



THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON—April 1st and 3rd, 1943.

Lord Brocklehurst : "What sort of weather have you been having in the kitchen lately?"

Lord Brocklehurst (L. Dalton)	Mrs. Perkins (M. Ball)	Page (R. Glover)	Rev. John Treherne (B. Malcolm)	Lady Catherine Lasenby (H. Sage)	Chauffeur (W. Carr)
Tweeny (M. Regan)	M. Fleury (G. Barker)	Lady Mary Lasenby (P. Howson)	Lord Loam (E. E. Salisbury)	Hon. Ernest Woolley (L. Scott)	Miss Fisher (P. Turner)
Mlle Jeanne (M. Sutton)	Stable Boy (D. Hodge)	Crichton (K. Grayson)	Lady Agatha Lasenby (J. Iredale)	Miss Simmonds (S. Guymer)	



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Crichton : "That pot is full of Nature, Mr. Treherne".

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## EDITORIAL

Another winter has passed away and every thicket rings with bird-songs and every rivulet bubbles with a clearer water ; there is 'such a deep contentment in the air' for the buds are ready on the wakening trees, and in the woods and meadows a summer's flowers lie waiting.

So used the editor to rejoice with the world in the ever renewing miracle of spring without a pang or afterthought, and urged his plea for more poems, more articles to swell the pages of his magazine, in which it seemed all things were possible.

But now this rebirth of joy and beauty cannot but enforce the contrast with the evil and suffering in the world, while the magazine fades into insignificance beside more vital and glorious pursuits. Now it is our greatest pride to be able to print in its pages the Roll of Service. We would like to hear and spread more news from our friends in the forces and hope that Mr. Hilditch's letter (which we so regretfully censored before publication) will set the example. But may the day be not far distant when 1b—and the spring—will come into their own.

## SCHOOL NOTES

### PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys : Head Prefect : Gardner, R. J.

Prefects : Shepherd, J., Grayson, K. M.

Sub-Prefects : Dalton, L., Farrington, E., Malcolm, B. R., Whitaker,  
J. G., Hodgson, A.

Girls : Head Prefect : B. Y. Sharples.

Prefects : J. C. Howcroft, A. Bradley, E. Newsham.

Sub-Prefects : M. D. Hunt, B. Sage, D. Whittaker.



This year's School Play—'The Admirable Crichton' by J. M. Barrie—was on April 1st and 3rd presented to large, appreciative audiences in the School hall.

The lectures we have heard in the last half year have been varied and interesting :

On February 26th, Police Constable Sharples gave an instructive lecture on Road Safety.

On November 24th, we were entertained by Ministry of Information Films and on February 18th there was a 'National Savings' film show.

On February 12th, two more Imperial Institute Lectures—this time on Australia were given by Mr. Luxmore to Juniors and Seniors separately and were enthusiastically received.

On March 12th, Colonel Mason gave a lecture to the whole school on the Manchester Ship Canal.

On March 25th, Senior Commander Kemp gave an inspiring lecture to the Senior Girls on the A.T.S.

Accounts of all these lectures are included in the magazine.

Our Annual Athletic Sports will, we are glad to say, be reminiscent of more spacious days as both boys and girls' events will be held on the same afternoon. The date fixed is Saturday, May 15th and all parents and friends are cordially invited.

Our contributions to the war-effort are steady.

It has been agreed to hold the School Farm Camp for the four weeks this year commencing August 7th; we look forward to good crops from the school garden; the total amount saved by our National Savings Group now amounts to £5650; the school contributes well to charities.

Our congratulations go to Brenda Sharples, Elsie Newsham, and Edna Downham, who have been awarded Training College Scholarships by the Lancashire Education Committee.

Since half-term, morning school has again begun at 9 a.m. and afternoon school at 1-45 p.m.; Societies can therefore be held on Friday afternoons.

The usual Carol service was held in the hall at the end of last term.

At Christmas time some Senior boys helped with the mail at Leyland and other Post Offices.

By the courtesy of "The Chorley Guardian", we are allowed to print the following extracts which will be of interest to the contemporaries of Huguette Sayada, Jean Elliott and Bernard Cannon.

#### MESSAGE FROM AFRICA.

Coincidence played its part in the reassuring message from her mother, received by a 20-year old French girl while serving as a dental nurse to Mr. P. E. Grundy of Hough Lane, Leyland. The girl, Mlle Huguette Sayada, had not heard for eight months from her mother, who had a hotel in Gabes, Tunisia. Then Dr. Crisp, of Chorley, rang up with the message that Madam Sayada had moved out of the town when the Germans arrived and was quite safe in a village, the name of which was not revealed.

The message reached Dr. Crisp through his son, Lt. T. Crisp, M.C., who is in North Africa, and met Madame Sayada and her brother's family in a village where he only expected to find Arabs. In a conversation in halting French and English, he learned from Madam Sayada that she had a daughter in England with whom she was anxious to make contact. He was surprised to discover that the girl lived so close to his home as Lostock Hall. He wrote to his father who had no difficulty in tracing Huguette.

Huguette, a lively personality, who is popular, with patients at the surgery, really only came to Leyland for a month! She was living with her grandmother in Paris, when under an arrangement between schools, she entertained an English girl for a month, then came over here for a similar period. The girl who visited her was Jean Elliott, a Balshaw's Grammar School student, daughter of Mr. F. Elliott, well known as manager of Leyland Gas Company, and Mrs. Elliott, who now reside at Lostock Hall.

Five days after the two girls had landed in this country from Paris, war broke out. Returning became difficult for Huguette, so she continued her education at Balshaw's Grammar School, leaving in July 1940 to take up her present work. She still resides with the Elliots."

Playing football in India Cpl. Wilfred Ralphs, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralphs, "Ashfield," Wigan-road, Euxton, heard a member of the opposing side call "Hello, Wilf." It was Aircraftman Bernard Cannon, R.A.F., son of Mr. J. Cannon, of Anderton-road, Euxton.

Aircraftman Cannon an old student of Balshaw's Grammar School, is a Pd.D. of Liverpool University and professor in Pure Mathematics. When war broke out he was at Princetown University in America under the Commonwealth Fellowship. He returned in order to assist in the war effort, and after some months went to an Air Ministry School, where use was made of his mathematical qualifications. He had completed a course of special training when he was called up in the R.A.F. as a radio operator, owing to his having failed to re-register on going to the Air Ministry appointment.



By a coincidence his father has just recently received a letter from Professor Whittaker, of Liverpool University, now a Major, asking for Bernard's address. He states that in lectures to officers directing operations in Africa, he used material submitted by Bernard in his Ph.D. degree, and wishes to acknowledge the fact and give all the credit where it is due.

Rugger Colours have been awarded to Dalton and Riding, and Hockey Colours to A. Bradley, M. Garnett, P. Howson, M. Hunt and B. Sharples.

We congratulate Worden House on winning the Rugby Leagues and Knock-outs and sharing with Cuerden the Hockey Leagues. Cuerden won the Hockey Knock-outs.

Farington House is to be congratulated on heading the Merit Order.

The wedding took place recently at St. Mary's, Leyland, of G. F. Hoskins, an old boy, to Miss M. F. Norris.

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of the 'Huttonian' and the 'Ubique Reminisci'.

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#### SALVETE.

To Clayton House : P. M. Burnie, M. Hope, M. D. Speakman, M. L. Swire, J. P. Williams.

To Farington House : B. E. Birkett, A. D. Standidge.

To Worden House : J. A. Hill.

#### VALETE (Girls).

D. Gibson.—Va. Worden House. Rounders League Team.

A. Dixon.—Vb. Clayton House. Hockey 1st XI. Rounders Junior IX. Rounders League Team.

B. Metcalf.—Vb. Clayton House. Hockey and Rounders League Teams.

L. E. Pickup.—Vb. Cuerden House.

C. Whittaker.—IIa. Worden House.

#### VALETE (Boys).

Wightman, G.—L.VI. Cuerden House. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1942. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket League Team.

Singleton, K. E.—Va. Worden House. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket League Team.

Keane, P.—IIb. Clayton House.





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Catherine : "We've got some ripping fish for the Gov's dinner."

ACT III

Crichton (K. Grayson)	Tweeny (M. Regan)	Lady Agatha Lasenby (J. Iredale)	Lady Catherine Lasenby (H. Sage)	Lord Loam (E. E. Salisbury)
	Hon. Ernest Woolley L. Scott	Rev. John Treherne B. Malcolm	Lady Mary Lasenby (P. Howson)	



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Lady Brocklehurst : "You Girl, tell me this."

ACT IV.

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				(9) Tweeny (M. Regan)	(10) Crichton (K. Grayson)		

## THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON

The School Play this year was given on April 1st and 3rd, and the audiences were both large and appreciative.

Barrie's reputation has been on the down grade for some time : recent critics have complained of his sentimentality, and his habit of underlining the points with a care foreign to our more rapid and movie-trained generation. There is a good deal of truth in such remarks, yet Barrie had a sure instinct for stage-effect, and this production showed the superiority of a good playwright's work to a dramatised novel like "Pride and Prejudice". The scenes moved with a lighter step, and the audience was kept on the alert from start to finish. The curtains, such as that where the outcasts creep back one by one to the savoury odour of the cooking-pot, were most effective, often without a word being spoken. The cast as a whole seemed to enter into the spirit of the thing and enjoy themselves thoroughly, indeed some could almost be said to romp through their parts. The youngsters who helped to make up the domestic staff of Loam House gave the play a lively start in the first act, while the staging of the island scene, as well as being effective in itself, provided a splendid contrast to eye and imagination from the formal drawing-room. The gradual emergence of Crichton as the dominant character was well managed, and accompanied with plenty of humorous touches, while the more serious side was well handled by the principals concerned. Grayson preserved a dignity and quiet authority which was truly "Admirable", and thus held the play together and provided a steady focus round which the supporting characters could revolve.

Salisbury and Scott, especially the former, had parts much beyond their age and experience ; they were obviously keen, and trying hard, but did not altogether avoid the danger of clowning in their efforts at comedy. They succeeded in amusing, but were not in tone with the rest, who to a considerable extent managed to give a straight rendering. After more experience, they will find better results may be achieved with more economy of gesture.

The Earl's three daughters were a distinct success both individually and collectively. They all spoke out well, had plenty of confidence, and played to each other like members of a good team.

The chief burden fell on Patricia Howson, as Lady Mary, and she made very light of it, putting a great deal of life into the part, and seeming to enjoy every moment she was on the stage. From the bored and haughty young lady of the First Act, to the spirited and vivacious hunter of the Third, needs a wide range, to which however she was fully equal ; this deserves the more credit as she stepped into such a long part with almost no previous experience. The big scene is undoubtedly that where she and Crichton decide true merit, and feeling, are more



important, (on an Island at any rate), than rank and blue blood. Grayson did well here also by not over-playing his part, and his dignified calm proved an excellent foil to the heroine's more volatile moods.

The character of Lady Mary gives the key-note of the play : it is a fantasy-part, and should be played, as it was, by a very young actress, and with boyish abandon. A touch here of maturity, of womanliness, would translate the whole thing to the plane of reality, where it would die. The Third Act is the best, because here the author lets himself go, and creates a Diana, a pastoral fancy, unrestrained and charming as Peter Pan, or Rosalind yet uncaught in Arden. She is happy, not so much because of Crichton, as because she is free, a child of nature in her true setting. She is happier on the Island, it is safe to say, than she ever will be back in Lord Brocklehurst's civilised, and tedious, drawing room. The rescue signal impinges on a state of ideal youth and happiness, where they "fleet the time carelessly, as they did in the golden world", and jolts all of us, as well as the characters, back to the sober world of everyday.

The final Act therefore threatens anti-climax, but the entry of a new and amusing character, the Countess of Brocklehurst, provides a sharp stimulant to any flagging of interest. Doreen Whittaker had a splendid chance here and took it with both hands. She got right inside the part, and gave us the sharp, dignified, but stand-no-nonsense old lady to the life. Her dress and make-up reflected great credit on who-ever was responsible.

Another outstanding success was M. Regan as the unfortunate Tweenie, with her heart of gold and extremely defective notions of English syntax and pronunciation, who casts a spell upon the lofty mind of the Admirable himself, but almost loses him to a rival with greater advantages. Marion got down to the level of the part without a suspicion of caricature, and in addition fused it with a touch of genuine feeling at the right moments. This like Doreen's was a most capable performance.

Joy Iredale and Hilda Sage added a great deal to the comedy side of the production: they managed to be both lively and natural, always a difficult combination and were a definite source of strength.

Dalton had little chance as Brocklehurst, but we all sympathised with his protests against the inquisition instituted by that ruthless woman, his mother, in Lord Loam's own drawing room. Malcolm was also adequate in the small part of the cricketing parson, and Pat Turner as a lady's-maid had one good chance in her outburst of servant's-hall snobbery, of which she made very good use. She speaks out well, and should be valuable in a larger part next year. Of the rest, Carr and Margaret M. Sutton took the eye, but all looked well in their varied make-up, and added bustle to the opening scene.

Great credit is due to all those, headed by Miss Milroy, responsible for the production and staging. The prompter was quite superfluous, and the whole thing went with a slickness and polish perhaps superior to what has previously been attained. The stage was always "well-dressed", and well-lit, and many of the audience must have felt what we are now in danger of forgetting,—that a good play, given a lively and enthusiastic performance, has certain advantages over the best-canned superfilm that ever came out of M.G.M. Studios.

#### A NOTE ON THE PLAY.

This Play, so smooth and amusing on the surface, is not easy to evaluate if we begin to ask any serious questions. Barrie, like his own Lob, lurks nimble and enigmatic behind the play of wit and fancy.

Did he pose the problem, only to run away from it, as is perhaps the usual view ? or did he intend us to take sides, and if so, which ? Have we, that is, a satire on snobbery,—our own : or propaganda for the acceptance of an unchanging and unchangeable social order ?

The characters do not supply sufficient data to answer these questions. We cannot, in the end, for instance, decide the relative worth of Lady Mary and Tweeny, since they are presented on the plane of pure fantasy, not reality : Tweeny it is true, breaks for a moment through the comic surface with a cry of real suffering, but the author hastily suppresses her before she can destroy his fabric.

Similarly, we find it hard to value Crichton himself : was he a strong man, with the strength to give up his prize, in obedience to what he considered a social duty, without even a word of protest, without a struggle ? Or was he a lath painted to resemble iron, the automaton that on the whole he seems ?

To ask this however is perhaps to find the answer. A study of a truly strong man in Crichton's position would make a great play,—in this it is not even attempted.

The big scene is therefore the one Barrie carefully left out—an Elizabethan dramatist at this point, (the end of Act III), would have made the hero pour out his feelings in a tremendous soliloquy. Barrie's "hero" elaborately bows acquiescence to the decree of his tailor-made "destiny". It seems that after all he is only a stuffed shirt pretending to be a Caesar.

Barrie too knew his place,—in the servant's hall of the drama ; like Crichton, he bowed to his time, and kept silence.

A.J.B.



alert immediately. He glided noiselessly to where the fascinated frog was croaking helplessly. A quick dart of the snake's head, his mouth opened very wide, and in another moment the frog was croaking inside the satisfied snake, which did not seem in the least disturbed, but just coiled up again and went to sleep.

A plump hedgehog, who had witnessed the proceedings from under the hedge on the opposite bank, turned up his sharp nose and smelling a slug ambled away in its direction, scraping it from its seat on a spotted toadstool. A few cows were lazily chewing the cud under some huge oaks in the middle of the field, and the swallows were very active, snapping up insects that had come out into the lovely evening.

There was plenty of tube life under the field. The moles wanted their supper and were busy tunnelling for juicy worms. When they were satisfied they nosed their way one by one to their own private nests to sleep.

Above the field a keen hawk viewed the ground below for any sign of a titbit for supper. He hovered silently for a few seconds, then swooped down with death-dealing swiftness upon a small shrew. The shrews were never hunted by weasels on account of their peculiar smell, but as birds have little or no sense of smell, they were often their prey.

In a clump of blackberry canes near the hillock was a weasel with a keen appetite. His beady eyes gleamed as he twitched his sensitive, wet nose and smelt the surrounding air. Rabbits! but the evening breeze had carried his unwelcome scent to an old rabbit, who drummed fiercely on the ground with his back legs and sent all the other rabbits scurrying down their burrows.

All these animals have to be on the alert against their enemies. They kill to defend themselves or when they are hungry, and never for killing's sake.

It is left to man alone of all created things, to kill with terrible weapons of war to satisfy his ambition or revenge, or from sheer malice and envy, though often, 'tis true, his motives are like those of the animals, self-defence and hunger.

K.F. Form Va. (Cuerden).

## —o— EVENING

When dusk falls in the evening,  
Let folks do what they will;  
I watch the red sun sinking,  
Behind a far-off hill.

A land of untold glories,  
Lies there before my eyes;  
The scattered sunset pierces  
The blueness of the skies.

K.H. Form IVa. (Worden).

## EMPIRE LECTURE ON AUSTRALIA

On February 12th the school heard an extremely interesting Imperial Institute Lecture on "Australia" by Mr. Luxmore.

First of all, Mr. Luxmore discussed the geography of Australia,—its position with regard to the rest of the world and its immense area (25 times larger than the British Isles). Yet, although the country is so large and although it is over 150 years ago since English people first settled in Australia, the present population is only about 7,000,000. Mr. Luxmore, however, accounted for this apparent incongruity by informing us that the Australian settlers have stubbornly maintained the ideal of remaining a purely British settlement, and that since the number of people who leave this country to go and live in Australia is by no means large, the population does not increase rapidly. As a result, much more freedom and scope for the ambitious person is to be found in Australia than in Britain,—everything is more equal, and the atmosphere more friendly. The lecturer stressed the many advantages which an Englishman finds in settling in Australia; for instance, there is no question of learning another language, and secondly, the climate varies in different parts of the country. Furthermore, it is a very rich country although the population is not large enough to derive the full benefit from its resources.

Then Mr. Luxmore paid tribute to the fine spirit of the Australian people, and reminded us that although Australia was far away from the danger zone during the World War of 1914-18 she rendered invaluable service to the Allies. He also assured us that the same fine spirit prevails amongst the Australian soldiers at the present time.

The lecturer also told us something of the natives of Australia, the Aborigines who are, however, gradually becoming extinct. He explained their customs, some of which appear most strange to us, and their mode of living. He assured us that they are very agreeable people under native conditions but that when they come to live in the towns they fall victims to the vices of the white man—drugs and drink.

Mr. Luxmore brought along with him some beautifully coloured slides of two of the largest cities in Australia, Sidney (with its famous bridge) and Melbourne, and told us of the rivalry between them.

One week each year in Australia is devoted to horse-racing, one of the most popular sports, and people come from all over the country to the "Melbourne Cup." Apart from the actual races, there is a cattle show and other competitions in which the competitor has to cut off the top of a tree within a few seconds or break in a horse, a task which is by no means as easy as it appears to be.

Next, we saw some pictures of the animals and birds of Australia: first of all, the kangaroo, which although harmless is hunted because it eats grass which is needed for sheep; the opossum, which is about the size of a large cat and whose



fur is in great demand ; the beautiful lyre-bird, famous for its plumage, and the only bird in the Australian bush which can imitate the other birds ; the koala bear which loves to be fondled, but unfortunately is becoming extinct ; the emu, the only bird which cannot fly ; the native dog which is a danger to the sheep and is therefore killed at every opportunity ; the merino ram which provides most of the Australian wool ; the Kookaburra or "laughing jackass," a member of the kingfisher family, whose strange habits make it a perpetual source of wonder.

Finally, Mr. Luxmore showed us something of the vegetation of Australia, including the tropical region where bananas and grapes of wonderful size and quality are grown.

So ended a most enlightening lecture on Australia, and we left the hall with a strong desire to visit this interesting country. We all thanked Mr. Luxmore and look forward to having another of his lectures in the near future.

B.M.P. Form U.VI (Farington).

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## THE SCHOOL EXAMS.

All day long we "swot" and "swot"  
And use up all the brains we've got,  
To find out things, we know not what,  
For the school examinations.

Alas ! the fateful day is here,  
We sit down with a dreadful fear  
To answer questions, very queer,  
At the school examinations.

We go doggedly through them all,  
Sweating in that awesome hall ;  
We've done our bit, however small,  
At the school examinations.

G.B. Form IVa. (Clayton).

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## MINISTRY OF INFORMATION FILMS.

On November 29th we had another of those excellent film shows which the Ministry of Information periodically send us.

The first film, "The Changing face of India" vividly showed us how the life of India, steeped in tradition and custom, is being slowly changed by the progress of science. The film first showed us the old India, little villages, where life went

on just as it did hundreds of years ago ; then it showed us the new India, large cities with modern buildings, the new and well-equipped laboratories where Indian Scientists carry on the great battle against disease, and the agricultural colleges, where the students are taught how to get the best out of the land.

It was a good film, well-made and vividly showing the spirit of self-confidence and vision of the new India.

"It all depends on you !" was the inspiring title of the second film, which dealt with salvage—mainly with paper salvage, but not forgetting the "rags, bottles and bones." We have seen this film before but it did not fail to raise a laugh from the juniors, and in one or two cases from the less easily amused seniors.

Our third film dealt with the Battle for Oil which is going on in the world at the present moment. Oil, to quote the commentator, is probably the most important substance in the world during this war. The film showed us how the great oil fields of the world are being defended by the Allies against the grasping hand of our enemy, and how the people of America are doing without as much oil as they can spare, so as to send as much as possible to us in Great Britain. But this oil has to cross the Atlantic, where a relentless and merciless battle is being fought day and night to keep our sea-lanes open so that oil can get to us. It was pointed out to us that without oil, Hitler's Panzer divisions with their escorting squadrons of Stukas are useless, and we were thus shown the importance of the R.A.F. raids on the synthetic oil-plants in Germany.

May they keep up this good work, and may the life blood of this mechanised age be kept out of the hands of the fiends who would enslave the world.

Next we had a film of great value to the fire-watchers, who had heard of the "New Fire Bomb" but who had never seen it. This bomb with its explosive charge is a nasty thing to have to deal with, but a clear head, stout brick wall and a stirrup pump will soon draw its sting, which in the film sounded rather like a toy cap-gun going off.

The last film was appreciated by all of us as a tribute to our great navy. It recorded life aboard a great modern battleship ; "H.M.S. King George V." was its title and subject. We saw many of the thousand-and-one activities on board this floating gun battery, which displaces thirty-five thousand tons, and has a crew of fifteen hundred.

In dock, we saw supplies being taken on board, the water distillers being cleaned, the engines overhauled ; and then at sea we saw the huge galleys preparing the meals, which were first tasted by the chief paymaster before the men got at it, the 'coders' receiving and sending out messages, then the intricacies of hammock slinging. And lastly we saw the great guns being brought into action, automatically



loaded at the touch of a lever ; and then with a shattering roar and a flash of flame, death in the form of a shell weighing many hundredweights is spat further than the eye can see.

We could not help reflecting that man's ingenuity could be put to better purpose, and, God willing, will be in the world of the future.

G.W. Form L.VI. (Cuerden).

## THE SPITFIRE

The sweeping terror of the skies,  
A Nazi pilot to chastise,  
Swifter than the falcon flies,  
The Spitfire.

With cannons fixed upon its wings,  
Itself into the fray it flings,  
The wind through all the wire sings,  
The Spitfire.

It roars and barks, and rolls and dives,  
It shoots down "Jerry" 'planes in fives,  
Intent on saving British lives,  
The Spitfire.

J.B. Form Ia. (Clayton).

## LECTURE ON THE A.T.S.

BY SENIOR COMMANDER KEMP.

On Wednesday, March 25th, the Senior Girls had the opportunity of having a very interesting talk on the A.T.S. by Senior Commander Kemp.

First our lecturer told us of the origin of this service. In 1915 the Women's Legion was founded, which in 1917 became the W.A.A.C.S. performing the domestic services of the army. These were disbanded after the war, but in 1936 an emergency service was formed, and finally, in 1938, the A.T.S. came into being.

We then heard what happens to a girl when she volunteers. After her medical examination she has an interview and a test. She then reports to a training centre where she has another Medical and receives her kit which is worth £40 and

represents 210 coupons. Finally she is interviewed by the selection officer who decides what duties will be most suitable for her.

In the course of her training she has lectures on such topics as pay, discipline and A.T.S. organisation. At this point our lecturer emphasised the importance of discipline of which drill is an important factor, making us both physically and mentally alert, ready for immediate obedience.

After three weeks, the young recruit goes on to a unit, or she may, if she wishes take a specialised course. We were amazed to hear of the number of trades open to women of the A.T.S. They can become draughtswomen, drivers, welders, electricians, chiropodists, or P.T. instructors, for example ; and whereas the duties of the A.T.S. were at first primarily domestic, there are now about a hundred trades from which to select.

Apart from ordinary training there are three hours per week of compulsory education, besides classes for any subject in which all A.T.S. women may be interested.

She is paid 2/- per day, at first, which is equivalent to £3 10s. per week, as everything is found. The most she can earn before becoming an officer is 10s. per day. She has seven days leave every three months, with an extra forty-eight hours if the Army can spare her. There is of course, compassionate leave also. All her travelling expenses are paid.

An officer must have at least three months training in the ranks, unless she has some unusual qualification which is in great demand. The great point is, however, that she must know the women she is going to control.

Finally, then, as Senior Commander Kemp said, the youth of today is the woman of tomorrow, and in what better way can she help to speed the return of peace, than by learning to serve her country ?

A.P.H. Form U.VI. ((Clayton)).

## A WAR TIME DUTY

It was a cold January night. The curtains were drawn but the light had not yet been lit, and the room was full of flitting shadows as the flames from the fire danced and shone on the brightly polished furniture. I was alone. In front of me was a pile of books and I was trying to decide which of them could be given for salvage. I was wondering whether I could bear to give away any of my treasured volumes.

I picked up a book. It was a volume containing all the novels of the "Scarlet Pimpernel" series. This was one of my favourite books. It was not very old, but I had read and loved it many times. The next in the pile was a small volume en-



titled "Peter Pan". I had not read it for so long a time that I switched on the light and began to read. Suddenly my enjoyment was interrupted by a knock at the door. Answering the door, I was asked if I had any books for salvage, and I replied that I would give some later. I went back and picked up another book. This contained fairy stories. I looked through the whole pile and regretfully decided to give up half a dozen of my books.

I consoled myself for their loss with the thought that even though I no longer had the books, the characters would live for ever in my mind. Sir Percy Blakeney will always be the ideal adventurer, the fop who cared not for admiration from his fellows, but only for the success of his impudent plans for rescuing people from the guillotine, and whose ideals still live in so many of our gallant young men of today. Peter Pan and Wendy and many other characters will still remain in the storehouse of my memory, and will often live again for me in the twilight on a cold day, when the fire makes shadows dance upon the walls.

V.P. Form IVa. (Clayton).

## THE MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL

BY COLONEL MASON,

On March 12th the whole school was given a very informative lecture, illustrated by slides, on the Manchester Ship Canal.

The canal will be fifty years old next New Year's Day. There was a desire for a canal between Manchester and the estuary of the Mersey long before the present one was built. Two hundred years ago plans were made for the navigation of the Mersey and the Irwell.

It was found that to sail along the Mersey was impracticable for large ships as the river turns too much. By means of a canal ships could sail all the way to Manchester, thus saving the expense of unloading at Liverpool and then sending the goods by rail or road to Manchester to be distributed. Manchester is sixty feet higher than the Mersey estuary and so locks had to be built along the canal. In pre-war days, ships from every country in the world could sail into Manchester by way of the ship canal.

One of the first plans was drawn up in 1712, another, which involved crossing the Wirral to the River Dee; in 1787. Maps of the various routes were shown by the lecturer. A scheme by Poulton was to dredge the channel of the Mersey as far as Runcorn and then have the canal following the river, the cutting being from Runcorn to Manchester. Owing to the heavy cost of putting the scheme into practice, among other reasons, the idea fell through until in 1882 Adamson devised a plan which with a few modifications was the one used. Parliament said that the canal should follow the south bank of the estuary. About half a million pounds were spent before the actual building was begun in 1887. Nevertheless there was always opposition to the plans. One very amusing cartoon ridiculing the idea was shown on a slide.

The ship canal is wider than the Suez canal. Massive steel walls were built in the river estuary as sides of the canal.

• For the first eight miles from Manchester the canal is the river Irwell and for the next four miles the river runs in the canal. At this point the river and canal separate to Runcorn and run past the river Weaver to the sea.

In 1887 the canal was started at Eastham where there are several locks. The largest lock is six hundred feet long and eighty feet wide. The lock gates at Eastham weigh two hundred and fifty tons and are opened by chains and hydraulic power. The water-level in the locks can be lowered by passing water out of the sides. Barges are enabled to get across by means of sluices to the river. Both Eastham and Latchford locks are tidal. A transporter bridge runs across the river from Runcorn, which is famous for its salt trade, to Widnes.

The lecturer showed many pictures of the canal in the course of construction. The earth was put into trucks and used for filling in holes or making embankments. Eighty million tons of earth were excavated, sixteen million tons of sandstone being blasted out. The work of excavation was simplified by the use of scoopers which consist of a chain of buckets which tip over and empty their contents at the top of the incline. Dredges were used to trim the sides of the canal and bull-dozers to push earth into depressions.

There are artificial embankments at Ellesmere which is farther up the canal than Eastham, and coal conveying plants, grain conveyors and warehouses along the side of the canal here too. At Latchford there are four locks.

While the canal was being built the river Irwell was diverted. In 1890 water was let into the canal from the estuary. There are a swing bridge and railway bridge over the canal at Knutsford. Coal is sent to Partington where there are railway sidings and coal elevators on the banks of the canal. At Earham there are iron-ore works.

Further up a barge canal crosses the ship canal. In Manchester there are dry docks for ships to enter when they need refitting and repainting. There is also a floating pontoon. There is an elevator at the end of No. 9 dock which can hold forty thousand tons of grain, and hundreds of tons of grain can be unloaded in an hour. Many other goods such as cotton bales and locomotives are unloaded here. Special cranes have to be used to deal with heavy objects. Tankers are shut off so that if a fire broke out there would be no danger of its spreading along the surface of the water (since oil floats on water) and covering a large area. Pipe lines are passed from the tankers to the storage tanks.

Colonel Mason gave a detailed account of the ship canal and its relation to towns on it, leaving us with an idea of its importance, which most of us had known before the lecture as just a name or at the most, a track of dirty water.

J.C.H. Form U.VI. (Clayton).



## Vb. Visits "She Stoops to Conquer."

On Wednesday March 17th a party of Vb., escorted by members of the Staff, attended a performance of "She Stoops to Conquer", at Highways Hostel, Euxton.

It was yet another of C.E.M.A.'s many successes, this time by Stanford Holme and his Company. The actors, mainly, were suited to their parts, Kate Hardcastle, Mr. Hardcastle and Tony Lumpkin being exceptionally good. The dominating personality of the play was Tony Lumpkin and this was as it should be. Kate Hardcastle and her father endeared themselves to the audience, the former by her vivacity, and the latter by his old-fashioned solidity.

The scenery and costumes were most pleasing and the lighting effects excellent. It is greatly to the credit of these players that they can conquer the deficiencies of accommodation as they do.

As the play was given to war-workers the farcical elements in the comedy were emphasized almost to excess; nevertheless it was well warranted by the text and we all enjoyed it.

Not least of the pleasures of the evening was the moonlit return to Leyland, undertaken in the first place because we were dubious of getting seats on the buses.

Form Vb.

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## "NATIONAL SAVINGS" FILM SHOW

On February 18th the school was entertained by a 'National Savings' film show. The films were shown from a van in the quadrangle.

The first film was 'Back the Attack' and was a review of the events from the beginning of the war to the present day. It showed Britain's gradual change from the defensive to the offensive. After this film Mr. Stacy Lintott made a speech asking the school to lend all it could. The second film was 'The Owner goes Aloft', in which a man went for a 'trip' in a Link trainer. The last film was a cartoon called 'Volunteer Worker' which we all enjoyed and which to the lower school was the high spot of the afternoon.

E.F. Form L.VI. (Farington).

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## Lecture on Road Safety

Police Constable Sharples paid a return visit to the school in the Spring Term to give us a lecture on Road Safety. He told us that there had been an increasing amount of carelessness on the roads, and gave us startling figures which

showed that the total number of children killed in road accidents since the war exceeded the total number of men killed by enemy bombs.

But he did however give Balshaw's a word of praise: he said that none of our pupils had been involved in any accident since his last visit and he hoped that we should continue to live up to our reputation. Other school children who were less fortunate than ourselves, who did not belong to a school such as ours, where high standard had been set by our fathers and grandfathers, looked to us for an example and we must be to them representatives of this tradition of complete control over ourselves and respect for others.

He addressed a word specially to those of us who used bicycles, and asked us to dismount when we passed through the gates and to see that our bicycles were in good order.

Police Constable Sharples showed us a poster with drawings of, what seemed to us, a thermos flask, a milk bottle and a football. These were, in reality, anti-personnel bombs, which do not always go off when they strike the ground; they are therefore very often found in unusual places, and if touched are very dangerous. He told us of a boy in Euxton who had been badly burned with the contents of one of these bombs, and he issued a warning to us all.

We were all very grateful to him for his very interesting lecture and look forward to his next visit.

E.B.T. Form U.VI. (Farington).

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## The National Savings Group.

The School Savings Group this term has kept up a fairly good weekly average, the amount saved this term being over £370. A series of pictures about the R.A.F. has been shown this term; if the stamp sales reach £12 in a week, a new picture is put up. Most weeks this sum has been easily passed, but there have been two lapses. This scheme will continue next term, until the end of the series.

Leyland Wings for Victory week has been fixed for May 29th to June 5th, 1943. On one evening of that week the Schools are providing an entertainment of songs and country dances in which members of all the Schools will take part together. Miss Rahill and Miss Bartlett have kindly consented to help with this.

The School is again running a competition for Model Aeroplanes and Posters, with Savings Certificates and Stamps as prizes. Although time is short, we hope



and expect that the display of model aircraft and posters will be at least as successful as our exhibition of model ships and posters for Warship Week.

In our Wings for Victory campaign this year the Leyland Schools are combining and their joint target is £6,000. Our share of this total is £1,200. We must raise at least that sum, in order to do our bit. We cannot let the other schools down. If possible, we should like to "get our wings", and beat that target, as it would help the other schools in the joint effort. If we reach our target we shall be entitled to a certificate signed by the Secretary of State for Air.

Last year in Warship Week the School Group raised £1858. It was an excellent achievement. Let us make a supreme effort and beat it this year.

F.P.

## War Charities Fund

Bearing in mind the fact that 'a rose by any other name would smell as sweet', we appreciate that our fund which began as a Knitting Fund, and developed into a Troops Comforts Fund, has now emerged in the passage of time into a War Charities Fund.

All the services have been recognised separately and collectively, with a special glance at local needs in the Preston Station Buffet, and a comforts fund for those of the Lancashire Loyal Regiment who are prisoners of war. Since our last magazine another £17 11s. 2d. has been collected, making the total up to date £137 6s. 7½d.—a very generous sum.

M.A.R.

## THE SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

Owing to lectures and other occurrences our society meetings this term have been restricted to three in number, so rather than include individual reports, it was thought better both to save space in this publication and to give a fuller account of their activities in the next.

The efforts of the Dramatic Society have already blossomed in the presentation of 'The Admirable Crichton'. We hope that the summer session of the other societies, if not so spectacular, will be as happy and successful. Especially do we give our blessing to the Gardening Society and may the fruits of its labour give as much pleasure as the School Play.

A.B.

## The Choir Notes

At the end of the Christmas term we held our usual Carol Services. Owing to wartime restrictions we were unable to have a Christmas tree, but this did not spoil the effects of the carols which were even more lovely than usual.

There are some excellent solo singers who are contributing much now to the variety of the Service. Needless to say the party following the carols was an unqualified success.

Choir activities have been suspended this term as better weather has made outdoor activities more popular.

E.N.

## The Greenhouse

Our work in the greenhouse, this Spring has consisted mainly of setting seeds. We have set some onion, leek, lettuce and some tomato seeds.

We have taken some chrysanthemum cuttings and they have all taken root. The hydrangea cutting has also taken root, but we have no hope of its bearing any blossoms this season.

The strawberry plant, which was given to us by an interested fourth-former, shows signs of having flowers.

We have also taken some geranium cuttings.

We have had a fine show of daffodils although perhaps not up to the usual standard.

The goldfish are still the only inhabitants of the aquarium.

M.R.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1942-43.

The school 1st XV had a rather less successful season than usual from the standpoint of matches won, but most of the games were closely contested and the team was keen and played hard. Our chief handicap was lack of speed and weight in the backs which inevitably restricted their scoring power and weakened the defence. The forwards played well and always gave a good account of themselves.

### CHARACTERS OF THE 1ST. XV.

*Dalton, (Capt.):* Keen and always played hard. Although a forward he adapted himself well to the centre three position.

*Edwards:* Played a neat game at full-back. Fields and kicks well. Needs now to improve his tackling.

*Meadows:* Made a promising start in his first season as a wing-three.



*Salisbury* : Is fast and follows up well but still does not run or tackle with sufficient determination.

*Neale* : Showed promise as a half in both positions, and was playing well at the end of the season.

*Riding* : Played well on all occasions ; his tackling, as usual, was always hard and low.

*Shepherd* : A bustling forward who always did his bit.

*Hayhurst* : A strong player who should make a very good forward.

*Scott* : Hooked well and was always up with the game.

*Berry* : A tearaway forward who never spared himself or others. Must tackle low, though.

*Farrington* : Hardworking and not so slow as he was but still not fast off the mark.

*Wightman* : Played some good games but was not always fit.

*Elston* : A sound forward who was especially good in the line out.

*Whitaker* : Although rather slow he played some plucky games in various positions and was always keen.

*Grayson* : Played well at the end of the season as a forward.

*Webster* : Despite lack of weight he played several useful games and should come on next year.

*Gardner* : Although he started the season with little previous experience he developed into a good, strong, hardworking forward.

SAT., OCT. 17TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. BLACKPOOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV.  
AWAY. LOST.

This was the first game of the season, and also the debut for many of our players. The ground was muddy and there was a bad cross-wind blowing. The school pack played hard and held their own throughout the game. Our opponents opened the score with a good try, which was converted. Shortly afterwards Salisbury scored a try for us, which was not converted. In the second half the school forwards played well, but we were outrun in the threequarters. This resulted in Blackpool's scoring three more tries, one of which was converted.

*Result* : School, 3 pts.; Blackpool Grammar School, 14 pts.

SAT., OCT. 24TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV.  
AWAY. LOST.

Again we were playing away. The weather was just short of a gale, with showers of hailstones now and again. Ormskirk did all the attacking in the first half, and finally went over the line for a try, which was converted. Ormskirk encouraged by their try, made for the line again, and after several attempts, all of which failed, Salisbury broke through and made a good run from our '25' and scored—Edwards converted. In the second half the play was general and Ormskirk went over the line for another try, which was converted.

*Result* : School, 5pts ; Ormskirk Grammar School, 10 pts.

SAT. NOV. 7TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. A STONYHURST COLLEGE XV. HOME. WON.

It was an ideal day for rugby and winning the toss, we elected to play uphill. Stonyhurst were soon off the mark and their wing three-quarter scored a good try which was converted. The school team then wakened up and Edwards scored for us, with a penalty kick. Stonyhurst's threequarters played hard and scored twice, although they failed to convert. The school then went through for a try after a good threequarter movement, Dalton scoring. This try was converted. In the second half, our forwards playing downhill over-ran the Stonyhurst forwards and Neale, Riding, Berry, Scott and Dalton scored tries for the school. Two of these tries were converted.

*Result* : School, 30 pts ; A Stonyhurst XV 11 pts.

SAT., NOV. 25TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV.  
HOME. LOST.

A good day and an even game. The play was general but Kirkham's three-quarters were faster than ours. In the first half Kirkham crossed the line five times and converted twice. The School pressed hard, and Edwards kicked a penalty goal. In the second half Kirkham scored three more tries, one of which was converted. Edwards kicked another penalty goal, and Hayhurst scored a try for the school which was converted.

*Result* : School, 11 pts ; Kirkham Grammar School, 27 pts.

SAT., NOV. 28TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. BLACKPOOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV.  
HOME. LOST.

Blackpool opened the score with an unconverted try. The School forwards played hard, but Blackpool went over again for another unconverted try. In the second half, Blackpool scored two more unconverted tries, and Edwards kicked a good penalty goal for the School.

*Result* : School, 3 pts ; Blackpool Grammar School, 12 pts.

SAT., DEC. 5TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV.  
HOME. LOST.

The play was good considering the weather, and the School held their own in the first half. By this time there was only one person on the field with a clean pair of hands and a clean face,—the referee. In the second half Hutton scored a try from a loose scrum, but failed to convert. There was no further score.

*Result* : School, nil ; Hutton Grammar School, 3 pts.

SAT., DEC. 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV.  
AWAY. LOST.

Again it was a very bad day, and the field was a mud-bath. We played with one man short. Our threequarters were absolutely lost and the Kirkham threequarters went over the line time and time again. The School forwards played hard but we failed to score.

*Result* : School, nil ; Kirkham Grammar School, 33 pts.



SAT., FEB. 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV. HOME.  
LOST.

This was a fairly even game. Both sides pressed hard and after a kick-through Ormskirk scored. The try was not converted. In the second half, Ormskirk scored an unconverted try. The School played hard but we failed to cross our opponents' line.

*Result* : School, nil ; Ormskirk Grammar School, 6 pts.

SAT., FEB. 27TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV. AWAY.  
LOST.

This was a tough game, and our forwards played well. Twice we were within inches of the line but we were foiled in all attempts. The captain of the opposing side scored all their tries, six in all, two of which were converted. Edwards had bad luck with a penalty kick, which hit the post. The game finished with the play still keen and it was an enjoyable game.

*Result* : School, nil ; Hutton Grammar School, 22 pts.

SAT., DEC. 12TH. SCHOOL 2ND XV v. KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND XV.  
HOME. LOST.

*Results* : School, 6 pts ; Kirkham Grammar School, 41 pts.

SAT., NOV. 25TH. SCHOOL 2ND XV v. KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND XV.  
AWAY. LOST.

*Result* : School, nil.; Kirkham Grammar School, 54 pts.

SAT., OCT. 17TH. SCHOOL BANTAMS XV v. BLACKPOOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL BANTAMS  
XV. AWAY. LOST.

*Result* : School, 3 pts.; Blackpool Grammar School, 21 pts.

SAT., OCT. 24TH. SCHOOL BANTAMS XV v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL BANTAMS  
XV. AWAY. WON.

*Result* : School 20 pts.; Ormskirk Grammar School, 5 pts.

SAT., NOV. 28TH. SCHOOL BANTAMS XV v. BLACKPOOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL BANTAMS  
XV. HOME. WON.

*Result* : School, 21 pts. ; Blackpool Grammar School 3 pts.

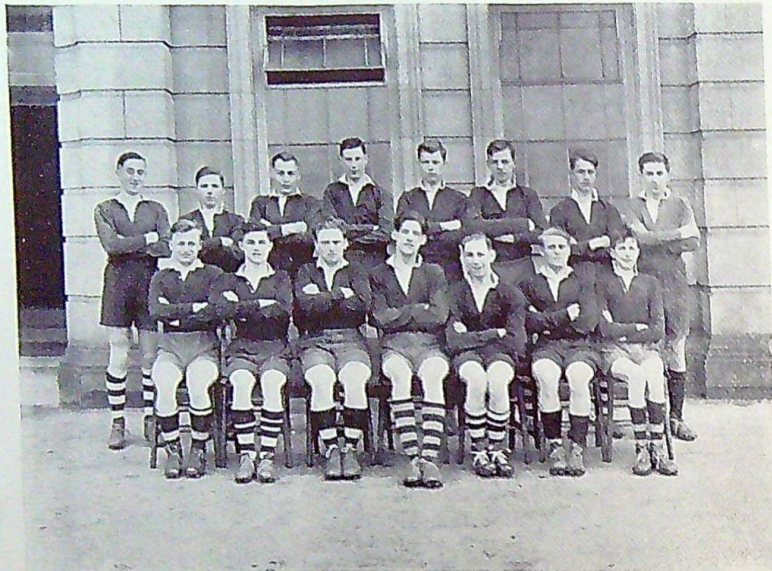
SAT., FEB. 20TH. SCHOOL BANTAMS XV v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL BANTAMS  
XV. HOME. WON.

*Result* : School, 15 pts. ; Ormskirk Grammar School, 3 pts.

#### RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES, 1942 /43.

	Played	Won	Lost
1st XV .. ..	9	1	8
2nd XV .. ..	2	0	2
Bantams XV .. ..	4	3	1





SCHOOL 1st XV RUGBY 1942-43.

Back Row ; (left to right) : Gardner, Whitaker, Hayhurst, Elston, Shepherd, Farrington, Meadows, Grayson.  
 Front Row ; (left to right) : Scott, Neale, Salisbury, Dalton, Riding, Edwards, Webster.  
 Played 9. Won 1. Lost 8.



SCHOOL 1st XI HOCKEY 1942-1943.

Back Row ; (left to right) : K. Frost, M. Regan, A. Deacon, M. Sutton, M. Hutchings, I. Greenhalgh.  
 Front Row ; (left to right) : P. Howson, A. Bradley, B. Sharples, M. Hunt, M. Garnett.  
 Played 8. Won 7. Lost 1.

## RUGBY KNOCK-OUTS.

In the preliminary round : Worden defeated Farington by 18 pts. to nil.; Clayton defeated Cuerden by 30 pts. to nil.

In the final after a very even and hard fought game Worden beat Clayton by 6 pts. to 5 pts, thus winning the Rugger Knock-outs.

Result : Worden 6 pts., Clayton, 5 pts.

## HOUSE LEAGUES.

House	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Clayton .. ..	6	4	1	1	9
Cuerden .. ..	6	3	1	2	7
Farington .. ..	6	0	0	6	0
Worden .. ..	6	5	0	1	10

Shield Winners : Worden.

## HOCKEY, 1942-3

The Hockey Season of 1942-3 has been a very happy and successful one. We were fortunate in having six members of the team from the previous year, and this gave us a good start.

The Forwards have combined well with each other once in possession of the ball, but they have all been inclined to wait for the ball to arrive, rather than running in to their passes. They have attacked well in the circle.

The Defence players have been good, combining well with each other, and giving excellent support to the Forwards.

Some of the older players who are leaving this year will be greatly missed next season, and the Juniors will need to work very hard to fill their places successfully.



## TEAM CRITICISMS.

*L. Wing : (Autumn Term) A. Dixon.*—A fast player who combines well with the Left Inner. Stickwork good.

*(Spring Term) K. Frost.*—Has very good speed and has tried hard to master the difficult right pass across the field.

*Left Inner : A. Deacon.*—Is quick in the field and combines well with the wing. Needs to shoot more strongly.

*Centre Forward : P. Howson.*—Uses speed to good advantage, and passes well out to the Wings. Shoots quickly and strongly, but needs to be more accurate.

*Right Inner : M. Garnett.*—Combines very well with the other Forwards, and shoots quickly, strongly, and accurately. Needs to be a little quicker in tackling back.

*Right Wing : A. Bradley.*—Stickwork has been much neater and more controlled this year. Centres well and shoots strongly.

*Left Half : M. Sutton.*—Tackles extremely well, and marks carefully. Combines well with the back.

*Centre Half : B. Sharples.*—Has made a great success as Centre half this season, having played Wing and Goal in previous years. Good speed enables her to back up her forwards and tackle back extremely well. Has been a most efficient Captain, and much of the team's success in the matches has been due to her capable leadership.

*Right Half : I. Greenhalgh.*—Marks well, and has a very good strong drive. Needs to be a little quicker in backing up her forwards.

*Left Back : M. Hutchings.*—Marks well and breaks up the forwards well. Has a strong drive but needs to keep her eye on the ball more carefully.

*Right Back : M. Hunt.*—Tackles with great determination and clears forcefully. Makes up for lack of speed with good anticipation.

*Goal : M. Regan.*—Has done well in her first season as goal, and has had a few "inspired" moments ! Uses her feet quite well, and the rest should come with more experience.

M.K.B.

SAT., OCT. 3RD. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

Although this was the first match of the season, the School team combined well. Our defence was superior to Chorley's and was thus able to open up many attacks, of which our forwards took advantage.

*Result : School, 13 goals ; Chorley Grammar School, nil.*

SAT., NOV. 7TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. RIVINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

This match was contested on a heavy and water-logged pitch and play was considerably slowed down. Although the School team was attacking during the whole game and play was mostly in the Rivington half, many goals were forfeited

owing to inaccurate and weak shooting, and because the forwards did not follow up their shots.

*Result : School, 10 goals ; Rivington Grammar School, nil.*

WED., NOV. 11TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON CONVENT 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

During the first half of the game, the match was keenly contested. Unfortunately however, one of the Convent team was injured causing a break in the game. After this, play was somewhat relaxed.

Again our forwards were slow on to the ball, and missed many opportunities of scoring because they did not run into the ball, and because they did not rush their shots.

*Result : School, 7 goals ; Preston Convent, nil.*

SAT., NOV. 14TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

This was by no means an easy game, both teams fighting hard and being almost evenly matched. The Ashton halves marked our forwards very well, and we had difficulty in breaking through the Ashton defence. However, an enjoyable game with a high standard of play ended in our favour.

*Result : School, 2 goals ; Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School, nil.*

SAT., NOV. 21ST. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PARK SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

This was another hard match for the School team. The Preston Park School forwards were very fast and gave our defence many anxious moments. The score was even at half-time, and it was not until one minute from the end of the game that the School forwards, after frequent attacks in the Park School circle, managed to push in another goal.

*Result : School, 2 goals ; Preston Park School, 1.*

SAT., FEB. 18TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HINDLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

The School team had not practised much before this match and as a result shooting was wild and inaccurate. Yet although Hindley defended their goalmouth valiantly, our team was the superior both in attack and defence.

*Result : School, 9 goals ; Hindley Grammar School, nil.*

SAT., FEB. 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. NEWTON-IN-MAKERFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST.

Our team was rather weaker than usual for this match as several members were unable to play and our shooting was not accurate enough. However, this was an enjoyable game as the teams were very evenly matched.

*Result : School, 2 goals ; Newton Grammar School, 3.*

WED., FEB. 24TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

This match gave a hectic ending to the season's hockey. Fortunately for us we had a full team, since having been only just defeated by us in an away match, the Park School were as intent on victory as we. However, after a strenuous game on a heavy pitch, the School secured victory.

*Result : School, 3 goals ; Preston Park School, 2.*



SAT., OCT. 3RD. SCHOOL 2ND XI v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND XI. HOME. WON  
*Result* : School, 7 goals ; Chorley G. S., nil

WED., NOV. 11TH. SCHOOL 2ND XI v. PRESTON CONVENT 2ND XI. HOME. WON.  
*Result* : School, 8 goals ; Preston Convent, nil.

SAT., NOV. 14TH. SCHOOL JUNIOR XI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
 JUNIOR XI. HOME. WON.  
*Result* : School, 4 goals ; Ashton-in-Makerfield, 2.

SAT., NOV. 21ST. SCHOOL 2ND XI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL 2ND XI. HOME. WON.  
*Result* : School, 5 goals ; Park School, 2.

WED., FEB. 24TH. SCHOOL 2ND XI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL 2ND XI. AWAY. DRAW  
*Result* : School, 1 goal ; Park School, 1.

#### RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES, 1942 /3.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI.    ..    ..	8	7	0	1
2nd XI.    ..    ..	4	3	1	0
Junior XI.    ..    ..	1	1	0	0

#### HOCKEY LEAGUE TABLE, 1942 /3.

House	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Cuerden    ..    ..	6	5	0	1	10
Worden    ..    ..	6	5	0	1	10
Clayton    ..    ..	6	1	0	5	2
Farington    ..    ..	6	1	0	5	2

SHIELD WINNERS : Cuerden and Worden.

#### HOCKEY KNOCK-OUTS.

The final of the Hockey Knock-Outs was played between Cuerden and Worden. Cuerden had the stronger team, but the Worden team fought hard and managed to keep the game evenly distributed. Cuerden however, defeated Worden by 8 goals to 1.

WINNERS : Cuerden.

## HOUSE NOTES. CLAYTON HOUSE.

*House Master* : Mr. A. J. Bull.

*House Mistress* : Miss F. W. Royle.

*House Captains* : Dalton, L. (Boys) ; J. C. Howcroft (Girls).

Claytonites—there was once a celebrated occasion, not quite two years ago, when the scribe of the fortunes of our house could record our winning in succession the Hockey, Rugby, Tennis and Rounders Knockout Cups and the Hockey, Rugby and Rounders League Shields. Yet he was not satisfied, but spurred you on to further effort that Clayton House might be the proud possessor of that noble token of scholastic merit—the Silver Grifin.

What a glorious future lay before us ! Contrast these early hopes with present reality, and how easy would be the taunt that we have rested on our laurels, enjoying life and watching a little superciliously the eager striving of other houses ! Not one of the honours of the Easter term has fallen to our lot : we have lost our eminent position in the life active and have made little progress towards the mysterious heights of the life scholastic. The successor of that scribe is tempted to cry out against his useless craft which fails to inspire and encourage a House that seems to rise or fall according to the portion of brain and brawn which each year brings.

But perhaps he, with pride sore at the abasement of his house, emphasises too much, material gain, and exaggerates the gloom. After all, our teams suffered from the absence of our colleagues whom we lost in the summer ; and before a new generation of Claytonites arrives with strength and skill to fill their place, we must bear our reverses. Meanwhile the spirit of our house is still burning : in the final of the Rugger Knockouts our boys fought hard and well against a strong Worden team and were only defeated by one point. Such effort bodes well for the future, in which tennis, cricket and rounders will be our test. And let us make a special effort in the Sports : there might be as yet among us few distinguished athletes, but the steady co-operation of our members in the Relays has often been rewarded with success.

## CUERDEN HOUSE.

*House Master* : Mr. F. Parry.

*House Mistress* : Miss K. Whewell.

*House Captains* : Shepherd, J. (Boys) ; A. B. Sage (Girls).

What a thankless task is that of the writer of House Notes ! As each magazine comes round, an autocratic editor approaches and orders the writing of the House



Notes. The humble writer, who is in no position to go against such an exalted personage as an editor, complies reluctantly, and having extorted an ample supply of paper from a lesser being, seeks some quiet place where, with solitude as an only companion, he may brood over his misfortunes and eventually produce some record of House activities. As the wretched writer reflects, he cannot help but look back to what he has written before in previous records. And as he reflects he becomes filled with a deep sense of uneasiness because all the high hopes which he held out at the beginning of the year have not been fulfilled. At last, taking courage, he begins to write. After having written the heading he begins to wonder what to write next. He had some new ideas about writing House Notes. He wanted to fling away conventionalities and try some new way of getting his morals across. He wanted to have done with such phrases as "glittering trophies", "failed miserably" and "good luck, Cuerden"!; but his nerve fails him. The consequences attending such untowardness on his part are too terrible to contemplate.

So wearily, he again takes up his pen and writes:

"Once more we set pen to paper to record upon the tablets of time, the achievements and failures of Cuerden House," (or words to that effect).

"During the past season we have striven hard; but the odds were too heavy (against the boys, anyhow). In the Rugger Knock-Outs we have failed miserably being beaten by our worthy adversary Clayton House, the score soaring to astronomical heights. In the Rugger Leagues we did little better, finishing second in the table. Thus it is that we turn to the girls for salvation, and in some respect we are rewarded. They achieved success and lasting fame by winning the Hockey Knock-Out cup. Shall we raise a little cheer at this heartening news? In the Hockey Leagues the girls finished up at the top, tying with Worden for first place.

As regards the scholastic ability of the House, we can only murmur that once upon a time it was a foregone conclusion that Cuerden would get the Silver Griffin.

Well, Cuerdenites, that is how things have gone with the House since the publication of the last magazine. But do not lose hope: there is always that greatest of all glittering trophies, the House Championship Cup for Athletic Sports, to strive for."

And our humble writer adds as an afterthought, "Good luck, Cuerden!"

## FARINGTON HOUSE

*House Mistress* : Miss A. Milroy.

*House Master* : Mr. H. J. Lomax.

*House Captains* : M. D. Hunt (Girls); Grayson K. M. (Boys).

It is with heavy heart that we once more put pen to paper to record the activities of the House.

We have been singularly unfortunate on the games field; the girls after a long struggle were defeated by one goal in the first round of the Hockey Knock-Outs, while the boys, though they fought valiantly, were unable to prevent a crushing defeat by Worden in the Rugger Knock-Outs. Our lack of senior members becomes even more apparent as time goes on and the future of the House rests in the hands of the middle school.

The Griffin, now almost an institution, remains our sole consolation in an otherwise bare House room, and though we may cheer ourselves with the thought that brains are more important than brawn, further efforts are called for on the athletic side.

Though we can hold out no great hopes for Sports Day we do at least expect to do better than last year and if the enthusiasm of the House as a whole is any criterion, we can say that the next appearance of the magazine will herald news of a more cheering nature.

## WORDEN HOUSE

*House Mistress* : Miss M. A. Rahill.

*House Master* : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

*House Captains* : B. Y. Sharples (Girls); R. J. Gardner (Boys).

This last term has been one of success! For how long have we waited to write that sentence. In the past Worden has striven hard, both on the playing-field and in the class-room. But fate was not kind to us. Always the prize was snatched from our clutching fingers. Only once in later years have we gained the first place in any competition—last year, when we won the Inter-House Athletic Sports.

But during this last term—goaded on by the smart of past failures—we played harder than ever. Our Rugby League team was determined to win the Shield, and they achieved their ambition in no uncertain fashion, losing only one match. The next high light of our Rugby Season was the Knock-Outs. A team which did not represent the full strength of the House defeated Farington in the first round by the comfortable margin of 18 pts. to nil.

Our opponents in the final, however, were of a different calibre, and it was after very even play that Worden was able to run off the field winners by 6 pts. to 5 pts.

The girls, however, have not been quite so fortunate. Although they tried very hard, they could not prevent Cuerden tying with them for first place in the



Hockey Leagues. The Hockey Knock-Outs team had to play a very much stronger side in the final, and so just failed to win the cup.

So much for the past. Wordenites, we must not rest on our laurels. In front of us lies Sports Day, and Cricket and Tennis and Rounders. With our recent successes for encouragement, we must aim for bigger and better things. The Griffin has not been ours for many a day, nor have the Cricket, Tennis or Rounders cups and shields.

So on, Wordenites, on.

## “NON SIBI SED ALIIS”

War Charities Fund—£17 11 2 (to date £137 6 7½)

Nov. 11th, 1942—Earl Haig's Poppy Fund—£5 2 10½.

Dec. 2nd, 1942—Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund—£5.

Dec. 18th, 1942—Regional Toy Pool (per Lady Openshaw)—20 Toys made by pupils

Dec. 18th, 1942—Preston Infirmary Linen League—£1 12 5.

Mar. 30th, 1943—Red Cross (Collection at Dress Rehearsal of School Play)  
£1 11 10.

Mar. 31st, 1943—A.T.S. Welfare Fund—£5.

Mar. 31st, 1943—Loyal Regiment Comforts Fund—£5.

## OLD BALSHAVIANS

(OLD GIRLS' SECTION).

Mr. Oldland has again been kind enough to allow the Old Girls to use the tennis courts on Thursday evenings during the summer months. We hope that more Old Girls will take advantage of this privilege.

The school play, which was well attended and very much enjoyed by Old Students, provided an excellent opportunity for many re-unions and recollections of school days.

The Old Girls in H.M. Forces welcome the free issue of the Balshavian, which is kindly sent to them by Mr. Oldland. I should be glad to have particulars of any Old Girls who have recently joined H.M. Forces and are not included in the list in the Balshavian.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Somewhere Abroad,

20 /11 /42.

Dear Editor,

Do not be surprised if a succession of visitors in Air Force blue, from Wing Commanders down to A /C Plonks descends upon the school between now and the Peace Treaty. Some may be inspired by a love of learning others by a desire to see for themselves the charms of la Balshavienne, still more by a curious urge to find out what kind of an institution this is which could tolerate C.S.H. for twelve years. The fame of Balshaw's has spread. In my own office is a sergeant who knows Miss Whitehouse (but I won't go into that now) and an A /C2 who knows 'Miss Spellman', as B.G.S. still calls her.

The latest news I had of the school was of the Staff Match. I rejoice at the victory of my old colleagues (with the aid of Forms I and II) and the discomfiture of Sefton, a batsman of whom one always saw (and heard) too much. It is a disheartening experience playing in staff matches 'Thank goodness', you think, 'next year young Duckweed will have left', and sure enough next year young Plankton, an insignificant trundler in a House League side in Duckweed's day, has acquired thews and girth and makes Duckweed's expresses seem like the balmy zephyrs of spring.

We had a good trip out. From the day I arrived on board, as part of the Advance Party, till the day we docked at our first port of call I had little leisure. Having graciously received my 360 guests and seen them fed and bedded (Oh Zola! Oh Dante!) I did 24 hours guard. To post 24 men at 02.00 hours on a black night and on a heaving deck has its problems, especially when two of them with customary R.A.F. initiative have already posted themselves. In the end I lined them against the rail and left them.

Thereafter I was Education and Entertainments Officer to 1500 airmen and knew the joys of lecturing on Post-War Reconstruction down in the bowels of the ship to 500 sweltering 'erks'. I also taught French, which gave me considerable pause, but I had a book. My chief claim to fame, however, was as the Professor Joad of the R.A.F. Brains Trust. Worried Subalterns from famous regiments could be seen consulting works of references in the Officers' Lounge and anxiously scanning lists of questions, but we scorned such aids and took the fire as it came. Only once were we got down and as an airman wrote home, 'they crawled round that one'. We also won the Tug of War but I had nothing to do with this despite my years of heaving Cuerden to victory. We had a P.T. Corporal, a mighty person-



ality, who showed us a thing or two which I have stored up for the massacre of Worden, Farington and Clayton.

We held a Balshavian Reunion: Harry Mortimer, comfortably posted, lucky dog, and able to call on my old co-digger Sam Thomas, well known to old members of the Dramatic Society, (whose mighty laugh played its part in the success of many a school play—though I deny that we ever issued him with a specially scored copy); Bobby Bellis, very smart with his white flash as a U.T. pilot and advancing the most irresponsible views as usual; Norman Barrow, a tough looking sergeant in the Gunners, now knocking the Germans out of Libya; and the dapper and voluble 2nd Lieut. A. B. Rimmer who afterwards did the honours at the Hotel where he was living in luxury while his poor old History Master camped in the sandy wastes five miles out of town. (If Miss Rahill and Mr. Bull will look the other way) it were a reet good do.

At our port of call I put you all on the air,—but it was in a good cause, the cause of A.R.P. or C.P.S. as they call it. So all your shivering in the shelters was not in vain. It provided me with copy. I have spent the money.

In my present job I have a number of boys working for me (as I sometimes did at Leyland) and I have to go round and check their work (as I occasionally did too) but I do *not* give them homework. I take a poor view of going to work at eight o'clock each morning including Saturday and Sunday. Oh I forgot, it's nine on Sunday. In fact, I take a poor view of going to work on Saturday and Sunday at all. We are free from ten till four forty-five and then work till eight fifteen. During one of these brief spells of post-prandial freedom I met Parker of Coppull, no mean batsman in his day. He too is at H.Q.

To all my friends who have written or intend to write, thanks. You would know what our mail means to us if you saw the look on the face of a lad just out from England when the post passes him by.

Good luck in their new spheres to all who've left since I was at school. As to those I haven't yet seen—I'll deal with them later.

Yours sincerely,

C. S. Hilditch.

## ROLL OF SERVICE.

"Non sibi sed aliis".

Allibone, F.	R.A.F.	Farington	1927-33
Allibone, Mabel	W.R.N.S.	Farington	1930-34
Anderton, N.G.	Intelligence Corps	Cuerden	1933-40
Bennison, Muriel	W.A.A.F.	Worden	1931-36
Berry, J.	South Staffs Rgt.	Clayton	1928-34
Barrow, N.	R.A.	Cuerden	1928-34
Bentley, H.	R.A.F.	—	1929-30
Berry, Joan	Q.A.I.M.N.S.	Farington	1928-36
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
Ball, Doris	A.T.S.	Cuerden	1931-37
† 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.V.R.	—	1923-30
Bretherton, G.	R.A.F.	Farington	1929-32
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
Bond, T. W.	Merchant Navy	Clayton	1936-41
Brown, H.	R.A.F.	—	1924-27
Bamber, K.	R.A.F.	Farington	1934-40
Berry, Marjorie	W.A.A.F.	Clayton	1932-38
Burgess, J. A. D.	Gen. Ser. Corps	Farington	1934-40
Barnett, G. K.	East Surrey Regt.	Clayton	1932-37
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 N. Lancs.	Clayton	1934-40
Cocker, G. E.	R. C. of Signals	Worden	1929-33
Challender, J.	Cheshire Regt.	Worden	1927-31
Challender, F. S.	R.A.F.	Worden	1933-38
Callow, D.	Liverpool Scottish	Clayton	1934-38
Catterall, J.	Merchant Navy	Worden	1938-42
Cusworth, Mary	A.T.S.	—	1924-29
Darnell, P.W.	R.A.	Farington	1929-37
Downie, J. A.	R.A.	Farington	1929-38
Duxbury, J. A.	R.A.O.C.	Farington	1930-36
Duxbury, J. D.	R.N.	Farington	1934-36
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.E.M.E.	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
Ellis, B.	R.A.F.	—	1917-23
Ellis, A.	R.A.	—	1919-24
Fishwick, J.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1928-35
Fisher, R. W. (Master)	R.A.F.	—	1934—
Farrington, E.	R.A.F.	Farington	1933-40
Gaskell, J.	R.A.O.C.	—	1919-24
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
Glover, J. E.	R.A.F.	Worden	1933-37
Harrison, G.	R.N.	Clayton	1934-38
Harrison, J.	R.A.F.	—	1925-29
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, J. A.	R.A.M.C.	Farington	1931-36
Hull, H.	R.E.	Cuerden	1931-38
Herring, 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
Holme, R.	R. Marines	Cuerden	1935-40
Hope, T. E.	R.N.V.R.	Clayton	1933-41
Hull, Eva	A.T.S.	Cuerden	1933-37
Hesmondhalgh, A.	A.T.S.	Worden	1931-36
Hough, R. G.	R. Corps of Signals	Cuerden	1936-40
Iddon, H. R.	R.A.F.	Farington	1932-37
Iddon, B. C.	R.A.F.	Farington	1928-32
Ingham, L.	Air Borne	Farington	1934-37
Jackson, W. M.	R.A.F.	Worden	1929-35
Jackson, A.	R.A.S.C.	Worden	1925-32
Jackson, E.	R.C. of Signals	—	1920-28
Johnston, F. J.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1938-40
Jackson, Margaret	W.A.A.F.	Worden	1932-37
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
Lloyd, H.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1934-41
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
Moss, J. E.	R.E.M.E.	Clayton	1934-38
Meredith, J.	R. C. of Signals	Worden	1935-40
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
Parkinson, Evelyn	A.T.S.	Clayton	1934-38
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
Pickburn, E. R.	R.A.F.	Farington	1933-40
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
Rosbotham, T.	R.E.	Cuerden	1935-40
Salthouse, F.	R.A.M.C.	Cuerden	1929-35
Sharp, A.	R.A.	Clayton	1931-36
Shaw, Edith	W.A.A.F.	—	1926-31
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.	—	1922-22
Singleton, F.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1928-37
Sefton, K. F.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1934-42
Smith, J.	R.N.	Worden	1931-35
Seed, R.	R.A.F.	Farington	1933-38
† † Stratton, G. H.	Sherwood Foresters	—	1911-12
Swire, H. T. M.	R.A.	—	1920-21
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
Valentine, T.	R.A.F.	Worden	1935-39
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.	Ghurka Rifles	—	1920-26
Whistlecroft, C. J.	Merchant Navy	Cuerden	1932-38
Whithead, Barbara	A.T.S.	Cuerden	1936-39
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.	R.C. of Signals	Worden	1934-39
Wright, E.	R.A.F.	Farington	1934-39
Wilkinson, Jos.	Gen. Ser. Corps	Clayton	1934-39
Yates, F.	R.A.F.	Farington	1932-36
Yates, H.	South Staffs.	Clayton	1931-37

\*—Killed in Action. †—Prisoner of War. ‡—Missing.  
 \*\*—Mentioned in Dispatches.  
 † † Died on Service. ‡ ‡ Wounded.

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

1943	MAY.	Sports Results
Tu.	4 Midsummer Term Commences. Supervision Duty : Mr. Parry, Hodgson A., B. Y. Sharples.	
W.	5	
Th.	6	
F.	7	
S.	8	
M.	10 Supervision Duty : Miss Whewell, Gardner R. J., A. Bradley.	
Tu.	11	
W.	12	
Th.	13	
F.	14	
S.	15 2.0 p.m. Annual Athletic Sports. Distribution of Prizes by Mrs. H. J. Lomax.	
M.	17 Supervision Duty : Miss Lewis, Grayson, K.M., M.D. Hunt. Rounders Leagues : Cl. v F.(1) ; Cu. v W.(1)	
Tu.	18	
W.	19	
Th.	20 9.30 a.m. Presentation of 'Twelfth Night' by the Osiris Players. 2.45 p.m. Talk to Seniors by a Naval Officer. Cricket Leagues : Cl. v Cu.(1) ; F. v W.(1).	
F.	21	
S.	22 Rounders : School 1st IX. v Chorley G.S. 1st IX. (a)	
M.	24 Supervision Duty : Mr. Bull, Whitaker, J. G., E. Newsham.	

MAY—continued.		
		Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(1) ; F. v. W.(1)
Tu.	25	
W.	26	
Th.	27 Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. F.(1) ; Cu. v. W.(1)	
F.	28 Publication of "The Balshavian" Vol. XIX. No. I.	
S.	29 Leyland "Wings for Victory" Week commences. 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 G.S. 1st XI (h)
M.	31 Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy, Dalton, L., A. B. Sage. Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. W.(1) ; Cu. v. F.(1)	
JUNE		
Tu.	1 Oxford School Certificate Practical Examination in Domestic Subjects. 6-30 p.m. School Party to Concert by Holst Quartet and Dr. Malcolm Sargent at Guild Hall, Preston.	
W.	2	
Th.	3 2.45 p.m. Empire Lecture on "Burma" by Mr. Myat Tun (Provisional). Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. W.(1) ; Cu. v. F.(1)	
F.	4 3.0 p.m. Lecture : "The Middle East" by Major Sheen.	
S.	5 Rounders : School 1st IX v. Upholland G.S. 1st IX (a). School Junior IX v. Upholland G.S. Junior IX (h). Cricket : School 1st XI v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st XI (h). School Colts XI v. Ormskirk G.S. Colts XI (h)	
M.	7 Supervision Duty : Miss Robinson, Shepherd, J., J. C. Howcroft. Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. W.(1) ; Cu. v. F.(1)	
Tu.	8	
W.	9 Tennis : School 1st VI v. Preston Park School 1st VI. (h)	
Th.	10 Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(2) ; F. v. W.(2). 11.0 a.m. Talk to Seniors by Wing Commander J. N. Fletcher, A.F.C.	
F.	11	
S.	12	
M.	14 to F. 18th—Whitsuntide Holidays.	
M.	21 Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, Farrington, E., B. Y. Sharples. Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. F.(1) ; Cu. v. W.(1)	
Tu.	22	
W.	23 Tennis : School 1st VI v. Preston Convent School 1st VI (h). Higher School Cert. Exam. commences (N.U.J.M.B.)	
Th.	24 Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. F.(2) ; Cu. v. W.(2). 6.45 p.m. Haydn Rogerson (Cello) and Beryl Dallen (Piano) in 3rd. of Series of C.E.M.A. Concerts at the School. (Provisional).	
Fri.	25	
	26 Rounders : School 1st IX v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st IX (h). School Junior IX v. Ormskirk 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.	28 Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson, Malcolm, B. R., A. Bradley. Cricket Knock-outs : Cl. v. W. (First Day). Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. F.(2) ; Cu. v. W.(2)	



JUNE—continued.		
Tu.	29	Cricket Knock-outs : Cl. v. W. (Second Day).....
		Tennis Knock-outs : Cu. v. W.....
W.	30	Cricket Knock-outs : Cu. v. F. (First Day).....
JULY.		
Th.	1	Cricket Knock-outs : Cu. v. F. (Second Day).....
F.	2	Rounders Knock-outs : Cl. v. F.....
S.	3	Tennis : School 1st VI v. Rivington G.S. 1st VI (a).....
		Cricket : School 1st XI v. Preston G.S. 1st XI (a).....
M.	5	Supervision Duty : Miss Fletcher, Hodgson, A., M. D. Hunt. School Examinations (First Day). Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. Cu (2) ; F. v. W.(2).....
Tu.	6	School Examinations (Second Day). Tennis Knock-outs : Cl. v. F.....
W.	7	School Examinations (Third Day). Rounders Knock-outs : Cu. v. W.....
Th.	8	Oxford School Certificate Examination commences. Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. W.(2) ; Cu. v. F.(2).....
F.	9	
S.	10	Rounders : School 1st IX v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. 1st IX (a)..... School Junior IX v. Ashton-in-Makerfield Junior IX (a)..... Cricket : School 1st XI v. Kirkham G.S. 1st XI (a)..... School 2nd XI v. Kirkham G.S. 2nd XI (h).....
M.	12	Supervision Duty : Mr. Parry, Gardner, R. J., E. Newsham. Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(1) ; F. v. W.(1).....
Tu.	13	
W.	14	Final of Rounders Knock-outs.....
Th.	15	Final of Cricket Knock-outs (First Day).....
F.	16	Final of Cricket Knock-outs (Second Day).....
S.	17	Tennis : School 1st VI v. Wigan High School 1st VI (h).....
		Cricket : School 1st XI v. Hutton G.S. 1st XI (a).....
M.	19	Supervision Duty : Miss Whewell, Grayson, K. M., A. B. Sage. Final of Cricket Knock-outs (Third Day)..... Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. W.(2).....
Tu.	20	Final of Tennis Knock-outs.....
W.	21	Tennis : 1st VI v. The Staff..... Cricket : 1st XI v. The Staff.....
Th.	22	Rounders : 1st IX v. The Staff.....
F.	23	School Closes. School Farm Camp at Winmarleigh—August 7th to Sept. 4th. Autumn Term commences Tu. Sept. 14th, 1943 (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) ; Dalton, L. (Boys)
	House Colours :	Green.
	House Room :	IVB.
Cuerden House :	House Mistress :	Miss K. Whewell, A.R.C.A.
	House Master :	Mr. F. Parry, B.Sc.
	House Captains :	A. B. Sage (Girls) ; Shepherd, J. (Boys).
	House Colours :	Red.
	House Room :	IIIA.

Farrington House :	House Mistress :	Miss A. Milroy, B.A.
	House Master :	Mr. H. J. Lomax, B.Sc., A.R.C.Sc.
	House Captains :	M. D. Hunt (Girls) ; Grayson, K.M. (Boys).
	House Colours :	Gold.
	House Room :	I.B.

Worden House :	House Mistress :	Miss M. A. Rahill, B.A.
	House Master :	Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A.
	House Captain :	B. Y. Sharples (Girls) ; Gardner, R. J. (Boys).
	House Colours :	Blue.
	House Room :	IA.

Boys. Head Prefect : Gardner, R. J. Prefects : Grayson, K. M., Shepherd, J.  
Sub-Prefects : Malcolm, B. R., Whitaker, J. G., Dalton, L.,  
Farrington E., Hodgson A.

Girls. Head Prefect : B. Y. Sharples. Prefects : J. C. Howcroft, A. Bradley,  
E. Newsham. Sub-Prefects : M. D. Hunt., A. B. Sage, D. Whittaker.

Captain of Cricket : Gardner, R. J.

Captain of Rounders : B. Y. Sharples.

Captain of Tennis : M. D. Hunt.

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 1d. 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).

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

Lunch Hour : In wet weather, girls may stay in IIIb and IVb rooms, boys in 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.
Afternoon Periods :	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.
	Mondays to Thursdays	
	1-45 to 1-50 p.m.	Form meetings.

## (b) Fridays :—

	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 1-30 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 :*

Tuesdays : 2-0 to 2-20 Music (IVA and IVB).  
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 : 11-20 to 11-40 Geography (VA).  
2-0 to 2-15 Nature Study (IA and IB).

Fridays : 2-0 to 2-15 Travel Talks (IA and IB).  
2-40 to 3-0 English (IVA).

*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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