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THE CAST.—L. Scott, Audrey Bradshaw, K. Bartley, Joan Speed, E. E. Salisbury, E. Vessey, Margaret Hunt, K. F. Sefton, Doreen Whittaker, L. Dalton, B. R. Malcolm, Olwen Bretherton, K. M. Grayson, Jean Elliott, Hilda Sage, Florence Hutchings, Muriel Holding, Joy Iredale.

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Bingley : " Her eyes, her hair, her expression, her smile "

(Bingley)	(Jane Bennett)	(Kitty Bennett)	(Wickham)
B. R. Malcolm,	Florence Hutchings,	Muriel Holding,	L. Dalton,
(Lydia Bennett)	(Mrs. Gardiner)	(Mr. Gardiner)	
Hilda Sage,	Margaret Hunt,	L. Scott.	

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EDITORIAL

The Summer Term, the best of them all, is here again. Under the warm glow of the sun, trees put forth their leaves, there are primroses, violets, celandine in our hedgerows, cows munch happily in the fields, the birds are busy, and there are shadows in the woods and on the hills. At school we learn again the feel of racquets and cricket bats, and smell the damp green piles of new mown grass.

But meanwhile this reawakening of nature, of every flower and tree, of our consciousness of beauty, brings the struggling world to renewed violence on the field of war. It seems the most that we at school can do to help our cause is little. German children, we say, help on the land. What can we do? What have we to show? Here is the difference—we do not measure our help in tons of cabbages. We, who are fortunate to be at school have a greater responsibility to fulfil. Here we must learn to think, to keep a balanced judgment and an open receptive mind towards the aims and ideals which are moulding a new world.

SCHOOL NOTES

PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys : Head Prefect : Lund, H.

Sub-Prefects : Gardner, R. J., Rigby, W., Sefton, K. F., Shepherd, J.,
Grayson, K. M., Rawcliffe, F.

Girls : Head Prefect : M. W. Holding.

Prefects : A. Lee, F. J. Elliott, J. C. Howcroft, B. Y. Sharples, E. Wilson,
A. K. Bradshaw.

The School was delighted to hear that in the Christmas holidays, Miss Bartlett was married to Dr. Conroy, now of the R.A.M.C. Pupils and Staff presented her with a coffee table and coffee service.

The Annual Athletic Sports were held in the School grounds on Saturday, May 2nd. The weather and the condition of the ground could not have been better and we were fortunate to have Lady Jackson to distribute the cups and shields. We heartily congratulate the Victrix and Victor Ludorum—Brenda Sharples and Salisbury E. E.

On the 7th and 9th of May the Dramatic Society presented "Miss Elizabeth Bennett", (a play from "Pride and Prejudice") by A. A. Milne. On both evenings the School hall was filled with a very appreciative audience.

In the Spring Term the senior members of the school heard a most entertaining lecture by Professor Pear on "The Present and Future of Speaking".

On two occasions, Ministry of Information films were shown to the school.

On April 28th some twenty-six Balshavians heard the Danish violinist, Henry Holst give a recital in Preston.

Accounts of all these events are included in the magazine.

Again we had a Carol Service at Christmas and a party for the carollers afterwards. The Prefects' Social took place at the end of the Easter term and was a great success.

Meanwhile our contributions to the war effort have been sustained.

During Leyland Warship Week our National Savings Group total was £1358/17/6. We congratulate the winners of the Poster and Model competition held at the time—McIver, H., Webster, P. B., S. Maders, M. Lund, Malcolm, B. R., Bartley, R., Simpson, A. F., Simpson, N. W., and Carr, G. T.

Arrangements have been made to hold a concert sponsored by C.E.M.A. (Concert for the encouragement of Music and the Arts) in the School Hall, on Tuesday, June 2nd. It will commence at 6-45 p.m. and will consist of a Musical Diversion with Winifred Radford and Frederick Woodhouse in a staged presentation of Songs, Duets and Dialogues including the Folktale Opera "The Three Wishes" (Music by *Weber*). The accompanist will be Grace Shearer. There will be no charge for admission, but a silver collection will be taken, the proceeds of which will be used by C.E.M.A. to provide emergency concerts in bombed areas.

The Headmaster extends a *warm* invitation to all parents and friends of the school and asks them to be kind enough to make the event widely known.

Webster P. and Edwards, S., are to be congratulated on winning the Bronze Medallion and Intermediate Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society.

We all, especially those who stay to School Lunch, hope for more good results from the school garden this summer. Much of the ground has been dug over by staff and pupils during the Easter holidays.

Our congratulations go to Dorothy Gardner on her marriage to 2nd Lieut. J. A. Blackwell, R.A., and to Sidney Whittaker on his marriage to Miss Mahon.

Trees bought by old pupils continue to be planted round the school grounds.

Several of the Senior Boys gave help during the Christmas rush at the G.P.O.'s at Leyland, Chorley, Longridge and elsewhere.

We have now resumed normal school hours and it is possible to hold society meetings on Friday afternoons and to have games after school hours.

At the end of the Christmas term, the Headmaster presented Certificates of Merit to pupils before the assembled school.

We receive visits from staff and pupils who are now members of H.M. Forces.

Owing to the paper shortage, copies of School Merit lists will not be included in the 'Balshavian' in future.

Hockey Colours have been awarded to P. Briggs, B. Haigh, B. Y. Sharples, E. Wilson ; Rugger Colours to Lund, H., Sefton, K. F., and Rigby, W. ; Athletics Colours to E. Newsham, B. Y. Sharples, and Salisbury, E. E. We congratulate them all.

We congratulate Clayton House on winning the Rugger and Hockey Knock-outs, the Rugger Leagues and on drawing with Farington in the Hockey Leagues.

We acknowledge the receipt of "Ubique Reminisci" and the Wigan Grammar School Magazine.

VALETE (Boys).

Tennant, D. A.—U.VI. Clayton House. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1939. Cricket 1st XI. Rugby 1st XV. Cross Country Team.

Porter, A. S.—L.VI. Farington House Captain. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1940. Cricket 1st XI. Rugby 1st XV.

Edmondson, W.—L.VI. Farington House. School Certificate, 1940. Cricket League Team.

Tonge, J.—Form Va. Cuerden House. Rugby 1st XV.

Burniston, J. D.—Form IVb. Cuerden House. Cricket League Team.

Standidge, G. F.—Form IVb. Farington House. Cricket and Rugby League Teams.

VALETE (Girls).

B. Haigh.—U.VI. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1939. Hockey 1st XI. Rounders 1st IX. Captain of Tennis. Hockey Colours, 1940-41. Rounders Colours, 1941. Tennis Colours, 1940-41.

P. Briggs.—U.VI. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1939. Hockey 1st XI. Hockey Colours 1940-41. Victrix Ludorum 1941. Rounders and Tennis League Teams.

B. M. Miller.—U.VI. Farington House. School Certificate, 1938. Higher School Certificate, 1940.

F. M. Whittaker.—U.VI. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1939. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis League Teams.

J. Ballantine.—L.VI. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1940. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis League Teams.

L. J. Nixon.—L.VI. Worden House. School Certificate, 1941. Hockey and Rounders League Teams.

M. Hunter. L.VI. Worden House. School Certificate 1941. Hockey and Rounders League Teams.

M. Hodgson.—Form Va. Clayton House. Hockey and Rounders League Teams.

K. Howard.—Form Vb. Farington House. Hockey and Rounders League Teams.

M. Dawson.—Form Vb. Worden House.

D. Hurst.—Form IVb. Clayton House.

D. Cowell.—Form IVb. Clayton House.

E. Hanson.—Form IVb. Clayton House.

B. Singleton.—Form IVb. Cuerden House.



SCHOOL 1st XI HOCKEY, 1941-42.

Back row : (left to right) : M. Garnett ; A. K. Bradshaw ; Z. Norris ; M. D. Hunt ; P. Howson ; O. Bretherton ; A. Deacon.

Front row : (left to right) : E. Wilson ; B. Y. Sharples (Capt.) ; Miss Bartlett ; P. Briggs ; A. Bradley.

Played 11 ; Won 10 ; Lost 1.



SCHOOL 1st XV RUGGER, 1941-42.

Back row : (left to right) : Singleton ; Dalton ; Shepherd ; Berry ; Meadows ; Wightman ; Marginson ; Farrington.

Front row : (left to right) : Porter ; Lund ; Sefton (Capt.) ; Rigby ; Salisbury ; Edwards ; Riding.

Played 8 ; Won 2 ; Lost 6.

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori"

Pilot Officer R. G. Marland

IT is with profound regret that we record the death on active service in the Middle East of Pilot Officer R. G. Marland, only son of Mr. & Mrs. T. R. Marland, of Ribbleton Villa, Ribbleton Avenue, Preston.

"Roy" as he was known to his associates attended the school from 1928 to 1931, when his parents left the district. Those who knew him best were not surprised that the call to service on the outbreak of war should find him a member of the R.A.F. V.R. After a spell of training he received his wings as a Sergeant Pilot in May, 1940 and was commissioned in March, 1941.

He went through the Battle of Britain as a fighter pilot after which he was with a squadron on the East Coast. He was again transferred to the South and took part in many operational fighter sweeps over France. Then followed service in the Western Desert where during offensive operation he met his death.

H.J.L.

"Non sibi sed aliis"



Pilot Officer R. G. Marland.

1928-31.

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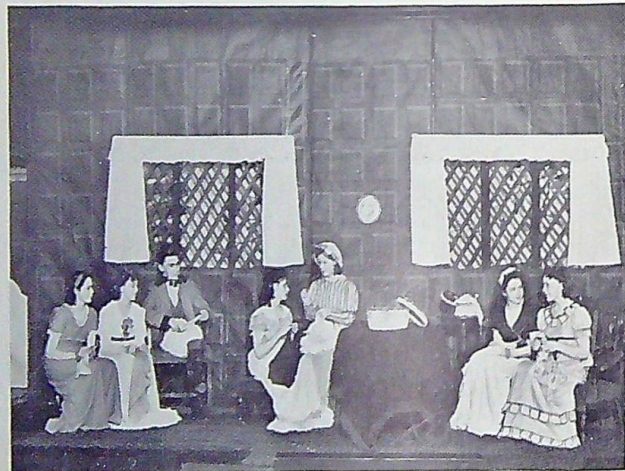
LADY CATHERINE :

"Upon my word, you give your opinion very decidedly for so young a person."

(Mrs. Collins)	(Colonel Fitzwilliam)	(Darcy)	(Elizabeth Bennett)
Doreen Whittaker,	E. E. Salisbury,	E. Vessey,	Olwen Bretherton,
(Lady Catherine)	(Miss Bingley)	(Mr. Collins)	(Sir W. Lucas)
Joan Speed,	Audrey Bradshaw,	K. F. Sefton,	R. Bartley.

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MR. BENNETT :

"No one shall say we cannot supply female companionship."

(Mary Bennett)	(Kitty Bennett)	(Mr. Bennett)	(Lydia Bennett)
Joy Iredale,	Muriel Holding,	K. M. Grayson,	Hilda Sage,
(Mrs. Bennett)	(Elizabeth Bennett)	(Jane Bennett)	
Jean Elliott,	Olwen Bretherton,	Florence Hutchings.	

E. Procter.—Form IIIb. Clayton House.

N. Metcalf.—Form IIIb. Clayton House.

M. Yates.—Form Ia. Clayton House.

SALVETE.

S. Tattersall.—Form Ib. Worden House.

E. Fernley.—Form Ib. Farington House.

A. Fuller.—Form IIIa. Worden House.

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This year's School Play, "Miss Elizabeth Bennett", was a version by A. A. Milne of Jane Austen's famous novel, and though still a period piece, introduced to us a vastly different world from that of the somewhat ruffianly Elizabethan and Restoration atmosphere of the older drama. Here rude farce, action, and heroic verse are forgotten; everything is on a smaller, a quieter scale, but in these enclosed waters little tempests arise, and scatter tranquillity as effectively as in the most thunder tragedy.

Fortunately we had in Olwen Bretherton an Elizabeth able to feel and show the depth of pride and resentment, stirred by the cold insolence of D'Arcy, as well as the softer feelings which gradually replace her anger. This Elizabeth held the play together as she should, and had the audience completely with her throughout.

Vessey shouldered the thankless role of the hero with considerable success; by his reserved manner and limited gestures he conveyed a good deal of D'Arcy's pride, while in the Park scene and again in the final scene he showed possibilities of a more amiable kind.

Jean Elliott was another success as Mrs. Bennett; she had the right motherly touch, spoke out well, and showed plenty of confidence, giving the audience their chance to hear and appreciate the humour of the part, which they did.

The humours of Mr. Collins were also put over with spirit by Sefton: his bowing and scraping, affability and servility, were much to the taste of the spectators; if he was a little more pleasant than the real Mr. Collins, it was at least a fault on the right side, and one felt the less sympathy for Doreen Whittaker as his forthcoming helpmate; Doreen put plenty of life into this small part.

As Mr. Bennett, Grayson looked well, had the right soberness and economy of manner, and only needed to speak out a little more. Malcolm had the pleasant manner and voice necessary for Bingley as the foil to his disagreeable friend; Dalton also looked well and had a touch of twinkling humour in his villainy which relieved the painful scene with D'Arcy of a good deal of its sordidness. Hilda Sage supplied the essential touch of silliness for Lydia very cleverly, and Florence Hutchings gave her usual reliable and sympathetic performance as Jane.

The Lady Catherine of this version (unlike the film,) maintains her coldness and dignity to the bitter end and well did Joan Speed adhere to the spirit of the original; the duel between her and Elizabeth was fought without buttons, and made one of the most effective scenes. Joan also provided much amusement by her less mortal combats with Mr. Collins over the elusive "Fish" for which they played so solemnly at Rosings.

A. Bradshaw and M. Holding showed the right dignity and kittenishness in their respective parts, Bartley did well as Sir William, and Joy Iredale, Scott, Salisbury, and M. Hunt, also pleased as their opportunities allowed. A.J.B.

"Miss Elizabeth Bennett", a play based on Jane Austen's novel "Pride and Prejudice" was the Dramatic Society's choice of a play for 1942.

Like most plays adapted from books, the interest lies in characterisation and dialogue, rather than in the plot and the development of dramatic situations. Such a play needs intelligent and sensitive production and acting, and a high degree of "polish" with regard to movement, intonation, and expression, if the characters are to have that individuality which will make them live for the audience.

It was these two qualities which made the performance of the play so successful and so thoroughly enjoyable. The play was well cast, and all the players showed an intelligent understanding of their parts, and a spirited rendering of them. The major characters—Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Elizabeth, Jane, D'Arcy, Bingley, and Collins "carried" the play, as they should; but the "thumb-nail sketches" of the minor characters were equally well rendered, a fact which made a vital contribution to the evenness of the play as a whole. Lydia (Hilda Sage), and Kitty (M. Holding) were appropriately and amusingly foolish, without burlesquing their parts; a very pleasing performance came from Doreen Whittaker, as Charlotte Lucas, especially in the Hunsford scene with Elizabeth; while Margaret Hunt conveyed the homely and kindly character of Mrs. Gardiner excellently, though only on the stage for a few minutes.

The grouping and movement were throughout artistic and natural, especially in the "Rosings" scene where there were almost two scenes going on concurrently. The finish of the play as a whole owed much to the excellent "team-work" behind the scenes: The scenery and settings so admirably arranged by Mr. Hewartson; the girls' costumes, delightfully designed and executed by Miss Whewell and Miss Whitehouse, in the very teeth of obstacles arising from "coupon" restrictions; the carefully chosen music under the direction of Miss Robinson; last but not least, the energetic and willing services of the scene shifters under the direction of Mr. Bennison, and the essential tasks of prompter and call-boy, performed by Pat Howson and McIver. Miss Milroy and Miss Lewis are to be warmly congratulated on having seen a difficult but worthwhile enterprise to a triumphant conclusion. M.H.

The Dramatic Society owes a great debt of gratitude to all those whose help contributed so largely to the success of the play.

Our thanks go first to Mr. Bennison, who never failed to have *everything* in the right place—at the right time—even including the Producer; to Mr. Parry for supervising the lighting; to Miss Whewell and Miss Whitehouse for superintending the costumes before and DURING the performances; to Mr. Hewartson and all the boys who erected the set; to Mr. Wilkinson for applying the grease-paint and powder; to Miss Royle for matching and attaching side whiskers; to Miss Robinson for managing the money and music. The list is a long one—it must also include the prompter—Pat Howson; the call boy—McIver; the curtain hand—Sharples; the team of scene shifters and all friends who kindly lent furniture and properties. A.M. & F.K.L.

THE HOLST CONCERT.

Sonata in G Minor	.....	Tartini
Concerto in E Minor	.....	Mendelssohn
Caprice in E Flat	.....	Tartini
Variations on an original theme	.....	Paganini
Romanza Andaluza	.....	Sarasate
Zapateado	.....	Sarasate
Un poco triste	.....	Suk
Burleska	.....	Suk

As Mr. Henry Holst said, music is not rationed; and, taking advantage of music's relative immunity as compared with mutton and margarine, this celebrated Danish violinist with expansive good humour, served to us a veritable royal feast of violin playing. For two hours we were regaled with all the refinements of the fiddler's art. Did you want sparkle and brilliancy? You had it in the last movement of the Mendelssohn violin concerto. Were you in sentimental mood? Very well, Mr. Holst, as obliging as the Wandering Minstrel, gave us the Romanza Andaluza of Sarasate. Had you come in search of dazzling technicalities, of harmonies and pizzicatos? Our guest provided Paganini's Variations. Were you in a mood for stately classical melody? Tartini's "Devil Trill" Sonata, given to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the composer's birth, was a happy choice. Or perhaps you preferred extravagance and thrills? Joseph Suk's Burleska and the Zapateado of Sarasate gave you all you could wish for.

The recital took place at the Park School, Preston, on Tuesday, April 28th. The Preston Chamber Music Society sent an invitation to the School, and about two dozen Balshavians took advantage of the offer. It was a memorable evening. We wonder what were the reactions of those in the audience who aspire (secretly) to fame and fortune through their fiddles? Beginners, no doubt, were duly inspired with a tremendous fire of enthusiasm to get to work immediately and catch up to Mr. Holst; after all, it *looked* fairly easy, with a bit of practice! Moderate players, poor things, must surely have been severely discouraged. As for the good players—we can only suppose they were duly grateful for the new avenues opened up.

This, of course would not be a proper article unless we offered a word of criticism; that is the privilege, nay, the duty of a critic. Our complaint is this: why include the Mendelssohn in a Chamber Music programme? The concerto is *not* Chamber Music; it is written for a full orchestra, and to those of us who know the work well, it is very unsatisfactory to hear the piano labouring in vain to reproduce the many delightful colour effects that only an orchestra can give. Surely, it is a violinist's place to introduce us to music that was specially written for a violin and piano, and not to give us hashed versions of orchestral music! For a possible future occasion we recommend any of the following: Sonata in E (Bach), Sonata in A (Handel), Sonata in B Flat and F (Mozart), Kreutzer Sonata and Sonata in G (Beethoven), the three Sonatas of Brahms, and the Sonata by Franck—to mention but a few. All these are pure gold.

B.L.W.

EGO ET DIABOLUS.

"I say," said the Devil to me,
As I wandered over the lea,
"Do you fear,
Because I am here?"
"Nay," answered I in accents strong,
"For you are wrong,
And I am right
And live in the light
Of God on high;
So begone, O Devil, from me".

J.S., Form U.VI. (Cuerden).

THROUGH THE STORE-ROOM WINDOW.

This morning starts well for us two. By "us two" I mean the store-keepers of Balshaw's Grammar School, known to our pals as Judas and Rigger.

A well-known figure, hurrying by, gives us good morning and a beaming smile. We dutifully reply "Good Morning", and hope the smile will still be there when our Physics homework has been marked. There is a theory, probably not very well known to the general school, (*i.e.* apart from the science section) that given his two times table and a book of logarithms, Mr. Lomax could prove or disprove any fact he wished at will. The writer regrets to say he is in no position to vouch for the veracity of this statement.

But who is this, bursting in at the door of our sanctum? Oh!, it's all right. Only Mr. Bull, hustling in for his morning tonic, the sight of a few hundred tightly packed English books. He's a regular visitor—pops in, glances round, emits a murmur of purest joy, and leaves just as precipitately as he enters. This morning is no exception and in about one minute he has passed on his way.

A small child dashes past the window. Probably some I a-ite, late for form-meeting. But two conscientious prefects shed all vestiges of humanity, forget that they were once as young, as small, and bellow,

"Hey, you! You can't run in the corridors like that. What's your name? Form?"

Maybe at this juncture a hopeful, hesitating 'customer' arrives with a chit.

One of the store-keepers takes the piece of paper, glances from it to a list on the wall.

"4b? Sorry! You've had your ration. No more!"

"But what do we write on?" demands the 'customer,' half-heartedly.

"Nothing to do with us. 'S your own fault; you've had your share".

The thing grumblingly takes itself away, and instantly its place is taken by a female of the species 'prefect'. Leaning through the window she writes her name on her dinner tickets, and with no thanks and less dignity she dashes off after a junior, suspected of skipping 'turn-out' last night.

From across the entrance hall comes the School secretary, in search of drawing pins, aided and abetted by Mr. Hewartson.

"They must think we make the things", says Rigger, "been in here every day for the past week they have."

"Hello, Miss Whewell," I say, ignoring Rigger's unnecessary statement. Miss Whewell halts on her way to the staff-room, dodges Miss Whitehouse dashing to fix up the last minute details for dinner, and comes to the window.

At this moment the lesson bell rings, and once more we close the store-room windows on the teeming life in the Corridor and depart for the daily round.

R.J.G. Form U.VI (Worden).

TRANSITION.

Out across the estuary,
A lone gull beats its way,
The flats beneath are still and stark,
A monochrome of grey.

Over the moors a curlew wheels,
And utters its mournful cry,
In a flash of brown it is vanished,
From all but the keenest eye.

The sea is splashed with a pathway of gold,
Reaching the surf on the shore,
A plover cries its sentinel note,
The sun sinks lower.

The night breeze sweeps across the moors,
Of life no sound or sight,
Walking has given place to sleeping,
Day to night.

J.S. Form U.VI. (Cuerden).

THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF SPEAKING.

By Professor T. H. Pear.

Professor Pear, who holds the Chair of Psychology at Manchester University gave a lecture to the seniors on March 9th. He chose as his subject "The functions and art of speech" and made it his main point that a language should be developed as a social quality.

Although we pay vast sums of money, he said, for others to speak for us in Parliament, yet most people are speaking, not clear understandable English, but the dialect of their own particular region, with all its peculiarities and limitations. Such a dialect is useful within its limits, but whatever the so-called attractiveness which breeds toleration, the true aim of a language is to be understood by all who listen, and so there is need for a standard pronunciation.

There are three functions of speech: it is the means either of bringing about a sympathetic relationship between two people, to ensure commands, or to impart or ask for information. In the actress, the sergeant-major, the lecturer in mathematics, we see these functions caricatured.

We are too apt to think of speaking as from one person to an audience: more often, speaking means conversation, on which we depend so much, and it is not sufficient that we should be able to converse with people of our own race, age, or sex, for we are bound to come into contact with younger people and foreigners. A dialect may enforce a peculiar accentuation upon a remark which to a foreigner might appear in an entirely different construction. Some describe our language as musical; others find it annoying. Here again, for the sake of good relationship, an ability for calm, friendly, but impersonal discussion is demanded. In all diplomatic services, there are those employed who have been taught

the art of friendly discussion; will the children who are undergoing education after the war, no matter what or where their homes, also be taught so necessary an art?

There is at present a system of debating in some schools, which, in as far as it shows willingness for discussion, is progressive. But it must be remembered that there are more than two views on any one subject: a discussion should be constructive, and to reach a satisfactory conclusion, there should be neither a neutral judge nor a planned opposition, but several speakers whose views may be criticised by any member of the audience. A good suggestion is that teams from various schools should choose subjects for debate.

Now, when so many are becoming interested in such discussions, is the time to think seriously of their part in future education. Every child, no matter what his ability, is taught to write; and writing is not more important than speaking.

O.M.B., Form U.VI. (Worden).

LOOKING FORWARD.

It is hard to write a poem:
I do not feel inclined
To write of art and beauty,
When it does not fill my mind.

I try to picture lovely things,
And times of pre-war days,
But all that comes to mind
Are the hateful, horrid ways

Of men who live just to destroy,
To gain their own desires.
It is terrible indeed to know
Our towns are scarred with fires.

I am waiting for the happy time
That will be free from care,
And when we do not hear
Hostile 'planes in the air.

It will be, oh, so lovely,
When instead of all this strife,
We can go back to our homely ways,
And ordinary life.

D.P. Form Va. (Worden)

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION FILMS.

On Tuesday, December 9th, we were entertained by five Ministry of Information Films.

The first film, "Britain's Youth", dealt with all kinds of sport from cricket in a back-yard to organised physical training in the army.

"War Front" was a vital record of our war effort. We saw factories working on war production, Home Guard units taking part in mock invasions, and we saw the mechanised Army, the Merchant Navy and the Bomber Command all taking part in our war effort.

"Salute to the Soviet", gave us an impression of the productivity and wealth of Soviet Russia. We saw the Russians harvesting, mining and working in factories, or, on the other hand, enjoying their recreation in organised dancing and games; we were also able to see the excellence of their social services.

"Northern Outpost" gave us a picture of the life of the British Expeditionary Force in Iceland.

"Steel goes to Sea" explained to us the fine craftsmanship and great responsibility involved in Ship-Building. We saw the many different craftsmen—riveters, electricians, carpenters, plumbers, etc. all helping to build vitally needed ships.

So ended the afternoon's film show, which, because of its topical interest and variety, had pleased everyone.

B.Y.S. Form U.VI. (Worden).

A WINTER WALK.

Don't put away your tramping shoes,
When winter comes along.
With head held high, and big, long strides
Defy the wind so strong,
And see the things you never saw
When days were warm and long.
Beauty will reveal herself
In every winding lane:
Berries in the hedgerows,
The patter of the rain;
Ancient oak and mighty beech,
Ash, lime and silver birch;
In the frozen winter woods
Is the silence of a church;
The beauty of the naked trees
Against the cloud of grey—
The earth is just as beautiful,
But in a different way.

D.P., Form Va. (Worden).

A PEEP BEHIND THE SCENES.

"Really, Mrs. Biggs, I think the question is whether to have two women on the flower stall, and not whether Jenny shall have pink or white roses. Have a little consideration! The wedding is six weeks off, and our bazaar is due to be held on Thursday."

"Ah yes, how right you are, my dear, but I get so worried, you know. She's having a pink dress, so I was wondering..."

"I do hope the cake will turn out all right—it's a war time recipe..."

At this point Mrs. Martin the vicar's wife intervened and the conversation ceased for the time being.

Preparations for the annual bazaar in Little Mosely were impeded by the irrelevant conversations of some of the village prize gossips.

The vicar had kindly loaned his parlour so that the committee could discuss the forthcoming occasion in comfort. It was an amusing scene indeed. What first struck one, on entering the room, was the amazing array of hats. Competition was evidently strong, and the multi-coloured quills and feathers contrasted vividly with the dull brown wallpaper with which the room was 'decorated'.

The mainstay of the party consisted of Mrs. Bladen, the post mistress (she had closed the shop for the occasion), Mrs. Martin the vicar's wife, and Mrs. Biggs, who was always ready for some fresh piece of gossip, and who could not keep her mind on her own business. There were also a few of the meeker brethren who unanimously agreed to everything these three proposed.

After addressing the meeting, the vicar's wife asked if anyone had any suggestions to put forth. The response was so overwhelming that it was some moments before order was restored. After this outburst of enthusiasm Mrs. Martin proceeded to introduce schemes of her own, which she had earnestly prepared beforehand.

"Yes, Mrs. Pebblethwaite, I think you can have the White Elephant Stall."

"Ah but, my dear, I have no white elephants."

"No, no, you don't grasp my meaning: it is the Jumble Stall."

"Yes, naturally, the Jumbo Stall!"

"Oh dear, no! The J-U-M-B-L-E Stall!"

"Oh, I understand now—but I had half a mind to help Mrs. Maclean with the book stall; she's so inexperienced, you know".

This last bit of conversation was uttered in an undertone to Mrs. Martin, but Mrs. Maclean had evidently sharp ears, and a first class quarrel was about to begin. The situation was saved, however, by the vicar's timid entry into the room. He was immediately besieged by the crowd of women and showered with suggestions from all quarters.

"I - I think - - ", he began, but was interrupted by Mrs. Biggs, who was talking nineteen to the dozen, although she had no idea as to whom her speech was directed.

He tried again—but it was of no avail—he could not get a word in edge ways.

At last the bewildered vicar could stand no more, and drawing himself up to his full height and holding up his hand, said :

"Please, ladies, forgive me if I am troubling you, but I thought that as you were - - - ahem ! - - - rather interested in your discussions, you probably wouldn't know that the 'Alert' went about ten minutes ago, and I think it would be better if you disbanded. Good night".

H.P.S. Form Va (Cuerden).

NEBBY

How sleek and stealthy she pads around
Watching her prey, with eyes so green ;
Her velvet paws make not a sound
As she cautiously follows the victim unseen.

Often she sits by the fireside
Looking as wise as can be ;
She washes her coat till it's glossy,
Then tries to climb on to my knee.

One day as passing the parlour
I into the room did peep,
There on the best chair was Nebby
Curled up, and fast asleep.

P.T. Form IIIb. (Cuerden).

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1942.

This year the Sports were held on Saturday, May 2nd, 1942. We were fortunate in having perfect weather conditions, sunshine and a very light breeze, and very good times were recorded in several races.

In the Girls' House Relay (Open) Worden set up a new record of 52 3/10 secs. The Girls' Hurdle Race was especially good. B. Sharples (W.) won in the very good time of 11 3/5 secs, she and the other runners in the race showing very good style over the hurdles.

The existing records were also broken in the Girls' High Jump (under 15) when J. Tipping (W.) jumped 4 ft. 5 ins., also in the Girls' High Jump (under 13), D. Ackers (Cu.) clearing 4 ft. 0 1/2 ins. The Boys' High Jump (open) was won by Rigby (Cu.), who jumped exceptionally well to clear 5 ft. 1 in.

Edwards (Cl.) and Webster (W.) ran very well in the Mile, and Edwards also won the Open Rugger Ball Competition, scoring 23 points out of a possible 25, a high standard of reliable kicking.

Worden House had a very successful day, winning both the Relay Cup and the House Championship Cup. In addition, the Victor Ludorum, Salisbury E. and the Victrix Ludorum, B. Sharples, are both Worden House members.

At the close of the proceedings, the shields and cups were presented by Lady Jackson.

BOYS' EVENTS.

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Open).—1, Edwards (Cl.) ; 2, Standidge (F) ; 3, Kirkham (F) and Marginson, L. (Cl). Standards : Edwards, Marginson, L., Marginson, C. (Cl), Standidge (F), and Kirkham (F).

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Under 15).—1, Newton (F) ; 2, Pye (F) ; 3, Marsden (Cu) and Bretherton (Cu). Standards : Meadows, G. (Cl), Marsden and Bretherton (Cu), Newton and Pye (F).

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Under 13).—1, Battersby (F) and Dalton, J. (Cl) ; 3, Skilbeck (W). Standards : Sumner and Dalton, J. (Cl), Davies, Ellis and Waring (Cu), Simpson, A., Simpson, N., Keal and Wildman (F), Brindle and Skilbeck (W).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open).—1, Sefton (Cl) ; 2, Salisbury (W) ; 3, Porter (F). Distance : 87 yards. Standards : Sefton, Edwards, Meadows, J. (Cl), Rawcliffe (Cu), Porter (F), Gardner and Salisbury (W).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 15).—1, Barker (W) ; 2, Heaton (F) ; 3, Hodge (F). Distance : 61 yards. Standards : Carr (Cl), Ellis, Bretherton, Marsden (Cu), Heaton, Hodge, Sheldon, Ferneley (F), Glover, Humble, Moon, Grimshaw (W).

Long Jump (Open).—1, Hinchcliffe (Cl) and Salisbury (W) ; 3, Marsh (Cu). Distance : 15 ft. 3 ins. Standards : Hinchcliffe (Cl), Marsh (Cu), Salisbury (W).

Long Jump (Under 15).—1, Heaton (F) ; 2, Glover (W) ; 3, Meadows, G. (Cl). Distance : 14 ft. 9 ins. Standards : Heaton (F), Meadows, G. (Cl), Glover, Scott (W).

100 Yards (Under 13).—1, Bullivant (W) ; 2, Battersby (F) ; 3, Berry, C. (W). Time : 12-9/10th seconds. Standards : Heyes (Cu), Simpson, A., Battersby, Wildman, Brough (F), Bullivant, Berry, C., Stopford (W).

100 Yards (Under 15).—1, Heaton (F) ; 2, Scott (W) ; 3, Meadows, G. (Cl). Time : 11-7/10 secs. Standards : Stickland, D., Carr, Meadows, G. (Cl), Hayhurst, H. (Cu), Heaton (F), Scott, Hill, Glover (W).

100 Yards (Open).—1, Salisbury (W) ; 2, Busfield (Cl) ; 3, Singleton (W). Time : 10-4/5th secs. Standards : Busfield, Marginson, L. (Cl), Malcolm, Salisbury, Lund, Singleton (W).

80 Yards (Under 12).—1, Berry, C. (W) ; 2, Waring (Cu) ; 3, Dalton, J. (Cl). Time : 10-4/5 secs. Standards : Howcroft, Dalton, J., (Cl), Hayhurst, J., Briggs, Waring, Daley (Cu), Simpson, N., Marriott (F), Berry, C., Curren (W).

High Jump (Under 15).—1, Barker (W) and Heaton (F) ; 3, Bush (F). Height : 4 ft. 3 ins. Standards : Heaton, Bush (F), Barker (W).

100 Yards Hurdles (Open).—1, Hinchcliffe (Cl) ; 2, Riding, C. (Cl) ; 3, Marsh (Cu). Time : 16-1/10th seconds.

75 Yards Hurdles (Under 15).—1, Heaton (F) ; 2, Whittaker, W. (W) ; 3, Pye (F). Time : 12 1/2 secs. Standards : Heaton (F).

High Jump (Open).—1, Rigby (Cu) ; 2, Lund (W) and Hinchcliffe (Cl). Height : 5 ft. 1 in. Standards : Hinchcliffe (Cl), Rigby, Shepherd (Cu), Bartley (F), Lund (W).

220 Yards (Under 15).—1, Heaton (F); 2, Scott (W); 3, Meadows, G. (Cl). Time 29 seconds. Standards: Meadows, G., Stickland, H., Stickland, D., Carr (Cl), Hayhurst, H. (Cu), Heaton (F), Glover, Scott (W).

220 Yards (Open).—1, Salisbury (W); 2, Busfield (Cl); 3, Marginson, C. (Cl). Time: 25-3/5 secs. Standards: Busfield, Marginson, C. (Cl), Lund, Salisbury (W).

High Jump (Under 13).—1, Hull (Cu); 2, Waring (Cu) and Wildman (F). Height: 3 ft. 9 ins. Standards: Dixon, N. (Cl), Hull, Waring (Cu), Keal, Wildman (F), Bullivant, Skilbeck, Stopford (W).

440 Yards (Under 15).—1, Heaton (F); 2, Meadows, G. (Cl); 3, Hayhurst, H. (Cu). Time: 73 seconds. Standards: Meadows, G. (Cl), Hayhurst, H. (Cu), Heaton (F).

440 Yards (Open).—1, Busfield (Cl); 2, Edwards (Cl); 3, Marsh (Cu). Time: 62-3/10th secs. Standard: Busfield (Cl).

180 Yards (Under 13).—1, Bullivant (W); 2, Battersby (F); 3, Dixon, N. (Cl). Time: 25-3/5 secs. Standards: Dixon, N. (Cl), Ellis, Peyes, Sharples, B., Waring (Cu), Rattersby, Brough, Entwisle, Keal, Marriott, Wildman (F), Berry, C., Bullivant, Stopford (W).

880 Yards (Open).—1, Rigby (Cu); 2, Berry, W. (W); 3, Shepherd (Cu). Time: 2 mins. 24 secs. Standards: Rigby, Shepherd (Cu), Berry, W., Lund (W).

House Tug (Open). Won by Clayton.

House Tug (Under 15). Won by Cuerden.

The Mile (Open).—1, Edwards (Cl); 2, Webster (W); 3, Berry, W. (W). Time: 5 mins. 31 secs. Standards: Edwards, Hinchcliffe, Marginson, L., Meadows, J. (Cl), Berry, W., Webster (W).

House Relay (Under 13).—1, Worden; 2, Farington; 3, Cuerden. Time: 56½ secs.

House Relay (Under 15).—1, Clayton; 2, Worden; 3, Farington. Time: 2 mins. 0-7/10th secs.

House Relay (Open).—1, Clayton; 2, Cuerden; 3, Worden. Time: 1 min. 55-1/10th secs.

GIRLS' EVENTS.

100 Yards (Under 13).—1, E. Smith (Cu); 2, C. Whittaker (W); 3, M. Tullis (F). Time: 13 secs. Standards: S. Hartley, J. Mather (Cl), D. Ackers, C. Prescott, E. Smith (Cu), M. Tullis, S. Williams (F), J. Bretherton, C. Whittaker (W).

100 Yards (Under 15).—1, J. Cross (W); 2, P. Turner (Cu); 3, J. Tipping (W). Time: 13 secs. Standards: I. Greenhalgh, M. Sutton, P. Turner (Cu), P. Heaps, J. Cross, J. Tipping (W).

100 Yards (Open).—1, E. Newsham (W); 2, B. Sharples (W); 3, D. Gibson (W). Time: 12-1/10th seconds. Standards: A. Bradley, B. Barnett, P. Howson (Cl), J. Lea (Cu), O. Bretherton, D. Gibson, E. Newsham, B. Sharples, J. Watson (W).

High Jump (Under 15).—1, J. Tipping (W); 2, K. Frost (Cu), M. Sutton (Cu) and A. Farrington (F). ** Height: 4 ft. 5 ins. Standards: K. Frost, P. Turner, M. Sutton (Cu), A. Deacon, A. Farrington (F), P. Heaps, J. Tipping (W).

80 Yards (Under 12).—1, I. Walton (W); 2, B. Hinchcliffe (Cl); 3, B. Butcher (W). Time: 11-1/10 seconds. Standards: B. Hinchcliffe (Cl), M. Barker (Cu), M. Grime, V. Helme, E. Wood (F), B. Butcher, I. Walton (W).

75 Yards Hurdles (Over 15).—1, B. Sharples (W); 2, E. Newsham (W); 3, E. Dixon (Cl). Time: 11-3/5 seconds. Standards: E. Dixon (Cl), B. Sharples, E. Newsham (W).

High Jump (Under 13).—1, D. Ackers (Cu); 2, J. Hankin (Cl) and E. Smith (Cu). ** Height: 4 ft. ½ in. Standards: S. Hartley, J. Hankin, J. Molyneux (Cl), D. Ackers, C. Prescott, E. Smith (Cu), I. Walton (W).

High Jump (Open).—1, B. Sharples (W); 2, P. Howson (Cl), 3, E. Newsham (W) and O. Bretherton (W). Height: 4 ft. 7 ins. Standards: A. Dixon, P. Howson (Cl), I. Hall, B. Sharples, O. Bretherton, E. Newsham, H. Walmsley (W).

House Relay (Under 13).—1, Worden; 2, Farington; 3, Cuerden. Time: 58-3/5 seconds.

House Relay (Under 15).—1, Worden; 2, Clayton; 3, Cuerden. Time: 56-3/5 seconds.

House Relay (Open).—1, Worden; 2, Clayton; 3, Farington. ** Time: 52-3/10th seconds.

** Denotes Record Broken.

SMILING THROUGH.

"Keep At It and Go To It," was the recent advice of Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Supply, and his words reminded me of a woman I knew, who with terrific enthusiasm took up a voluntary war job, and left it after a week. It struck me then that it is so easy to leave a job you are not compelled to do for a living, when you do not belong to the class of people who are obliged either to work or starve. Perhaps it proves to be dull and monotonous, or your zest for service suddenly evaporates, or the hours are a little inconvenient, or you do not like the person in authority, or your fellow-workers, or—there are always plenty of "or's" about an amateur job. Nothing in the world needs so much sticking, because all the time there is the feeling, "After all I need not do this if I don't want to."

I have wondered how many people, since the war began have changed from one kind of voluntary help to another, expecting to find the ideal job in each, but quickly meeting with disappointment. It seems a terrible waste of effort, this restless shifting about, and it would be better in most cases if one kept out of the way entirely. It is certainly unfair to the real 'stickers' who take a great deal of trouble showing one what to do and how to do it, only to find after a week or so that their trouble has been in vain.

Any real worker could tell you that there is no such thing as the ideal job at first. You have to make it so by keeping cheerfully at it, overcoming those difficulties and annoyances, making yourself reasonably proficient, so that things done with an effort at first, can in time be done with comparative ease. In short, you have to smile through the introductory stage, when all fingers are thumbs and the brunt of the work is on your nerves, and you feel that you will never be any good at it, and you might as well quit. So strong is this feeling at first in most occupations, that if we had not to work or starve, I believe the majority of us would be permanently unemployed. Surely the only sensible thing to do when one takes up voluntary war work is to say to oneself: "This is not going to be a joy ride; it's going to be a trial to begin with, and probably boring and I shall be tempted to walk out on it, but I must not do that: I must grin and make the best of it, because every time I stick a job I do not like and beat it, instead of letting it beat me, it's a victory." The reward is in the pride you feel when you become master of it and can laugh at the early setbacks, when you become so confident that you feel you could almost do it with your eyes shut.

"I wanted to walk out," you reflect, "and I nearly did, but now I am glad I persevered." So when you feel inclined to give up easily, think of those who in the past have had to put up with those same difficulties, but who have gone cheerfully on. Smile through your difficulties and conquer them, for this is the only constructive way of tackling any job in war or peace time. Take Mr. Morrison's advice: "Keep At It".

B.D., Form Va. (Clayton).

MORE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION FILMS

On Tuesday, March 24th, 1942 the school was entertained by a programme of films given under the auspices of the Ministry of Information. There were five films shown.

The first, "White Eagle", dealt with the Polish people in Great Britain.

A Polish Boy Scout is feeding the pigeons in a big open square in Warsaw. A sudden roar and a thud and the pigeons swiftly take to the air as a German bomber zooms overhead. Poland is invaded.

Now, Andrew, this same Polish boy, is selling Polish newspapers in Trafalgar Square, a favourite haunt of pigeons. Andrew is symbolical of thousands of Poles, who, having made good their escape from their native land have come to Britain to keep alive the spirit of the Polish Nation.

Free Poland is represented by the Polish government in London which is doing what it can to further the cause so dear to its people. The Polish Red Cross is working side by side with the British Red Cross. The men of the Polish Air Force are fighting side by side with British pilots. Over three hundred German 'planes were shot down by Polish pilots in the Battle of Britain. Libraries of Polish books are springing up wherever there are Polish people. The spirit of Poland lives on in its literature and culture.

The work of reconstructing Poland goes on, whatever happens. The greater part of the Polish Army is training to strike back at Germany. The Polish Navy, small though it is, is helping to fight the Battle of the Atlantic. There is a medical school where Poles are training as doctors. They experiment on rats. There are always rats to exterminate—all sorts of rats.

The second film, "Soviet Harvest", showed how Russia gathered in her harvest in spite of the German invasion. The job was done by a spirit of co-operation between women and children, farm workers and Red Army men. These people with the help of vast machines did the job well.

The third film attempted to give a condensed account of the happenings of 1941. It started with the blitzes of last year and the commentator told us that as far as blitzes were concerned, England could endure indefinitely.

We relived all the phases in the history of this war when 52% of the American people were quite willing to vote against war with Germany, when Roosevelt was re-elected and when the Lease Lend Bill, saviour of Britain's supplies, came into force. Abyssinia was recaptured from the Italians and Emperor Haile Selassie re-entered his country in triumph. The Burma Road was closed to supplies for China because someone took notice of the Japs.

Germany invaded Russia and the tide turned. Japan entered the war and the Atlantic Charter was born. From then on, we glimpsed the shape of better things to come. "We stood on the threshold of a new year singing a triumph song".

The fourth film dealt with the voyage of a minelayer commissioned to lay mines four miles from the enemy coast.

With little fuss the ship left port and the life of the ship settled down. Suddenly the alarm sounded. Enemy aircraft! A 'plane approached and the minelayers looked up from their work. The gunners followed the 'plane round in the gun sights. The 'plane passed on. The men finished laying the mines and the ship returned to port. Just another job in the work of the Royal Navy.

The last film was one without much point. It was called "Bomber" and dealt with the assembly of American 'planes for Britain. The commentator called them 'angels of death' and said that there were thousands, tens of thousands on their way. We saw a 'plane out for the first time. We saw it on its test flight. Then we were taken to see how the 'plane was built up. This rather matter-of-fact film ended with a 'short' of the 'planes making a dawn take off. This evidently was meant to symbolise the hope that lies ahead.

The programme would have been a good one, had it not been for the last film which provided rather an unconvincing conclusion to an otherwise enjoyable programme.

J.S. Form U.VI (Cuerden).

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A TYPICAL DAY IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

We had spent the night at the Youth Hostel in Borrowdale and, as usual, after breakfast we were allotted duties to be completed before we left at 10 o'clock. This morning I was to help with the washing up while my two companions were sweeping out dormitories. Having finished these tasks, my sister and I ascended the stairs to our dormitory to pack the last few things in our rucksacks. Downstairs again we joined the crowd in the doorway, all waiting for the Warden to return Hostel Cards and ready to settle up for the night's stay. This was soon done and then, complete with shorts, rucksacks and hiking boots we set out on the route for Eskdale.

The morning was cold and the clouds had been very low earlier, but there were yet hopes that we might get some very fine views from the "tops". We tramped steadily along the road, previously travelled by my father and myself, but entirely new to my sister, without pausing until we reached Stockley Bridge, a picturesque spot where the Sty Head track meets that from Grain Gill. We had previously decided to follow the latter but took out our maps, just to make sure of our direction.

So far we had been on fairly easy ground but now the first scramble began and we soon found it necessary to slacken our pace and halt frequently. From half way up the hillside we had an excellent view of Borrowdale with Skiddaw in the distance, which must needs be photographed. We continued the climb and soon met the main track from Esk Hause to Sty Head, a much better one than we had just left.

It was now getting quite "nippy" and, when we stopped to have a short rest and a meal, we were all three glad to don cardigans for extra warmth. We had a fairly easy track before us for a while but to our great disappointment the clouds had descended and we were encircled by swirling patches of mist, which grew colder and wetter until we were forced to put on our waterproof capes.

Just before we reached the Summit of Scafell Pike, the highest point in England, we had two steep dips to traverse, the whole track now being a mass of large black boulders, extremely difficult to scramble over in nailed boots. It was with a sigh of relief therefore that we sighted the cairn at the top, and rushed slipping and scrambling up the last few yards to be the first of our party on the 'top of England'.

Our hopes of 10 o'clock were doomed to disappointment for the clouds hung all about so that we could not see more than a few yards around us, much less the distant coastline looking over the solitary splendour of Wastdale. We stayed about for a while hoping against hope for at least a slight glimpse of the awe-inspiring face of Great Gable, but at length, after a lengthy study of the map and a discussion about the direction in which we were to resume our tramp, we set off in a South Westerly direction towards Mickledore.

We had not gone much more than 100 ft. down the chasm before we had a clear view of the sunlight on the lower hills and the valleys to which we were descending. We had come below the clouds!

We had been told to look for a magnificent waterfall—Cam Spout Force, half-way down the chasm and now we found it—a rushing, roaring torrent, splashing and dashing almost half of the way down the hill-side. We were lucky enough to see it just after a rainy period when it was at its best.

It was with regret that we left the finest waterfall we have ever seen and scrambled down the last precipitous dip into the marshy bog-land of Upper Eskdale.

We found the track and followed it on and on, wandering through monotonous moorland, splashing through numerous streams and water-courses, with no grandeur to inspire us. It was at this time that our exertions began to take toll, and we suddenly discovered that our boots were heavy. We sat down on a boulder and ate the last of our cake and chocolate ration for the day, then got up and plodded on again. Then, to cap it all, before we had seen the least sign of civilisation, it began to rain, not in fitful gusts, but that steady drizzle which one often meets in the Lake District and which has the effect of making one feel extremely uncomfortable. Fairly soon, however, we caught slight glimpses of the lower valley and then were soon eagerly scrambling down the hill-side on to a real cart track. We felt better after a good drink of fresh milk at a nearby farm, and a little, while later found the Hostel, looking cosy and inviting, and went in search of the Warden tired but happy, after another exhilarating day's tramp in the ever beautiful English Lake District.

E.N., Form U.VI. (Worden).

THE SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

The Musical Society.

Since the last issue of this magazine we have had a sort of Balshavian Ballet and Opera Season. This was in response to several members who prefer "things with stories in them!"

In all recitals of Ballet Music, the name of Tchaikowsky must, of course, figure largely. We spent a whole afternoon on the "Sleeping Princess" Ballet, the most popular items of which were the famous Sleeping Beauty Waltz, the music associated with the Lilac, Breadcrumb, and Song Bird Fairies, Puss-in-Boots, and the final Mazurka. From the "Swan Lake" Ballet, easily the most popular item is the Dance of the Little Swans. It goes without saying of course, that we have had the Nutcracker Suite, for no recital of Tchaikowsky is complete without it.

Other Russian Ballet Music which we listened to, was the Polovtsian Dances from Borodin's Opera, "Prince Igor".

Delibes figures prominently in Ballet and his "Sylvia" and "Coppelia" Ballets go down very well in a Music Society. No one can resist the charm of the Huntresses' music and the Waltz in "Sylvia", and the Waltz, Mazurka, and Doll Dance, in "Coppelia".

In Opera we have spent an afternoon each on "Rigoletto" and "Carmen". There are some wonderful "pickings" in Rigoletto—as, for instance, Gilda's song "Caro Nome," the Duke's Song "La Donna e mobile," the famous Quartet in the last Act, the song which the Courtiers sing to the Duke at the beginning of Act II, and, immediately afterwards, Rigoletto's lament for his daughter.

For the rest of this Term we hope to spend some time on two or three more operas,— "Tales of Hoffmann," "Cavaleria Rusticana" and "La Bohème", to name but three.

It is gratifying to know that members of the Music Society formed a large proportion of those who attended the Henry Holst Concert in Preston.

B.L.W.

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The Junior Play Reading Society.

We have continued our good work this term in the Junior Play-reading Society. Enthusiasm has been fostered by the acquisition of two new sets of play-readers—extracts from Shakespeare's plays, and some modern one-act plays.

New members have been made very welcome by the IIs who originally formed the society. When these new members learn to clamour as loudly as some of the older members, they will doubtless get their share of parts.

M.R.

The French Circle.

Last term our meetings were divided into two parts, one of which was devoted to ballet. Lately, however we have persuaded Miss Robinson to let us spend the whole of the time on this subject.

After an outline of its history, we are now taking some of the ballets separately, hearing the stories on which they are based, hearing the music from them, and seeing pictures of them. So far we have done "The Swan Lake," "The Sleeping Princess," "Les Sylphides" and "Le Spectre de la Rose".

Miss Robinson has certainly started us on an extremely pleasant journey into the realm of ballet. A.P.H.

The First Aid Society.

The members of this society are now becoming quite proficient in all branches of First Aid. The various kinds of slings have been mastered and we no longer need to grumble that the human head is made in an 'unbandageable shape'. At the end of our last session we staged a casualty station. When the First Aiders appeared they found their friends in a variety of swoons and helpless circumstances, bearing labels describing their particular misfortunes. Each was treated according to his needs and taken for inspection to Miss Heppell.

At our first meeting this term, we learnt the various types of artificial respiration. In this case it was found that the victims lot was the more desirable. For as we had taken the mats outside into the sun the victim lay comfortably relaxed under its kindly glow without even so much exertion as breathing for himself.

At present we are becoming familiar with the roller bandage and its mysterious technicalities. Indeed, in this respect, we cannot help hoping for opportunities of practising on the minor injuries of other members of the school and of displaying our skill, coolness, and resource. A.B.

The Dramatic Society.

Accounts of the play "Miss Elizabeth Bennett" by Miss Heppell and Mr. Bull will be found elsewhere in the Magazine.

The Junior Literary Society.

This term the Junior Literary Society has continued its reading of "Kidnapped". To prevent the narrative being too much interrupted, the members decided at the last two meetings that one person should read all the time, instead of each member in turn, and all the time, and this has proved a more popular method. Another debate is shortly to be held. C.M.F.

The Photographic Society.

As these notes are for the May issue of "The Balshavian," it is rather difficult to refer to any work that has been done recently. The fact that May 2nd, Sports Day, was so fine and sunny tempted many people to bring out their cameras, and as the light values improve, these cameras will be used more and more.

But it is less difficult to refer proudly to the photographic competition which we ran and, as results prove, ran successfully, towards the end of the Christmas Term.

On the whole, the standard of work submitted was high, and a system of print criticism which Mr. Parry hopes to build up this term aims to raise the standard still higher.

We hope to run—along slightly modified but basically similar lines—such a competition annually, and we ask our younger members to support and cherish such a scheme, which only in their time will really begin to fulfil its present "youthful promise".

R.J.G.

The Debating Society.

In the Spring Term a debate was held on the motion "That Swimming should be part of the School Curriculum"; this was carried without opposition. The motion "That the work of the Youth Movements should be Extended" was carried with only two dissentients.

This term it has been proposed "That B.B.C. Programmes could be Improved." Kirkham proposed the motion and seldom has such an eloquent speech been heard by this Society; M. Garnett replied. Then the debate turned upon the respective merits of Vic Oliver and Bob Hope. The motion was lost, the House thus showing an entirely unmerited confidence in the entertainment value of the B.B.C. B.S.

The Choir.

Since the very successful Carol Service at the end of the Christmas term, the Choir as a body, has not met. Weekly, however, a small number of choristers sing madrigals under the baton of Miss Robinson. The whole Choir will be meeting, once more, in real earnest at the beginning of next term, when practices start for another Carol Service.

M.W.H.

The Gardening Society..

The society was not able to get much done during the winter months, but during the Easter Holidays and this term we have been very busy digging and manuring the ground.

A lot of the work has been done by Staff, boys and girls who came in the holidays and got busy with forks and spades.

Our thanks are due to all these people.

Again this year we hope to have a bumper crop and already we have begun setting potatoes. These are to be followed by onions, cabbages, marrows, leeks, etc.

There is a great deal of work to be done, but the society has a large number of enthusiastic members who realise the importance of their job at the present time. W.R.

The Arts and Crafts Society.

One of the chief advantages of our society is that no matter how many members leave we can still carry on. We are glad to say that although our numbers have been seriously depleted, the articles produced are still original and varied.

The chief source of interest among the girls seems to be the making of embroidered linen bags. Many of the boys have spent their time book-binding. Several enterprising young people have made lifelike representations of living objects.

Miss Whewell as usual has willingly provided help and inspiration, and to her goes most of the credit for our achievements. A.L.

The Scientific Society.

Since the last magazine was published, our activities have been somewhat curtailed owing to the alteration of the time-table. However, now that the Midsummer Term is with us again we have resumed our weekly meetings. The school play has taken from us some of our members but the remainder of us are carrying on as best we can.

At the end of last term Marsh gave us a most interesting lecture on "The Steam Engine". This is a very interesting subject and Marsh explained it very well. At another meeting Carr gave us a paper on "X Rays." On this day we had about forty first formers in the Physics Laboratory and concentrated interest showed Carr's grasp of the subject. Schofield gave a paper on "The Planets" on another Friday afternoon. This is a very wide subject and is very difficult to explain in a period of about fifteen minutes. Mr. Lomax has also given us talks on "Geology" and "Light waves and Colour." These have proved very interesting and as Mr. Lomax is an expert on these subjects we have not dared to question his authority. Busfield gave a talk to the society on "The Wireless Transmitter." Busfield is deeply interested in Wireless and chose his subject very well. E.E.S.

The Needlework Society.

The society has had a successful term and has seen the completion of many articles. Dressmaking and knitting have been popular among the older members, while embroidery is more often chosen by the juniors. L.S.W.

The Geographical Society.

We have had but two lectures this term—on "Mountain Railways of Switzerland," and "Wonders of the World"; the former was given by Bretherton (IIIb), and the latter by Dixon (Vb). Other weeks we had various geographical games. We hope soon to have lectures by other members of the society. A.D.

The Dancing Society.

Once again the members of the Dancing Society have worked very well, and all are most enthusiastic. We have learnt many new National Dances, including Czechoslovakian dances, Danish dances and a French dance. D.B.

The Greenhouse.

We have been very busy in the greenhouse this term, sowing seeds in boxes ready for the garden. We have sown onions, leeks, cabbages, lettuce, celery, marrows and rhubarb.

When these plants are large enough to be transplanted they will be taken down to the garden, and, later, we shall be eating them for school dinners.

We are hoping to have as many tomatoes this year as last.

The daffodils and snowdrops have done very well this year and the roses are now in bloom. N.W. & O.H.

The National Savings Group.

The last week in February was Leyland Warship Week, when the corvette "Marguerite" was adopted. The School Group made a special effort during this week, and raised the fine sum of £1358/17/6. Great interest was taken in the Model Warship and Poster competitions which was arranged in connection with this special week.

The winners were :—

Senior Posters : 1st, McIver, 2nd Webster.

Junior Posters : 1st, S. Maders, 2nd, M. Lund.

Senior Models : Malcolm and Bartley (equal first).

Junior Models : 1st, Simpson, A. and Simpson, N., 2nd, Carr.

It was difficult to judge so large an entry of such high standard. We thank the Headmaster, Miss Whewell and Mr. Hewartson, who so ably and willingly assisted the Group Secretaries in the judging. We must thank Miss Whewell too for arranging in the Art Room an exhibition of the Models and Posters.

The Headmaster very kindly arranged for every form in the School to see this exhibition, and for parents to visit it during an afternoon.

The Savings Group Total has now passed £4283, and the number of members has increased. Form IIIa still lead in the "Form Totals", closely followed by IIa.

The Group's weekly total has shown an increase since Warships Week, and we hope that members will ensure that the higher level of subscriptions will be maintained.

F.P.

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1941-42.

Once again prolonged and severe frost restricted football almost entirely to the Christmas term. We began the season with only a few of last year's 1st XV and the side took more time to settle down. The forwards worked hard and pushed their weight, but the threequarter line was weak and lacking in confidence. The team as a whole, however, was playing much better at the end of the season.

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XV.

Sefton, (Captain) : An enthusiastic captain. His weight and hooking were invaluable in the scrum. A very good place kick.

Lund : A very good all round forward, who never spared himself.

Dalton : A sound forward, especially useful in the line-out.

Berry : A much improved player with plenty of pluck. He always played hard.

Porter : An active wing forward, conspicuous in the loose.

Meadows : A bustling forward usually on the ball.

Wightman : A reliable hardworking player, who fitted well into the scrum.

Shepherd : Played well towards the end of the season, although rather slow.

Farington : Worked hard but was too slow—must react more quickly.

Riding : A competent scrum half. For his size his tackling was very good.

Rigby : Played very well at fly-half. Weakness in the threequarter line gave him a lot of covering to do. He repeatedly saved well.

Salisbury : Although fast and strong he does not run and tackle with enough determination. Would make a good centre threequarter.

Tonge : A good attacking threequarter, in spite of his lack of speed. His kicking was well-timed and accurate.

Burniston : Tried hard and was gaining confidence on the wing.

Marginson, L. : If he shows determination he will make a good centre threequarter.

Edwards : A promising full back. Cool under pressure, he gathered and kicked neatly and accurately.

Singleton : Entering the threequarter line, half way through the season, he showed resolution in defence, and promises well. R.A.B.

Sept. 11th. School 1st XV v. Newton-in Makerfield G. S. XV. Away. Lost.

For the first match of the season we played under fairly good conditions. We had a much weaker side than that of last year. From the start Newton had the advantage of weight and height in the forwards, but the school pack held them well. From a loose ball in our opponents' twenty-five, Tonge picked up the ball and dashed over for an unconverted try. Play resumed at half-time with the school maintaining a three point lead. However, due to bad tackling in the forwards and backs, Newton managed to break through for a try which was converted. Throughout the remainder of the game both sides tried hard to obtain a try but the score remained unchanged.

Result : School, 3 pts. ; Newton G. S., 5 pts.

Sept. 18th. School 1st XV v. Blackpool G. S. 1st XV. Away. Lost.

Once again, except for a strong wind, conditions were ideal. Play swept from one end of the field to the other, neither side being able to score. However, before half time, the school took the lead through Salisbury who scored an unconverted try. After half-time Blackpool pressed hard, and scored a well-earned try. They maintained their pressure ; the school "three's" collapsed, and Blackpool went further ahead. Several times, as a result of forward rushes, the school nearly scored, but Blackpool had a reliable back who defended his line well.

Result : School, 3 pts. ; Blackpool G. S., 12 pts.

Sept. 25th. School 1st XV v. Hutton G. S. 1st XV. Home. Lost.

Although the school beat Hutton last year we had very little hope of beating them this. Right from the start Hutton were the better team. However, the school forwards played well and held their forwards. The school tackling was weak and Hutton had scored sufficient tries by half-time to win comfortably. After the interval the school scored through Sefton who kicked a goal from near the half way line. Hutton still piled on their score, and by the end of the game had no fewer than thirty-nine points to their credit. Rigby and Riding tackled well, and Dixon also played well in his first game.

Result : School, 3 pts. ; Hutton G. S., 39 pts.

Sept. 29th. School 1st XV v. Kirkham G. S. 1st XV. Away. Lost.

As usual Kirkham had a strong team out to play us. They had advantage of weight and height in the forwards, and speed in the backs. Not long after the start the school went

ahead. This was due to a quick heel by the forwards. Rigby got the ball and swerved past our opponents' centres to get a lovely try. Sefton converted it, and thus put the school in the lead by five points.

It was after this that Kirkham really got down to play. They scored try after try, owing to the poor tackling of the school "three's" and back. Sefton added three points to the school score by kicking a goal, but we were unable to prevent Kirkham from scoring. By the end of the game they had scored over fifty points.

Result : School, 8 pts. ; Kirkham G. S., 59 pts.

Nov. 1st. School 1st XV v. Ormskirk G. S. 1st XV. Home. Won.

This game was played under ideal conditions, and for the first time the sides were even in weight and height. The school attacked strongly and carried the play into our opponents' twenty-five. Then from a forward rush Lund went over for a good try in the corner. This was converted by Sefton. Then play swept to the other end of the field, where one of the Ormskirk backs dropped a goal. Before half-time Sefton increased the school score by kicking a penalty goal. After half-time the school were masters of the play, and a further try was added by Meadows. Sefton again converted.

Rigby did some excellent tackling. Meadows and Wightman of the forwards worked hard.

No further tries were scored by either side.

Result : School, 13 pts. ; Ormskirk G. S., 4 pts.

Nov. 12th. School 1st XV v. A Stonyhurst XV. Away. Lost.

This was the first week-day match of the season and the whole team were looking forward to it. The school opened the scoring through Sefton who kicked a penalty goal. This must have aroused the Stonyhurst backs, and they began to score a series of tries. By half-time they were leading comfortably. When play resumed they scored again, but this proved to be their last try. However the school added further points to their score through Sefton, who kicked another goal. Then Tonge went over for a try which was converted. Both sides continued to play hard until the end of the game.

Result : School, 9 pts. ; A Stonyhurst XV, 24 pts.

Nov. 15th. School 1st XV v. Kirkham G. S. XV. Home. Lost.

For our return match with Kirkham we were determined not to be beaten as we were in the earlier part of the season. Right from the start the school pressed hard, and it was not long before the school were in the lead. This was due to Tonge who dropped a goal. The School went further ahead through Lund, who got a try in the corner after some good work by the forwards. Sefton converted from a difficult angle. During the second half Kirkham fought hard and obtained a try, which was converted. Shortly after, Kirkham took the lead by getting a converted try. Although the school fought hard they were unable to take the lead again.

Result : School, 9 pts. ; Kirkham G. S., 10 pts.

Nov. 29th. School 1st XV v. Blackpool G. S. 1st XV. Home. Won.

From the start the school played hard and Blackpool was on the defensive. It was through Singleton that the school went ahead. He kicked a marked goal. Not until half-time did the score change. This was in our favour and due to Salisbury and Tonge. The latter cut through and passed for Salisbury to go over. The kick failed. However, it was not long before the school added a further three points. Salisbury again took the cross-kick by Sefton into his stride and went over to score an unconverted try. No further scoring took place. Riding played an excellent game at scrum-half. Rigby tackled well, and the forwards kept together well.

Result : School, 9 pts. ; Blackpool G. S., nil.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL 1st XV MATCHES. 1941/42.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
8	2	0	6

RUGBY KNOCK-OTS.

Clayton beat Farington and Worden beat Cuerden in the preliminary rounds of the competition. When Clayton and Worden met in the final, Clayton had an advantage in the forwards and it was mainly due to these that Clayton got their tries. Dalton, Meadows and Sefton were the chief scorers. Riding played well at scrum-half. Of Worden only Lund offered any great resistance. Thus at the end of the game Clayton had scored twenty six points to Worden's nil.

Result : Clayton, 26 pts. ; Worden, nil.

HOUSE LEAGUES.

House	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Clayton	6	5	1	0	11
Worden	6	2	2	2	6
Farington	6	2	0	4	4
Cuerden	6	1	1	4	3

Shield Winners : Clayton.

HOCKEY, 1941-2

Both the 1st XI and Junior XI have been very successful this year. The weather in the Christmas term was good and only two matches had to be cancelled. This enabled the teams to get into their stride and they succeeded in winning every match.

Then came the Spring Term with its snow-storms, and match after match had to be cancelled with the result that only one was played. In this match the 1st XI felt the loss of two of its strongest defence players who had left at Christmas, and lost for the first time.

In spite of this, the teams are to be congratulated on their keenness and hardwork which brought such good results.

TEAM CRITICISMS.

L. Wing : B. Sharples, (Captain).—Uses her speed to good advantage, and centres very well. Needs a little more control in stickwork. Has made an efficient Captain.

L. Inner : M. Garnett.—Has played well in her first season in the 1st XI team. Combines well with her forwards and is good in the circle. Needs to be quicker in tackling back.

C. Forward : E. Wilson.—Passes out to both sides accurately and strongly—also quick in the circle. Tackling needs to be quicker.

R. Inner : P. Howson.—A successful new member of the forward line. Passes well and shoots forcefully also, is quick on to the ball.

R. Wing : A. Bradley.—Dodges opponents successfully and does well in the circle, but must keep her position in the field.

L. Half : Z. Norris.—Stickwork good and combines well with the backs. Tackling back is a little slow.

C. Half : B. Haigh.—A very sound player. Marks well and backs up her own forwards. We were very sorry to lose her at Christmas.

R. Half : P. Briggs.—Another player to whom we regretfully said "Goodbye" at Christmas. Marks exceedingly well and knows the game thoroughly.

L. Back : A. Bradshaw.—Marks well and clears forcefully. A little slow on her feet, but does not lack determination to get to the ball if possible.

R. Back : M. Hunt.—Backs up her forwards well, and clears well, but is rather slow in getting back into position. Both backs have worked well together.

Goal : O. Bretherton.—Has kept goal well on the fairly few occasions the defence players have allowed the ball to get near the goal.

A. Deacon and *M. Sutton* filled in the two vacant places after Christmas and played well in their one match.

M.K.B.

Sept. 27th School 1st XI v. Chorley G. S. 1st XI. Home. Won.

The school team attacked from the start and scored in the first few minutes of the game. Our forwards, however, though they combined well, were apt to get off-side.

During the second half, the Chorley team again valiantly defended their goal, but found difficulty in intercepting the long passes of our halves and the quick shooting of our forwards.

Result : School, 15 goals ; Chorley G. S. nil.

Oct. 4th. School 1st XI v. Hindley G. S. 1st XI. Home. Won.

Although the Hindley forwards were fast and saved well, they were well marked by our halves, who intercepted their passes and quickly used them to open up our own attack.

In the first half, our backs were rather uncertain and slow in tracking back, but in the second half they tackled much harder and defended the goal well.

Result : School, 11 goals ; Hindley G. S., nil.

Oct. 11th. School 1st XI v. Ormskirk G. S. 1st XI. Home. Won.

This match was keenly contested. The Ormskirk defence was almost as good as ours, but their forwards did not combine so well.

Many of our attacking movements were checked by the alertness of the Ormskirk halves, but our forwards were able to score because of their quick rushes and their following up of shots.

Result : School, 6 goals ; Ormskirk G. S., nil.

Oct. 25th. School 1st XI v. Newton-in-Makerfield G. S. 1st XI. Away. Won.

This match was played under difficult conditions, since a very wet and heavy pitch hampered our play. We found it difficult to send long passes and so keep the game moving ; play thus became rather slow and muddled.

Our forwards however, were superior to the Newton forwards, though our shooting was often erratic.

Result : School, 4 goals ; Newton-in-Makerfield G. S., 1.

Nov. 8th. School 1st XI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G. S. 1st XI. Home. Won.

This was an extremely hard match for the School team, and the score does not give enough credit to our opponents.

In the first half the Ashton team were much more alert and quicker than ours, and at half time we were only leading by two goals to one.

However during the second half, the school defence fought determinedly and our goalkeeper saved some difficult shots. Our forwards too fought hard, and several good individual goals were scored.

Result : School, 6 goals ; Ashton-in-Makerfield G. S., 1

Nov. 15th. School 1st XI v. Preston Park School 1st XI. Home. Won.

This was a keenly fought match. The Park School forwards were extremely fast, and our defence found difficulty in marking them, though our halves tackled well and saved many difficult situations.

In the second half, the school forwards fought hard and were continually attacking

Result : School, 5 goals ; Preston Park School, 2.

Nov. 26th. School 1st XI v. Preston Convent School 1st XI. Home. Won.

From the first the school team was superior, and in spite of the hard tackling by the Convent defence our forwards were able to break away and score.

Result : School, 14 goals ; Preston Convent School, nil.

Nov. 29th. School 1st XI v. Chorley G. S. 1st XI. Away. Won.

In the first half the Chorley defence worked well and our forwards found difficulty in scoring. In the second half, however our forwards played well up the field and the School defence were able to open up the attack by sending long passes and quickening up our attack.

Result : School, 15 goals ; Chorley G. S., nil.

Dec. 6th. School 1st XI v. Hindley G. S. 1st XI. Away. Won.

Although our forwards were in the Hindley goal mouth most of the time, their shooting was extremely erratic, and consequently very few goals were scored.

This was partly due to the hard tackling of the Hindley defence, and to the muddy pitch.

Result : School, 5 goals ; Hindley G. S., nil.

Dec. 13th. School 1st XI v. Ormskirk G. S. 1st XI. Away. Won.

This was one of the most difficult matches of the season, since both teams were almost evenly matched. After a hard struggle however, the school team proved itself to be the superior.

Result : School, 4 goals ; Ormskirk G. S., 2.

Jan. 28th. School 1st XI v. Preston Park School 1st XI. Away. Lost.

This match was played on a pitch the greater part of which was under water. Both sides fought hard, but the School team was playing two new halves, and combination was not up to the usual standard.

Result : School, 1 goal ; Preston Park School, 3.

Oct 4th. School Junior XI v Hindley G. S. Junior XI. Home. Won.

Result : School, 14 goals ; Hindley G. S., nil.

Oct. 11th. School Junior XI v. Ormskirk G. S. Junior XI. Home. Won.

Result : School, 13 goals ; Ormskirk G. S., nil.

Oct. 25th. School Junior XI v. Newton-in-Makerfield G. S. Junior XI. Away. Won.

Result : School, 15 goals ; Newton-in-Makerfield G. S., nil.

Dec. 13th. School Junior XI v. Ormskirk G. S. Junior XI. Away. Won.

Result : School, 4 goals ; Ormskirk G. S., 1.

Nov. 15th. School 2nd XI v. Preston Park School 2nd XI. Home. Won.

Result : School, 6 goals ; Preston Park School, 2.

Nov. 26th. School 2nd XI v. Preston Convent School 2nd XI. Home. Won.

Result : School, 5 goals ; Preston Convent School, nil.

Jan. 28th. School 2nd XI v. Preston Park School 2nd XI. Away. Lost.

Result : School, 1 goal ; Preston Park School, 4.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES, 1941/2.

Team	No of Matches played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	11	10	0	1
2nd XI	3	2	0	1
Junior XI	4	4	0	0

HOUSE LEAGUES.

House	No. of M'ches Pld.	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Clayton	9	7	1	1	15
Cuerden	9	5	1	3	11
Farington	9	4	0	5	8
Worden	9	1	0	8	2

Shield Winners : Clayton.

HOCKEY KNOCK-OUTS.

Our congratulations go to Clayton on winning the Hockey Knock-outs, and to Farington who were runners up. For the first half of the game, the teams were almost even, but in the second half Clayton proved to be superior.

Result : Clayton, 6 goals ; Farington, 1.

HOUSE NOTES.
CLAYTON HOUSE.

House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull.

House Mistress : Miss F. W. Royle.

House Captains : Sefton, K. F. (Boys) ; J. C. Howcroft (Girls).

Once again we congratulate the House on last term's achievements, namely of winning the Rugby and Hockey Knock-out Cups and the Rugby and Hockey League Shields.

It seems inevitable that Clayton should always be bottom in the Order of Merit ; let us strive to be at least second this term. We look forward to the new members of the House to encourage those who are weary of the end of term struggle, and would fain lay down their pens and let fate take her course.

On Sports Day we were less fortunate than usual, but can console ourselves with the thought that the tradition of the House was not by any means disgraced. Several of our members showed great promise for the future and we look forward to next year when we shall probably have much pleasanter news to report.

We hope to win at least one of the cricket cups, and to retain the trophies we have won, during the next term.

Let the heat of the Summer not cause us to wilt and droop, but let it speed us on so that again we shall say, "Well done Clayton".

CUERDEN HOUSE.

House Master : Mr. F. Parry.

House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell.

House Captains : Rigby, W. (Boys) ; A. Lee (Girls).

"How are the mighty fallen." How apt indeed is this quotation as applied to the achievements of Cuerden House during the last season. In the previous issue, this year, of "The Balshavian" we could boast of victories won against great odds. Now, we can do no more than whisper of our former prowess.

Last year we won the House Championship Cup for Athletic Sports. Once before it had been ours. We should so like to have seen it again. The inexorable fates, however, got in the way and Cuerden was ousted from its proud position of conqueror, and took up the humble and lowly place of fourth out of four. Let us turn our faces upwards and give a mighty cheer in the hope that Worden House will hear and acknowledge our praise of their worthy efforts. Let us also thank all those who strove hard for Cuerden on Sports Day, in a spirit of great unselfishness. It is this spirit of "House before all" that has made Cuerden the noble institution that it is. Cuerden has created wonderful traditions in its chequered career, and we who are older turn to the less senior members of the House for the continuance of these ideals.

The Silver Griffin still graces someone else's House Room and in the Spring Term we further diminished our claim to it by coming third in the merit order. At one time (to borrow a phrase) we made a habit of collecting the Silver Griffin every year. What about it, Cuerdenites ? Let us see if we cannot do a little better this term.

In the Hockey Leagues the girls came second and in the Rugger Leagues the boys took fourth place.

In the Rugger Knock Outs, Cuerden made a valiant first round stand against Worden, the match ending in a draw. In a replay the team fell to pieces and it was Worden who met Clayton in the final.

Similarly the girls were defeated in the Hockey Knock Outs by Clayton, in the first round.

No one would be surprised if there was wailing and gnashing of teeth in the ranks of Cuerdenites. Cuerden, however, will grit its teeth and carry on.

FARINGTON HOUSE.

House Master : Mr. H. J. Lomax.

House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy.

House Captains : Grayson, K. M. (Boys) ; A. K. Bradshaw (Girls).

In this chapter of the history of Farington House we have few achievements to place on record.

In the Rugger knock-outs we suffered a crushing defeat owing to our lamentable lack of seniors, the efforts of the middle school boys being of no avail against the might of Clayton.

On the Girls' side the outlook is more cheerful. We succeeded in defeating Clayton in the final of the Hockey knockouts and tied with Clayton for the Hockey Shield. It is rumoured that our prospects for the Rounders season are good.

Clayton beat us to second place in the sports by a narrow margin. The juniors are to be congratulated on the fine performance they put up on Sports Day.

The coveted Silver Griffin, remains our one great consolation and is the envy of other Houses.

We must look to the juniors to further the prowess of Farington House in the coming Cricket season.

WORDEN HOUSE

House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill.

House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

House Captains : M. W. Holding (Girls) ; Lund, H. (Boys).

During the past few years the melancholy writer of Worden House Notes has periodically crept from his cave, taken his pen, and, blushing heavily, has committed to paper the achievements of his House. Great was his trouble. But it was the decree of that fickle lady, Fortune, that all this should cease :—with a wave of her wand she transferred all the inhabitants of Worden to a castle, high on a hill. On the walls of this castle are now being hung new tapestries.

Let us draw near. The first tapestry shows the beginning of Sports Day at Balshaw's. Many are the eager-faced Wordenites scattered over the field. The second shows these same Wordenites, this time hurdling, jumping and running. In the background is a scoreboard with Worden House leading.

The third shows a row of cups, all ascribed to Worden, gleaming proudly in the sun,—The House Championship Cup, The Relay Cup, The Victor Ludorum (won by Salisbury), The Victrix Ludorum (won by Brenda Sharples), and also many Shields. This room represents May 2nd, 1942.

Let us explore the castle further ; its walls are many, but bare. May we guess as to what will be their adornment ? Perhaps they will portray Worden boys and girls playing cricket, tennis, or rounders, and bringing glory to the House. Perhaps they will show studious Wordenites with a Griffin—a silver Griffin—in their midst. But time must pass, 'ere all these hopes are fulfilled.

Meanwhile, let us make the walls resound with a cheer for the great work done in the first room, and let us hope that some time every wall will be covered.

"NON SIBI SED ALIIS"

Dec. 17th, 1941—King George's Fund for Sailors War Fund.—£5/-/-.

March 27th, 1942.—British Red Cross Society—Prisoner of War Parcels Fund.—£5/-/-.

To date—Troops Comforts Fund —£99/10/5½.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Whitelands College,
at Bede College,
Durham.
November 5th, 1941.

Dear Editor,

College life, filled with many new activities seems to pass very quickly, for me at least. The greater part of my time is spent at lectures, the subjects I take being Biology, English Literature, Needlework and Craft, Music and History, together with the professional subjects,—General English, Divinity, Principles of Education, Arithmetic Method, Hygiene and Speech Training. Although this may seem a formidable list, we have plenty of spare time for social events. For instance, this half term, the College invited the men from the University to a Hallowe'en party. Afterwards our 'family' had a 'binge' in my study bedroom, which lasted until one o'clock in the morning. My room mate comes from Chelsea, and as we live in such different parts of the country, we have many interesting things to talk about and new ideas to exchange.

The College itself is built of stone, and stands in large grounds which extend as far as the River Wear. It is situated on the edge of the city, and in one direction we can see the country stretching to the moors in the distance. In the other there is a magnificent view of the Cathedral and the Castle which now houses part of the University. At the east end of Bede College a new chapel has been built, finished in 1939 and is the last word in modern architecture. Contrasted with this is the Deanery, where some of our lectures are held. It is an old priory, connecting with the cathedral. There are several secret passages leading to the roof and to the cellars. One room is kept permanently locked, as it is reputed to be haunted.

Whitelands is run on University lines, and we have a very free and easy time. In fact, in the matter of 'exeat', we are better off than some of the University Colleges. The second years are allowed to miss lectures if they excuse themselves beforehand: we being juniors have compulsory lectures.

We have societies such as the Music, Geography, Debating, Dramatic, Poetry and First Aid societies, none of which are compulsory. There is a Guide company for those who wish to join. We play hockey, lacrosse and netball in winter, tennis and rounders in summer. Swimming and physical training continue throughout the year.

The University invites us to its Social events, and I have been to a lecture on Russian education, and a talk by Mr. T. S. Eliot on English Language and Culture.

Durham is not far from Newcastle, which is, as you know, one of the largest towns in this area—much larger than the City of Durham. I went there at half term to see Vivien Leigh in Shaw's "The Doctor's Dilemma".

You will see that we work hard and play hard too. I am thoroughly enjoying my first term at Whitelands, but look forward to seeing you at Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Constance Marshall.

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The Priory,

High St.,

Cheltenham.

November 5th, 1941.

Dear Editor,

I cannot tell whether or not you are in any way interested in the facts of College life. However an epistle has been asked of me, so now I must try to sift out a few facts of general interest.

The first few hours of College recall to one's mind the opening of the first term at School. You know how you feel when you cross the threshold of a new life. You know few

of the people around you and you feel somewhat uncomfortable. A peculiar shyness comes upon you as you regard with awe the older members of the honourable community. Entering college produces the same effect. Perhaps you think it impossible, but I found myself very shy and embarrassed for the first two hours. I was curious to see my sleeping quarters, and after some wandering about, I made a confused entrance into a room already occupied by men, who are now my good friends. After some hesitance we got introduced and as soon as speech became freer we were discussing birthplaces, interests, sports and the like.

The new surroundings become the point of interest and the suggestion of "exploring" the town meets with general approval. After a short walk around the town, we come back to admire the Priory. You must know that the Priory is reputed to be a fine example of Georgian architecture. Certainly it is well adorned with friezes and chandeliers, pillars, bay windows and heavy panelled doors. You may be interested to know that the Duke of Wellington resided here for some time. Besides this we have a ghost, "The Pink Lady". She is said to have thrown herself from the third floor and on October 12th of each year she walks through certain bedrooms and along the landing of the highest staircase. From time to time people allege that they have seen her, but although a strict watch was kept on Oct. 12th of this year no trace of the lady was seen.

Soon the novelty of our new life began to wear off and we settled down to the mostly, set out of us. A considerable amount of spare time was to be had. This was spent routine for the first weeks, in Common Rooms, cinemas, theatres and on the slopes of the Cotswolds. As our knowledge of the district grew, we strayed further afield into the neighbouring towns and places of historic interest, such as Tewkesbury, Gloucester, Cirencester and Stratford. Cathedrals, Churches, Battlefields, Tudor houses are visited. The Spa water of Cheltenham proves a disappointing drink. It is owing to the war that we are down here at Cheltenham. This evacuation has to a great extent resulted in the loss of our status as a separate College. There are three Colleges here, each sharing in the activities of the others. The whole body of the Colleges consists of rather less than two hundred men. In peace time this would have been the number of each college. The sports teams are made up of men from each college, since the lack of men and space prevents each from running its own teams. So you see how the individuality of each college is lost. This may or may not be advantageous. The Colleges have lost and are losing many of their traditions, but on the other hand, better relations are established between them, thanks to the war. There is a general air of happiness and contentment throughout, despite all the wartime difficulties and there are few who can honestly say they do not like the life they live down here.

Yours Sincerely,

C. S. Thistlethwaite.

Hockerill Training College,
Bishop's Stortford,
Herts.

Dear Editor,

Nov. 4th, 1941.

I thought perhaps you would like to know something about my life and work here, at Hockerill. Naturally I found it very strange at first, and it took me quite a while to find my feet. However, I have more or less settled down now.

I do not live in the college buildings, but in a house at the other end of the town, called Vyse Court.

Vyse Court is a beautiful house surrounded by a large garden and orchard. There are about twenty students and two lecturers in residence there. In one wing they are mainly Welsh, and in the other, Northerners; quite a third of our students here are Welsh and you can always hear their high "sing-song" voices.

Our common room at Vyse Court is the most beautiful room in the house; its walls are of panelled oak and its floors of polished oak. The room is long and low, with many latticed windows, hung with tapestry curtains. At one end there is a large open fire-place with a carved wood surround. The dominant colour throughout the room is blue.

The only disadvantage, so far, in living at Vyse Court, is the fact that we are a mile and a quarter from College. We have to attend all meals in College except Saturday and Sunday tea, and supper during the week. The food is quite decent, allowing for war-time difficulties.

Choosing my subjects was a very bewildering task. On our first afternoon here we all assembled in the Hall and were introduced to our lecturers. They came in, one after the other, gave a brief survey of the syllabus for their particular subject, and asked us to decide, in a few minutes, which subjects we intended to take.

I was in a complete muddle and could not decide which to take. Finally I arranged my course. I do English Literature, which I hope to take "Advanced" later on; Biology, Gardening, which is itself an advanced subject; Needlework and Handicraft. For addition, of course, I take Principles and Practice of Education, Psychology, Hygiene, Divinity and Physical Training.

Every Tuesday evening we have dramatic readings in the Hall; each week we are sent a play by the British Drama League. The play is read dramatically with as many "props" as possible and the whole scene is set as near perfection as we can get it.

I have taken part in one play reading, "The Importance of being Earnest"; I was cast as Lady Bracknell, and thoroughly enjoyed doing it. The action was slowed down a little owing to there not being enough books for the whole cast. The audience on these occasions, consisting of about a hundred students and the English Lecturer, Miss Forster, is always very critical!

I am joining a Youth Squad in Stortford, together with some more students from College. These squads are made up of between six and twenty young people between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one. Their aim is to help the war effort in every way possible; by attaching themselves to A.R.P., A.F.S. and First Aid parties, as messengers and so forth; or by working on their own. We, in our squad, collect salvage, mend for wounded soldiers, help people dig their gardens and look after children in a nursery school near Vyse Court.

I am glad that I joined the Gardening class, for when I am digging vegetables up and helping get the other crops in, I feel that I am part of the Land Army and doing my bit for the war effort.

This seems to have been a long rambling letter, but I hope you will have gathered from it, something of what we do here, at Hockerill. I do like it very much indeed and look forward to the next two years which I hope to spend here.

Yours sincerely,

Betty Hamer.

ROLL OF SERVICE.

"Non sibi sed aliis".

Allibone, F.	R.A.F.	Farington	1927-33
Allibone, Mabel	W.R.N.S.	Farington	1930-34
Berry, J.	South Staffs Rgt.	Clayton	1928-34
Barrow, N.	R.A.	Cuerden	1928-34
Bentley, H.	R.A.F.	—	1929-30
Briggs, C. A.	Fleet Air Arm	Clayton	1926-34
Berry, H. M.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1932-36
Bailey, H.	R.A.	Clayton	1930-37
† Banks, M.L.	R.A.S.C.	Cuerden	1930-36
Billcliffe, S.	Army Dental Corps	Clayton	1929-33
Briggs, E. A.	R.E.	Clayton	1930-33
Bland, G.	R.A.F. (Medical)	Farington	1931-36
Biggar, E.	R.A.F.	—	1925-31
Biggar, G.	R.A.	—	1926-31
Brace, F.	R.C. of Signals	—	1928-31
Baron, F. C.	R.C. of Signals	—	1925-31
Berry, C. F.	R.A.F.	—	1919-23
Bourne, Mary nee Haydock	Wom. Land Army	—	1925-28
Bretherton, T.	R.N.	—	1923-30
Bleasdale, T. A.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1935-39
Bowling, J. B.	R.A.F.	Worden	1934-39
Bretherton, Dorothy	W.A.A.F.	Clayton	1934-40
Bellis, R.	R.A.F.	Farington	1927-35
Bentley, R.	R.A.	—	1916-19
Brown, J.	R.N.	Clayton	1932-35
Bamber, L.	R.N.	—	1927-30
Cocker, T.	R.A.M.C.	Worden	1927-32
Coates, S.	R.A.F.	Worden	1932-33
Church, C. A.	R.C. of Signals	Worden	1932-38
Challender, E. H.	R.A.F.	Worden	1931-36
Cannon, B.	R.A.F.	—	1924-31
Coulson, K.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1933-39

Charnock, W.	R.A.O.C.	Cuerden	1930-34
Chew, B.	Loyal Regt.	Clayton	1934-40
Cocker, G. E.	R. C. of Signals	Worden	1929-33
Challender, J.	Cheshire Regt.	Worden	1927-31
Darnell, P.W.	R.A.	Farington	1929-37
Downie, J.	R.A.	Farington	1929-38
Duxbury, J. A.	R.A.	Farington	1930-36
Davies, R. T.	R.A.O.C.	Clayton	1930, 1932-33
Damp, A.	R.A.F.	—	1928-29
Downer, W. J. (Master)	R.A.O.C.	—	1935—
Dugdale, C. F.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1932-37
Deacon, Annie	W.A.A.F.	Farington	1929-33
Dewhurst, J.	R.A.O.C.	—	1923-27
Dickinson, H.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1933-37
Davies, J. B.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1929-33
Damp, F.	R.A.S.C.	Clayton	1930-37
Etherington, J.	R.C. of Signals	Farington	1926-32
Eckton, G.	R.A.F.	Worden	1932-38
Edmunds, Jean	W.A.A.F.	Worden	1933-38
Elliott, C.	R. Tank Corps	Worden	1933-39
Eason, A. D. B.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1932-39
Fishwick, J.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1928-35
Fisher, R. W. (Master)	R.A.F.	—	1934—
Farrington, E.	R.A.F.	Farington	1933-40
Greenall, R.	R.A.	Worden	1931-36
† Gold, D.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1931-36
Gates, E.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1928-36
Goater, J. G.	R.N.	Worden	1932-38
Greenwood, N.	R.A.F.	Farington	1931-36
Greenhalgh, L.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1933-37
Gorner, J. H.	R.A.F.	Worden	1934-38
Greenwood, A.	R.A.F.	Farington	1929-35
Guest, L.	R.A.F.	—	1924-29
Harrison, G.	R.N.	Clayton	1934-38
Haydock, J.	Yeomanry	Worden	1928-35
Haydock, E. G.	S. Rhodesia A. C. R.	—	1920-26
Haydock, P.	R.A.O.C.	—	1920-27
Hocking, H. D.	R. Tank Corps	Cuerden	1927-33
Hocking, F.	R.E.	Farington	1930-35
Hudson, I. A.	R.A.M.C.	Farington	1931-36
Hering, H.	Army Dental Corps	—	1927-29
Hesketh, J. C.	R.A.F.	Worden	1932-38
Higham, J. L.	R.A.O.C.	—	1929-33
Hilton, G.	R.A.F.	—	1924-29
Hilditch, C. S. (Master)	R.A.F.	—	1929—
Heyes, T.	—	—	1924-28
Hocking, Madge	W.A.A.F.	—	1925-29
Holden, F.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1933-37
Iddon, H. R.	R.A.F.	Farington	1932-37
Iddon, B. C.	R.A.F.	Farington	1928-32
Ingham, L.	K. O. Royal Regt.	Farington	1934-37
Jackson, W. M.	R.A.F.	Worden	1929-35
Jackson, A.	R.A.S.C.	Worden	1925-32
King, J.	R.N.V.R.	Clayton	1931-35
Kenyon, A.	R.A.F.	Farington	1934-40
Lawton, F. H.	R.A.	Cuerden	1926-32
Lee, K. A.	R.A.F.	Worden	1932-33
Lloyd, S. L. W.	R.A.S.C.	Worden	1931-35
Lewis, J. C.	R.A.F.	Worden	1933-37
Leyland, J. H.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1939
Lancaster, Rev. W. J.	Chaplain to the Forces	—	1915-25
Lea, J. A.	K. O. Lancasters	Farington	1934-40
Marland, G. W.	R.A.F.	Worden	1932-36
Marland, L.	R.A.F.	Worden	1932-34
Marland, W.	R.A.F.	Worden	1927-33
Miller, J.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1933-38

Mortimer, H.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1929-33
*Marland, R. G.	R.A.F.	—	1928-31
Mason, E. E.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1932-38
Marsden, A. J.	Fleet Air Arm	Farington	1933-37
Mitchell, F. L.	R.A.F.	Farington	1932-40
Marsden, C. E.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1933-41
McCann, W.	R.A.F.	Farington	1924-32
Morris, S. A.	R. C. of Signals	Worden	1928-37
Marston, E. J.	R.A.F.	—	1926-30
Moss, R.	R.A.O.C.	—	1922-26
Noon, E. C.	C.M.P.	—	1925-30
Nelson, T. A.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1927-34
Orrell, N.	R.A.S.C.	Farington	1929-33
Parker, R. M.	R.A.	Farington	1927-32
Parker, L. N.	R.A.S.C.	Worden	1930-36
Parkinson, C. D.	R.A.F.	Farington	1933-37
Patefield, P. W.	R.A.	Farington	1928-33
Pennington, H.	R.A.F.	Worden	1932-35
Parker, T. A.	R.A.P.C.	Worden	1927-31
Pinder, A. H.	R.A.F.	Farington	1934-40
Porter, A. S.	R.A.F.	Farington	1936-42
Rimmer, A. B.	R.A.O.C.	Clayton	1929-36
Robinson, W.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1931-37
Richardson, K. C.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1933-38
Riding, T.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1932-36
Robinson, F.	R.A.S.C.	—	1923-30
Salthouse, F.	R.A.M.C.	Cuerden	1929-35
Sharp, A.	R.A.	Clayton	1931-36
Shepherd, F. W.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1929-33
Smith, S. E.	R.A.F.	Worden	1930-33
Shepherd, R. T.	R.A.	Cuerden	1929-32
Sutton, R.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1931-37
Sutton, H.	R.C. of Signals	Clayton	1933-41
Salisbury, W.	R.A.O.C.	Cuerden	1928-32
Sutcliffe, R. L.	R.A.O.C.	—	1921-29
Sanderson, J.	R.A.F.	—	1924-29
Sharples, J. B.	Pioneer Corps	Cuerden	1930-36
Seed, H.	R.A.F.	—	1925-28
Smith, B. M.	R.A.F.	Worden	1933-39
Sanderson, J. H.	R.A.F.	Farington	1933-39
Seed, Alice	W.A.A.F.	Farington	1931-37
Saul, F. J.	R.A.F.	—	1924-29
Stringfellow, R. E.	R.A.P.C.	Farington	1925-33
Sumner, F. H.	A.M.P.C.	—	1922-27
Singleton, F.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1928-32
Turner, Ronald	R.A.F.	Clayton	1932-38
Turner, Richard	R.A.	Worden	1931-39
Taylor, F.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1933-38
Tomlinson, J. R.	R.A.	Clayton	1931-37
Tennant, D. A.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1935-42
Tonge, J. W.	R. Marines	Cuerden	1937-40
Vause, P. G.	R.A.F.	Worden	1925-33
Wilkinson, J. N.	R.A.	Clayton	1931-36
Wilkinson, E. G.	R.A.F.	—	1920-28
Witter, W.	R.A.	Cuerden	1932-36
Wildman, R.	R.C. of Signals	Cuerden	1926-31
Wilkinson, C. G.	R.C. of Signals	Worden	1931-33
Walsh, R.	R.A.M.C.	—	1919-26
Wootton, F.	R.A.F.	—	1923-27
Walsh, F.	R.A.F.	—	1917-27
Wilde, J. F.	R.A.F.	—	1920-26
Whistlecroft, C. J.	Merchant Navy	Cuerden	1932-38
Wright, K. W.	R.A.F.	Farington	1932-36
Wood, H.	K.O. Royal Regt.	Cuerden	1929-35
Wootton, W. N.	R.A.F.	—	1919-23

Watson, G.	Infantry Train'g Cps.. Worden.....	1934-39
Wright, E.	R.A.F. Farington.....	1934-36
Yates, F.	R.A.F. Farington.....	1932-36
Yates, K.	Durham Light Inf'try. Clayton.....	1931-37

*—Killed in Action.

†—Prisoner of War.

‡—Missing.

Particulars of any Old Balshavian serving in H. M.'s. Forces whose name does not appear in the above list, as well as any necessary corrections, will be gratefully received by the undersigned.

H. J. LOMAX.

CALENDAR.

1942.		APRIL	Sports Results.
Tu.	21	Midsummer Term commences. Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson, Lund, H., F. J. Elliott.	
W.	22		
Th.	23		
F.	24		
S.	25		
M.	27	Supervision Duty : Miss Fletcher, Grayson, K. M., E. Wilson.	
Tu.	28	7-30 p.m. School Party to Recital by Professor Henry Holst and Miss Dora Gilson, in Preston.	
W.	29		
Th.	30		
		MAY	
F.	1		
S.	2	2 p.m. Annual Athletic Sports. Distribution of Prizes by Lady Jackson.	
M.	4	Supervision Duty : Miss Heppell, Gardner, R. J., M. W. Holding.	
Tu.	5		
W.	6	Last date of entry for contributions to 'The Balshavian' Vol. XVIII, No. 1.	
Th.	7	6-15 p.m. Presentation of scenes from 'Miss Elizabeth Bennett' by the School Dramatic Society (First Night).	
F.	8		
S.	9	6-15 p.m. Presentation of scenes from 'Miss Elizabeth Bennett' by the School Dramatic Society. (Second Night).	
M.	11	Supervision Duty : Mr. Parry, Shepherd, K., J. C. Howcroft	
Tu.	12	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. F.(1) ; Cu. v. W.(1)	
W.	13		
Th.	14	2 p.m. Presentation of 'The Merchant of Venice' by the Osiris Players.	
F.	15	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(1) ; F. v. W.(1)	
S.	16	Rounders : School 1st IX. v. Hindley G.S. 1st IX (h)	
		School Junior IX v. Hindley G.S. Junior IX (h)	
		Cricket : School 1st XI v. Preston Catholic Coll. 1st XI (h)	
		School Colts XI v. Preston Cath. Coll. Colts XI (h)	
M.	18	Supervision Duty : Miss Whewell, Rigby, W., B. Y. Sharples. 2-15 p.m. Lecture by a Naval Officer.	
Tu.	19	Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(1) ; F. v. W.(1)	

		MAY—continued.	
W.	20	Tennis : School 1st VI. v. Rivington G. S. 1st VI. (a)	
		11 a.m. Lecture on 'Canada' by Commander Elwell-Sutton.	
Th.	21	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. F.(1) ; Cu. v. W.(1)	
F.	22	Publication of 'The Balshavian', Vol. XVIII, No. 1.	
S.	23		
M.	25	to F. 29 — Whitsuntide Holidays.	
S.	30	Cricket : School 1st XI v. Ormskirk G. S. 1st XI. (h)	
		School Colts XI v. Ormskirk G. S. Colts XI (h)	
		JUNE	
M.	1	Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, Rawcliffe, F., A. Lee.	
		Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. Cu(1) ; F. v. W.(1)	
Tu.	2	C.E.M.A. Concert at the School—Frederick Woodhouse and Winifred Radford in a programme of songs, duets and dialogues in costume—accompanist, Grace Shearer.	
W.	3	Cricket Knock-outs : Cu. v. W. (First Day)	
Th.	4	Cricket Knock-outs : Cu. v. W. (Second Day)	
F.	5		
S.	6	Rounders : School 1st IX v. Newton-in-Makerfield G. S. 1st IX. (a)	
		School Junior IX v. Newton-in-Makerfield G. S. Junior IX. (a)	
		Cricket : School 1st XI v. Kirkham G. S. 1st XI. (h)	
		School 2nd XI v. Kirkham G. S. 2nd XI. (a)	
M.	8	Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy, Sefton, K. F., A. K. Bradshaw.	
		Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. W.(1) ; Cu. v. F.(1)	
Tu.	9		
W.	10	Cricket Knock-outs : Cl. v. F. (First Day)	
Th.	11	Cricket Knock-outs : Cl. v. F. (Second Day)	
F.	12		
S.	13	Tennis : School 1st VI v. Preston Park School 1st VI. (h)	
		Cricket : School Colts XI v. Preston Cath. Coll. Colts XI (a)	
M.	15	Supervision Duty : Mr. Bull, Lund, H., F. J. Elliott.	
		Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. F.(1) ; Cu. v. W.(1)	
Tu.	16	Rounders Knock-outs : Cl. v. W.	
W.	17	Cricket : School 1st XI v. Kirkham G. S. 1st XI. (a)	
		School 2nd XI v. Kirkham G. S. 2nd XI. (h)	
		Rounders Knock-outs : Cu. v. F.	
Th.	18	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. W.(1) ; Cu. v. F.(1)	
F.	19		
S.	20	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)	
		Cricket : School 1st XI v. Chorley G. S. 1st XI. (h)	
		School 2nd XI v. Chorley G. S. 2nd XI. (a)	
M.	22	Supervision Duty : Miss Lewis, Grayson, K. M., E. Wilson.	
		Rounders League : Cl. v. F.(2) ; Cu. v. W.(2)	
Tu.	23		
W.	24	Tennis : School 1st VI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G. S. 1st VI. (h)	
		N. U. J. M. B. Higher School Certificate Examination commences.	
Th.	25	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(2) ; F. v. W.(2)	
F.	26		
S.	27	Rounders : School 1st IX v. Ormskirk G. S. 1st IX. (a)	
		School Jnr. IX v. Ormskirk G. S. Jnr. IX. (a)	
		Cricket : School 1st XI v. Preston Cath. Coll. 1st XI. (a)	
M.	29	Supervision Duty : Miss Robinson, Gardner, R. J., M. W. Holding. Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (2) ; F. v. W. (2)	
T.	30	Tennis Knock-outs, Cl. v. Cu.	

JULY		
W.	1	Tennis Knock-outs, F. v W.
Th.	2	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v F. (2) ; Cu. v W. (2).
F.	3	
S.	4	Rounders : School 1st IX v. Chorley G. S. 1st IX. (h) School Junior IX v. Chorley G. S. Junior IX (h) Cricket : School 1st XI v. Chorley G. S. 1st XI (a) School 2nd XI v. Chorley G. S. 2nd XI. (h)
M.	6	Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson, Shepherd, J., J. C. Howcroft. School Examinations (First Day). Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. W.(1) ; Cu. v. F.(1).
Tu.	7	School Examinations (Second Day).
W.	8	School Examinations (Third Day).
Th.	9	Oxford School Certificate Examination commences. Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. W.(2) ; Cu. v. F.(2).
F.	10	
S.	11	Rounders : School 1st IX v. Upholland G. S. 1st IX (h) School Junior IX v. Upholland G. S. Junior IX (h) Cricket : School 1st XI v. Ormskirk G. S. 1st XI (a) School Colts XI v. Ormskirk G. S. Colts XI (a)
M.	13	Supervision Duty : Miss Fletcher, Rigby, W., B. Y. Sharples. Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. W.(2) ; Cu. v. F.(2).
Tu.	14	
W.	15	Final of Rounders Knock-outs.
Th.	16	Final of Cricket Knock-outs (First Day).
F.	17	Final of Cricket Knock-outs (Second Day).
S.	18	
M.	20	Supervision Duty : Miss Heppell, Rawcliffe, F., A. Lee. Final of Cricket Knock-outs (Third Day). Final of Tennis Knock-outs.
Tu.	21	
W.	22	Tennis : 1st VI v. The Staff. Cricket : 1st XI v. The Staff.
Th.	23	Rounders : 1st IX v. The Staff.
F.	24	Midsummer Term ends. Autumn Term commences, Tuesday, September 15th, 1942. (provisional).

MISCELLANEA.

Clayton House :	House Mistress :	Miss F. W. Royle, B.A.
	House Master :	Mr. A. J. Bull, M.A.
	House Captains :	J. C. Howcroft (Girls), Sefton, K. F. (Boys).
	House Colours :	Green.
	House Room :	IVB.
Cuerden House :	House Mistress :	Miss K. Whewell.
	House Master :	Mr. F. Parry, B.Sc.
	House Captains :	A. Lee (Girls), Rigby, W., (Boys).
	House Colours :	Red.
	House Room :	IIIA.
Farington House :	House Mistress :	Miss A. Milroy, B.A.
	House Master :	Mr. H. J. Lomax, B.Sc., A.R.C.Sc.
	House Captains :	A. K. Bradshaw (Girls), Grayson, K. M., (Boys).
	House Colours :	Gold.
	House Room :	IB.
Worden House :	House Mistress :	Miss M. A. Rahill, B.A.
	House Master :	Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A.
	House Captains :	M. W. Holding, (Girls), Lund, H., (Boys).
	House Colours :	Blue.
	House Room :	IA.

Boys. Head Prefect : Lund, H. Sub-Prefects : Gardner, R. J., Rigby, W., Sefton, K. F., Grayson, K. M. Rawcliffe, F., Shepherd, J.

Girls. Head Prefect : M. W. Holding. Prefects : A. Lee, F. J. Elliott, J. C. Howcroft, B. Y. Sharples, E. Wilson, A. K. Bradshaw.

Captain of Cricket : Sefton, K. F.

Captain of Tennis : B. Y. Sharples.

Captain of Rounders : E. Wilson.

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 6d. Pupils should purchase a week's supply of tickets from the Secretary.

Milk : 10.45 a.m. in Dining Room. Certified "Grade A" Milk can be obtained at "Break," price 4d. per bottle (with straw).

School Buses : School buses run from the Ribble 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 5-10 p.m. daily (Fridays excepted).

Tuck Shop : Open from 10-45 to 11 a.m. on certain days.

Commissariat : In Secretary's office at 12-30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Detention : 4-0 to 4-45 p.m. in IVa Room.

Lunch Hour : In wet weather, girls may stay in IIb and IVb rooms, boys in Ia and IIa rooms. Boys and girls may, if they prefer, listen to the radio-gramophone in the Hall.

School Periods :

Morning Periods :	9-0 to 9-10 a.m.	Prayers.
	9-10 to 9-15 a.m.	Form meetings.
	9-15 to 10-0 a.m.	First Period.
	10-0 to 10-45 a.m.	Second Period.
	10-45 to 11-0 a.m.	Break.
	11-0 to 11-45 a.m.	Third Period.
	11-45 to 12-30 p.m.	Fourth Period.

Afternoon Periods : (a) on afternoons when there are no meetings of Societies :

1-45 to 1-50 p.m.	Form meetings.
1-50 to 2-30 p.m.	Fifth Period.
2-30 to 3-15 p.m.	Sixth Period.
3-15 to 4-0 p.m.	Seventh Period.

(b) on afternoons when there are meetings of Societies :—

1-45 to 1-50 p.m.	Form meetings.
1-50 to 2-15 p.m.	Fifth Period.
2-15 to 2-45 p.m.	Sixth Period.
2-45 to 3-15 p.m.	Seventh Period.
3-15 to 4-0 p.m.	Societies.

Meetings :

National Savings Group (Mr. Parry and Miss Fletcher)—in Physics Lab. 12-30 to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays.

School Knitting Club—as arranged by Miss Rahill.

"The Balshavian" : Until further notice "The Balshavian" will be published twice a year (price 9d.)—in May and December—instead of once a term.

Broadcast Lectures :

Mondays :	1.50 to 2.10	Practice and Science of Gardening (IIA).
	2.40 to 3.0	English (IVB.).
Tuesdays :	11.25 to 11.40	Games with words (IA).
	2.35 to 3.0	English (IIIA and IIIB).
Wednesdays :	2.15 to 2.35	General Science (IVA)
	2.40 to 3.0	English (IB).
Thursdays :	11.40 to 12.0	Geography (VB).
	2.0 to 2.15	Nature Study (IA and IB).
Fridays :	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. Parry. No. 7 Worden (Boys) Mr. Wilkinson.
 No. 4 Cuerden (Girls) Miss Whewell. No. 8 Worden (Girls) Miss Rahill.

GAMES.

Day	CRICKET (Boys)	ROUNDERS (Girls)	TENNIS (Girls)
M.....	House Practices (F. & W.)	House League Matches.	1st VI Practice or House Tennis Leagues.
Tu.....	House Practices (Cl. & Cu.)	House Practices (Cl. or Cu.)	House Practices (Cl. or Cu.)
Wed.....	1st XXII Practice and Juniors' Games.	House Practices (F. or W.)	House Practices (F. or W.)
Th.....	House League Matches.	Junior Games.	Junior Games.
Fri.....	1st XXII and Colts XI Practices.	1st XVIII and Junior IX Practices.	—
Sat.....	School Matches	School Matches.	School Matches.



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