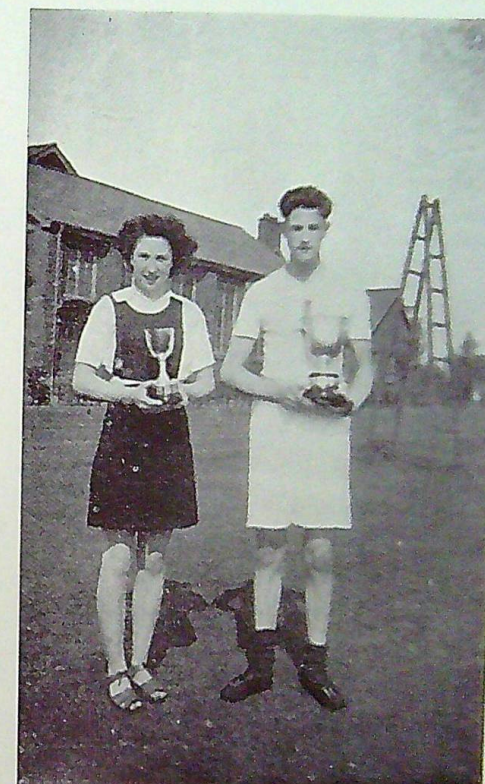


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THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1945.
 1. C. P. Turner (Victrix Ludorum) and
 Bullivant, W. (Victor Ludorum).
 2. Distribution of prizes by Dr. E. Caslow.



Group taken at the School Harvest Camp at Winmarleigh — July 26th to August 25th, 1945.

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EDITORIAL.

The year which has elapsed since our last publication has seen the collapse of Germany and Japan and the invention of the atomic bomb. One world has ended ; another has begun.

Our thoughts are now concentrated more on the future than on the past, a future holding perils as formidable in many ways as those of the war itself. The occasion will no doubt, produce the men, as it has always done.

For the past six years, most of our Editorials have begun : "We regret that yet another Magazine has to be published under war-time conditions . . .", inferring that the peace edition of "The Balshavian" would celebrate with a truly eloquent editorial. Now, however, that peace has actually arrived, the editor's pen does not flow as freely as the occasion demands.

We younger members of the community have never really known true peace and the end of the war did not bring the great change expected into our lives, not even the lifting of many of the war-time restrictions.

At school, our one concession to peace was the speedy return of some pre-war social activities, for hardly was the war in Europe ended before house parties were in full swing once again. A welcome return indeed.

In the rebuilding of a world shattered by war, we can hope only for a gradual return to reasonable conditions of peace, and we must resolve firmly to play our small part in that reconstruction.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys. Head Prefect : Riding, W.

Prefects : Schofield, P., Barrett, G. F. C., Whitaker, W. R., Williams, R.

Sub-Prefects : Glover, R., Hughes, H., Sheldon, R.

Girls. Head Prefect : M. Sutton.

Prefects : L. R. Wrennall, J. Bamber, J. M. Beal.

Sub-Prefects : B. J. Silcock, V. Pinder, M. M. Bradley, C. P. Turner, C. Lund, D. J. Tomlinson.

In view of the ever increasing numbers of pupils gaining admission to the school, a new class has been formed, i.e. To cope with the extra teaching involved, we have a new master, Mr. Speakman, who teaches science in the lower school. We welcome also Miss Markland, who is the new Geography mistress, in the place of Miss Royle, who has retired. We hope both she and Mr. Speakman will be happy with us here.

We are proud to record that one of our old boys has been awarded the D.F.M. The award was conferred on Sergeant Alva Kenyon. The official report says: "He is a fearless and devoted crew member, and on more than one occasion his skill and resource in the face of difficulties have played a good part in the return of the aircraft to this country". The citation ends with these words: "His conduct has at all times been exemplary".

Roy E. Stringfellow, another old pupil of the school, has been appointed Deputy Town Clerk of Chorley after having been Deputy Town Clerk of West Hartlepool.

Nursing Officer Mrs. J. A. Paulin (Joan Berry), was one of the 50 nurses to go to France after D-Day. For six weeks she did her nursing in slit trenches. Since, she has been in field hospitals the whole time.

Owing to lack of space we regret that it is impossible in this magazine, the only one to be published this year, to print the whole or part of many interesting letters received from old pupils: from Corporal Ronald V. Holme, who wrote so enthusiastically of life in the Marines; from Sergeant Saul who described vividly and at length the beauties of Kashmir; from L.A.C. Ronald Pickburn, who wrote from Malaya which he (with a few others) took over from the conquered Japanese; from Corporal Eric Mason writing from South Africa, who styled himself "the Prodigal Son"; from Corporal T. Riding who spent some time in North Africa, Malta, Sicily, and Italy; from L.A.C. D. Read who wrote most interestingly from Canada where he did his training; from Private Salt-house, who said that his copy of the "Balshavian" followed him through Palestine, Egypt, Syria and Iraq.

The Prefects' Social was held on the last day of the Summer Term, a term which was socially very active, for the House Parties were also held then.

The Carol Service which was held on the day before the school broke up for Christmas was considered even more successful than usual. It was followed by a party for choir members and visitors.

Once again, the School Farm Camp was held at Winmarleigh. This was the sixth year in succession that our boys have aided the farmers in their vital work. An account of their enjoyable experiences is included in the magazine.

Our annual sports day had to be postponed this year, but was eventually held on Saturday, May 12th, 1945. The new Victor Ludorum was Bullivant, W. G. whilst C. P. Turner was once again Victrix Ludorum. Our congratulations go to them both. An account of the sports is included in this issue.

An account of the school play, "Richard of Bordeaux", which was performed on the 22nd and 24th of March, 1945, is included in this issue.

Since our last publication we have had a number of film shows covering a wide variety of subjects.

These shows are always very much appreciated by the school and we hope that the Ministry of Information will not restrict them now that the war is over.

Accounts of the films seen during the past year appear in the magazine.

In addition to the above, we have had a large number of very interesting lectures and talks by well-known lecturers. All were highly topical and many discussed the Colonies, a subject always of great interest. Accounts of these appear in this issue.

As in the past, Balshaw's has generously supported the various local and national charities, and during this term has made a collection of Christmas presents for children in Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

We wish to congratulate the following pupils who were successful in last term's public examinations:—

Those who gained their full Higher School Certificate were:—K. Frost, A. Newsham, A. Farrington, and Heaton, T.

B. J. Silcock was successful in the Subsidiary Higher Certificate examination.

Those who received the Oxford School Certificate were:—

Atkinson, D., Bagot, J. G., Bailey, P., Barker, G., Bush, D., Duckworth, F., Edmondson, P. E., Ellis, J. K., Glover, R. H., Hoose, D., Howard, G., Hughes, H., Humble, J., Latus, E. S., Milner, W. D., Moon, H., Moon, J. W., Newton, G. W. A., Pinder, J., Powell, T. E., Pye, W., Richardson, D. K., Roberts, J. M., Sheldon, R., Skilbeck, D., Turner, H., D. R. Ackers, D. D. Atkinson, M. Ball, E. W. Burnie, M., Downham, S. K., Guymner, J., Hankin, S., Haydock, E., Jenkins, B., Lambert, M., Lund, J., Marsden, M., Maughan, J., Parkin, E., Smith, M., Thwaites, D. J., Tomlinson, D., Turner, B., Tyson, B. White, S. M. Williams.

Our best wishes go to those who entered colleges this autumn: K. Frost who goes to Liverpool University; A. Farrington and J. Watson to Avery Hill; A. Newsham to St. Katherine's, Liverpool; M. Hutchings to Chelsea Physical Training College; Hill, K. to St. Mark & St. John, Chelsea, and Carr, G. to Saltley, Birmingham.

We wish to congratulate A. Farrington who was awarded a Training College Scholarship last term.

We wish to congratulate the following who have been awarded colours during the past year:—

Rugby colours were awarded to Carr, G., Whitaker, W., Sheldon, R., Kenyon, D., Moon, J., and Hayhurst, H.

Hockey colours were awarded to M. Hutchings, M. Sutton, K. Frost, A. Newsham and E. Smith.

Athletic colours were awarded to C. P. Turner, Bullivant, W. G., and Carr, G. T. Cricket colours were awarded to Carr, G. T., and Glover, R.

Tennis colours were awarded to M. Hutchings, C. P. Turner and J. Tomlinson.

Rounders colours were awarded to A. Farrington, A. Newsham and M. Hutchings.

Cuerden House won the Hockey Knockouts and Farington House the Hockey Leagues.
 Worden House won the Rugby Knockouts and Cuerden House the Rugby Leagues.
 Cuerden House won the House Championship Cup and Farington House the Relay Cup.

Cuerden House won the Rounders Knockouts and Worden House and Cuerden House the Rounders Leagues.

Cuerden House won the Tennis Knockouts and also the Leagues.

Worden House won the Cricket knockouts and Clayton House the Cricket Leagues.

The Merit Order was headed for the second time in succession by Cuerden House to whom we offer our congratulations.

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those schools who have sent us their magazines.

Our congratulations go to Mr. Bennison and Alice Farrington who defeated Miss Whewell and Barbara Silcock in the finals of the Tennis Tournament.

MISS ROYLE.

We have missed a familiar figure from the school this term and it has taken us a little time to realise that Miss Royle is no longer a member of the staff.

Miss Royle was an integral part of Balshaw's and her faithful service over many years in the old and new school will be remembered by a great many Balshavians. Students in the Services returning to visit the school always wanted a few words with Miss Royle, if only to tell her, with a twinkle, that they had seen as much rain in the Mediterranean area as in any Lancashire winter. They can pay their visits 'over the road' now as Miss Royle is not far away and I am sure would always welcome—and remember—them.

Her dealings with her pupils showed a great understanding of children. When some of their pranks were discovered they marvelled, but did not realise that 'father had once done the same' and that Miss Royle had an excellent memory. And when they had to pay for their faults her sense of justice was always acknowledged.

She is a woman of the highest principles and her strict adherence to them at all times gained her the admiration of the Staff who worked with her for so long. The traditional unity and happiness of the Staff Room, was, I am sure, greatly due to her influence. The only heated discussions I seem to remember were over the merits of white sauce or custard, and mutton or beef.

Her unselfishness and thought for others are outstanding characteristics. She has many causes outside school which she works for and all the children know her work for Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Her retirement will release her to do many of these tasks at leisure.

She will never have an idle moment, of that I am sure. The English Lake District will see her more often for she has unflagging energy and the English love of walking. I recall one holiday after tramping well over 15 miles, Miss Royle calmly announced that she was going to the top of Gummery How to get the view of a number of lakes. I'm afraid she went alone and enviously I watched her climb and return in an incredibly short time.

We all wish her the very best enjoyment in her retirement and hope she will not forget that we shall look forward to seeing her at any time.

A.M.

SALVETE.

To Clayton House: K. Dalton, B. Norcross, D. Pails, E. A. Sutton, D. G. Swire, C. G. Sumner, A. Beardmore, A. Calderbank, B. Dewhurst, K. A. G. Gaskell, I. Ogden, E. Taylor, M. M. Higham, Darbyshire, J. B., Barwell, E. J., Kevill, D. N., Baxendale, D., Greenwood, F. W., Heginbotham, C. R., Hobson, G., Johnson, A., Maden, D., Rukin, J., Smith, K. R., Watkinson, S.

To Cuerden House: D. Bowes, G. Hall, P. M. Kirkman, B. M. Mitchell, M. I. Prescott, J. E. Rowley, A. Singleton, M. Struthers, A. Harper, D. B. Harrison, J. Higham, M. D. Jenkinson, A. Topping, M. Vickers, P. Wilkins, Harrison, F., Topping G., Ackers, B. H., Glover, G., Smalley, A. L., Wildgoose, T. W., Taylor, K.

To Farington House: K. Blundell, J. Lowry, J. M. Ball, M. N. Roccoft, I. P. Gardner, J. M. Lowe, J. Wright, E. Beardsworth, D. A. Dack, A. Dobson, D. Ward, D. A. Tomlinson, Lavender, A. C., Sanderson, G. O., Smalley, A. W., Walton, R.

To Worden House: S. Ashton, E. A. Bell, B. Jones, V. Wilson, A. Withnell, M. I. Withnell, D. Dalton, J. M. Dawber, J. Emery, M. Farrimond, V. N. Harman, E. M. Lord, J. M. Robinson, K. M. Sanderson, E. Singleton, E. Spencer, M. E. Tyrer, A. M. Hodson, Croston, B. E., Howard, E. G., Blundell, H., Evans, R., Peacock, R.

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VALETE (Boys)

Heaton, T.—U.VI. Farington House Captain. Head Prefect. School Certificate, 1943. Higher School Certificate, 1945. Rugby 2nd XV. Cricket 2nd XI.

Carr, G. T.—L.VI. Clayton House Captain. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1944. Captain of Cricket. Captain of Rugby. Cricket colours, 1944, 1945. Rugby colours, 1945. Athletic colours, 1945.

Hayhurst, H.—L.VI. Cuerden House Captain. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1944. Captain of Rugby. Rugby Colours, 1943, 1944, 1945.

Kenyon, D.—L.VI. Clayton House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1944. Rugby 1st XV. Rugby Colours, 1945.

Hill, K.—L.VI. Worden House. School Certificate, 1944. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Strickland, H. C.—L.VI. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1944. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket 2nd XI.

Strickland, D. R.—L.VI. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1944. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket League Team.

Pinder, J.—L.VI. Farington House. School Certificate, 1945. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Barker, G.—L.VI. Worden House. School Certificate, 1945. Cricket 1st XI. Rugby League Team.

Pye, W. H.—V.A. Farington House. School Certificate, 1945. Cricket 1st XI. Rugby 1st XV.

Duckworth, F. K.—V.A. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1945. Cricket and Rugby League Teams.

Turner, H.—V.A. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1945. Rugby League Team.
 Moon, J. W.—V.B. Worden House. School Certificate, 1945. Rugby 1st XV.
 Rugby Colours, 1945. Cricket League Team.
 Latus, E. S.—V.B. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1945. Rugby 1st XV.
 Cricket League Team.
 Hoose, D.—V.B. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1945. Rugby League Team.
 Powell, T. E.—Vb. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1945. Rugby League Team.
 Sharples, R.—Vb. Cuerden House. Rugby League Team.
 Hastwell, C.—Vb. Farington House.
 Mills, M.—IVb. Clayton House.
 Davies, G. W.—IVb. Cuerden House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.
 Moores, G. T.—IIa. Worden House.
 Fisher, B.—IIa. Clayton House.
 Elston, D.—IIb. Clayton House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

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 VALETE (Girls)

A. A. Farington.—U.VI. Farington House Captain. Head Prefect. School Certificate, 1943. Higher School Certificate, 1945. Captain of Rounders, Hockey 1st XI. Rounders Colours, 1944, 1945. Training College Scholarship.
 K. M. Frost.—U.VI. Cuerden House Captain. Head Prefect (Sept. 1945). School Certificate, 1943. Higher School Certificate, 1945. Rounders 1st IX. Hockey 1st XI. Hockey Colours, 1945. Tennis League Team.
 A. Newsham.—U.VI. Worden House Captain. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1943. Higher School Certificate, 1945. Rounders 1st IX. Hockey 1st XI. Tennis League Team. Rounders Colours, 1944, 1945. Hockey Colours, 1945.
 J. M. Watson.—U.VI. Worden House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1943. Hockey, Tennis and Rounders League Teams.
 P. Turner.—U.VI. Clayton House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1943.
 M. Hutchings.—L.VI. Clayton House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1944. Captain of Hockey. Captain of Tennis. Rounders 1st IX. Hockey Colours, 1944, 1945. Rounders Colours, 1944, 1945. Tennis Colours, 1945.
 A. Fuller.—L.VI. Worden House. School Certificate, 1944. Hockey League Team.
 J. Hankin.—Va. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1945. Hockey and Rounders League Teams.
 D. D. Atkinson.—Va. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1945. Hockey 1st XI. Rounders and Tennis League Teams.
 E. Smith.—Va. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1945. Hockey 1st XI. Rounders League Team. Hockey Colours, 1945.
 M. Slater.—Va. Farington House.
 M. P. Heaps.—Va. Worden House. Hockey 2nd XI. Rounders 2nd IX. Rounders League Team.
 J. Bretherton.—Va. Worden House.

D. Turner.—Vb. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1945. Hockey League Team.
 S. A. Maders.—Vb. Clayton House.
 B. Illingworth.—Vb. Cuerden House. Hockey 2nd XI. Tennis League Team.
 B. White.—Vb. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1945.
 S. A. Lord.—Vb. Worden House.
 P. M. Goddard.—Vb. Worden House.
 S. A. Hill.—IVa. Worden House.
 B. Bennison.—IVb. Clayton House.
 S. M. Ramsbottom.—IVb. Worden House.
 M. Bamber.—IIa. Clayton House.
 A. A. Fazackerly.—IIa. Clayton House.
 S. Kirwin.—IIa. Cuerden House.
 E. J. Winrow.—IIb. Cuerden House.
 E. L. Forrester.—IIa. Worden House.
 B. S. Parkinson.—Ia. Clayton House.

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 RICHARD OF BORDEAUX.

The School Play was presented on March 22nd and 24th, 1945. A large cast made a very creditable showing in this modern historical play, but chief credit must undoubtedly go to Schofield in the title-role. He sustained the burden of this long and trying part with admirable stamina, and was fully equipped vocally to meet the demands of the more emotional scenes, such as the quarrel between King and Nobles, where Riding, as Gloucester, played up to him well. Schofield also achieved a natural pathos in the "sinking" scenes where the King's emotional nature gives way, and made interesting what might have been merely contemptible. He was capable too of conveying the youthful spirits and bonhomie of the King among his courtiers, where Haydock as Derby, and Pye as de Vere were his chief supporters. Altogether we have rarely had an acting lead as firm and reliable throughout, and we shall look forward to another good performance next year.

The women's parts in this play are not large, but Margaret Sutton and C. P. Turner did what they could with the somewhat stuffed figures of the Queen and the Countess of Derby; their presence did at least ornament the stage even if the authoress had provided them with little to bite on. E. Burnie, J. Hankin and M. Ball added touches of variety in small parts. (Shakespeare always has a street scene to give the views of the musty citizenry,—argal Daviot will have one too).

Several boys had better chances among the group of turbulent, unscrupulous, or merely disagreeable noblemen whose main aim in life is to make things unpleasant for the King. Riding gave a forthright lead, and Carr was quite good as a bluff type; Haydock quite came off as a red-bearded and thick-headed Englishman, others were clean-shaven. Barret, Whittaker, and Bullivant made less of their parts though all tried; Newton put a good deal of life into his, and was among the successes of the play; Edmondson in a restrained way was pleasing as the Secretary in the pathetic closing scenes.

Williams made a gaunt and impressive figure in the Archbishop's robes, a slight Transatlantic twang suggesting that he had made a rapid excursion with Cabot to the shores of the New World, and returned gloomier than before. At any rate his voice was

sepulchral enough for the part. At the other end of the scale, Dalton and Marriott contributed pleasant little sketches of the genus Court page, chief occupations, not dissimilar to those of boys elsewhere, being marbles and observing the curious antics of grown-ups with a sagacious eye. Roberts, Milner, Moon, Howard, and Skilbeck, helped with minor roles. Mr. Bennison managed the stage with his usual efficiency, Mr. Wilkinson expended a vast amount of care and grease-paint in the make-up department, and the scenery and costumes were handsomely done by all concerned, Miss Whewell and Mr. Hewartson deserving chief credit.

Finally, the production was by Miss Milroy, who once again achieved a most creditable result out of the varying material, dramatic and histrionic, at her disposal, in this long, exacting and well-filled play.

A.J.B.

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THE HARVEST CAMP.

This year we could make no complaints about the weather. It was almost unbelievably fine with only two wet days in a month. The fine weather, a spacious marquee and a brand new coal range, on which we could keep four dixies boiling and with ovens that got hot, had much to do with making this one of the easiest camps we have had.

The demand for the boys' services was such that Mr. Oldland was able to place all of them within easy distance of the home farm. The work was mostly potato picking, weeding and harvesting, but some tried their hand at fruit picking, sawing wood and poultry farming. Occasionally they became familiar with some of the essential but less aesthetically pleasing aspects of farm work. The farmers were again very satisfied with their efforts. Some boys worked over one hundred hours: Bill Whitaker set up a record when he did eleven hours in one day. Altogether 3,001 working hours were put in; a very good performance.

Financially the camp was the most successful we have had and we were able to pay out about £50 to the boys. This was largely due to the ideal size of the camp with an increased number of workers, and to Miss Whewell's careful but always generous catering. We are again very pleased to pay generous tribute to Miss Whewell's untiring efforts and unfailing interest in providing us with excellent meals. We grew in girth if not in beauty; Newton's shorts were an eloquent testimony. Doreen Whittaker during the first fortnight was a great help and she is now an experienced and capable campaigner. Schofield and Pye, the new orderlies, were always cheerful and willing and they did very well—apart from Schofield's distressing habit of composing poetry. Newton is now an "Admirable Crichton" amongst orderlies, able to turn his hand to any job about camp, and a persistent and enterprising shopper. We were pleased to have Brian Grimshaw with us during the last fortnight. He was as cheery and competent as ever, and just as eager to demonstrate some of his new recipes.

In our spare time there were the usual relaxations of table tennis, fishing, swimming, and the evening stampede into Garstang to the pictures.

We were much indebted to Mr. Riding, the father of Geof. Riding, who came up to camp specially to give us a conjuring entertainment. He gave us a masterly and amusing

exhibition which we all enjoyed. On another night we had a Sing-Song round a camp fire and on V.J. Day a special feed at night with lights-out extended until midnight.

A very exciting event was the arrival of Mr. Jenkins who took 200 feet of cinematograph film of life on B.G.S. Farm Camp. It was unfortunate that the "workers" were all out on the farm but he found some willing artistes in camp amongst the skeleton staff present—perhaps skeleton is not the right word. Then there was the Whist Drive and Dance in Winmarleigh School. This was Mr. Oldland's busy night when, as the star guest artist, he presented prizes and auctioned a surrealist collection of articles in aid of the Red Cross. The Lancers was again the most stirring event of the evening. Miss Whewell was unusually restrained and our attention was soon focussed on Barrett. Starting with an expectant grin on his face and a most determined little partner on his arm, he got through the preliminary skirmishes with an air of polite bewilderment. As the tempo quickened his tortuous wanderings increased, and when the first figure ended we saw, as he discarded his jacket, a small damp patch between his shoulder blades. Soon he was swept into a throng of gyrating figures to disappear from distinct vision until the disintegrating centrifugal force flung him into the fireplace. But undaunted he scrambled back like a punch drunk boxer to finish in a whirl of success with a large triumphant Victory V on his back.

On the Tuesday evening of the last week, we had a feed at camp followed by a Whist Drive at the Helmes' Farm. This was a great success and a fitting climax to all the kindness and hospitality we receive each year from Mr. and Mrs. Helme.

In conclusion we should like to thank Mrs. Smalley for her excellent cakes, and Mr. J. Tomlinson who takes us there, sees us in, and takes us home. Now that the war is over we may not have many more harvest camps, but the school can be proud of the work done and the friends made on the farms round Winmarleigh.

R.A.B.

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VICTORY.

A hundred years hence when our histories are written,

When the Second Great War is a thing of the past,

People will read of the Battle of Britain,

And how in our struggles, we fought to the last.

People will read of our fathers and brothers,

Far out on the desert or fighting in ships;

Will they gasp at the valiant attempts of our mothers,

To make a good lunch out of nothing but chips?

M.F., Form Va. (Cuerden)

- 100 Yards (Under 15)—1, I. Walton (W.) and J. Heald (Cu.); 3, E. Whittle (F.); Time : 13 1/10 secs. Standards : J. Farrer and P. Burnie (Cl.), E. Blogg (Cu.), J. Thorpe, A. Whittle and V. Helme (F.), B. Butcher, B. Rawcliffe, B. Swift and E. Forrester (W.).
- 100 Yards (Under 13)—1, H. Burnie (Cl.); 2, M. Hargreaves (F.); 3, E. Almond (Cu.); Time : 13 1/10 secs. Standards : B. Topping, G. Topping and S. Kirkman (Cu.), E. Rawson and S. Wood (F.), D. Bretherton, M. Spencer, J. Moss and J. Fleetwood (W.).
- 80 Yards (Under 12)—1, J. Taylor (W.); 2, O. Coates (Cl.); 3, M. Beardwood (W.); Time : 11 1/5 secs. Standards : J. Gowanlock and E. Holden (Cl.), B. Watson and V. Kite (Cu.), L. Oldland, S. Dawson and J. Barwise (F.), and J. Parkinson (W.).
- 75 Yards Hurdles (Over 15)—1, C. P. Turner (Cu.); 2, S. Williams (F.); 3, M. Sutton (Cu.); and E. Ferneley (F.); Time : 11 3/5 secs.* Standards : K. Frost (Cu.).
- 60 Yards Hurdles (Under 15)—1, B. Hinchcliffe (Cl.) and J. Farrer (Cl.); 3, I. Walton (W.).
- High Jump (Open)—1, C. P. Turner (Cu.); 2, M. Sutton (Cu.); 3, K. Frost (Cu.); Height 4 ft. 6 ins. Standards : B. Silcock (Cu.), S. Williams and E. Ferneley (F.), P. Heaps and J. Cross (W.).
- High Jump (Under 15)—1, J. Heald (Cu.); 2, D. Sheldon (F.) and B. Hinchcliffe (Cl.); Height : 4 ft. 5 ins.* Standards : N. Riding (Cl.), A. Whittle and J. Thorpe (F.), and B. Rawcliffe (W.).
- High Jump (Under 13)—1, E. Almond (Cu.); 2, M. Hargreaves (F.) and M. Spencer (W.); Height 4 ft. 2 ins.** Standards : H. Burnie (Cl.), B. Topping (Cu.), J. Todd, E. Rawson and M. Hargreaves (F.), D. Bretherton, J. Taylor and D. Brewer (W.).
- House Relay (Open)—1, Farington ; 2, Cuerden ; 3, Clayton ; Time : 55 1/5 secs.
- House Relay (Under 15)—1, Cuerden ; 2, Clayton ; 3, Worden. Time : 57 1/5 secs.
- House Relay (Under 13)—1, Worden ; 2, Farington ; 3, Cuerden. Time : 58 2/5 secs.
- ** Denotes Record Broken.
- * Denotes Record Equalled
- House Tug (Open)—Won by Farington.
- House Tug (Under 15)—Won by Cuerden.
- House Relay (Open) Boys—1, Worden ; 2, Farington ; 3, Clayton. Time : 1 min. 58 secs.
- House Relay (Under 15) Boys—1, Cuerden ; 2, Farington ; 3, Clayton. Time : 2 mins.
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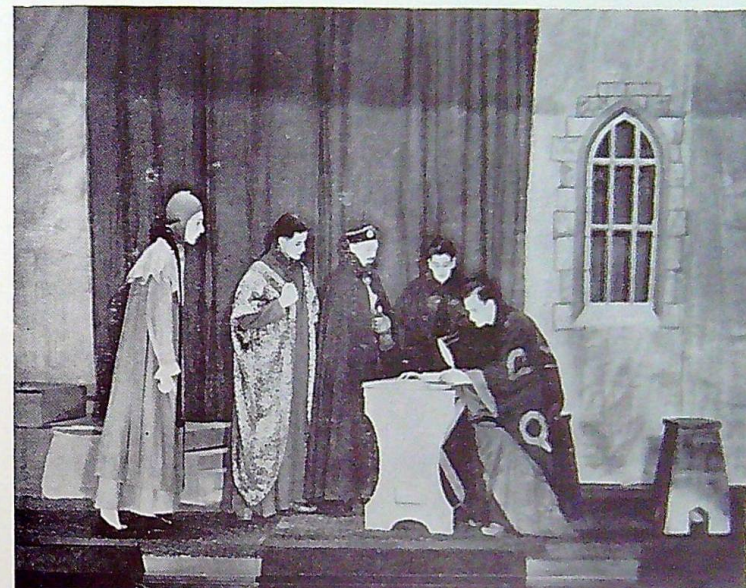
MY VOCABULARY.

When I was young and innocent,
Or so it seemed to me,
With simple words I was content,
—Two syllables or three.

But since I was promoted,
And came to Balshaw's School,
It seems that four, five, six or seven,
Are usually the rule.

All these words just get me down,
Here's a few I'd like to mention,
Geometry, Algebra, Maths,
Prefects, Reports, *Detention*.

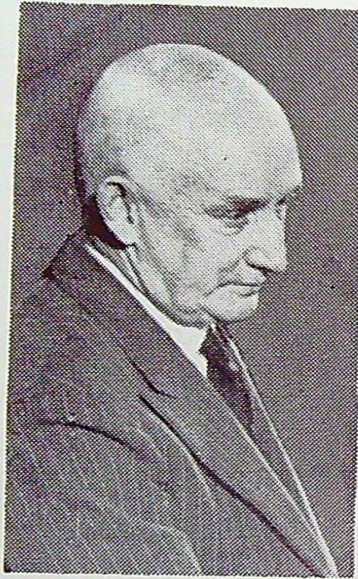
M. M. Form IIa (Clayton).



"It is not a generous document, is it, my lords?"



"And there I had the whole five of them and not a struggle left in the lot of them"



Sir John Peter Todd Jackson,
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*Representative of the University of Manchester on
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1909-45

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Representative of the University of Manchester on the Board of
Governors, Balshaw's Grammar School, 1909 — 1945.

IT was with very deep regret that the School heard of the
death on September 14th of Sir John Jackson.

Sir John had been the representative of the University of Manchester on the Board of Governors of Balshaw's Grammar School for 36 years, during which time he took a very lively and active interest in the school and its welfare. He could always be relied upon to give his most generous support to new ideas and to any change which was necessary to keep the school in line with modern educational progress. At the same time he never ceased to remember the rich traditions of its past and the unique position it held in the educational facilities of the district.

Sir John's genial and kindly presence will be missed in other walks of life—in Law, in business and in agriculture—but none can be more grateful to him for his interest on their behalf than the past and present pupils of Balshaw's Grammar School. He will always be remembered as one of that ever-lengthening list of benefactors whom in the course of years the school has gathered around itself and to whom we are able to look for inspiration and support.

To Lady Jackson, whose interest in the School and its affairs we also remember with gratitude, we offer our sincere sympathy.

V.U.O.

"Non sibi sed aliis"



Bombardier
John Nelson Wilkinson.
1931-36

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori."

John Nelson Wilkinson

BOMBARDIER, R.A.

Clayton House, 1931-1936.

We greatly regret to hear that Bombardier J. N. Wilkinson, of Yewlands, Broughton, who left in 1936, has been reported as having died in a Japanese prison camp in Thailand. He belonged to a family well-known in the School, as his elder brother and sister had distinguished themselves while at Balshaw's, especially in the Athletic sphere. He did not however stay on as they had done, but preferred to go into the engineering side of the Post Office, where his undoubted practical abilities would find scope. He was soon in the Forces, at the outbreak of War, served with the 88th Field Regiment, was wounded at Dunkirk, and later sent out East. To his parents and wife we extend our sincerest sympathy in their loss.

A.J.B.

THE FUTURE OF THE LANCASHIRE COUNTRY-SIDE.

Most pupils in the school have at least an elementary knowledge of our country-side with all its beauty and also all its ugliness. Very few, however, can claim any detailed knowledge of the whole of Lancashire for most of their "exploring" has had to be done by bicycle, a none too satisfactory means of conveyance on many of our roads.

Mr. Barnes's talk was all the more interesting because it not only taught us more about the places we already know, but also introduced us to the previously undiscovered beauty of other nearby towns and villages.

To illustrate his points Mr. Barnes showed us many slides (all taken by himself) of the beauty spots of Lancashire, a county that has the superb Pennine Chain for its background. One hundred years ago Lancashire had a vital beauty hardly rivalled in all England. Since then we have become the centre of England's cotton and coal industries, and all over the county dirty towns have sprung up, dirty despite their all too frequent washings with rain!

This heritage of the past must be dealt with effectively in the future if Lancashire is ever to take her place again among the beautiful counties of England.

New York is an example of what city architecture could be at its best, with stately buildings, open spaces and no crowded or indiscriminate buildings around narrow and twisty roads. Lancashire's towns would do well to copy this. Apart from the actual appearance of our towns, the overcrowding in slum areas breeds dirt, disease and immorality.

The appearance of a house depends mainly on the materials of which it is built and we have many country cottages made of natural stone which blend ideally with the surrounding country-side, though their plumbing usually leaves much to be desired. On the other hand modern houses are often built of such materials as to make them an eyesore on the landscape. Ribbon building too has marred the loveliness of many of our country places, and commercial advertising spoils both town and country (there are 755 advertisements on the Manchester—Windermere road alone).

Mr. Barnes pointed out the county's need for an efficient and powerful council which can deal effectively with the all important question of the future of the Lancashire country-side. They should have power to control everything from the removal of slag heaps and holdings to the more careful erection of houses and public buildings.

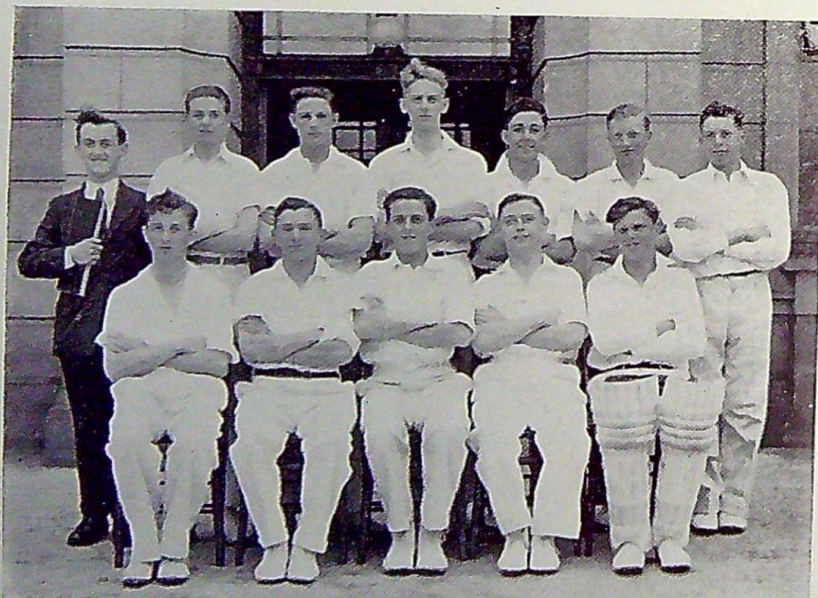
Every citizen from this county of rain can, however, play his part in the great task not only by taking an active interest in the work of the council, but also by preventing any form of vandalism and *not* leaving litter, uprooting flowers, destroying bird's nests etc.

Mr. Barnes ended his lecture by showing us a series of very entertaining views of different parts of England.

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



SCHOOL 1st XV RUGBY, 1944-45.
Back Row : (left to right) Brough, P. H., Bullivant, W. G., Little, W., Hull, P., Bush, D., Williams, R., Wildman, R., Newton, G. W. A.
Front Row : (left to right) Glover, R. H., Howard, G., Whitaker, W., Carr, G. T., Stickland, H., Moon, J. W., Riding, W.
Played 7 Won 2 Lost 5



SCHOOL 1st XI CRICKET, 1945.
Back Row : (left to right) Hill, K. (Scorer), Edmondson, P. E., Bullivant, W. G., Williams, R., Barker, G., Wildman, R., Newton, G. W. A.
Front Row : (left to right) Brough, P. H., Whitaker, W., Carr, G. T. (Captain), Glover, R. H., Sheldon, R.
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A Visit to The County Record Office.

The Arts section of the Sixth paid an interesting visit to the County Record Office at Preston during the Spring Term. Mr. France, who is in charge of this office, showed us round and explained the principal workings of his department.

We were shown many old documents dating back to the 12th century. We saw, in the form of a letter written by a spectator of the time, a first-hand account of the Gunpowder plot. Mr. France, after a general outline, showed us documents of the separate districts in which we live and these proved to be of great local historical interest. Among these were some of both the old and new Worden Hall which illustrated the "open field" system about which we learn in our history syllabus. These papers gave the names of the people to whom the land of the Farington family was leased, and it is interesting to notice that many of these family names still survive in this district to-day.

Mr. France also gave us details about the Ribble Valley and explained how the River Ribble had altered its course at Penwortham. We were shown the first Ordnance map to be made of the Preston and Fylde area and told that the earliest map of this kind was compiled in 1844. Some of the documents which were shown to us were written in varying styles of handwriting using letters which are often confusing to-day, e.g., "ye" has become "the" and "ff", which is sometimes put in ffarington, is merely the old way of writing a capital F.

We were very grateful to Mr. France for the time he spent in showing us round the Record Office and we hope to be privileged to pay a further visit soon which would enable us to obtain more knowledge of our own district.

The Sixth.

"THIS MODERN STUFF."

Saccharines and Old Dish Cloths.

The saccharines sit in a bright blue bowl,
Each semi-hemispherical sphere nestling
in a pond of greenish slime,
"Ah!" croons one saccharine,
"Ah, Ah!" croons a second saccharine,
"Ah, Ah, Ah!" croons a third saccharine,
While round about dances a motley crowd
of yellow hedgehogs,
Each stamped with the Ministry of Food
stamp in Stephen's Copying Ink.
Slowly . . . All at once . . . there is a pink silence;
"Ah!" croons one saccharine,
"Ah, Ah!" croons a second saccharine,
"Ah, Ah, Ah!" croons a third saccharine,
While an oblongular mouse eats puce lettuce
with a knife and fork.

Anon.

AVRANCHES.

The war is over,
And as I look across the fields of time and space,
My thoughts wander to one small place,
Called Avranches.
Here the perils of death were faced (without a shirk),
By many who, five years ago, had raced
Across France to one small coastal town—Dunkirk.
Then Nazidom was in its prime,
But now, by the marching on of time,
The tables have been turned,
And Europe has been churned
Into a battlefield.
Avranches was chosen as the place,
At which to attack the Master Race.
Those stricken men on the Dunkirk beach,
May have been the first to reach
That deathly spot on the Normandy beach.
"Vengeance", was the battle-cry then.
Will those who died be remembered when—
In years to come—the word is whispered—
"Avranches"?

G.B., Form Va. (Worden).

L'ECOLE FRANCAISE.

On February 14th last we were pleased to welcome Dr. Moore who gave us a most interesting lecture on "L'Ecole francaise". The lecture was in French, but everyone understood the gist of the lecture, at least.

Dr. Moore told us that in France, there is a national system of education. The country is divided into sixteen parts, each containing a university, and each part is under the supervision of an academy inspector.

The elementary schools are for children between the ages of six and thirteen years. School begins at eight o'clock in the morning. If a child's parents are out at work, he may remain at school to do his homework until six in the evening. The lessons are very short, and only last about half an hour. There is one timetable for all the schools, and so children of a certain age will all be studying the same subject at once. Both boys and girls wear black pinafores in school as these are "so useful as penwipers".

The secondary schools are for both day pupils and boarders. The latter are awakened at six o'clock by the ringing of a bell or the beating of a drum, and they get up at half past six. They work for half an hour and then partake of their 'petit déjeuner' of bread and

coffee. On Sundays they are given bread and butter and coffee, and on fête days, a little jam too.

The prefects have more authority than our own prefects as they are adults who are paid for their services. The children are only allowed in the class rooms in the presence of a teacher. At the beginning of every lesson the secretary marks the register.

If a child wishes to join in any organised games he has to join a club. He has two gym lessons a week at school, but it is not gym as we know it, it is only Swedish drill.

When pupils are about seventeen years old, they sit for the 'Baccalauréat' or Matriculation Certificate. For each subject there is both a written and oral examination. If they get under fifty marks in the written examination they cannot enter for the oral.

The oral examination is held in public. This would indeed be an ordeal for those of our pupils who shudder to think of the French oral examination for the school certificate.

We all enjoyed the lecture immensely and look forward to another visit from Dr. Moore in the very near future.

V.P., Form L.VI (Clayton).

TEACHING AS A CAREER

Last term, Professor Oliver of Manchester University came to give the school a lecture on "Teaching as a Career". He began his lecture by explaining the present demand for teachers, prophesying an increased demand after this war resulting from the Government's plan for improving the standard of education.

Many more nursery schools are to be built to enable the children to be adequately provided for upon entering school. With the extra room created by the building of new schools, the children can be divided into more classes, thus requiring more teachers to instruct them. In the junior schools the classes are to be reduced from the present overcrowded position to classes of between 30 and 35 in number. This will mean that more individual attention can be given to the children.

More teachers will be needed to instruct the senior pupils, who at the raising of the school leaving age will be from 14 to 15 years; and the Government proposes that it should be raised to 16 years as soon as possible.

County Colleges are to be built for boys and girls between 15 and 18 years, who have left school and are working. They are to attend 1 day per week. Also Technical High Schools are to be provided for children who do not wish to attend an ordinary Secondary School.

Teachers will also be required to act as leaders in the Youth Clubs, Training Corps, etc.

It has been estimated that the number of teachers needed to carry out these plans is 17,000 per year. The present output of the Training Colleges is 5,000 per year, and the Universities provide 1,500 per year, thus creating a yearly total of 6,500 new teachers. Therefore it is most unlikely that there will be any unemployment in the Teaching profession.

Professor Oliver continued his lecture by telling us some of the qualities necessary for a person to make a good teacher, the main ones being patience, good health, vitality and energy. The teacher must have a good general intelligence and education.

Aptitude for music and dramatics, a flair for leadership all play their part. The teacher must have personality, and must be interested in the subjects he or she is going to teach. This personal interest will greatly help the teacher to "get it over" to the class. Above all, the teacher should have a genuine interest in the children themselves, in their progress, and in the development of their characters. The main thing is to be sympathetic with the children's feelings, but not tied up with them.

To go to a University, the pupil must have the Higher School Certificate. The first three years spent at University are taken up studying for a degree. In the fourth year, the student has practice in actual teaching, with lectures upon the theory of teaching. At the end of the fourth year, the student will obtain the Teaching Diploma.

The Training College course lasts two years, but it has been suggested lengthening it to three years. The Teaching Certificate is taken at the end of two years, but advanced courses may be taken in the third year.

To meet the present shortage of teachers, the Government is arranging for New Emergency Training Centres to which applicants are invited from any branch of the forces, regardless of age. These applicants will attend for 1 year or more. After this course the students will be fully qualified Elementary School Teachers.

Professor Oliver then summed up his statements, and told us that the work of a Teacher was interesting and satisfying, but it was hard and strenuous (in spite of the opinion of most people with regard to Teaching).

We are very grateful to Professor Oliver for coming to give us such an interesting and enlightening lecture, and I am sure, that as a result, several of us have fewer doubts in our minds with regard to the profession as a career.

C.P.T., Form U.VI (Cuerden).

Famous Egyptian Temples and Tombs.

On May 18th the school had a most welcome visit from Dr. Jackson. The purpose of this lecture was to allow the pupils to hear Dr. Jackson's description of a recent tour which he had made of various Egyptian tombs and temples.

The journey began at Liverpool, where Dr. Jackson boarded a steamer bound for Port Said. After a brief stay at Port Said, the steamer continued as far as Cairo and it was at this city that Dr. Jackson took many of the excellent photographs which were shown to us, one of the most striking of which was of the fortress of Cairo, built in 1100 by Saladin. It is interesting to note that all the stones used in the construction of this building were taken from the pyramids. From the Citadel it is possible to see the whole of the city, including the native quarters which consist of flat-roofed houses without chimney-pots.

Another imposing building is the Museum of Cairo; with its enormous classical arches this building looks a colossal size. It is used to house many important finds from the Egyptian tombs and temples.

Concerning the history of this country, Dr. Jackson told us that there is evidence to prove that Egyptian civilization goes as far back as 3400 B.C. The earliest Egyptian buildings were tombs: at first burials were made by placing the body in a hole in the sand, and this went on until the Egyptians discovered that wild animals were easily able

to uncover the bodies. Consequently, the graves were lined with bricks and covered by a stone slab. The tombs of the most influential inhabitants, being considerably larger than the rest, are now known as pyramids, each one being larger in height and extent than St. Paul's Cathedral.

Dr. Jackson next showed us a photograph of the Sphinx. This was erected near to the pyramids and was carved out of rock found on the spot. It is believed that a temple was constructed beneath the body of the Sphinx.

From here there was a short journey to the famous tomb of Tutankhamen, an Egyptian Pharaoh of the 18th dynasty, whose tomb was discovered in 1922 by Mr. Carter, with the mummy still intact. The magnificence of the coffins and ornaments, together with the large quantities of furniture used at that period, caused world-wide interest.

Dr. Jackson ended his talk by a description of the tomb of Rameses, with photographs showing the walls and passages ornamented with coloured patterns and the carving of the two figures representing the joining of Upper and Lower Egypt.

Here, an hour's excellent entertainment came to a conclusion and the whole school testified its appreciation for Dr. Jackson's painstaking work in taking such astonishing photographs, and for allowing us to see them and to hear this very interesting lecture.

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

A TALK ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

On Thursday the 9th November, 1944, Mr. Lowenbach came and gave us an extremely interesting talk on his native country.

A great deal of his time he devoted to describing everyday life in Czechoslovakia, and more especially the life and opportunities of the school children. Their life is more vigorous and their work more concentrated than ours. School starts at 8-0 o'clock and does not close until 5 p.m. and they have only short breaks for meals.

Breakfast consists merely of a glass of wine or cup of coffee and rolls sprinkled with poppy seeds. Their dinner is more like ours but often contains poppy seeds again. At 4 p.m. they have a light afternoon tea and then finish work at 5 p.m. When they get home they have a proper meal at about 7 p.m., which is the last of the day.

The Czechoslovakian educational system is more democratic than ours in England, and is comparable to the system in Scotland. Opportunities are open to even the poorest children and no distinction of class is made. There is no class division whatsoever in Czechoslovakia. The language spoken by these mid-European peoples resembles Russian, but it is not quite the same.

The Czechoslovakian climate is rather more extreme than ours the summers being hotter and the winters colder. The seasonal games played are much the same as ours: football, tennis, hockey, etc.

The industrial system is very efficient; importing and exporting are carried on much the same as in England, but Czechoslovakia has no ports as the country has no sea coast. The Danube is the traffic way for all Czechoslovakian foreign trade.

War started for Czechoslovakia in 1938 when the land was ceded to the Nazis as a result of the appeasement policy. It was hoped by this action to avoid a second world war, towards which Germany was aiming her military might.

After concluding his very interesting talk on the country Mr. Lowenbach proceeded to show us some slides of the Czechoslovakian countryside and cities.

He began with a photograph of a typical scene in the rugged North East, and took us on an imaginary tour all over the country.

Mr. Lowenbach is to be especially congratulated on having taken all the photographs for the slides himself.

Heartly thanks to Mr. Lowenbach for an extremely interesting afternoon.

W.R., Form U.VI (Cuerden)

BURMESE PARTISANS.

On June 21st the whole school enjoyed an unusually interesting lecture given by Major A. S. Irwin of the British 14th Army in Burma. First of all he described the badge which consists of a crusader cross, worn on the shoulder of each soldier in that army. This army does not consist entirely of Britons; there are soldiers from the numerous tribes in India, such as Ghurkas and Sikhs, who are splendid fighters.

When Japan entered the war, she aimed to capture all the islands in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, and the whole of India and Australia. These captured countries would provide a barrier for Japan against which the British could get no nearer than Africa. This plan looked like succeeding, until the Japs met their first defeat just outside Port Moresby in New Guinea in 1942. The Australians drove them back, thus saving the route to their native land.

Now the Jap turned his attention to Ceylon which he tried to invade with thirty transports, supported by warships and planes. The British defence was three squadrons of the now obsolete Mark II Hurricanes, but they proved superior to the Japs who were dispersed.

The Jap was now forced to attempt his last move. He crossed the Burmese frontier which is eight hundred miles long. The British had only five divisions there spaced at regular intervals, but these were helped by about fifty different Burmese tribes. The country there is almost impenetrable jungle, with only one road and one telegraph line as a means of communication.

It was not easy to obtain the help of these various tribes. Before the war the British authorities had done nothing to improve their social conditions and the natives distrusted the British. Two army officers faced the hardships of the jungle and went to each tribe individually, persuading them to help the British. Afterwards the Partisans showed great loyalty even when they were tortured if they fell into the hands of the Japs.

The lecture ended with a description of the average Japanese soldier. He is a good fighter, but he makes excellent cannon-fodder because he cannot think for himself, but does everything his superiors order him to do. A Jap officer always carries a sword with him when going into battle, and if he survives but loses his sword, he must commit 'hara-kari' in order to make atonement.

We would have liked to hear more about this subject, but owing to a shortage of time this was impossible; and so ended a very interesting lecture.

D.B., Form L.VI (Farington).

INDIA AND THE INDIAN ARMY.

On the 15th of June last the senior boys of the school heard a lecture given by Brigadier Stubbings, I.A.L.O. whose subject was India and the Indian Army.

The lecturer first presented us with figures of the huge size of India—2,000 miles from east to west and not much less from north to south—with its position in regard to the greatest range of mountains in the world, and with the general occupations of the people. He started in the west of India where the temperature is often 138° F in the shade. He passed through the wheatlands of the Middle Ganges Basin and took us in imagination to the tea lands of Assam, the wettest place on earth. North-east Asia, the lecturer said, has a rainfall of well over 400 inches which, compared with our own average of 31 inches, puts even our summer weather in the background!

Brigadier Stubbings then went on to describe how the 400,000,000 people in India had got there. He said that they had all come in from the north-west in various invasions 3,000 years ago. Each successive invader pressed the former one further south with the result that there were layers and strips of people speaking different tongues from the north to the south of India. It was this mixture of races and religions in the country that make its governing so difficult. He said that the Indians were not able to unite and bring forward one common idea. All their ideas had to be made up for them.

Speaking of the Indian Army, the Brigadier said that it seemed as if a huge army could be raised from the 400,000,000 people but two things prevented this. The first was the economic problem—the country could not support such a huge army—and secondly, in India the people were divided into classes—priests, labourers, soldiers, etc.—and each person born into that class followed the profession of his father and grandfather, and nothing he could do would ever let him change his position. Besides, outsiders were not liked at all, especially in the army, for providing they were victorious, they looted the places they captured and if there were more of them, then there was less loot for each man.

The lecturer said that in order to control these men, it was necessary to get the best of officers for them. The Indian Army before the war numbered 187,000. It was now 2½ millions strong, and was composed of many different types of Indians. He then gave details of how to enlist in the Indian Army. He said that he was not offering a job with money in it, but he was offering to us a man's job among troops who were undoubtedly second to none.

With the help of the epidiascope, controlled by two able seniors, Brigadier Stubbings showed us pictures of the different types of soldiers in the Indian Army. Among the pictures were several of investitures at Buckingham Palace. Unfortunately the Brigadier was rather pressed for time and had to hurry through them. We should all like to have heard more about the pictures. At the end of the lecture several questions were put to the lecturer.

Mr. Oldland thanked Brigadier Stubbings for his most interesting lecture, and our appreciation was shown in an extremely hearty manner afterwards.

G.B., Form L.VI (Worden).

SUB-LIEUT. BROOMFIELD'S VISIT.

On February 7th, Sub-Lieutenant Broomhead of the Royal Navy paid us a visit. He gave a short introductory talk and this was followed by a film.

The film gave many of us, I think, a better idea of the type of vessels in service with the Royal Navy, than we had before. The film began with a young man who had just joined the Navy and whose eager, impatient attitude was soon quelled by an old sea-dog, who took him on a tour of a cruiser.

His tour started at the fo'c'sle (the forepart of the vessel under the maindeck). From here the young man was conducted to the bridge and saw the paravanes used for clearing mines. Inside the gun turret, his guide explained, there are fourteen men to operate the guns, and thirty two to feed them with ammunition. Having seen the rear bridge, the air defence position, the visitor was taken to the upper bridge, described as "a hive of activity". The alarm was sounded aboard ship, as aircraft were sighted and we saw how quickly the guns are ready for firing—in approximately fifteen seconds. The menacing guns roar into action very soon after the alarm is given.

After this we saw the deck where the ferocious pom-pom guns are operated in a similar way to a bomber's gun-turret. There are two aircraft housed in hangars and when required they are catapulted off at a speed of 70 m.p.h. They are finally pulled back on deck by a crane, a very useful implement for this and other purposes.

The camera then turned in succession to the four-inch gun deck where the admiral's barge is housed; the torpedo tubes—four on either side—in the waist of the ship; the quarters of the Royal Marines; the general repair shop; the ship's restaurant and its hospital.

This detailed inspection of the cruiser clearly conveyed to us by pictures and diagrams the manifold parts and remarkable construction of the modern cruiser. The film was very instructive and with Sub-Lieut. Broomhead's short, but helpful explanation of the Y-scheme, proved very enjoyable.

P.J.F.M., Form U.VI (Clayton).

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POLICE LECTURE.

Last December we had another lecture on Road Safety by our old friend P.C. Sharples, but this time it took a different form. The main part of the lecture was taken up by a colour film which had originally been made in the streets of Salford to educate Salford Children in Road Sense. It was found that the film was so popular and successful that it was decided to have it shown all over Lancashire. The film illustrated what we should and should not do on the roads, many of the illustrations being amusing; there was one incident where a careless pedestrian was shown how to cross the road by a little girl.

In the interval between the two reels of the film, P.C. Sharples talked about adults who gave a poor example to children by being careless on the road. He gave an example from his own experience, when he nearly injured a woman who stepped suddenly into the road with a child.

The second reel showed how some streets in Salford have been converted, by barring them to traffic, into safe playgrounds. P.C. Sharples told us that as a result of the Safety Campaign no child had been killed in Salford for three years.

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

THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH.

On October 10th, we had a lecture by Brigadier French on the British Commonwealth. As a background to the talk, Brigadier French first of all gave us a very short outline of the history of the Commonwealth. He told us that England became interested in Canada and India, and that by the end of the French Revolutionary wars we had established ourselves all over the world.

He then turned to the Commonwealth itself, dividing it into two parts—the Imperial Commonwealth, consisting of the Dominions and Southern Rhodesia, and the Empire, consisting of the Indian Empire and the colonies. The latter are governed by a representative of the King, but the former are self-governing. There is a tremendous variety of people in the Empire and there are more in the Asiatic parts than in the European. Before the nineteenth century, colonies were not considered to be important, and the Australian population was begun by convicts, but when Australia was granted self-government, she demanded that there should be no more convicts sent.

Brigadier French told us that Gladstone did more for the Empire than any other British statesman, an opinion not generally held, he said. At first he was against extending the Empire and gave up the Transvaal and Egypt, and added a great deal of territory to the Germans. All this, however, awakened an Empire spirit in this country. A certain amount of Self-Government was granted, first to Canada after Lord Durham had been sent out, and later to Australia and New Zealand. The constitutions for these dominions were drawn up by the political leaders actually in the dominions, but with varying methods. In Canada, two men of different views met, drew up the constitution and parted, never to see each other again. In South Africa, people who had been enemies a few years before, thrashed out the constitution, and remained friends.

Brigadier French now turned to the thorny problem of India. The population of India is enormous, and the caste system is very rigid. If the shadow of a low-caste falls on the food of a high-caste person, he will not eat it. Religions differ widely, and the wealth is very unevenly divided, nine-tenths of the population being miserably poor, while one-tenth owns all the wealth. It is an open question, the lecturer said, whether you will get a democracy in India. Democracy must contain certain things, and these are very hard to put into practice in India. All this makes it very hard to draw up a constitution, and Brigadier French regretted he was unable to predict India's future for us.

Finally he turned to Africa. Here agriculture needs developing, because the people's health and diet are poor, and an improvement in agriculture is necessary to raise the standard. The policy of Indirect Rule was applied to Africa till recently, but now there is a new administration. There are many problems in Africa, too, and as Brigadier French said: "If anybody says he will tell you the whole truth about Africa, regard him with the deepest suspicion. Nobody can do it". With this final word of warning, Brigadier French concluded his very instructive and interesting talk.

J.L.M., Form L.VI (Cuerden).

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION FILMS

The first of these films was another in the series, "Worker and War Front" and dealt with four interesting topics, the first of which described the thrilling and strenuous training of the women dispatch riders of the National Fire Service. The whole school, especially the juniors, anxiously watched the apparently dangerous tests these girls had to pass. Next followed two industrial films, the first describing the efforts of a certain cement factory to preserve the beauty of the English countryside. Cement works are never permanent, yet the deep quarries remain as an everlasting reminder of their brief stay, and these have to be screened and disguised in order to maintain England's traditional beauty. The next film showed us all the war-time uses of the nylon that in pre-war days was used for the manufacture of stockings. Millions of yards of this "life-line of the Airborne Troops" are turned out daily to be used in making parachutes and glider tow-ropes. Lastly the camera turned to a topic nearer to many people's hearts—prefabricated houses. We were taken on a tour of inspection round one of the temporary steel houses designed by the Ministry of Works. The house, which is heated by an 'all-purpose' stove, contains a modern bathroom, kitchen, a living-room and two bedrooms. These houses, despite their faults are doing much to ease the housing problem.

"And then Japan"—this was a long and extremely interesting film that gave us a brief outline of many aspects of life in Japan. The film commenced with pictures of old Japan, where beauty predominated and the Japanese were at peace with the world. Then came an abrupt change, for the next pictures shown were those of the atrocious murder of Americans in prisoner-of-war camps. Japan planned and prepared for war for many years and as a result the Japanese are the most ruthless fighters in the world. The Japanese believe that they are descended from the gods and destined to rule the world. So strong is this belief and so greatly are they influenced by their religion that they gladly accept death for their country. Japan is a great industrial country with a very efficient propaganda machine, tightly controlled press, and an army which is physically the best in the world.

For the last film we turned to housing again and saw the urgent need for more houses—100,000 buildings have so far been destroyed and only a few built since war started. Many thousands more builders are needed for this, and it is here we look to our "New Builders", the boys who will become apprentice builders as soon as they have left school. These apprentices will attend a technical college one day in the week where they will continue their education with special tuition, both practical and theoretical, in all the various branches of the building trade. And so these boys are given a thorough grounding under expert guidance in all branches of their trade from the designing of the building to the painting of it.

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

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION FILM SHOW (2)

Thursday, February 22nd, saw once more the arrival of the Ministry of Information film van at the doors of the school and the pupils gathered in the hall for a programme of four interesting films.

The first film was "Worker and War-Front Magazine—No. 14" which was divided into three parts. It began with a film about those versatile aircraft—the rocket-firing Typhoons. We were shown the loading of the planes and also the firing of the rockets at enemy tanks of which the Typhoons have destroyed as many as eighty-one in one day.

The second part showed us the rehabilitation centres at Talyan on the South Wales Coal-field to which miners are sent to recuperate after sustaining injuries in the mines. They are taught to use their limbs again and four out of every five men are able to return to their work. For the third section of the film we were shown an excerpt from a Tommy Handley programme given to war workers in their canteen and the school was delighted to meet Mrs. Mopp, Comical Chris and others of the company.

The next film on the programme was "Road to Russia". In 1942 when Russia was in desperate need of supplies, Britain and America rushed them to the Red Army by way of Persia and Iraq. From the autumn of 1941 to the spring of 1944 about 3½ million tons of supplies were transported along this route. Some went by the Trans-Iranian Railway over wide gorges and through long tunnels cut in the mountains, and some down the Tigris in barges. The supplies were sent from Basra to Kut where they began their journey across the Persian border by rail. The cold Iranian Plateau was crossed by convoys of lorries which frequently encountered snow. The lorries were refuelled at depots placed at regular intervals along the route. Allied responsibility ceased when the supplies were handed over to the Russians. Time hung heavily on the hands of the troops when they were not actually travelling. They spent their hours fighting the flies, peeling potatoes, organising bands and welcoming news from home. Among the British and American troops were contingents of Indians who also played a large part in the great venture.

"Cornish Valley" followed, a film showing the life of the farmers who make their living from the soil of the windswept peninsula of Cornwall and Devon. The farms and villages are in the valleys where dairying is carried on. On the flat sides of the hills there is sheep farming and food is grown for the animals. In the southern valleys bulbs are grown in the spring and in the orchards there are pear and cyder apple trees. The dairy and poultry are looked after by the womenfolk who go shopping on market days while the men go to the cattle-markets and afterwards to the 'White Hart' for a pint and a gossip. These Cornish farmers do everything for themselves, and are dependent on nobody.

The last film was called "Left of the Line" and was the story of the British and American invasion of Europe from the beaches of Normandy to Brussels. In the spring of 1944 all was ready. The invasion fleet waited in the harbours of the Channel loaded with tanks, cars, guns and men. In the tense atmosphere all the troops asked themselves the same question—"When do we start?" On the 5th of June they got their answer. The whole army of ships and aircraft crossed the Channel and the greatest invasion in history began. Thousands of paratroops landed in France and the Atlantic wall was cracked. By June 7th all the beaches were cleared and the Normandy foot-hold secured. While the Americans captured the Cherbourg peninsula British troops battled on towards Caen. After the capture of Caen the town of Falaise was approached from north and south forming a pocket where the enemy was systematically destroyed. The capture of Falaise itself was made by the Canadians and the Americans sped on to Paris. The River Seine was crossed, the Canadians entered Rouen from the north and then pushed on to the coast where they found themselves again in Dieppe. They entered to the music of a pipe band and held services among the graves of their comrades who fell in the raid on Dieppe. The British entered Amiens and from there the armies moved at amazing speed covering 240 miles in 4 days. They entered Belgium and on September 2nd Brussels was liberated. The Allied armies were well on their way to the Rhine and the Battle of Germany was about to begin.

N.M.G.C., Form U.VI (Worden).

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION FILM SHOW (5)

The film-show which we had at school on the 26th of March was exceptionally interesting.

In "A Harbour goes to France" we saw what is probably one of the greatest engineering feats of the century—the building and equipping of a harbour which had to be towed across the channel and which was the vital enterprise necessary for the great venture of D. Day. We saw the sections being built with great secrecy, in all parts of Britain; we saw them towed across the channel to a specially selected small French town. As we watched we saw the huge structure take shape, then it finally settled on the bed of the sea. Piers, break-waters, and causeways were added and our ships were able to unload at this port and keep the fighting men supplied. On D. Day + 13 a great storm arose and for three days and nights it raged; we saw the harbour being damaged severely and although unloading kept on under terrible conditions, army supplies were dwindling. Yet after the storm, it could be seen that the damage was not irreparable and the work kept on.

The next film, "The Eighty Days", was about the 'Doodle-bug' bomb which played havoc in the hearts and homes of people of the South East of England. The film showed us only too clearly the terrible hours of suspense whilst waiting for the alarm; then the rush to the shelters or any kind of covering. Meanwhile the guns on the coast had put up a fine barrage and many bombs were brought down through magnificent shooting. We saw how the fighters took up the attack if one got inland, shooting at it till it fell earthwards. We saw indeed how these bombs brought death and destruction to all, and we felt that there was no tribute too great to be paid to the gallant people of London and her surrounding districts. Truly, the Battle of London was part of the Battle of France.

"The Valley of the Tennessee" was a film which took us far away from all thoughts of war. We saw this barren valley, where the few people who lived there had to struggle to live where destruction came from the skies in the form of rain, where thousands were drowned each year, and where it was not possible to grow much food. It was, most certainly a forgotten part of the U.S.A. Then we were shown how science took a hand in the affair. The United States government built great dams which chained the huge Tennessee River and checked the floods. Farms were allowed electricity by means of this new water power system; new machines, ideas and plans were worked out and by working together the farmers and the government turned the forgotten valley into a rich and fertile place. Farms served as laboratories; each farmer tried out a certain idea. Thus, with the help of science and mutual co-operation, a new country was built out of an old, tired, barren one, and now people live there knowing that their future is brighter and better than it was before.

M.B., Form U.VI (Cuerden).

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION FILM SHOW (4)

On Thursday, 21st June, the school assembled for another welcome Ministry of Information film show.

The first film was called 'SEAC' and showed us the terrible conditions under which the men of South East Asia Command fight. During the monsoon the rain never ceases and our troops have to fight knee deep in mud and are not often dry.

The film showed the building of a bridge over the Chindwin and how very necessary it was that it should be built quickly. The Japs were shelling the position, but nevertheless our troops built the bridge and soon had supplies rolling over.

The next film was 'Trans-Atlantic Airport' and here we were introduced to Mr. Brown who was at an airport in England waiting for some medicine to save the life of his son. In this way the value to mankind of quick transport was demonstrated.

Mr. Brown became friendly with a crew, which was comprised of different nationalities. These men told Mr. Brown of their experiences, and showed him over the airport.

We finally left Mr. Brown with the essential medicine which he had received from an aeroplane that had just come in.

In the film 'Canada's North West' we were told of the project of building airports etc., across the barren wastes of Alaska, to form a continuous link from Canada to the Pacific. When Japan attacked it was decided to hurry up this plan so that there would be an overland route for supplying the troops in the Pacific theatre of war. This is now completed.

Canada is determined that these north-west territories will form a wealthy part of post-war Canada. Ores are already being extracted from the mountains and it has been found that corn will grow in some parts of this land.

The last film was 'Power for the Highlands'. This showed clearly the ever present need for the water power of the Highlands to be harnessed to produce electricity. The fishermen would be helped, for their surplus fish which is now thrown back into the sea, could be canned by canning factories worked by this electricity. The farmers, too, would benefit, for great tracts of marsh could be drained and made into arable land.

The beauty of the Highlands must not be spoiled and it need not be, for these dams, if they are built by men with wisdom and foresight, can also be beautiful.

Something must be done or else the Highlands will soon be derelict and work must be found for the returning soldiers, sailors and airmen.

J.P., Form L.VI (Cuerden).

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION FILM SHOW (5)

On October 4th we had another interesting M.O.I. film show. The first film was about Maharastra in India. This country is mainly agricultural, the fields being ploughed by ancient wooden ploughs pulled by bullocks. Most of the other work is done by hand—the women do their housework, then go into the fields to help. When the seed is set the people wait anxiously for rain, for if it is late the crops are ruined. After the Harvest there is the Thanksgiving and later the Fair, with its Cattle Market. At the Fair the most important event is the bullock racing. Most of the Marriages take place in November, and we were shown some of the customs which then take place. The film told us of the ordinary life of a country about which the average Englishman knows nothing.

"The Star and the Sand" was the name of the next film. In January 1940 about 30,000 Yugoslavs were evacuated to Egypt, where they lived in camps, about 5,000 in each. The Yugoslavs had few goods of their own, so they had to be helped by U.N.R.R.A., who gave them food and other necessities. Now they have their own cobblers, carpentry shops, schools, newspapers, etc.

The third film was "The Story of Money", showing how money came into use. As communities grew, trade developed with the exchanging of goods, a method which

soon became unpractical. Goods were then exchanged for ornaments, then for metal coins, gold, silver, copper and iron. The goldsmiths gave receipts for the money they had stored and from this beginning the use of cheques developed. Then paper money began to be printed so now we have three ways of payment, by coin, or by paper money, or by cheque.

"The Story of D.D.T." the last film was very interesting. It was known that insects carry disease and before 1941 our insect-killing chemicals came from Japan, and islands in the Pacific. We were forced therefore to find a new method of germ killing. About seventy years ago D.D.T. had been discovered but no use of it was known. Modern scientists used it in tests against flies, mosquitoes and larva. It was successful so we had to find out next if it caused any harm to animals and man. Rabbits were tested with no ill effects. A squad of soldiers volunteered to wear D.D.T. shirts for a month: one half wore ordinary shirts, and the other D.D.T. shirts, and at the end of the month there was no difference in health between either group. All men wore them throughout the European campaign. The Germans did not use this chemical so when prisoners came in they had to be de-loused to prevent disease.

In the Far East the jungles were sprayed with D.D.T. by our aircraft before our men took over. Each soldier had a sprayer of his own.

Conditions in Naples were indescribable; when an epidemic of Typhus started D.D.T. was brought in and soon the Typhus waned.

Now the scientists are thinking of the post war world, and the effect D.D.T. will have upon more hot-beds of disease, the slums.

J. P., Form L.VI (Cuerden).

THE SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

Once again, our societies have had a slight readjustment, owing for the most part, to changes on the staff. Mr. Speakman, our new junior science master, has re-formed the Photographic Society and Miss Markland, the geography mistress has re-formed the Geographical Society. Mr. Bull has formed a new one—the Chess Society. B.J.S.

The Musical Society.

This year we have 37 Seniors in the Music Society, the majority of whom appear to be serious musicians eager for enlightenment and knowledge. There are even 16 veterans from last year. One or two, indeed, are not merely veterans but now might rank as "oldest inhabitants".

An innovation this year is the typing of a list of a hundred records, each member being supplied with a copy. Thus it is easy for any member to select any particular piece and have it played. A further list of another hundred records will be typed in due course when the urge to use the typewriter is stronger than the natural instinct to relax.

This Term the chief new work was the "Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Dukas, a French composer. Played by the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra under Sir Adrian Boult, the music depicts the sorcerer's apprentice who, in his master's absence, tries his hand at magic but,

not knowing the magic word, is unable to stop a broom from bringing water from the river and flooding out the house.

Of the old favourites which have been demanded once again are "Hebrides Overture" by Mendelssohn, Dances from "Prince Igor" by Borodin, waltz from "Eugen Onegin" by Tchaikovsky, Overture to "The Barber of Seville" by Rossini, and many others.

Some time during this or next Term we hope to go as a body to an opera or concert, when the occasion arises, in Preston.

B.L.W.

The Junior Play-Reading Society.

Our chief difficulty is finding enough texts to keep us occupied during a whole year, without encroaching on those reserved for class use.

However, new sets have been ordered, and we hope they will arrive soon.

All members are keen, especially the small boy who stands at the door, after the society meeting, collecting the books that members are so apt to take away with them. His "Stand and Deliver" tactics have the desired result.

M.A.R.

The Photographic Society.

The Photographic Society has been re-born, and its members are as keen and enthusiastic as ever.

In spite of the war-time restrictions on Photographic equipment, it is hoped to do our own "D and P" as supplies become available.

T.S.

The Junior Literary Society.

The Junior Literary Society this term is composed entirely of girls and most of its members are new. We have begun to read "The Hill" by H. A. Vachell, and are enjoying it. Last term we read "The Scarlet Herring" and other tales by Judge Parry, which caused much amusement.

C.M.C.

Le Cercle Francais

L'année dernière, nous autres du Cercle français avons passé ensemble des heures très agréables. Le programme était assez varié. On a chanté de belles chansons de France, on a joué plusieurs petits jeux de salon, on a lu des pièces amusantes, on a prononcé de courts discours savants, on a organisé un concours d'orthographe et l'on a discuté avec ardeur les actualités. Même, ceux et celles de la première ont joué une charade, dont la clef subtile nous a longtemps évadé.

Ce trimestre, nos membres sont plus jeunes que ceux de l'année passée et nous suivons un programme différent. Deux enthousiastes, I. Bluck et B. Higginbottom s'occupent actuellement de notre parte-affiches, qui donne aux uns la nostalgie, et aux autres l'envie d'aller un jour en France.

V.P.

The Historical Society.

In the Historical Society a number of talks were given on a variety of subjects, ranging from the history of Leyland to the development of the British Empire. There were also a number of play readings, and "quizzes" on both historical and topical subjects proved very popular.

M.H.

The Chess Society.

School chess enthusiasts were very gratified to learn at the beginning of this term that a much-needed want had been satisfied; and the response to the formation of this new society was most encouraging. Although we are at present rather hampered by shortage of boards and men, many interesting games have been played.

In due course we propose to have talks on the game, given, to start with, by Mr. Bull; however, as we progress further in the noble art of Chess, some of our more advanced members may feel inclined to air their views on some branch of the subject. At present, though, we are content merely with gaining practice in this most venerable of all games.

G.B.

The Gardening Society.

Society meetings have started again this term. A number of members have departed, but they have been replaced by a new flock, mostly third-formers, who, so far, are extremely keen and are zealously bent on removing the turf.

One day a few members were lucky enough to see a stoat with a rabbit in its mouth, but as they advanced to try and kill it, it ran off into the hedgerow and was lost.

Two boys while at work disturbed a nest of reddish-brown ants, who on our uninvited entry, picked up an egg each and made off with it.

So you see gardening has its own thrills unconnected with bent backs and aching arms.

D.O.

The Arts and Crafts Society.

During the past year, despite the shortage of most handicraft materials, many articles were made. In the Autumn term especially, the Art Room was a hive of industry for besides the usual assortment of presents made in leather, felt and parchment, many Christmas cards were made from lino cuts.

Once the present making fervour had ceased enthusiasm seemed to wane and during the Spring and Summer term script writing was the main attraction.

We must mention, however, that in the time immediately preceding the play many of our members were extraordinarily active in helping to make various costumes and accessories for use during the performance.

Already this term work has started in earnest and by the look of things many people will be receiving attractive presents this Christmas.

B.J.S.

The Dramatic Society.

This term, though the Society is smaller than last year, the members seem more enthusiastic, and are much less shy and retiring than we have ever known them.

Moreover, the Society has managed to attract more boys than usual; we now have the magnificent total of eleven. We hope their presence is due to genuine zeal.

We read "She Stoops to Conquer" during the first few weeks and all the members of the Society have had a chance to be heard.

We have had great difficulty in finding a suitable play for our next production; but after much reading we have now decided on "Dear Brutus" by J. M. Barrie, and we hope to have it well under way by the time this appears in print.

An account of "Richard of Bordeaux", our last production, will be found elsewhere in this issue.

P.S.

The Choir

We held our annual Carol Service on the last day of the Christmas term, followed by a very successful party, at which we were extremely pleased to see many of our Old Students. We are again practising carols—many old favourites, but some new ones—for the forthcoming Carol Service, which we hope will be as great a success as the last one. We have welcomed many new members from the 1st forms, and so we are hoping for great things. We extend a warm invitation to Old Students to come to the party afterwards, which we are glad to see has become a kind of annual re-union for some of them.

J.L.M.

The Needlework Society.

The society has had a large membership this term. Many of the senior girls have re-joined and there is a number of new pupils to whom we give a hearty welcome.

There is a large variety of work being done, despite the rationing of materials. Embroidery, as always, is very popular, especially amongst the junior members. The making of slippers seems to be very popular amongst the seniors this term, as well as knitting and dressmaking.

Towards the end of last term, many gaily coloured belts, either embroidered or appliquéd with multi-coloured felts, were made.

We hope that with the conclusion of the war, we shall be able to obtain the little essentials which have been in such short supply.

B.N.

The Dancing Society.

As usual this has been a popular society among the first, second and third form girls, who have all been very enthusiastic.

During the Summer term we again co-operated with other Leyland school children in giving, on Leyland Cricket Ground, a dancing display of some of the National Dances we had learnt throughout the year. This was a particularly pleasing occasion as it was part of the Victory in Europe celebrations.

Everyone is looking forward to learning new folk and national dances during the coming session.

J.M.B.

The Greenhouse

Since the last edition of the school magazine, there have been an increasing number of activities.

As in previous years, Mr. Bennison has proved himself to be an expert tomato grower and we have had an excellent crop.

The sweet peas and many of the more colourful flowers are now over, but we still have a few fuschia blooms and some geraniums.

The goldfish after existing on a meagre ration during the war are now enjoying an abundant supply of food.

The rubber and castor oil plants are growing rapidly and the orchid has produced two flowers this year.

D.J.T.

The Scientific Society.

During the period since "The Balshavian" was last published, the society has diminished in size.

Our members continue to lecture in turn each Friday afternoon. In the past there have been some interesting experiments, chemical and physical, by both Mr. Lomax and members of the society.

N.F.

The Topical Subjects Society.

Under the leadership of Miss Doherty, the Society has continued with its activities. Many lectures have been given by members on various subjects, a "Spelling Bee" and a "Brains' Trust" were enjoyed. "Quizzes" however, were the most popular features, especially when sweets were given as prizes.

H.H.

The National Savings Group.

The School Savings Group has now reached a grand total of £10,855 7s. 0d. since the beginning of the war. But the number of members has decreased and we should like to have many new members, especially from the first and second forms. The average weekly total of savings has dropped considerably during the last year and particularly during this term, when it has usually been under £8. But although the war is over there is an even greater need for saving! Money is urgently needed for reconstruction, and while goods are in short supply and of poor quality, it is far better to save than to spend.

Leyland Thanksgiving week begins on November 10th, after "The Balshavian" has gone to press. We cannot, therefore, include a report on it but we are confident that the whole school will once again unite and make the effort a real success.

C.M.C.

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1944-45

The 1st XV had a very satisfactory season. Although not winning many matches they closely contested most of the games. The side was rather light in weight, but always fought well and played good football, and this is all that matters. Hayhurst was a good captain during the first term and Carr did equally well in this capacity after Christmas. There are many very promising footballers amongst the juniors, a fact which augurs well for the future.

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XV.

Hayhurst (Captain).—A strong hardworking forward and an enthusiastic captain who kept his side playing to the end.

Carr.—A wholehearted player and an equally good captain. Sound at centre three in defence and penetrative in attack.

Whitaker.—Played well in his new role of centre three quarter. He has a sound knowledge of the game.

Kenyon.—A tough hardworking forward always in the thick of it.

Sheldon.—A quick tireless forward with a great enthusiasm for the game. He was always up with the ball.

Little.—Supplied some much needed weight. A sound all round forward.

Glover.—Developed into a good fly half. Quick off the mark, he is also quick to see an opening and should improve.

Bullivant.—A strong and deceptive scorer at wing three. I expect many tries from him in the future.

Stickland.—Ran with determination and tackled well at wing three.

Newton.—Developing into strong scrum half with a neat and accurate pass out.

Howard.—A burly, dashing forward despite his lack of weight.

Bush.—A useful forward, especially in the line out.

Brough.—A strong keen young player who will make a really good forward. Must keep on side.

Wildman.—A hard working tearaway young forward with plenty of pluck. Will do well next year.

Williams.—Quickly developed into a sound forward despite his inexperience.

Moon, J. W.—A grand forward. Not often prominent because he was never on the outskirts of a scrum. R.A.B.

SAT. OCT. 7TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV. HOME. LOST.

This was our first game and we were favoured by good weather. The school team started well and was well matched by Hutton. Pye, our right centre, was injured early in the game. In the first half, Stickland D. scored a try which was not converted. In the second half, Whitaker made no mistake about a penalty kick which was well out to touch.

Hutton scored two tries, one of which was converted.

Result : School, 6 pts ; Hutton G. S., 8 pts.

SAT. OCT. 14TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. WIGAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV. AWAY. LOST.

A very slow game was played on a muddy pitch. Wigan had the advantage of a heavier team, but the school played very hard in defence. No tries were scored for the school although Bullivant, in the first half, was tackled only a few inches from the line. In the second half, Wigan had the school team rather tired and continued scoring.

Result : School, nil ; Wigan G. S., 19 pts.

SAT. OCT 21ST. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV. HOME.

WON.

In the first half, although the school played against a slight breeze, play was fast and even. In the second half, however, the school forwards stuck closer together and heeled the ball many times. Twice every three quarter handled the ball until Stickland took it over the line, but neither of these tries was converted. In a forward rush, Kenyon scored a very good try but this too was not converted. Ellis rounded off the score when he dropped a goal.

Result : School, 12 pts. ; Ormskirk G. S., nil.

WED. OCT 25TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV. HOME.

LOST

The two teams were evenly matched : Kirkham had the better of the school in the scrums but not in the line-outs. Hayhurst scored one unconverted try by breaking through a line-out. Ellis dropped a goal, and fifteen minutes before the end of the game, the score was even. After this, the three-quarters kept taking a "dummy" pass, and as a result, Kirkham scored two more tries which they converted.

Result : School, 6 pts. Kirkham G. S., 16 pts.

WED. NOV. 15TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. BLACKPOOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV.

HOME. LOST.

This was a very hard game, the school doing most of the attacking. The school three-quarters were unlucky in being stopped twice only by the full back. In the first half, the school forwards were only a few feet from the line. Bullivant took the ball over the line, but a try was disallowed. Blackpool scored two tries when the school team was out of position.

Result : School, nil ; Blackpool, 6 pts.

SAT. NOV. 19TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV. AWAY.

LOST

The Kirkham pitch checked the school three-quarters. After a few days' rain it was very heavy. Our forwards too, being much lighter than the Kirkham forwards, were soon losing ground under the double strain. It was our second meeting with Kirkham this season, but, as in the last game, they used the "dummy" pass very efficiently. No tries were scored for the school, and most of Kirkham's were scored in forward rushes.

Result : School, nil ; Kirkham G. S., 33 pts.

WED. NOV. 23RD. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. STONYHURST COLLEGE 3RD XV. HOME. WON.

After a little experience the school three-quarters, in this game, played really well. Their timing, speed and combination won the game. Stonyhurst forwards were heavier than ours but we had the speed. For a while, no tries were scored, but before the second half, tries were scored by Glover (2) and Bullivant (1).

In the second half Glover scored again after taking the ball almost the length of the pitch. Hayhurst also scored from a line-out. Only one try was converted. Stonyhurst scored at the end of the second half.

Result : School, 17 pts. Stonyhurst College, 3 pts.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES.

| Played | Won | Drawn | Lost |
|--------|-----|-------|------|
| 7 | 2 | — | 5 |

RUGBY LEAGUE TABLE 1944-45.

| House | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Points |
|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|--------|
| Cuerden | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Farington | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Cuerden | 4 | 2 | — | 2 | 4 |
| Clayton | 4 | 1 | — | 3 | 2 |

Shield winners: Farington and Cuerden.

RUGBY KNOCK-OUTS

The final of the Rugby Knock-Outs was played between Worden and Clayton. Worden defeated Clayton by 16 pts. to 3 pts.

Cup winners: Worden.

HOCKEY, 1944-45.

Captain: M. Hutchings.

The School Hockey Teams were very keen and worked hard, and it was disappointing that extremely bad weather caused so many cancellations in the second half of the season. However, both practices and matches were enjoyed early in the season, and some very good games were played.

All the forwards have combined well and shown some excellent passing, though they did not always seize their chances of shooting once inside the circle.

The defence players gave good support to the forwards and were quick to intercept, but in one or two cases, could have been quicker and more reliable in clearing the ball.

There were some promising players in the Junior Team, who, with those of the first XI left from last year, should make a good team for next season, when we hope to have a good many more games.

TEAM CRITICISMS.

Goal-keeper: D. Atkinson.—Has been an efficient and dependable goal-keeper, using both stick and feet to good advantage.

Right Back: B. Silcock.—Good strong stickwork but must try to cover the other defence players more, and practise tackling quickly.

Left Back: M. Hutchings (Capt.).—Very steady and reliable. Her clearing passes are strong and accurate, and she anticipates and marks well. Has been a very efficient Captain.

Right Half: A. Newsham.—A steady player who has worked hard and tackled well.

Centre Half: M. Sutton.—Has played extremely well, being efficient and dependable, both in attack and in support of the forwards, and in defence, combining with the backs.

Left Half: A. Farrington.—A useful and hard-working half-back. Her tackling is steady and she gives good support to her wing.

Right Wing: E. Smith.—A speedy and reliable wing, who fields well and passes strongly. Her stickwork is good, and she has developed good dodging tactics.

Right Inner: C. P. Turner.—Has played very well and has improved considerably with her passes. Shooting is quick and strong, though still occasionally inaccurate.

Centre Forward: J. Beal.—Combines with the other forwards and her shooting is quick and strong, but she should aim at greater accuracy, and seize more opportunities of breaking away and making for the goal.

Left Inner: M. Bamber.—Has played well in her first season, and has a good percentage of the total goal score to her credit.

Left Wing: K. Frost.—A good hard-working forward, who has considerably improved her fielding of the ball, and passes quickly and accurately. C.I.P.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

SAT. OCT. 7TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

The weather was perfect for our first match of the season and the pitch was in good condition. Our forwards did not make a very good start, for though they kept well up in the opposing circle their shooting was wide. The backs tackled well, but did not clear the ball out very quickly at first. The halves tackled well, and only twice did the Chorley forwards break through. During the second half, our players combined well together.

Result: School, 6 goals; Chorley Grammar School, 1.

SAT. OCT. 14TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HINDLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

The pitch was rather soft and muddy owing to heavy rains but we made a good start. The ball was kept well up in the opposing circle and the defence did not allow the Hindley forwards to break through.

Result: School, 13 goals; Hindley Grammar School, Nil.

WED. OCT. 25TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. LOST.

This was a very exciting game since the teams were well-matched. The opposing forwards were quick and the defence alert and efficient. Our forwards were quick and persevering, and our defence tackled and placed their passes well. Unfortunately we were not strong enough to defeat the opposing team.

Result: School, 3 goals; Preston Park School, 4.

SAT. NOV. 4TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. RIVINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

This match was contested on a heavy pitch with long grass and play was considerably slowed down. The School team was attacking during the whole of the game, and play was mostly in the Rivington half.

Result: School, 10 goals; Rivington Grammar School, Nil.

SAT. NOV. 18TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. THE CONVENT 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

This was by no means an easy game, both teams fighting hard and being evenly matched. The Convent forwards were fast and gave our defence many anxious moments. The Convent shooting was wide however, and an enjoyable game ended in our favour.

Result: School, 5 goals; The Convent, 1.

SAT. FEB. 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

During the first half of the game the match was heavily contested. The Ashton forwards were quick, but our defence intercepted well. During the second half the ball was constantly in the opposing circle, and the result was a clear win for the school.

Result: School, 6 goals; Ashton-in-Makerfield, Nil.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL 1st XI MATCHES.

| Played | Won | Lost | Drawn |
|--------|-----|------|-------|
| 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 |

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HOCKEY LEAGUE TABLE, 1944-45.

| House | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Points |
|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|--------|
| Farington | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Clayton | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Cuerden | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Worden | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Shield Winners — Farington.

HOCKEY KNOCK-OUT FINALS.

Cuerden defeated Worden in the finals of the Hockey Knockouts.

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CRICKET, 1945.

Captain: Carr, G. T.

Starting the season as a rather inexperienced but keen and promising side, the school XI eventually settled down into quite a strong team. The batting was better than for some years and full of promise and potential runs. The bowling was steady and occasionally very good. The fielding was sound, but with one or two exceptions rather uninspired and the throwing in was not sufficiently aggressive.

Amongst the juniors, the House Leagues and School Colts' games were keenly contested and with the usual exuberant enthusiasm.

CHARACTERS OF 1st XI.

Carr (Capt.)—A very sound captain and a keen whole hearted player. His bowling was steady and difficult to get away, while his batting was confident and he was always quick to punish loose balls. Fielding alert and attacking.

Glover.—Played some very attractive innings. His style is good—a very straight bat, quick on his feet, and he times the ball well. His off side shots are a delight to watch. We hope to see his onside play develop next year.

Bullivant.—A very promising bowler with a loose limbed lively action. Has a quick off break and can bring some life out of most wickets.

Williams.—A quick attacking bowler who should improve. Must overcome a tendency to drop them short on the leg side. A keen and intelligent player.

Brough.—A promising all-rounder. Was unfortunate with the bat and was not often called upon to bowl—his turn will come.

Wildman.—A promising bat full of determination. When he develops more strokes, he will get lots of runs.

Barker.—With more confidence will make a good bat and bowler too. Should make the bat meet the ball a little harder even in defence.

Edmondson.—Shows promise both as bat and bowler. With continued practice should do well.

Newton.—A vigilant and active point. Must make more of his batting next season.

Pye.—Bowled well when required and should get better.

Sheldon.—Kept wicket well. Should practise batting.

Dalton.—Played two innings—both good ones. I was pleased to see that even in practice he played correct cricket. He shows much promise in every phase of the game.
R.A.B.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

JUNE 2ND. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON CATHOLIC COLLEGE 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST.

In this opening game of the season the schools' batting was rather lacking in confidence and match practice, and we were all out for 76. Wildman was the only batsman to stay long for a valuable 20 not out. Preston scored quickly and soon had knocked off the required runs.

Result: School, 76; Preston C.C., 88 for 4 wkts.

JUNE 16TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK G.S. 1ST XI. HOME. LOST.

Ormskirk batted first and against steady bowling reached the moderate total of 65. The school batting was again inexperienced and all the batsmen except Glover were unable to cope with some accurate swing bowling. Glover going in first wicket down carried out his bat for 19 not out and showed a very sound style in defence.

Result: School, 42; Ormskirk G.S., 65.

JUNE 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. KIRKHAM G.S. 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

Going in first on a good wicket, our batsmen were much sounder and more enterprising than in previous games. Glover (43) again batted well making some very elegant shots on the off side. Barker (27) and Bullivant (21) also showed good form, and Carr was able to declare with the score at 128 for 5 wickets.

Apart from Cartmell, Kirkham's batting was not up to their usual standard, but they very sportingly played on late to obtain a result, thus affording us our first victory.

Result: School, 128 for 5 wkts; Kirkham G.S., 47.

ROUNDERS, 1945.

JUNE 16TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. CHORLEY G.S. 1ST IX. AWAY. WON.

As this was the first match of the season we were at first doubtful as to what would be the result. The pitch was tougher than the one to which we were accustomed but nevertheless we managed to gain the victory.

Result: School, 5; Chorley G.S., 0.

JUNE 23RD. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. ORMSKIRK G.S. 1ST IX. AWAY. LOST.

This was a keenly contested match but again our team laboured under difficulties. The Ormskirk team possessed an advantage in the fact that they used bats instead of sticks, but our team played well on the whole, the deep fielding especially being very steady.

Result: School, 3; Ormskirk G.S., 5.

JULY 19TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. THE STAFF. HOME. WON.

This was the most eagerly awaited of all our matches and the result was not disappointing—from our point of view anyway.

Result: School, 12; Staff, 2½.

JUNE 23RD. SCHOOL JUNIOR IX v. ORMSKIRK G.S. JUNIOR IX. AWAY. LOST.

Result: School, 1½; Ormskirk G.S., 2.

JUNE 30TH. SCHOOL JUNIOR IX v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD JUNIOR IX. AWAY. WON.

Result: School, 4; Ashton G.S., 3.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES

| | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-------|------|
| 1st IX | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Junior IX | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

ROUNDERS LEAGUE TABLE, 1945.

| | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-------|------|
| Worden | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Cuerden | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Farington | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Clayton | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

Shield Winners: Worden and Cuerden.

ROUNDERS KNOCK-OUTS.

Winners: Cuerden.

TENNIS, 1945.

(Captain: M. Hutchings)

The team was fairly strong this year though the players lacked confidence at the beginning of the season. Most players have produced some good strokes, and all have tried to concentrate on good hard shots, though they must work harder for control and accuracy.

All the team improved considerably towards the end of the season, and having gained more confidence, achieved much better results.

TEAM CRITICISMS.

1st Couple: J. Tomlinson.—Her style is good and she makes full use of good hard drives, but occasionally lacks the determination which would win a hard-fought point. Her strokes have gained in accuracy, however, and she is a good all-round player.

C. P. Turner.—Has developed a very good service and continued to play a strong and vigorous game. More control and accuracy will follow as she gains in experience.

2nd Couple: M. Hutchings.—Plays very steadily and has greatly improved forehand and backhand drives, placing her shots well.

J. Beal.—A strong player who has improved during the season, both in service and in placing her shots but she must continue to aim at greater accuracy and improved net play.

3rd Couple: M. Bradley.—Has played extremely well in her first season in the team, and has good style in service and forehand drives. She combines well with her partner and they have produced some good results.

B. Silcock.—A strong and vigorous player who has considerably improved all her strokes during the season, but who could sometimes concentrate on the game with more seriousness.

C.I.P.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

MAY 16TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. OLD GIRLS 1ST VI. HOME. LOST.

The first match of the season was very enjoyable even though a very strong wind played tricks with the ball and made accurate play almost impossible.

We were up against more experienced players than ourselves and though we tried to put up a stiff resistance we were finally defeated by a fairly large margin.

Result: School, 39 games; Old Girls, 60 games.

JUNE 2ND. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. WIGAN HIGH SCHOOL 1ST VI. AWAY. WON.

We had a favourable start and were getting well into the game when there was a downpour. Thus we had to retire when only six sets had been played. The result of this shortened match was 40 games to 25 in our favour.

Result: School, 40 games; Wigan H.S., 25 games.

JUNE 6TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST VI. AWAY. LOST.

The teams were quite evenly matched but we did not play very confidently. Perhaps this was due to the fact that we were unaccustomed to grass courts. Also there was lack of good net play, and rather too much wild hitting and not following up on deep drives. As a result, Ormskirk succeeded in defeating us by 7 games, but it was a very enjoyable match.

Result: School, 46 games; Ormskirk G.S., 53 games.

JUNE 13TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL 1ST VI. AWAY. LOST.

The Park School, as usual, had a very good team and for the most part their powerful drives and volleys had a poor reception at our side of the net. However there were many good rallies and it was an enjoyable match even though there was a very brisk wind blowing. The Park School won by a large margin.

Result: School, 1 set; Park School, 8 sets.

JUNE 30TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD 1ST VI. AWAY. WON.

This was a very wet morning and our third couple had to wait some time before they could play their first set. They did not start too well but soon recovered and played their usual steady game. Despite the difficulties of the courts we managed to defeat Ashton by a fairly large margin.

Result: School, 60 games; Ashton, 39 games.

JULY 11TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. OLD GIRLS 1ST VI. HOME. LOST.

This match against the Old Girls was eagerly anticipated as we were hoping for better results. Again the Old Girls had a strong team, and though we put up a determined resistance we were unable to prevent them from defeating us. Most of the games were very close, however.

Result: School, 44 games; Old Girls, 55 games.

JULY 14TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST VI. HOME. WON.

We were determined that Ormskirk's return match against us should result in a victory for the school and from the start we played steadily and confidently, and by running up on strong drives managed to win many points by volleying. Net play has greatly improved since the beginning of the season.

Result: School, 66 games; Ormskirk, 33 games.

House League Shield—Cuerden and Worden were leading—3 points each—in an unfinished Championship.

RESULT OF SCHOOL MATCHES, 1945.

| Played | Won | Drawn | Lost |
|--------|-----|-------|------|
| 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 |

TENNIS KNOCK-OUT FINAL.

Cuerden defeated Clayton in the Tennis Knock-out finals after a very close match.

HOUSE NOTES.

CLAYTON HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. Bull.

House Mistress: Miss Doherty.

House Captains: Barrett, G. F. C. (Boys); J. Bamber (Girls).

It is with deep regret that we begin our House notes by bidding farewell to Miss Royle. Miss Royle has been our House Mistress for more years than most of us can remember; she has always taken a lively interest in the House, and has given us her support and encouragement in all our activities. We send her all our best wishes for the future, and we are sure that she has a worthy successor in Miss Doherty.

A good custom was revived last term, in the shape of the House Party, which everybody thoroughly enjoyed. With the return of peace however we may look forward to many more of an even better quality than before, and needless to say, far superior to those of other Houses.

Most House-scribes, I find, put first in their notes a list of their House achievements. But looking back through Clayton history I find that, during the past year, there is remarkably little to put down. The boys have managed to preserve one shred of honour, the Cricket League Shield; but the girls seem to be nowhere in the picture. Nor is our scholastic progress anything to be proud of: we have got as far as third in the Order of Merit, and apparently we cannot get any further. However, never let it be said that we were discouraged by such minor setbacks as these. A little more work perhaps than usual in the coming year, and we may again see our House Room glittering with trophies, all the more bright for having been away for a time.

CUERDEN HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. R. A. Bennison.

House Mistress: Miss K. Whewell.

House Captains: Riding, W. (Boys); M. B. Sutton (Girls).

Once again the time has come when we must record our outstanding successes, or failures, on the games field and in the classroom.

During the past year our prospects have brightened very considerably in all directions, our greatest gain, I think, being the Sports Championship Cup; after a very long, strenuous, and hectic afternoon's physical and mental effort, the total of Cuerden's points was raised above that of any other House. Well done, Cuerdenites; and we are proud to have the Victrix Ludorum in our House again.

The House room is now very much more decorated than it was; the Knock-out Cups of Rounders, Hockey and Tennis, and the Tennis and Rounders League Shields (shared with Worden) all stand in their appointed places. The boys, I am sorry to say,

have not been nearly so successful at the girls, but not from any lack of enthusiasm. Their mighty efforts were at least rewarded with victory in the Rugger Leagues although it had to be shared with Farington.

Our great success was the capture for scholastic merit of The Silver Griffin, which has for such a long time eluded our eager grasp. Now that we have at last caught this alluring prize, let us strain our utmost to retain it.

And now to the social activities. During last term someone conceived the idea of having a House Party. It was received with acclamations of joy, and the arrangements were rushed through at once. Ours was the first House Party since the beginning of the war and only a few of the older Cuerdenites had attended a similar function before. A very enjoyable time was had by all, but the greatest attraction seemed to be the food, as of course might have been expected of Cuerden.

Finally, let us send our very best wishes out into the world with the members of the House who have left us, and extend a welcoming hand to those new members who have joined our ranks.

"Success through venture"—

Go forward Cuerden!

FARINGTON HOUSE.

House Master : Mr. A. J. Lomax.

House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy.

House Captains : Sheldon, R. P. (Boys ; J. Tomlinson (Girls)

In still another chapter of the History of Farington House we have little to record.

Apart from minor individual successes, our only achievements on Sports Day were the winning of the Inter-House Tug-of-War and Relay Cup.

We lost the Cricket Knock-out Cup to Worden, and the girls were unlucky too, in their field of sport.

Even the coveted Silver Griffin, which is almost synonymous with Farington has taken wings and flown away.

But let us face the future with confidence. Our prospects on the Rugby field are full of promise, and with the same spirit of team-work with which we won the Relay Cup we will regain all those trophies which once were our possessions.

In the Social Activities we welcome the return of House parties and in the recent one, despite war-time difficulties, Farington enjoyed itself immensely ; our gratitude is extended to all those who contributed to its success.



SCHOOL 1st XI HOCKEY, 1944-45.
Back Row : (left to right) A. A. Farrington, J. M. Beal, M. B. Sutton, B. J. Silcock, A. Newsham, D. D. Atkinson.
Front Row : (left to right) C. P. Turner, K. M. Frost, M. Hutchings (Captain), M. V. Bamber, E. Jones.
Played 6 Won 5 Lost 1



SCHOOL 1st IX ROUNDERS, 1945.
Back Row : (left to right) A. Whelan, J. M. Beal, M. B. Sutton, K. M. Frost, M. M. Bradley, A. Newsham, A. A. Farrington, M. Hutchings, C. P. Turner.
Front Row : (left to right) A. A. Farrington, M. Hutchings, C. P. Turner.
Played 3 Won 2 Lost 1



SCHOOL 1st TENNIS VI, 1945.

Back Row : (left to right) C. P. Turner, J. M. Beal, B. J. Silcock, M. M. Bradley.
 Front Row : (left to right) D. J. Tomlinson, M. Hutchings.

Played 7 Won 3 Lost 4

WORDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill.

House Captains : Whitaker, W. R. (Boys); C. Lund (Girls)

We have rather more to record of the activities of Worden House this time, owing to the absence of 'The Balshavian' in May.

It is our first duty to give a hearty welcome to all new members of Worden House and to wish them every success at games and above all at their studies, for it is these young people who must further Worden's interests in the future.

At Rugger last year the boys showed their mettle by carrying off the Knock-out cup in dashing style, but suffered rather a reverse by having to take third place in the Leagues.

From Rugger we pass on to Athletics, where again we showed our usual good form, but just failed to win the House Championship by a very small margin of nine points. We are, however, very glad to record that the Victor Ludorum Cup was again won by a Wordenite. This is the fourth year in succession that we have had this honour.

From Athletics we turn to review our achievements on the cricket field. Despite a very dry season we must again record an alarming number of 'ducks' 'reared' by our League team batsmen. We are happy to say, however, that this did not find its parallel in the Knock-outs where our team added another cup to our collection.

At Hockey the girls succeeded in reaching the final of the Knock-outs but after a grim struggle were narrowly defeated by Cuerden; they were even less successful in the Leagues, being bottom of the table.

We strike a more cheerful note when we come to Rounders for the girls won the House Shield but were defeated in the Knock-outs. At Tennis they had very little success, achieving neither the League Shield nor the Knock-out Cup.

I have the pleasure, denied to my predecessors of the past six years, of reporting our House party which was a tremendous success and I can safely say that a good time was had by all.

The Silver Griffin has so far eluded our grasp; this is a prize to be coveted and it should be the desire of all true Wordenites to see it amongst our other trophies. This cannot be done without great effort on our part, so let us apply ourselves to the task of winning the Silver Griffin during the coming year.

"NON SIBI SED ALIIS"

- November 11th, 1944—Earl Haig's Poppy Fund—£6/8/11.
 January 17th, 1945—Preston Infirmary Linen League—£5/0/0.
 January 31st, 1945—Preston Station Buffet—£5/0/0.
 March 2nd, 1945—Aid to Ilford—207 Articles.
 May 18th, 1945—Waifs & Strays Society (Shepherd St. Mission)—£2/16/3.
 June, 1945—War-time Nurseries (per Lady Openshaw)—12 toys made by pupils.
 June, 1945—Aid to China Fund—£3/12/11.
 July 2nd, 1945—Star & Garter Home—£4/14/8.
 July 7th, 1945—Alexandra Rose Day—£1/15/6.
 September 19th, 1945—St. John Ambulance Brigade (Leyland Division)—£3/5/1.
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| 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 |
| Atkinson, Muriel | V.A.D. | Cuerden | 1937-40 |
| Baron Margery (nee Lomax) | C.D.S. | — | 1920-27 |
| Bennison, Muriel. | W.A.A.F. | Worden | 1931-36 |
| Berry, J. | South Staffs Rgt. | Clayton | 1928-34 |
| Berry, R. | R.N.V.R. | Farington | 1934-39 |
| | (Fleet Air Arm) | | |
| Barrow, N. | R.A. | Cuerden | 1928-34 |
| Bentley, H. | R.A.F. | — | 1929-30 |
| Briggs, C. A. | Fleet Air Arm. | Clayton | 1926-34 |
| Berry, H. M. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1932-36 |
| Bailey, H. | R.A. | Clayton | 1930-37 |
| 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. | Farington | 1931-36 |
| Biggar, E. | R.A.F. | — | 1925-31 |
| Biggar, G. | R.A. | — | 1926-31 |
| Birkett, Madge (nee Hocking) | W.A.A.F. | — | 1925-29 |
| Brace, F. | R.C. of Signals. | Cuerden | 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. | Durham Lt. Infantry | Clayton | 1932-37 |
| Bowling, J. G. | Gen. Ser. Corps. | Worden | 1936-39 |
| Butterworth, D. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1936-40 |
| Briggs, Anita M. | A.T.S. | Cuerden | 1934-40 |
| Boothman, Joyce. | W.R.N.S. | Clayton | 1938-41 |
| 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.S.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 |
| Crawshaw, H. W. | R.A.F. | — | 1925-27 |
| Dalton, L. U. | Mines. | Clayton | 1937-44 |

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| Darnell Margaret (nee Ball) | A.T.S. | Cuerden | 1932-38 |
| Darnell, P.W. | R.A. | Farington | 1929-37 |
| Downie, J. | 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 |
| Daley, D. W. | R.E. | Cuerden | 1938-40 |
| Etherington, J. | R.C. of Signals | Farington | 1926-32 |
| Eckton, G. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-38 |
| Edmunds, Jean | W.A.A.F. | Clayton | 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 |
| Elston, P. | Gen. Ser. Corps | Clayton | 1939-44 |
| Edwards, S. G. | Merchant Navy | Clayton | 1937-43 |
| Fishwick, J. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1928-35 |
| Fisher, R. W. (Master) | R.A.F. | — | 1934— |
| Farrington, E. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1933-40 |
| Fisher, W. J. | R.E. | Cuerden | 1935-40 |
| Flowers, G. | — | Clayton | 1929-32 |
| Farrington, Eric | R.A.F. | Farington | 1935-43 |
| Ferneley, I. A. | R.N.V.R. | Farington | 1938-44 |
| 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, A. B. | R.N.V.R. | Worden | 1936-43 |
| Goater, J. G. | R. Marines | 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 |
| Goodier, R. | R.E.M.E. | Worden | 1932-35 |
| Gardner, R. J. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1934-43 |
| Grayson, K. M. | R.C. of Signals | Farington | 1937-44 |
| Hall, Irene | W.R.N.S. | Worden | 1938-42 |
| † † Harrison, G. | R.N. | Clayton | 1934-38 |
| Harrison, J. | R.A.F. | — | 1925-29 |
| Hatton, A. J. | R.E.M.E. | Worden | 1933-37 |
| Haydock, J. | Yeomanry | Worden | 1928-35 |
| Haydock, E. G. | S. Rhodesia A.C.R. | — | 1920-26 |
| Haydock, P. | R.A.O.C. | — | 1920-27 |
| Haydock, Edna | A.T.S. | Worden | 1931-35 |
| Heaton, T. | Gen. Ser. Corps | Farington | 1937-45 |
| † † Hocking, H. D., M.C. | R. Tank Corps | Cuerden | 1927-33 |
| Hocking, F. E. | 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 |
| Holden, F. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1933-37 |

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| 7 Holme, R. | R. Marines | Cuerden | 1935-40 |
| Hope, T. E., D.S.C. | 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 |
| ? Heyes, W. H. | — | — | 1925-30 |
| ? Hoey, C. E. | R.N.V.R. | Worden | 1936-40 |
| ? Heaton, W. A. | Lancashire Fusiliers | Farington | 1933-38 |
| Howcroft, Joyce | W.R.N.S. | Clayton | 1935-43 |
| ? Howson, A. P. | W.R.N.S. | Clayton | 1937-44 |
| ? 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 |
| Johnston, Esther G. | W.A.A.F. | Clayton | 1938-39 |
| ? King, J. | R.N.V.R. | Clayton | 1931-35 |
| Kelly, J. B. | R.E.M.E. | Cuerden | 1933-39 |
| Kelly, G. N. | Loyal N. Lancs. | Cuerden | 1937-41 |
| Kenyon, A., D.F.M. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1934-40 |
| Kenyon, E. | R.N.V.R. | Farington | 1936-41 |
| Kenyon, T. | R.A.F. | — | 1916-19 |
| ? Kirkham, J. L. | Gen. Ser. Corps | Farington | 1940-42 |
| ? Knowles, F. A. | R.A. | — | 1928-32 |
| 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 |
| ✓ Lord, Hilda M. | W.A.A.F. | Worden | 1933-38 |
| Lord, Margaret | A.T.S. | Cuerden | 1935-41 |
| † † Lloyd, T. R. | R.A.C. | Cuerden | 1932-37 |
| Lee, R. D. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1932-37 |
| Marginson, L. | R.N.V.R. | Clayton | 1938-43 |
| Marginson, C. W. | Scots Guards | Clayton | 1937-42 |
| 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, J. | V.A.D. | Worden | 1934-41 |
| * 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 |
| McCann, A. | Merchant Navy | Farington | 1936-40 |
| McIver, H. | R.N.V.R. | Clayton | 1937-44 |
| ? 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 | 1935-4 |
| Morris, F. | R.A. | — | 1922-27 |
| ? Norris, Marjorie | W.A.A.F. | Farington | 1935-40 |
| ? Martindale, D. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1934-40 |
| Noon, E. C. | C.M.P. | — | 1925-30 |
| Nelson, T. A. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1927-34 |
| Neville, R. D. H. | Merchant Navy | Cuerden | 1938-43 |

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| Orrell, N. | R.A.S.C. | Farington | 1929-33 |
| Patison, Betty | W.A.A.F. | Clayton | 1931-35 |
| 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 |
| Pattinson, T. C. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1931-35 |
| Patefield, P. W. | R.A. | Farington | 1928-33 |
| Paulin Joan (nee Berry) | Q.A.I.M.N.S. | Farington | 1928-36 |
| 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 |
| Priestnall, T. K. | R.N.V.R. | Farington | 1935-38 |
| † Postlethwaite, P. C. | — | Cuerden | 1931-36 |
| † 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 |
| Richardson, B. L. | Gen. Ser. Corps. | Clayton | 1937-42 |
| Riding, C. | Mines. | Clayton | 1937-43 |
| Riding, T. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1932-36 |
| Robinson, F. | R.A.S.C. | — | 1923-30 |
| Rosbotham, R. S. | R.E. | Cuerden | 1933-39 |
| Robinson, D. B. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1936-41 |
| Read, D. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1934-40 |
| † Salthouse, F. | R.A.M.C. | Cuerden | 1929-35 |
| † Scott, L. | R.N. | Worden | 1938-43 |
| Sharp, A. | R.A. | Clayton | 1931-36 |
| Shaw, Edith | W.A.A.F. | — | 1926-31 |
| Shaw, H. E. | R.A.S.C. | — | 1923-26 |
| * Shepherd, F. W. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1929-33 |
| Smith, S. E. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1930-33 |
| Smith, C. N. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1936-40 |
| 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., D.F.C. | R.A.F. | — | 1924-29 |
| † Sharples, J. B. | Pioneer Corps. | Cuerden | 1930-36 |
| Sharples, A. R. | R.N.V.R. | Clayton | 1937-42 |
| 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 |
| Samuels, G. C. G. | R.N.V.R. | Farington | 1937-41 |
| 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.S.C. | — | 1920-21 |
| Shepherd, J. | R.N.V.R. | Cuerden | 1935-43 |
| 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 |
| Thistlethwaite, C. S. | R.N.V.R. | Clayton | 1934-41 |
| Titley, J. G. | R.N.V.R. | Worden | 1937-41 |
| Taylor, Doreen | W.R.N.S. | Clayton | 1936-41 |

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| Taberner, G. E. | Merchant Navy | Farington | 1937-41 |
| Williams, K. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1937-41 |
| Wilkinson, W. | Merchant Navy | Worden | 1928-32 |
| Vause, P. G. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1925-33 |
| † Valentine, T. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1935-39 |
| Vessey, E. | R.N.V.R. | Cuerden | 1937-42 |
| Webster, P. M. | Merchant Navy | Worden | 1937-44 |
| † † 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. | King's African Rifles | 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 |
| Watson, John | R.A.F. | — | 1924-29 |
| * Wright, E. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1934-36 |
| 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

| 1945 | | SEPTEMBER | Sports Results |
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| Th. | 13 | Autumn Term Commences. Supervision Duty: Miss Whewell; K. M. Frost; Riding, W. | |
| F. | 14 | | |
| S. | 15 | | |
| M. | 17 | Supervision Duty: Mrs. Clarke; J. M. Beal; Glover, R. | |
| Tu. | 18 | | |
| W. | 19 | | |
| Th. | 20 | | |
| F. | 21 | | |
| S. | 22 | Hockey: School 1st XI v. Chorley G.S. 1st XI. (h). School Jun. XI v. Chorley G.S. Jun. XI. (h). | |
| M. | 21 | Supervision Duty: Miss Lewis; L. R. Wrennall; Sheldon, R. | |
| Tu. | 25 | | |
| W. | 26 | School Photograph. | |
| Th. | 27 | | |
| F. | 28 | | |
| S. | 29 | Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Hutton G.S. 1st XV. (a). | |
| | | Hockey: School 1st XI v. Hindley G.S. 1st XI. (a). | |

| OCTOBER. | | |
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| M. | 1 | Supervision Duty: Mr. Bull; B. Silcock; Schofield, P. |
| Tu. | 2 | |
| W. | 3 | Rugger Leagues: Cl. v. F.(1); Cu. v. W.(1)..... Hockey Leagues: Cl. v. Cu.(1); F. v. W.(1)..... |
| Th. | 4 | 2-45 p.m., Ministry of Information Film Show. |
| F. | 5 | |
| S. | 6 | Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Wigan G.S. 1st XV. (h)..... School Bantams XV v. Wigan G.S. 1st XV. (h)..... |
| M. | 8 | Hockey: School 1st XI v. Rivington G.S. 1st XI. (h)..... Supervision Duty: Miss Doherty; M. Sutton; Hughes, H. Last date of application for County Training College and Physical Training Scholarships. |
| T. | 9 | Last date of application for County Advanced Course Exhibitions. |
| W. | 10 | Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Kirkham G.S. 1st XV. (h)..... School 2nd XV v. Kirkham G.S. 2nd XV. (a)..... 2-45 p.m., Lecture: "The British Commonwealth" by Brig. French, C.M.G. |
| Th. | 11 | |
| F. | 12 | |
| S. | 13 | Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Blackpool G.S. 1st XV (a)..... School Bantams XV v. Blackpool G.S. Bantams XV. (h)..... |
| M. | 15 | Miss Heppell; M. M. Bradley; Williams, R. |
| Tu. | 16 | |
| W. | 17 | Hockey: School 1st XI v. Preston Park School 1st XI. (a)..... School 2nd XI v. Preston Park School 2nd XI. (a)..... |
| Th. | 18 | |
| F. | 19 | |
| S. | 20 | Hockey: School 1st XI v. Wigan H. S. 1st XI. (h)..... |
| M. | 22 | Supervision Duty: Miss Milroy; J. Bamber; Whitaker, W. R. Last date for receipt of contributions to "The Balshavian" Vol. XXI, No. 1. |
| Tu. | 23 | Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. A Stonyhurst XV (a)..... |
| W. | 24 | Rugger Leagues: Cl. v. W.(1); Cu. v. F.(1)..... Hockey Leagues: Cl. v. F.(1); Cu. v. W.(1)..... |
| Th. | 25 | 2-45 p.m. Lecture on Dr. Barnardo's Homes by Mrs. M. C. Forster, B.A. |
| F. | 26 | |
| S. | 27 | Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Preston Grass-hoppers "A" XV. (a)..... |
| M., Tu. | 29, 30 | Half Term Holiday. |
| W. | 31 | Supervision Duty: Miss Woffindin; V. Pinder; Barrett, G. F. C. |

| NOVEMBER. | | |
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| Th. | 1 | |
| F. | 2 | |
| S. | 3 | |
| M. | 5 | Supervision Duty: Miss Markland; C. P. Turner; Riding, W. |
| Tu. | 6 | Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Rossall XV (h). |
| W. | 7 | Rugger Leagues: Cl. v. Cu.(1); F. v. W.(1)..... Hockey Leagues: Cl. v. W.(1); Cu. v. F.(1)..... |
| Th. | 8 | |
| F. | 9 | |

| NOVEMBER—Continued. | | |
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| S. | 10 | Hockey: School 1st XI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield 1st XI. (a)..... |
| M. | 12 | Supervision Duty: Mr. Wilkinson; K. M. Frost; Glover, R. |
| Tu. | 13 | |
| W. | 14 | |
| Th. | 15 | 2-45 p.m. Lecture: "Province" by Dr. N. Moore. |
| F. | 16 | |
| S. | 17 | Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Blackpool G.S. 1st XV. (h)..... School Bantams XV v. Blackpool G.S. Bantams XV. (a)..... Hockey: School 1st XI v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st XI. (a)..... School Jun. XI v. Ormskirk G.S. Jun. XI. (a)..... |
| M. | 19 | Supervision Duty: Mr. Speakman; J. M. Beal; Sheldon, R. |
| Tu. | 20 | |
| W. | 21 | Rugger Leagues: Cl. v. F.(2); Cu. v. W.(2)..... Hockey Leagues: Cl. v. Cu.(2); F. v. W.(2)..... |
| Th. | 22 | |
| F. | 23 | |
| S. | 24 | Rugby Football: School 1st XV. v. Kirkham G.S. 1st XV. (a)..... School 2nd XV v. Kirkham G.S. 2nd XV. (h)..... Hockey: School 1st XI v. Hindley G.S. 1st XI. (h)..... School 2nd XI v. Hindley G.S. 2nd XI. (h)..... |
| M. | 26 | Supervision Duty: Miss Whewell; L. R. Wrennall; Schofield, P. |
| Tu. | 27 | |
| W. | 28 | |
| Th. | 29 | |

| DECEMBER. | | |
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| S. | 1 | Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st XV. (a)..... Hockey: School 1st XI v. Preston Convent School 1st XI. (a)..... School 2nd XI v. Preston Convent School 2nd XI. (a)..... |
| M. | 3 | Supervision Duty: Mrs. Clarke; B. Silcock; Williams, R. School Examinations (First Day). |
| Tu. | 4 | School Examinations (Second Day). |
| W. | 5 | School Examinations (Third Day). Rugger Leagues: Cl. v. W.(2); Cu. v. F.(2). Rugger Leagues: Cl. v. W.(2); Cu. v. F.(2). Hockey Leagues: Cl. v. F.(2); Cu. v. W.(2). |
| Th. | 6 | |
| F. | 7 | |
| S. | 8 | Hockey: School 1st XI v. Chorley G.S. 1st XI. (a)..... School Jun. XI v. Chorley G.S. Jun. XI. (a)..... |
| M. | 10 | Supervision Duty: Miss Lewis; M. Sutton; Hughes, H. |
| Tu. | 11 | |
| W. | 12 | Rugger Leagues: Cl. v. Cu.(2); F. v. W.(2)..... Hockey Leagues: Cl. v. W.(2); Cu. v. F.(2)..... |
| Th. | 13 | |
| F. | 14 | Publication of "The Balshavian" Vol. XXI, No. 1. |
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| M. | 17 | Supervision Duty: Mr. Bull; M. M. Bradley; Whitaker, W. R. |
| Tu. | 18 | |

Th. 20 2-0 p.m., School Carol Service.
 F. 21 Autumn Term ends.
 Lectures: "The Outlook of Education" by Prof. R. A. C. Oliver, M.A.,
 B.Ed., Ph.D. } Dates to
 "Greece" by R. E. Wycherley, Esq., M.A. } be fixed.
 Spring Term commences, Wed., Jan. 9th, 1946.
 Spring Term ends, Fri., April 12th, 1946.

MISCELLANEA.

Clayton House : House Mistress :
 House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull, M.A.
 House Captains : J. Bamber (Girls) ; Barrett, G. F. C.
 House Colours : Green.
 House Room : IVB.

Cuerden House : House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell, A.R.C.A.
 House Master : Mr. R. A. Bennison, M.Sc.
 House Captains : M. Sutton (Girls) ; Riding, W. (Boys).
 House Colours : Red.
 House Room : IIIA.

Farington House : House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy, B.A.
 House Master : Mr. H. J. Lomax, B.Sc., A.R.C.Sc.
 House Captains : J. M. Tomlinson (Girls) ; Sheldon, R.
 House Colours : Gold. (Boys)
 House Room : IB.

Worden House : House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill, B.A.
 House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A.
 House Captains : C. Lund (Girls) ; Whitaker, W. R.
 House Colours : Blue. (Boys)
 House Room : IA.

Boys : Head Prefect : Riding, W. **Prefects :** Schofield, P., Barrett, G. F. C.,
 Whitaker, W. R., Williams R. **Sub-Prefects :** Glover, R., Hughes, H.,
 Sheldon, R.

Girls : Head Prefect : M. Sutton. **Prefects :** L. R. Wrennall, J. Bamber, J. M.
 Beal. **Sub-Prefects :** B. Silcock, V. Pinder, M. M. Bradley, C. P. Turner,
 C. Lund, J. M. Tomlinson.

Captain of Rugby Football : Whitaker, W. R.
Captain of Hockey : J. M. Beal.

Milk : 10.45 a.m. in Dining Room. Tuberculin-Tested (T.T.) Milk can be
 obtained at "Break," price $\frac{1}{4}$ d. 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 IIb and IVb rooms, boys in Ia
 and IIa rooms. Boys and girls may, if they prefer, listen to the radio-
 gramophone in the Hall.

School Periods :

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| Morning Periods : | 9-0 to 9-10 a.m. | Prayers. |
| | 9-10 to 9-20 a.m. | Form meetings. |
| | 9-20 to 10-0 a.m. | First Period. |
| | 10-0 to 10-45 a.m. | Second Period. |
| | 10-45 to 11-0 a.m. | Break. |
| | 11-0 to 11-45 a.m. | Third Period. |
| | 11-45 to 12-30 p.m. | Fourth Period. |

Afternoon Period : Mondays to Thursdays

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

(b) Fridays :—

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 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 (Mrs. Clarke and Miss Lewis)—in Physics Lab.,
 12-30 to 1-30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays.

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Broadcast Lectures :

Tuesdays : 10-05 to 10-10 News Commentary (IA).
 11-20 to 11-40 Senior History (IVA and IVB).
 2-35 to 3-0. English (IIIA and IIIB).

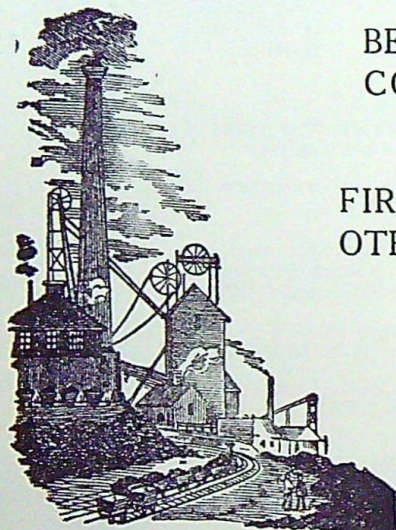
Thursdays : 11-20 to 11-40 Geography (VA).
 2-0 to 2-15 Nature Study (IA and IB).

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

GAMES.

| Day | RUGBY FOOTBALL (Boys) | HOCKEY (Girls) | TENNIS (Girls) |
|---------|---|--|-------------------|
| M..... | House Practices (Cl.&F.) | House Practices (F. & W.) | Cuerden |
| Tu..... | 1st XXX Practice and Junior Games | Junior XXII Practice and Junior Games | Farington |
| W..... | House League Matches | House League Matches | 1st Hockey XXII |
| Th..... | House Practices (Cu.&W.) | House Practices (Cl.&Cu.) | Worden |
| F..... | 1st XXX Practice and Colts XXX Practice. | 1st XXII Practice. | Clayton |
| S..... | School Matches. | School Matches. | |

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