. Clayton's backs however, were sounder and faster than Cuerden's. Cuerden kept the ball in the forwards and in this way prevented Clayton from using their threes. A certain amount of fly kicking occurred in the Clayton forwards who seemed to be afraid to go down on the ball, and this fact probably lost them the match, for Cuerden scored the only try by pushing Clayton over their own goal line in one of the set scrums.

Result : Cuerden 3 pts., Clayton nil.

HOUSE RUGBY LEAGUES 1939.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Clayton.....	3	3	0	0	6
Farington.....	3	2	0	1	4
Worden	3	1	0	2	2
Clayton.....	3	0	0	3	0

Shield Winners : Cuerden.

HOCKEY, 1939/40

The 1939-40 hockey season has been rather disappointing, as far as school matches are concerned, owing rather to inclement weather than to the international situation. Some early matches were cancelled because of the outbreak of war, but we missed many Spring Term matches through snow and frost. In spite of these drawbacks, the teams have kept up their spirit and worked diligently.

We have aimed at good combination play rather than depending on any specially brilliant players, and so have found more enjoyment in perfecting our tackles, passes and dodges. The juniors have made great progress in their team play and show promise of making a strong 1st XI in a few years.

HOCKEY TEAM CRITICISMS.

Goal-keeper : B. Sharples—A good, confident goal-keeper. Clears well and combines with the backs.

Right-back : J. Shepherd—Stick work and control of the ball exceptionally good. Clears the ball too much ahead instead of using her wings.

Left-back : B. Lee—Tackles well but does not get rid of the ball quickly enough.

Right-half : P. Briggs—Plays in too much of a forward position. Very quick on to the ball, but passes are not direct enough.

Centre-half : W. Carr—Quick, lively player. Distributes the game evenly, but does not mark her opponent consistently.

Left-half : B. Haigh—A strong player. Should use the right-pass more frequently and use the wing.

Right-wing : A. Glover—A steady player, centering well to the forwards.

Right-wing : D. Topping—Requires more speed for this position. Passes should be stronger—not push strokes.

Centre-forward : J. Boothman—An alert player. Very useful in the circle.

Left-inner : C. Marshall—Good keen player. Has not mastered the right pass yet. Combines well with the centre-forward.

Left-wing : N. Ryding (Capt.)—Dribbling and tackling very good. Anticipates passes well, but is often caught "off-side" through lack of care. Captained the team very well.

L.S.W.

Dec. 3rd. School 1st XI v Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School 1st XI. Home. Drawn.

All through this match the teams were fairly equal. In the first half the Ashton team was perhaps a little faster than ours, but we soon began to use our well practised dodges instead of relying too much on long passes. The backs showed efficiency in tackling and sending long well-placed passes to the forwards. The forwards dribbled up well and were generally successful in evading opposing halves, but there was rather too much muddling in the goal mouth. Ashton forwards, especially the wings, were extremely swift and confident.

Result : School 4, Ashton-in-Makerfield 4.

Dec. 10th. School 1st XI v Upholland Grammar School 1st XI. Home. Won.

Once again the strength of the two teams was well-balanced. Our halves and backs had little trouble in intercepting Upholland forwards, but we had rather more difficulty in getting past their defence. The opposing backs were very strong and hardly ever failed to send out long passes to their wings. Our wings were inclined to run in a little, but we succeeded in winning by one goal.

Result : School 2, Upholland 1.

Feb. 10th. School 1st XI v Chorley Grammar School 1st XI. Away. Won.

This match was played under rather trying conditions. The ground was frozen and one goal mouth was filled with ice and snow. The hard nature of the ground made the ball rise very sharply. When once the school team succeeded in controlling passes, its superiority became evident. The team combined very well, and some good work by the forwards resulted in the half-time score of 3-0 in the school's favour. In the second half the defence succeeded in keeping the ball out of our circle and there was no score by the opposing team.

Result : School 5, Chorley 0.

Dec. 3rd. School Junior XI. v Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School Junior XI. Home. Won.

In spite of bad weather this was a good match. The forwards did most of the work since play was chiefly in our opponents' half. The half-time score was 4 goals to 1 in our favour, and in the second half we succeeded in shooting a further five goals.

Result : School 9, Ashton 1.

Dec. 10th. School Junior XI v Upholland Grammar School Junior XI. Home. Won

In this match both teams played well. In the first half our forwards did not make the best of corners, but the backs defended well, bringing the score to two goals all at half-time. Then the forwards were more successful with their dodges and gained another two goals before full time.

Result : School 4, Upholland 2.

HOCKEY KNOCK-OUT FINALS.

Farington v Worden.

Weather and ground conditions were very favourable for this match ; consequently play was fast and efficient. Farington forwards made a dashing start into Worden's goal mouth, and would certainly have won by a greater margin if they had made more use of corners. The defence on both sides worked hard and "fed" the forwards well.

Result : Farington 1. Worden 0.

HOCKEY LEAGUE TABLE, 1939.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Farington.....	3	2	1	0	5
Cuerden.....	3	2	0	1	4
Worden.....	3	2	0	1	4
Clayton.....	3	1	1	1	3

Shield Winners : Farington.

M.E.R.

CLAYTON HOUSE

House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull.

House Mistress : Miss F. W. Royle.

House Captains : Hope, T. E. (Boys) ; B. Hamer (Girls).

Since the last issue of the school magazine a considerable period of time has elapsed. During this period the House has only met with one success. This was an overwhelming victory by the boys in the Cricket Knock-outs. In the final round they dismissed Farington for 10 runs in the first innings—a truly remarkable feat !

The girls have had a spell of bad luck, but with more enthusiasm and practice we are sure they could improve the situation. Enthusiasm in the Sports seems to come mostly from the junior part of the House. We sincerely hope they are rewarded. We give our best wishes for success to Tennant, who stands a good chance of beating his own record for the mile.

We extend our best wishes to those who have left during this last year. We feel the loss of Barbara Slater, our very able and efficient House Captain. Our best wishes go out to her.

We congratulate all who received Higher School Certificates or Oxford School Certificates and we urge all newcomers, together with the older members of the House to do their utmost to move Clayton from the bottom of the merit order. Come on, Clayton, you can do it !

The war stopped our Cross-Country running. We hold the cup from last year, and even if events had been held, we think it would still be decorating our House Room.

With Summer coming upon us we are reminded of Cricket, Tennis, and Rounders. The boys hope to win the Cricket League Shield and Knock-out Cup, and with a little extra effort we feel that the girls will gain some success.

No doubt the House Party has been missed by the older members of Clayton House. It is usually one of the best of the house parties, but owing to the Black-out regulations we were unable to hold it.

In conclusion we exhort every single member of Clayton House to redouble his or her efforts in every way in order to "redecorate" the somewhat bare walls of the House Room.

CUERDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. C. S. Hilditch.

House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell.

House Captains : Martindale D. (Boys) ; J. Shepherd (Girls)

Once again in the relentless passage of time we find ourselves faced with the task of setting down on paper our failures and achievements during the past six months.

We should like first to mention how sorry we were to lose Miss Postlethwaite last year. Although she was not with us very long she did a great deal to make our House functions a success. In her place we welcome Miss Whewell as our new House Mistress, and we greatly appreciate the interest which she has taken in all our activities.

Owing to circumstances over which we had no control, namely black-outs, Air Raid Precautions, and other similar trials, we have been unable to hold our Annual House Social, an event which has been sadly missed by those who remember former parties of ours.

Since the last school magazine was issued the House, we regret to say, has achieved comparatively little. The great effort expended at the Athletic Sports last year has apparently reduced our members, more particularly the girls, to a state bordering on coma. They have since been incapable of any effort, either mental or physical. The Summer Term produced no rewards of any kind for athletic prowess. The Order of Merit trophy alone remained, last vestige of our shattered glory, and now that too has eluded us.

One by one the walls of the House Room have been stripped of their glittering array. The end of the Hockey season found us occupying third position in the League Table. In the Knock-out we were defeated by Farington in the first round after a second replay. The extra amount of effort necessary to bring us victory was not forthcoming. The boys alone have saved us from utter shame by winning both Shield and Cup for Rugger.

And now Sports Day is again at hand. We secured the Championship Cup last year by a very narrow margin. Every effort possible is needed to retain it this year.

Then let us look ahead to the Rounders, Tennis and Cricket season. Something must be done to shake off the spirit of resignation and complacency which seems to have enveloped the House.

Let us determine here and now to make the supreme effort and to re-establish the name of "Cuerden" in a background worthy of its past tradition.

FARINGTON HOUSE

House Master : Mr. H. J. Lomax.

House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy.

House Captains : Pickburn, E. R. (Boys) ; M. E. Ryding (Girls).

The greatest achievement we have to record this year is our return to the head of the Merit List during the last two terms. Now it is up to everyone to maintain this high standard and help to regain the coveted Silver Griffin.

The girls fared very well in games activities last summer, the boys not so well. The Rounders' League team won the shield by dint of hard individual work and good co-operation. We also struggled to victory in the Rounders and Tennis Knock-outs, and although the Tennis League team came second to Worden, we by no means disgraced ourselves.

The boys have been very unfortunate in reaching the finals in Cricket and Rugby, and being defeated by a narrow margin. We look to them, however (with enthusiastic support from the girls) to regain the Challenge Cup on Sports day.

Owing to black-out restrictions we have been unable to hold our House Party, usually the most thrilling event of the year ; but this will be something for the new-comers to look forward to.

Now summer is here again we hope the boys will regain their laurels on the Cricket field, and the girls will keep their Rounders and Tennis trophies. If all our hopes are not fulfilled, we may be sure it is not for lack of keen interest. The new members will have realised that there is a high reputation to uphold.

So it is with great confidence that we await the events of this term, and look to the juniors to keep up the tradition of Farington House.

WORDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill.

House Captains : Eckton, R.E. (Boys) ; C. M. Marshall (Girls).

Once more we have the pleasure of recording the activities of Worden House. Our first duty is to welcome all our new members and wish them luck in the work which lies before them in helping to keep up the reputation of the house. We extend our best wishes to the members who have passed into other spheres of life and our congratulations go to those who were successful in gaining scholarships and certificates during 1939.

Although a considerable period has elapsed since the last issue of "The Balshavian", we have only two successes to report. The boys brought home the Cricket League Championship Shield and the girls, the corresponding Tennis Shield. Both these teams were deserving of their success and displayed skill and keenness in all their matches. Although the latter quality was not lacking in our other teams, our efforts to retain or re-capture the other trophies went unrewarded. In the Hockey Knock-outs the girls after reaching the final, were beaten by a narrow margin.

Some improvement in the scholastic abilities of our members is shown by the fact that we were third in the Merit Order for the past two terms after having been fourth for several preceding terms. May we venture to hope that this improvement will continue and that in the near future we will be proud possessors of the Griffin ?

Our House Party, generally the best of them all, was cancelled owing to the international situation, but we have no doubt that the next one will be as successful and enjoyable as ever.

Now after this brief account of the past, let us consider the future. Our hopes for successes on Sports Day are high, as we have many promising juniors to make up for the loss

of our best athletes. Then come cricket, tennis and rounders. We are determined to hold on to the shields for tennis and cricket and, if possible, add to the brightness of the House Room by capturing some, at least, of the other trophies.

It is on this note of encouragement that we close, exhorting our members to do their utmost to bring about the realization of these hopes.

“NON SIBI SED ALIIS”

June, 1939—Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies Fund—£1 14 10.

June 26th, 1939—Thetis Disaster Fund (Per Lord Mayor of Liverpool) £8 0 3.

10th Oct., 1939—Duke of Gloucester's Appeal for the British Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance Association—£1 9 10½.

11th Nov.—Earl Haigh's Fund (Poppy Day)—£5 8 7.

7th Dec., 1939—Preston Royal Infirmary Linen League—£1 10 0.

10th Jan., 1940—Silver Thimble Fund 1939—67 Silver Oddments.

Knitted Comforts Fund—70 Articles.

OLD BALSHAVIANS

OLD BOYS' SECTION.

Our activities for the present remain dormant; that is as an association. Individually of course our Members are very active in many spheres. The Services have claimed the greater percentage of the junior members, and every section—Navy, Army and Air Force—is represented.

Many who are away from home have written to the Headmaster, and possibly others have had such good intentions and found the spirit willing but the flesh weak! Should they read this—here is another reminder—Mr. Oldland will be very glad indeed to hear from them.

We have another idea for keeping people in touch with the activities of others, and that to print in this Magazine extracts from, or summaries of accounts of the activities (without giving away vital information of course) of Old Boys—particularly those who may get far from the field and have something interesting to tell us. Those of you who can spare the time therefore are invited to send your news to Mr. C. Rose, 146, Fox Lane, Leyland. Mr. Rose, who is General Secretary of the Association some five years ago, has very kindly consented to write these notes and compile extracts of interest for future issues of “The Balshavian.”

Meanwhile, through these difficult times, none of us can do better than keep before us the motto of the School, (*Non Sibi Sed Aliis*), and endeavour to the best of our ability, to live up to it.

R. WILDMAN,
Hon. Gen. Secretary.

OLD GIRLS' SECTION.

The Annual General Meeting could not be held in January, but the Committee hope to arrange a date early in May. A notice will be sent to all our members.

In spite of the War the Hockey Teams have played regularly throughout the season. We hope that it will be possible for at least one team to continue next season.

It has been impossible for us to arrange any social events this winter and we cannot say when these will be resumed.

A Tennis match with the School has been fixed for Thursday, May 23rd. Will any member who wishes to play please write to the Secretary?

G. Houlden, Hon. Gen. Secretary.

A Balshavian Roll of Service is being compiled.

Old Balshavians serving in H.M.'s Forces are asked to send me additions or alterations to the preliminary list on page 46. I should, in fact, be very glad to receive particulars from any source about any Old Pupil whose name does not appear on the list.

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"Non sibi sed aliis."

Ainsworth, J.	R.A.F.	Farington	1929-34
Barrow, N.	R.A.	Cuerden	1928-34
Bentley, H.	R.A.F.	—	1929-30
Darnell, P. W.	R.A.	Farington	1929-37
Downie, J.	R.A.	Farington	1929-38
Duxbury, J.	R.A.	Farington	1930-36
Etherington, J.	R.N.	Farington	1926-32
Greenall, R.	R.A.	Worden	1931-36
Harrison, G.	R.N.	Clayton	1934-38
King, J.	R.N.	Clayton	1931-35
Lawton, F. H.	R.A.	Cuerden	1926-32
Parker, R.	R.A.	Farington	1927-32
Parker, L.	R.A.S.C.	Worden	1930-36
Salthouse, F.	R.A.M.C.	Cuerden	1929-35
Shepherd, F. W.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1929-33
Smith, S. E.	R.A.F.	Worden	1930-33
Wilkinson, J. N.	R.A.	Clayton	1931-36
Wilkinson, E. G.	R.A.F.	—	1920-28
Witter, W.	R.A.	Cuerden	1932-36

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CALENDAR

1940		APRIL	Sports Results
Th. 11	Midsummer Term commences.	Supervision Duty : Mr. Bull, M. E. Ryding, Pickburn.	
F. 12	Sports Heats continued.		
S. 13			
M. 15	Supervision Duty : Miss Robinson, M. B. Andrew, Sutton.		
Tu. 16			
W. 17			
Th. 18			
F. 19			
S. 20			
M. 22	Supervision Duty: Mr. Wilkinson, C. M. Marshall, Haworth.		
Tu. 23	Last date of entry for contributions to "The Balshavian" Vol. XV, No. 1.		
W. 24			
Th. 25	2.15 p.m., Annual Athletic Sports, 1st. Day (Boys' Events)		
F. 26	2.15 p.m., Annual Athletic Sports, 2nd. Day (Girls' Events)		
	Distribution of Prizes by Mrs. W. S. Woodcock.		
S. 27	Rounders : School 1st IX v. Hindley G. S. 1st IX (h)		
	School Junior IX v. Hindley G.S. Junior IX (h)		
M. 29	Supervision Duty : Miss Whewell, J. Shepherd, Hope.		
Tu. 30			
		MAY	
W. 1	Tennis : School 1st VI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. 1st VI (h)		
Th. 2			
F. 3			
S. 4	3 p.m. Presentation of an Entertainment, including two one-act plays, by the School Dramatic and Elocution Societies.		
M. 6	Supervision Duty : Mr. Parry, W. M. Carr, Martindale.		
	Tennis Leagues: Cl. v W.(1) ; Cu. v F. (1)		
Tu. 7	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v Cu.(1) ; F. v. W.(1)		
W. 8	Cricket Leagues : Cu. v F.(1) ; Cl. v. W.(1)		
Th. 9	Publication of "The Balshavian" Vol XV, No. 1.		
F. 10	Half Term Reports.		
S. 11	School Camp Party leaves for Camp.		
M. 13			
Tu. 14			
W. 15	Whit. Holiday.		
Th. 16			
F. 17			
S. 18	Tennis : School 1st VI v. Rivington G.S. 1st VI (a)		
M. 20	Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, P. M. Sagar, Farrington.		
Tu. 21			
W. 22			
Th. 23	Tennis : School 1st VI v. Old Girls' 1st VI (h)		
F. 24			
S. 25	Cricket: School 1st XI v. Preston Cath. College 1st XI (h)		
	School Colts XI v. Preston Cath. Col. Colts XI (a)		
M. 27	Supervision Duty : Mr. Hilditch, M. E. Ryding, Sutton.		
	Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. F.(1) ; Cu. v. W.(1)		
Tu. 28	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. W.(1) ; Cu. v. F.(1)		
W. 29	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(1) ; F. v. W(1)		
Th. 30			
F. 31			

JUNE

S. 1	Cricket : School 1st XI v. Rivington G.S. 1st XI (h).....	
	School Colts XI v. Ormskirk G.S. Colts XI (a).....	
M. 3	Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy, M. B. Andrew, Pickburn.	
	Oxford School Certificate Oral French Examination (1st Day)	
Tu. 4	Oxford School Certificate Oral French Examination (2nd day)	
W. 5	Cricket : School 1st XI v. A. Merchant Taylors XI (a).....	
	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. F.(1) ; Cu. v. W.(1).....	
Th. 6		
F. 7		
S. 8	Cricket : School 1st XI v. Preston Cath. College 1st XI (a).....	
	School Colts XI v. Preston Cath. Col. Colts XI (h).....	
	Rounders : School 1st IX v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S.	
	1st IX (a).....	
	School Junior IX v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S.	
	Junior IX (a).....	
M. 10	Supervision Duty : Mr. Bull, C. M. Marshall, Hope.	
	Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(1) ; F. v. W.(1).....	
Tu. 11	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. F.(1) ; Cu. v. W.(1).....	
W. 12	Cricket : School 1st XI v. Kirkham G.S. 1st XI (h).....	
	School 2nd XI v. Kirkham G.S. 2nd XI (a).....	
	Tennis : School 1st VI v. Preston Park School 1st VI (h).....	
Th. 13		
F. 14		
S. 15	Tennis : School 1st VI v. Rivington G.S. 1st VI (h).....	
	9 a.m. Entrance Examination for new pupils.	
M. 17	Supervision Duty : Miss Robinson, J. Shepherd, Haworth.	
	Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. W.(2) ; Cu. v. F.(2).....	
Tu. 18	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(2) ; F. v. W.(2).....	
W. 19	Cricket Leagues : Cu. v. F.(2) ; Cl. v. W.(2).....	
Th. 20		
F. 21		
S. 22	Cricket : School 1st XI v. A Sedbergh School XI (a).....	
	School Colts XI v. Ormskirk G.S. Colts XI (h).....	
	Tennis : School 1st VI v. Chorley G.S. 1st VI (h).....	
M. 24	Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson, W. M. Carr, Farrington.	
	Higher School Certificate Examination commences.	
	Tennis Knock-outs : F. v. W.....	
Tu. 25	Rounders Knock-outs : Cl. v. Cu.....	
W. 26	Cricket Knock-outs : Cl. v. W. (First Day).....	
Th. 27	Cricket Knock-outs : Cl. v. W. (Second Day).....	
F. 28		
S. 29	Cricket : School 1st XI v. Chorley G.S. 1st XI (h)	
	School 2nd XI v. Chorley G.S. 2nd XI (a)	
	Tennis 1st VI v. Chorley G.S. 1st VI. (a).....	

JULY

M. 1	Supervision Duty : Miss Whewell, P. M. Sagar, Martindale.	
	Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. F.(2) ; Cu. v. W.(2).....	
Tu. 2	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. W.(2) ; Cu. v. F.(2).....	
W. 3	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(2) ; F. v. W.(2).....	
Th. 4		
F. 5		
S. 6	Cricket : School 1st XI v. Kirkham G.S. 1st XI (a).....	
	School 2nd XI v. Kirkham G.S. 2nd XI (h).....	
	Rounders : School 1st IX v. Upholland G.S. 1st IX (a).....	
	School Jnr. IX v. Upholland G.S. Jnr. IX (a).....	
M. 8	Supervision Duty : Mr. Parry, M. E. Ryding, Pickburn.	
	School Examinations (First Day).	
Tu. 9	School Examinations (Second Day).	
	Cricket Knock-outs : Cu. v. F. (First Day).....	
W. 10	School Examinations (Third Day).	
	Cricket Knock-outs : Cu. v. F. (Second Day).....	
Th. 11	Oxford School Certificate Examination commences.	
F. 12		

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S. 13	Cricket : School 1st XI v. Urmston G.S. 1st XI (h).....	
	School Colts XI v. Urmston G.S. Colts XI (h).....	
	Tennis : School 1st VI v. Upholland G.S. 1st VI (h).....	
	Rounders : School Jnr. IX v. Upholland G.S. Jnr. IX (h).....	
M. 15	Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, M. B. Andrew, Sutton.	
	Final of Cricket Knock-outs (First Day).	
	Tennis Knock-outs : Cl. v. Cu.....	
Tu. 16	4.30 p.m. Rounders Knock-outs : F. v. W.....	
	4.30 p.m. First of Cricket Knock-outs (Second Day).	
W. 17		
Th. 18	Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(2) ; F. v. W.(2).....	
F. 19	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. F.(2) ; Cu. v. W.(2).....	
S. 20	Cricket : School 1st XI v. Urmston G.S. 1st XI (a).....	
	School Colts XI v. Urmston G.S. Colts XI (a).....	
	Tennis : School 1st VI v. Preston Park School 1st VI (a).....	
M. 22	Supervision Duty : Mr. Hilditch, C. M. Marshall, Haworth.	
	Final of Tennis Knock-outs.	
	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. F.(2) ; Cu. v. W.(2).....	
Tu. 23	4.30 p.m. Final of Rounders Knock-outs.	
	6.30 p.m. Tennis : Staff v. Old Students.....	
W. 24	Tennis : 1st VI v. The Staff.....	
	Cricket : 1st XI v. The Staff.....	
Th. 25	Rounders : 1st IX v. The Staff.....	
F. 26	Midsummer Term Ends.	

Autumn Term Commences : Tuesday, September 17th, 1940.

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MISCELLANEA

Clayton House :	House Mistress : Miss F. W. Royle, B.A.	
	House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull, M.A.	
	House Captains : B. Hamer (Girls), Hope, T. E. (Boys)	
	House Colours : Green.	
	House Room : IVB.	
Guerden House :	House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell.	
	House Master : Mr. C. S. Hilditch, B.A.	
	House Captains : J. Shepherd (Girls), Martindale, D. (Boys).	
	House Colour : Red.	
	House Room : IIIA.	
Farrington House :	House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy, B.A.	
	House Master : Mr. H. J. Lomax, B.Sc., A.R.C.Sc.	
	House Captains : M. E. Ryding (Girls), Pickburn, E. R. (Boys).	
	House Colour : Gold.	
	House Room : IB.	
Worden House :	House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill, B.A.	
	House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A.	
	House Captains : C. M. Marshall (Girls), Eckton, R. E. (Boys).	
	House Colour : Blue.	
	House Room : IA.	

Boys. Head Prefect : Pickburn, E. R. Prefects : Haworth, F., Martindale, D., Hope, T. E., Sub-Prefects : Farrington, E., Sutton, H.

Girls. Head Prefect : J. Shepherd. Prefects : C. M. Marshall, M. E. Ryding. Sub-Prefects : W. M. Carr, M. B. Andrew, P. M. Sagar.

Captain of Cricket : Sutton, H.

Captain of Rounders : M. E. Ryding.

Captain of Tennis : W. M. Carr.

School Lunch : First Sitting, 12.35 p.m.; Second Sitting, 1 p.m.; in Dining Room. A two course lunch—meat or fish and two vegetables and sweet—is supplied daily, price 9d. Pupils should purchase a week's supply of tickets from the Secretary.

Tea : A light tea can be obtained in the Dining Room at 4.5 p.m. Price 3d.

Milk : 10.45 a.m. in Dining Room. Certified "Grade A" Milk can be obtained at "Break," price 1d. per bottle (with straw).

School Buses : School buses run from the Ribble Motor Bus Station, Tithebarn Street, Preston, at 8.20 a.m., and from the Ribble Bus Station, Chorley, at 8.25 a.m. daily and pick up pupils *en route*. School buses for Preston leave the School gates at 4.10 p.m. and 5.0 p.m. each day, and at 6.10 p.m. on Wednesdays only.

Tuck Shop : Open at 10.45 a.m. and 4.0 p.m. each day.

Commissariat : In Secretary's office at 4.0 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Detention : 4.0 to 4.45 p.m. in IVa Room.

Lunch Hour : In wet weather, girls may stay in IIIb and IVb Rooms, boys in 1a and 11a Rooms. Boys and girls may, if they prefer, listen to the Radio Gramophone in the Hall.

School Clearance : All pupils must leave the School premises not later than 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 6.10 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Societies : Societies meet at 3.15 p.m. on Fridays.

Scientific Society (Mr. Lomax) in Physics Laboratory.
 Natural History (Mr. Bennison) in Biology Laboratory.
 Philatelic Society (Mr. Downer) in IIIA room.
 French Circle (Miss Robinson) in IVA room.
 Dramatic Society (Mr. Hilditch) in Library.
 Needlework Society (Miss Whitehouse) in Domestic Science Room.
 Music Society (Mr. Wilkinson) in VI Room.
 Dancing Society (Miss Bartlett) in Gymnasium or Hall.
 Arts and Crafts Society (Miss Whewell) in Art Room.
 Debating Society (Mr. Bull) in IVB Room.
 Photographic Society (Mr. Parry) in Photographic Laboratory.
 Model Engineering Society (Mr. Fisher) in Prefects' Room.
 Elocution Society (Miss Milroy) in IA Room.
 Geographical Society (Miss Royle) in Geography Room.

Meetings :

National Savings Group (Mr. Fisher and Mr. Parry)—in Library 12.30 to 1 p.m. and 1.20 to 1.40 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.
 School Knitting Club—as arranged by Miss Rahill.

Broadcast Lectures :

Mondays : 11.45 to 12.0 English (Book Talks) (IVB.).

Tuesdays : 11.25 to 11.40 English (Games with words) (1A.).
 2.40 to 3.0 English (Good writing) (IIIA and IIIB).

Wednesdays : 2.40 to 3.0 English (Plays and Stories) (1B.).

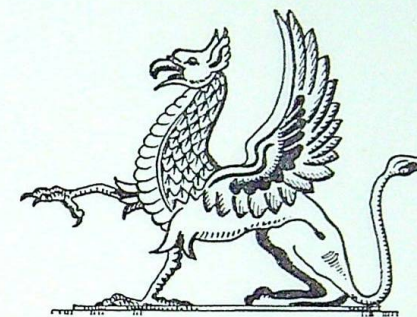
Thursdays : 11.45 to 12.0 Geography (VB).
 2.0 to 2.15 Nature Study (1A and 1B.).

Fridays : 11.25 to 11.40 English (Rhyme and Reason) (IVA.).
 2.0 to 2.15 Travel Talks (1A and 1B.).

Masters and Mistresses in charge of Air-raid Shelters :

No. 1 Clayton (Boys) Mr. Bull.	No. 5 Farington (Boys) Mr. Lomax.
No. 2 Clayton (Girls) Miss Royle.	No. 6 Farington (Girls) Miss Milroy.
No. 3 Cuerden (Boys) Mr. Hilditch.	No. 7 Worden (Boys) Mr. Wilkinson.
No. 4 Cuerden (Girls) Miss Whewell.	No. 8 Worden (Girls) Miss Rahill.

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