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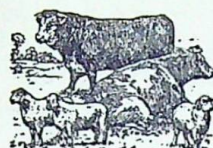
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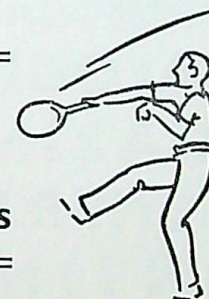
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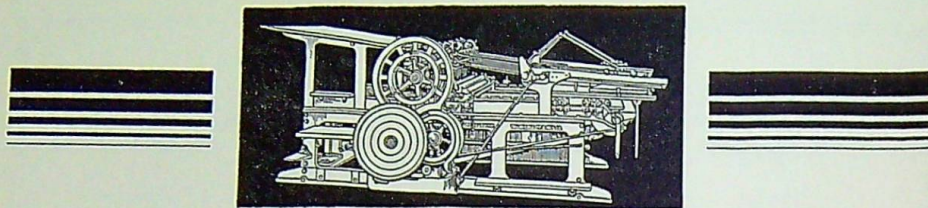


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BALSHAW'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL



HOCKEY 1st XI, 1932/33.

Back Row: E. Whittaker, H. Baron, H. Howard, D. Blackburn, G. Houlden, D. Herring.
Front Row: I. Haydock, E. Sharples, M. B. Wilkinson (*captain*), A. M. Nuttall, M. Holden.
 Played 10—Won 3, Lost 6, Drawn 1, Goals for 35, Goals Against 30.



RUGBY FOOTBALL 1st XV, 1932/33.

Back Row: Hocking, F.; Greenwood, A.; Allibone, F.; Stringfellow, R. E.; Whittaker, S. T.;
 Smith, J.; Shepherd, F. W.; Patefield, P.
Front Row: Briggs, C. A.; Haydock, J.; Vause, P. G. (*captain*); Fishwick, J.; Nelson, T.;
 In Front: Gates, E.; Stringfellow, C. D.
 Played 3—Won 1, Lost 2.

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EDITORIAL

It is necessary to lodge yet another appeal for contributions to *The Balshavian*, for we feel that pupils are not supporting their School Magazine with sufficient energy. The junior forms have done well and seem to realise their responsibility to the Editorial Staff, but the fourth and fifth forms are definitely not pulling their weight.

The Easter Term has always been regarded as the most unsatisfactory in the School year. It has been suggested that its hours are, perhaps, too crowded to allow even the intelligentsia of the School time to contribute to the Magazine. This alone, however, cannot account for the decrease in efforts. Can it be modesty that forbids certain people to chronicle their thoughts or impressions? If this is so, then we would remind all that even if their attempts are not quite up to the necessary standard, the Editors alone will see them, and we are always ready to offer advice on the choice of subjects or improvement of style.

We hope there will be a growing demand for space in the Magazine by old pupils.

It is obviously impossible for the secretaries to collect information from each member. We should always receive gladly any news of old pupils, and would welcome all literary efforts from individual members of the Association.

SCHOOL NOTES

PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys. Head Prefect: Vause P. G.

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

Sub-Prefects: Haydock J., Nelson T. A., Patefield P.,
 Stringfellow C. D.

Girls. Head Prefect: L. M. Lomax.

Prefect: M. B. Wilkinson.

Sub-Prefects: P. Ainsworth, H. Howard, A. Nuttall,
 E. Sharples.

Already we enjoy the lazy atmosphere of summer evenings and find that we have time to pause and review the bustle of the past few weeks. The Hockey Knock-Out competitions and League matches have been concluded, the boys have finished their first season of Rugby Football; the whole school has experienced the various sensations accompanying the terminal examinations, the annual entertainment, and Sports Day. We trust that we have emerged with credit from these ordeals.

On Thursday, February 9th, Miss M. I. Bain, M.A., gave an interesting lecture on Paris. Views of the more important parts of the city were shown, and the School thoroughly enjoyed the whole address.

The first Rugby Knock-Out final resulted in a win for Clayton, who thus retain the Wanklyn Cup. Cuerden also repeated their last year's success in the Hockey final. We congratulate these two Houses.

The following have been awarded School Colours this term:—Vause, Fishwick, Nelson, Gates for Rugby Football; M. B. Wilkinson, H. Howard, E. Sharples for Hockey.

On Thursday and Friday, April 6th and 7th, the School Dramatic Society presented their first Shakespearean Play. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was the one chosen and the production was remarkable for the exceptionally young cast, and the reception they deserved, and received, from two large audiences. An account of the entertainment has been included in this issue of the Magazine.

May 6th was the date fixed for the Athletic Sports this year. The afternoon was spoilt by heavy showers of rain that repeatedly interrupted, and eventually caused the abandonment of the programme. In spite of the weather, however, there was a large attendance, which showed once again that this is, perhaps, the most popular event in the School year.

The programme was concluded on the following Tuesday when Mrs. A. J. Lomax presented the Cups and Shields. A full list of results will be found on a later page.

During the Easter vacation, a party of eight with Miss Brindle accompanied a party from Preston Grammar School on a visit to Brittany. An account of the excursion will be given in this issue of the Magazine.

We congratulate Farington on heading the Merit Order for work last term, Clayton on winning the House Cup on Sports Day, Cuerden on winning the Relay Cup, and Worden on winning both the Rugby and Hockey Shields.

A new feature this year has been the establishment of garden plots for horticultural enthusiasts. Two parts of the fields have been allotted, one to flower beds, another to vegetables, and the chance offered has been seized eagerly by quite a number of pupils. The results of their labours should be apparent in the near future.

This season the School has acquired a new grass tennis court on the front lawn on the boys' side of the field. These grass courts, while far from perfect, are evidently much appreciated because they are always full.

The School congratulates Mr. Sutcliffe on the degree of B.A. conferred on him on May 10th, by the University of London. Mr. Sutcliffe obtained a First-Class in the final examination.

Vause and Fishwick competed this year in the Public Schools Athletic Sports at White City, the former in the two jumps, Fishwick in the 440 yards. It was, perhaps, unfortunate that the standard of performance should have been so surprisingly high this year, but at least they should have gained valuable experience.

We have to acknowledge receipt of Magazines from the following Schools and Colleges:—Wellingborough Grammar School; Preston Grammar School; Preston Catholic College; Steyning Grammar School; Faraday House; Convent School, Preston; Queen Mary's School, Lytham; Wigan Grammar School; Chorley Grammar School; Newton-in-Makerfield Grammar School; Hutton Grammar School.

VALETE.

D. Blackburn.—Form L.VI. Vice-Captain Clayton House. Oxford School Certificate (Matriculation), 1932. Hockey, School 1st XI., 1932-3.

M. McKittrick.—Form U.VI. Games Captain Farington House. Oxford School Certificate, 1931. School Tennis 1st VI., 1932. School 2nd XI., Hockey.

V. G. Morland.—Form I. Farington House. Her parents left the district.

R. Whatmough.—Form IVb. Cuerden House. House League team.

Briggs E.—Form IIIb. Clayton House.

Eddleston.—Form IVb. Worden House. School Rugby 1st XXX.

Turner A.—Form IVb. Cuerden House. House League team.

SALVETE.

G. M. Hodson to Worden House.

D. M. Wilkins to Farington House.

Greenhalgh L. to Cuerden House.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Last year, the School Entertainment was of a varied kind, and though it emphasised individual talent, it did not give the satisfaction of uniting in the common effort of a single production. This year, the School was much more ambitious in its schemes and attempted a production on a larger scale. The outcome was the formation of an official School Dramatic Society which, under the direction of Mr. Hilditch, produced "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

To produce the right atmosphere of delightful magic and romance in such a play as this, needed careful handling and a scrupulous care of details in scenery, in dress and in choice of actors. But the whole School, pupils and staff alike, entered into the spirit of the thing, and though the scheme was a bold one for a dramatic society with so little experience, it was astonishingly successful.

For months beforehand, mysterious happenings were going on behind closed doors, and at certain times strange, unfamiliar sounds could be heard coming from the hall. These proved to be no dark conspiracies for a second gunpowder plot, but merely Dramatic Society rehearsals. As the time drew nearer, scenery was adapted and painted, curtains were hung and the needlework department was enticed into making dainty frocks which were to transform athletic schoolgirls into Athenian ladies and graceful fairies.

At last, April 6th and 7th, the days fixed for the performances, arrived. On both evenings there was a large audience of appreciative parents and friends gathered in the Hall. After a few words by the Headmaster introducing the production and welcoming the guests the play began.

The light playful tone of the play was well suited to the talent of the young actors who performed it. From the grandeur of the palace of Theseus, Duke of Athens, the scene changed to the homely workshop of Quince, the carpenter, who was trying to instil some appreciation of dramatic art into the thick heads of his humble fellow-workers. Then came the woodland scenes with the gay frolics of the fairies, and the mischievous tricks of Puck on the Fairy Queen and the unsuspecting mortals. These scenes were made especially delightful by the beautiful singing and dancing of the fairies and by the effective setting of the dainty dresses amid the darker tones of the woodland scenery. In the last act, the Duke was entertained by "the most lamentable comedy and most cruel death of Pyramus and Thisbe," a ridiculous play of exaggerated sentiments which was enjoyed whole-heartedly by both audience and actors alike. The play came to a fitting close with the revels of the fairies in the deserted palace by the light of a flickering fire.

The many varying moods of the play—the dignity of Theseus and his court, the lighter pursuits of the lovers, the witchery of the magic of the fairies, the piquant antics of Puck and the swaggering knock-about humour of Bottom and his fellows—ensured an evening in which there was not one dull moment.

"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

April 6th and 7th, 1933.



THE CAST.

"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

April 6th and 7th, 1933.



"THERE LIES YOUR LOVE!"

Changeling, M. Ball; Puck, H. Baron; Bottom, J. Downie Titania, J. Iddon; Oberon, R. Turner.

Since we would not spoil this dream of midsummer by analysing it, it is impossible to single out any one member of the cast for special praise or blame. The cast was as follows :—

Theseus, Duke of Athens	-	-	-	-	R. TURNER
Egeus, Father to Hermia	-	-	-	-	J. BERRY
Lysander	} in love with Hermia	-	-	-	H. BAILEY
Demetrius		-	-	-	T. SIMMONS
Philstrate, Master of the Revels to Theseus	-	-	-	-	S. LLOYD
Quince, a Carpenter	-	-	-	-	M. BANKS
Snug, a Joiner	-	-	-	-	T. PATTINSON
Bottom, a Weaver	-	-	-	-	J. DOWNIE
Flute, a Bellows-Mender	-	-	-	-	G. BLAND
Snout, a Tinker	-	-	-	-	E. CHALLENGER
Starveling, a Tailor	-	-	-	-	J. HUDSON
Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons, betrothed to Theseus	-	-	-	-	A. DICKINSON
Hermia, daughter to Egeus, in love with Lysander	-	-	-	-	E. WHITTAKER
Helena, in love with Demetrius	-	-	-	-	H. N. HEY
Oberon, King of the Fairies	-	-	-	-	R. TURNER, Jun.
Titania, Queen of the Fairies	-	-	-	-	J. IDDON
Puck, or Robin Good-fellow	-	-	-	-	H. BARON
Peaseblossom	} Fairies	-	-	-	O. DICKINSON
Cobweb		-	-	-	J. ARCHIBALD
Moth		-	-	-	N. GILLEADE
Mustard-Seed		-	-	-	A. PICKLES
First Fairy	-	-	-	-	G. HUTCHINGS
Second Fairy	-	-	-	-	D. BALL
A Changeling Child	-	-	-	-	M. BALL
Fairies attending their King and Queen	-	-	-	-	M. Bennison, A. Deacon, F. Dickinson, J. Goater, J. Higginson, B. Paitson, M. Riding, D. Smith, L. Sutcliffe, M. Winter, I. Woods.
Attendants on Theseus and Hippolyta	-	-	-	-	J. Hobson and T. Pye

The success of the play would have been impossible but for the kind help of parents in the matter of costumes and for the active co-operation of the whole of the School Staff in carrying out the details of the production.

P.A., U.VI. (Farington).

What our contemporaries think of us

By the courtesy of *The Northern Daily Telegraph* we are allowed to reprint the following article, which appeared in that paper on March 4th last.

"If you wish to study the character of a man, you must know something of his environment. It is the same with a school—a Grammar School especially. And so it is necessary, in telling the story of the evolution of Balshaw's, to realise first of all the characteristics of the town and district which it serves. Leyland, as you know, has a long history; it gives its name to one of Lancashire's historic Hundreds. But to-day it is more concerned with the things of the present and the future; the place is beginning to grow out of its past, as it were. And the school, although it is mindful of the debt due to tradition, has caught the forward spirit of the town. It, too, looks ahead rather than behind.

Because there is so much to tell of Balshaw's in 1933, it is impossible to spend much time on the school as it was in 1782. It was founded in that year by Richard Balshaw, a native of Leyland, then living at Hemel Hempstead, in Hertfordshire. He devoted certain funds to the building and upkeep of a school and schoolhouse at Leyland, and a few years later augmented the income by the addition of rents arising from several closes of land. Until his death in 1811 Mr. Balshaw almost entirely managed the school himself, although other trustees were appointed to act with him. Six years after he died the school was enlarged, and in 1829 his widow conveyed by deed certain premises upon trust in the main for the education of girls. At the time the education given in the school appears to have been generally primary—the teaching of reading, writing, and arithmetic—and it was not until the end of the last century that Balshaw's became a secondary school. In 1898 a new scheme was sanctioned by the Board of Education and the Charity Commissioners under which the school was included among the secondary schools of the county, and a considerable portion of the Trust Estate was sold and the proceeds used for the building of a new school-room and class-rooms.

Now we come to 1931, when Balshaw's began its life anew—spiritually and physically. In that year the existing building was completed, and the school—nearly 140 years after its foundation—entered into a new home and started to build a new tradition. And before I begin to tell you of the way in which the school is developing its character to meet the needs of the modern world, I will show you, in imagination, the beautiful buildings which now house Balshaw's ancient foundation. They are delightfully situated on the outskirts of the town, and are surrounded by their own grounds and playing-fields—fifteen acres in extent. The building itself is the last word in modern school architecture and lay-out; the class-rooms are light and airy and the laboratories are fitted with up-to-date and ingenious equipment. For instance, each bench has its own supply of direct current which can be regulated at will by the demonstrator from his own bench, and the blinds are designed so that he can exclude all light—an aid in the study of optics and in the use of the epidiascope, a wonderful instrument which projects all kinds of objects on to a screen. The geography, domestic science, and handicraft rooms are similarly adopted to modern methods, as is the art room, where the best work of the pupils, as well as pictures obtained from the

Victoria and Albert Museum on loan, are exhibited. The gymnasium, complete in every detail, makes you wish that you were young again, and so also do the changing rooms with their excellent foot and shower baths, and the tuck shop, which at break and at the end of the day is the busiest place in the school. (For those to whom the tuck shop offers no temptation grade A milk is supplied at break each day). Passing through the well-stocked library, the dining-room, the kitchens, we come to the greenhouse—one of the most interesting places in the school. Here—in their own time—the children study the mysteries of natural history, an occupation which ranges from the tending of their own plants to the tending of the many varieties of fish in the glass bowls round the room.

The whole is centred around the handsome and dignified Assembly Hall—the heart of the school's life as well as of the building. It is a beautiful room, and its beauty is enhanced by the coloured lights, containing the coats-of-arms of the school and the Lancashire County Council, set in the windows. Here, the school honours the memory of its founder; a brass plaque on one of the walls commemorates the fact that "this school was founded for the instruction of the children of the middling and lower class of Leyland in reading, writing, and arithmetic and in the principles of the Church of England by Richard Balshaw, 1782, who died April 11, 1811, aged 86 years, and was interred at St. Giles', London, where a tablet is erected to his memory on which is written, 'of whom it may justly be said he was a truly benevolent and charitable man.' In 1816 his widow, then Mrs. Fisher, augmented the income." Under the inscription are lists of trustees, masters, and mistresses from 1782 to 1880. There is another tablet in the hall—to the memory of the old boys who lost their lives in the war. At its foot is a wreath of Flanders poppies, laid by the head boy each Armistice Day.

As if to emphasise how far we have progressed from the days of Balshaw, on the platform—facing the tablet to his memory—is a large radio gramophone. It serves both for instruction and for amusement; no fewer than eight series of broadcast lectures are received by the school each week, and the gramophone part of the instrument is used for country dancing classes and for house parties, socials, and other events held in the hall. A beautiful lectern with a handsomely bound Bible, and a hymn and prayer book are recent additions to the equipment of the Assembly Hall.

So far I have shown you the shell only of the new Balshaw's. But what is even more important is the spirit of the school as it is to-day. For Balshaw's underwent a change of character, as well as of site and buildings, when it moved into its new home some sixteen months ago. So, while conscious of what it owes to tradition, it is the aim of the school to graft the new on to the old, and in doing so, to cut away any dead wood which might have accumulated.

When the present buildings were opened, Mr. V. U. Oldland, B.A., became the head master, in succession to Mr. Frederic Jackson, M.A., who, after holding the office for about thirty years, is now living in retirement in Leyland. The new head, who is a former member of the Harlequins F.C. and the Old Blues F.C., was a house master at St. Dunstan's College,

London, before taking charge of Balshaw's. Under Mr. Oldland the school is proving worthy of its traditions and of its home. Many innovations have been introduced, in the class-rooms, the playing-fields, and in out-of-school pursuits.

There is now a five-years course to the school certificate standard, and there are two distinct Sixth Forms, where the studies are specialised. In the curriculum the importance of examinations is not over-stressed, and it is the school's contention that the certificate examination can be passed by the pupils in their stride at the end of their school career if the preliminary work has been of a satisfactory nature.

But in all that it does the ultimate aim of Balshaw's is to send out into the world effective men and women by the cultivation of mental and personal qualities, right habits and the realisation of the value of work for work's sake. And it seeks to perform this duty both in and out of school. The extensive playing fields, which surround the building, provide the boys and girls with plenty of opportunity to develop a team spirit—to take to heart the schools' motto, which translated, means, "Not for oneself but others." The games are run on both a league and knock-out principle; the winners of the league championship receive a shield, which is displayed in the room of the successful house, and cups are presented to the winners of the knock-out championships. This season the boys have changed from Association to Rugby football for their winter game, and the aptitude and enthusiasm with which they have taken up the sport is shown by the fact that four players from the school were chosen to take part in the Preston Grasshoppers' Public Schools football trials, while three of them had the distinction of playing against other representative sides. It is hoped that next season a full list of Rugby football fixtures will be drawn up.

While cricket is the game of the boys during the summer, the girls play rounders and tennis. Tennis, in fact, is played throughout the year, as there are two hard in addition to two grass courts. Yet hockey is the sport in which the girls of Balshaw's excel, for last season the Old Girls' team—a section of the flourishing Old Students' Association—won the cup presented to the winners of the Lancashire Central Ladies' Hockey League.

The spirit of comradeship and loyalty is also fostered by the house system, which has been reorganised, the introduction of prefects, the standardisation of the school colours—black and silver—and the assumption of a school crest—a silver giffin on a black ground, with the motto "Non Sibi Sed Aliis." The houses of Balshaw's are: Clayton, Cuerden, Farington, Worden—names based on old associations connected with districts which the school serves—and each is now composed of boys and girls, with a house master and mistress in charge. In the school there is a very live house spirit which is stimulated in various ways by social assemblies, visits to places of interest, magazines, all arranged on a house basis.

In the same way, activities based upon the school as a whole have sprung up; these include the literary, musical and debating society, a choir, the dramatic society, the magazine ("The Balshavian"), and the gardens run by the scholars in the school grounds. In all these interests the boys and girls are encouraged to do and think for themselves—to cultivate the habit of self-reliance and responsibility which they will need in a world waiting to receive

them. The parents, too, are brought into the life of the school, especially so on those special occasions when Balshaw's is, so to speak, on view; the Armistice Day Service; the exhibition of Christmas cakes made by the girls; the school entertainment each March; the sports, at which on the last occasion there was an attendance of over 700.

The parents who attend these events come from far and near. For Balshaw's does not cater for the pupils of Leyland alone; its pupils are drawn from a radius of fourteen miles of Leyland Cross, from Chorley, Clayton-le-Woods, Coppull, Farington, Grimsargh, Hoole, Penwortham, Walton-le-Dale, and Longridge. Each day special buses run from Preston, and 140 pupils remain for the midday meal.

And the school is making a wider appeal. The scholars who moved from the old school to the new about 18 months ago numbered 165. To-day there are 254 boys and girls on the roll."

SPRING

From the highest tree-top
Comes the sweetest note,
Issued by the blackbird
From his tiny throat.

I understand his message;
It is a call of love,
Answered from the bracken,
By his lady-love.

All spring flowers are budding,
The lilac and the may,
Their sweet fragrance shedding
On this happy day.

On a bright May morning,
Wakening up betimes,
One may hear the chaffinch,
Chirping in the limes.

M.S., Form IIa. (Worden).

THE ANNUAL SPORTS

The Annual Sports were held on May 6th last. Arrangements were somewhat hindered by unfavourable weather and it was found necessary to leave over a few events until the following Tuesday.

As on the same occasion last year, there was a keen struggle between Clayton and Worden for the House Cup. This time, however, it was Clayton's turn to be successful. Worden lost their lead for the first time during the Mile, regained it during the Girls' Relays and held it until the last event but one. The Clayton boys' relay teams, however, were in fine form and all was over when the Under 15 Worden team lost ground through an accident with a post. We offer our congratulations to the new Champions who deserve every credit for making the most of the chances that came their way.

Suitable music was played during the afternoon by the Leyland Prize Band.

The Victor Ludorum Cup was won by Fishwick (Clayton), who secured 42½ points. Perhaps his best performance was in the 220 Yards which he won in 25 seconds.

The Victrix Ludorum Cup was won by Isabel Haydock (Worden) with a total of 25 points, this being the third time she has won the Girls' Championship Cup.

The House Relay Cup was won by Cuerden with a total of 48 points.

The House Championship Cup was won by Clayton.

Clayton.....	162½ points.
Worden.....	146½ „
Cuerden.....	109 „
Farington.....	81 „

The prizes, which took the form of silver shields set in oak, were distributed at the close by Mrs. A. J. Lomax. Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Lomax, who kindly consented to appear again on Tuesday, as it was impossible to perform the ceremony on the Saturday. Mrs. Lomax also received a shield, suitably inscribed, in remembrance of the day, and the Headmaster, in presenting it, thanked her for her kindness in consenting to perform the distribution.

The final results were as follows :—

(Cl.—Clayton, Cu.—Cuerden, F.—Farington, W.—Worden).

RESULTS OF SCHOOL SPORTS, MAY 6th, 1933.

Hitting the Hockey Ball (under 15). Girls.—1, G. Hutchings (Cl.); 2, J. Shepherd (Cu.); 3, M. Riding (Cu.). Distance : 64 yds. 1 ft.

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Open). Girls.—1, J. Haydock (W.); 2, F. Bell (W.); 3, B. Wilkinson (Cl.). Distance : 84 yds.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (under 15). Boys.—1, Sharp (Cl.); 2, Simmons (Cu.); 3, Barrow (Cu.). Distance : 74 yards.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open). Boys.—1, Vause (W.); 2, Stringfellow R. (F.); 3, Fishwick (Cl.). Distance : 107 yards.

Long Jump (under 15). Girls.—1, D. Bridge (Cu.); 2, E. Haydock (W.); 3, D. Smith (W.). Distance : 13 ft. 3½ ins.

Long Jump (Open). Girls.—1, D. Bridge (Cu.); 2, M. Cuerden (Cu.); 3, I. Haydock (W.). Distance : 13 ft. 11 ins.

Long Jump (under 15). Boys.—1, Sharp (Cl.); 2, Parker (W.); 3, Davies (Cl.). Distance : 14 ft. 8 ins.

Long Jump (Open). Boys.—1, Vause (W.); 2, Fishwick (Cl.); 3, Briggs (Cl.). Distance 18 ft.

100 Yards (under 13). Girls.—1, J. Iddon (F.); 2, U. Taylor (F.); 3, M. Riding (Cu.). Time : 13-4/5 seconds.

100 Yards (under 15). Girls.—1, F. Bell (W.); 2, E. Haydock (W.); 3, D. Bridge (Cu.). Time : 12-2/5 seconds.

100 Yards (Open). Girls.—1, B. Wilkinson (Cl.); 2, I. Haydock (W.); 3, H. Howard (F.). Time : 13 Seconds.

100 Yards (under 13). Boys.—1, Witter (Cu.); 2, Wilkinson J. (Cl.); 3, Iddon (F.). Time : 12-2/5 seconds.

100 Yards (under 15). Boys.—1, Sharp (Cl.); 2, Davies, R. (Cl.); 3, Darnell (F.). Time : 11-4/5 seconds.

100 Yards (Open). Boys.—1, Fishwick (Cl.); 2, Patefield (F.); 3, Vause (W.). Time : 11 seconds.

High Jump (under 15). Girls.—1, D. Smith (W.); 2, E. Haydock (W.); 3, D. Bridge (Cu.). Height : 4 ft. 1 ins.

High Jump (under 15). Boys.—1, Sharp (Cl.); 2, Davies R. (Cl.); 3, Parker (W.). Height : 4 ft. 7 ins.

80 Yards (under 12). Girls.—1, N. Ryding (F.); 2, A. Briggs (Cu.); 3, P. Sagar (F.). Time 11-4/5 seconds.

80 Yards (under 12). Boys.—1, Lee (W.); 2, Hull (F.); 3, Goater (W.). Time : 10-4/5 seconds.

High Jump (Open). Girls.—1, B. Wilkinson (Cl.); 2, D. Bridge (Cu.); 3, I. Haydock (W.), M. Holden (F.), and D. Herring (Cu.) (tied). Height : 4 ft. 3 ins.

100 Yards Hurdles (under 15). Boys.—1, Sharp (Cl.); 2, Darnell (F.); 3, Wilkinson J. (Cl.). Time : 15-3/5 seconds.

100 Yards Hurdles (under 15). Girls.—1, E. Haydock (W.); 2, F. Bell (W.); 3, D. Smith (W.). Time : 17-2/5 seconds.

High Jump (Open). Boys.—1, Vause (W.); 2, Fishwick (Cl.), Whittaker (Cu.) (tied). Height : 5 ft. 4 ins.

100 Yards Hurdles (Open). Girls.—1, E. Haydock (W.); 2, I. Haydock (W.); 3, D. Smith (W.). Time : 17-2/5 seconds.

100 Yards Hurdles (Open). Boys.—1, Vause (W.), Fishwick (Cl.) (tied); 3, Patefield. Time : 13-2/5 seconds.

220 Yards (under 15). Boys.—1, Davies R. (Cl.); 2, Bailey (Cl.); 3, Darnell (F.). Time : 28-3/5 seconds.

220 Yards (Open). Boys.—1, Fishwick (Cl.); 2, Patefield (F.); 3, Whittaker (Cu.). Time : 25 seconds.

High Jump (under 13). Girls.—1, J. Iddon (F.); 2, M. Riding (Cu.); 3, N. Hesketh (Cu). Height : 3 ft. 10 ins.

High Jump (under 13). Boys.—1, Pennington (W.); 2, Stephenson (W.); 3, Greenwood H. (F.). Height : 3 ft. 11 ins.

440 Yards (under 15). Boys.—1, Davies R. (Cl.); 2, Marland L. (W.); 3, Salthouse (Cu.). Time : 70 seconds.

440 Yards (Open). Boys.—1, Fishwick (Cl.); 2, Whittaker (Cu.); 3, Patefield (F.). Time : 62-4/5 seconds.

180 Yards (under 15). Girls.—1, F. Bell (W.); 2, E. Haydock (W.); 3, U. Taylor (F.). Time : 23-4/5 seconds.

220 Yards (Open). Girls.—1, I. Haydock (W.); 2, B. Wilkinson (Cl.); 3, D. Bridge (Cu.). Time : 31 seconds.

220 Yards (under 13). Boys.—1, Witter (Cu.); 2, Wilkinson J. (Cl.); 3, Brown (Cl.). Time : 30-4/5 seconds.

880 Yards (Open). Boys.—1, Briggs (Cl.); 2, Whittaker (Cu.); 3, Patefield (F.). Time : 2 mins. 28 secs.

House Tug (under 15). Boys.—Winners : Clayton.

House Tug (Open). Boys.—Winners : Farington.

Mile (Open). Boys.—1, Fishwick (Cl.); 2, Eddleston (W.); 3, Marland W. (Cl.). Time : 5 mins. 30-2/5 secs.

House Relay (under 13). Girls.—1, Cuerden ; 2, Farington ; 3, Worden. Time : 60 seconds.

House Relay (under 15). Girls.—1, Worden ; 2, Cuerden ; 3, Farington. Time 55-4/5 seconds.

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"TITANIA AND HER FAIRIES."

Back Row: B. Paisson, L. Sutcliffe, D. Smith, A. Deacon, M. Riding, M. Winter.
Front Row: I. Woods, J. Archibald, G. Hutchings, O. Dickinson, J. Iddon, M. Ball,
A. Pickles, J. Goater, N. Gilleade, M. Bennison.

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"BLESS THEE, BOTTOM! THOU ART TRANSLATED!"

Snout, E. Challenger; *Starveling*, J. Hudson; *Flute*, G. Bland; *Quince*, M. Banks;
Puck, H. Baron; *Bottom*, J. Downie; *Snug*, T. Pattinson.

House Relay (Open). Girls.—1, Worden; 2, Cuerden; 3, Farington. Time: 56 secs.

House Relay (under 13). Boys.—1, Clayton; 2, Farington; 3, Cuerden. Time: 2 mins. 13 seconds.

House Relay (under 15). Boys.—1, Clayton; 2, Cuerden; 3, Farington. Time: 2 mins. 30 secs.

House Relay (Open). Boys.—1, Clayton; 2, Cuerden; 3, Worden. Time: 1 min. 50 seconds.

WINNERS OF CUPS.

Victor Ludorum.—Winner: Fishwick (Cl.).

Victric Ludorum.—Winner: I. Haydock (W.).

Relay Cup.—Winners: Cuerden.

House Championship Cup.—Winners: Clayton.

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Jack and the Bean Stalk—A Modern Ballad

In days of old, as I've been told,
There was a child named Jack,
Who did some very foolish things
And often got a smack.

He caused his mother to be grieved
With all his foolish ways;
He would not work to earn his food,
But played through all his days.

At last they were so very poor,
His mother then said, "Now,
We cannot manage any more,
Unless we sell the cow."

So Jack set off to sell the cow,
But p'raps you'll think it strange,
He met a butcher with some beans,
And they made an exchange.

When Jack got home and showed his ma,
With rage she danced around;
She took the bag of beans from Jack,
And threw them on the ground.

When Jack got out of bed next day,
 He saw, to his surprise,
 The beans had grown enormously,
 With branches to the skies.

He climbed and climbed up to the top,
 And found it reached a land
 Belonging to a giant bold,
 Who lived in a castle grand.

Jack managed to hide in the room,
 Wherein the giant slept,
 He saw the hen lay golden eggs,
 And out he softly crept.

He took the hen ; then he escaped,
 And down the stalk climbed he,
 And rushing to his mother showed
 His prize with greatest glee.

The golden eggs soon made them rich,
 But Jack he went again,
 And took the giant's magic harp,
 And rushed across the plain.

The harp called out and woke the giant,
 Who after Jack did run ;
 He cried out, "Stop," but Jack flew on
 And to the stalk just won.

Jack with his harp, flew down the stalk
 And quickly reach the earth,
 Rushed for his axe then back again,
 He chopped for all he was worth.

Meanwhile the giant climbed slowly down,
 And roared with might and main,
 But, just in time, the stalk was cut,
 And the wicked giant slain.

B.S., Form I (Clayton)

TWO CHARACTERS—The Groundsman

Is a cheery person. He sits upon his mower like a king, and rides it, as his majesty a coach. His garden plot is thirteen acres of grass, whilst the cricket pitch is his heart and soul's delight. He loves to demonstrate the classic stroke, or how to tackle "safely" from the rear. Sometimes when plying hard his daily task, he calls the teachers' blessings on his head. The throbbing of his machine is all his joy, and its steady glide his tonic. In leisure hours he argues on his policy, and all he lacks is a tub and an audience. Sometimes he speaks on golf to a certain crony, or tennis, rounders, skipping to another. In sports there's not a thing he does not know, nor in gardening one small point. He prays just for the rain clouds to blow clear, and a good full tank of petrol in his machine. His leisure hours at end, he mounts to his seat, and the grass of the playing fields again begins to fly.

G.B., IIIa. (Farington).

The School Caretaker

Is jovial and merry, yet always attentive to his duties. He is always ready to help a lame dog over the stile, though he does not "condescend" to do it. He has the welfare of the School at heart, and, while joking merrily, he shepherds the pupils away from places where they might do harm. He often teases, but knows when to stop. He seems to have that magical quality of being everywhere at once, yet he never seems to be really in a hurry. If he is wanted, he might be anywhere in the School, yet it is not hard to find him, since someone has invariably seen him "just round the corner." He is at the beck and call of everyone, yet, if asked to do anything, he never says, "I'm too busy," but finds time to do it.

J.A., IIIa. (Cuerden.)

THE SCHOOL TRIP TO BRITTANY

After an interesting journey to Southampton, we passed through the English Customs and at last set foot on the S.S. *Dinard*, which was to take us to Brittany. As it was midnight all the party retired except the hardy members, who contemplated staying on deck throughout the voyage. After what seemed to be an hour's sleep we were wakened by the early risers and went on deck in time to catch our first glimpse of the coast of France. The two hours' sail down the coast enabled us to see a good deal of the picturesque rocky coast of Brittany, and at the end of that time we could see in the distance a town gleaming in the early morning sun. This town, we were told, was St. Malo, adjoining which was St. Servan, where we were to stay. As the boat drew to the side of the dock, we were able to hear shouts from those awaiting the arrival of the boat. It seemed so strange to hear another language, that it was with great difficulty we restrained ourselves from laughing. As soon as we convinced the Customs officer that we had "rien à déclarer" we found a 'bus which was to take us to St. Servan. On arriving at our hotel, where we were received in true French style by Madame and all her staff, we were served with a meal and then allowed to wander round the town at will.

We had not gone very far when we heard a great clattering and banging from the rear, and turning round we saw the strangest sight, an old steam tram bearing the number W.C. 1066, which was, I am sure, the date of its birth. This "tram" passed the Pension at 8.15 each morning and disturbed our peaceful slumbers. At last we found "un bureau" and timidly entered saying "Parlez-vous Anglais?" and were answered, to our disgust, in the negative. However, our letters were posted in due course without a great deal of trouble. Our greatest difficulty apart from the understanding of the language was with money. Even we of Lancashire noted for our hard heads where money is concerned, were often in financial difficulties (in both senses of the term) while we were in Brittany. Each day a new place of interest was visited and each place proved to be more beautiful than the other. There were trips across the ferry to Dinard; cruises up the river Rance to Dinan, long hikes with the characteristic Pension sandwiches for company; bathing and climbing; all crammed into one perfect fortnight.

The scenery was lovely and varied, big brown rocks towering up like giants from the deep blue sea. The sand was a silvery grey and dark green foliage stood out against a sky of incredible blueness. The food at the Pension was excellent, but we did detest the macaroni which was cooked in various ways, even to the extent of being disguised as something more palatable. There was great amusement when someone asking for a lemonade said, "Deux-er-er . . . What is the word for lemonade, Miss Brindle!" "Soda." "Deux sodas, s'il vous plaît," and actually was understood.

Then there were the amusements: some ventured to the pictures, "Just for an experience," so they said. Owing to their unfavourable report, the rest of the party did not go although huge posters displaying the well-known features of Greta Garbo were to be seen. The chief attraction was I think, dancing in the salon, Whittaker at the piano providing the music. Here also vocalistic efforts were enjoyed by the party.

However, the fortnight passed all too quickly and as it had been predicted that the sea was to be rough, it was with reluctance that we boarded the "Dinard" after bidding Madame good-bye. The boat eventually arrived at Southampton, and once in England we were soon home again as brown as berries and much the wiser for our experience.

M.C. and S.W., Form V. (Cuerden).

A TRIP UP THE RIVER RANCE

During our stay in Brittany we decided to take a trip up the River Rance to Dinan, a town some twenty miles from St. Servan, where we were staying. It was Friday, the 21st of April, and an eager crowd, consisting of some twenty-two boys and girls, Miss Brindle, Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Jenkins, stood on the jetty awaiting the arrival of the boat, which was to come from St. Malo especially for us. At about two o'clock, it was sighted heading for St. Servan. Unfortunately, it crashed into the jetty, but as no serious damage was done, we crowded on board. There was a rush for seats, and Isobel Hodgson and myself were lucky in obtaining seats at the front.

For some time we sat watching the spray and the clear green water, but we soon became rather bored, so we started to look round the ship. We met a little French girl called Mimi, whose father was the captain. She spoke to us in broken English and French. Poor Mimi was very sorry for herself and when we asked her what was the matter, she said, "It is my shoes, they are well formed, but they are new, and they are not the size of my feet."

Soon we sailed under a suspension bridge, and after that, because the water was very shallow and there were sand-banks in the water, the engine of our boat stopped, and we were obliged to sail very slowly. However, soon the river became narrower, and the water deeper. Mimi explained, "We come to a lock, and the doors open and we go in. Then we are shut in, and the water it come up and then we sail out." This was spoken with a decided accent, and Mimi made illustrating gestures with her hands. We found that her words were true, and after we had sailed through the lock, we came in sight of Dinan. The water of the river was now a dirty brown instead of a lovely green.

We had 40 minutes in which to explore Dinan, and Mr. Hodgson, Isobel and myself, after climbing a steep slope to get into the town, went into a lovely old church. We bought chocolates at a queer little shop, which sold everything from onions to nails and confectionery. Then we returned to the boat and started out for home.

It was by now very cold, and we spent most of our two hour journey in Mimi's cabin. At about 7 o'clock, we arrived at St. Servan, and Mimi bade us "good-bye," shaking hands, first right hand then left. We arrived at the Pension Bel-Air at a quarter past seven, having spent a very enjoyable day on the river.

O.D., IIa. (Cuerden).

CRICKET

Oh, Cricket is a splendid game,
There's no doubt about that;
And many a man has risen to fame
By wielding the willow bat.

With face grim set the batsman hits
Out at the spinning ball;
Spectators watch with bated breath
To see where it will fall.

A man runs up with eyes intent,
He watches the falling sphere,
Which like a rocket, hits the ground
Before he can get near.

After the match is over,
Oh, then comes rest and tea;
(Some people think the tea's the best)
But the game's the best to me.

H.P., IIa. (Worden).

THE GIBRALTAR OF LANCASHIRE

In Morecambe Bay not far from Silverdale is a rocky beach known as Gibraltar. The rocks are large and are of granite formation—hence the name.

These huge rocks, carelessly flung from a giant's hand on to the sandy beach, in all probability were once part of the cliff behind. They are covered with moss and hardy wild flowers in spring and summer, and only in winter do the seas dash against their jagged base.

The sand is covered with patches of springy turf, which in summer is a glowing carpet of sea pinks; a stream runs along the shore and is quite deep enough for bathing. At each end of the beach is a ruined tower standing out against the skyline. Behind the beach are high cliffs from which one can see Morecambe to the north and Grange to the south.

There are no houses near this lovely creek, only a few scattered farmsteads.

From the road to Silverdale, a rough winding sandtrack through beautiful woods takes you down to the Gibraltar of Lancashire.

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

A DAY IN BED

A day in bed, now and then, from purely lazy motives is a pleasant thing—not to have to rise at the usual time in the half-light, but to lie half asleep thinking and dosing off at intervals. One has a delightful feeling of relaxation and lassitude. It is a rest cure and after it, one feels refreshed and strengthened and full of energy to begin work with renewed effort.

Meals, too, are a delight and come as a surprise. How nice to smell the odour of ham and eggs floating up the staircase, but better still when the tray appears with steaming coffee and golden toast and porridge!

Lying in bed, one can hear a variety of sounds. In the early morning, the birds' excited trilling can be heard, and the sound of the preparation for breakfast, of feet going to and from school and work. How jolly to realize that for once you have parted company with the world's workers and are of the leisured class. How secure and safe you feel. Time means nothing to you!

You have just dozed off when you find it is lunch-time. The day passes quickly by and the time does not seem long. How cosy tea can be with shaded lights and an interesting book. It is surprising that a night's rest can still be enjoyed even after a whole day in bed. However, the luxury of a whole lazy day must be rare to be wholly salutary or really enjoyed.

C.S., IVa. (Worden).

VAIN EFFORTS

I've been trying to write poems for two solid hours,
I can't get a subject at all;
I've tried painted birds, bees, butterflies, flow'rs;
I can't write a poem at all.

O! whatever will rhyme with 'painted birds'?
I can't find a rhyme at all;
O! what's the use of beautiful words,
When I can't use my brains at all!

Tell me, what can I put to rhyme with 'bees'?
No flow'r ends in 'ees' at all!
It's no use my writing 'gnarlèd oak trees,'
For bees don't like trees at all.

I've decided at last that it's hopeless for me
To make any poems at all,
Simply because (it's as clear as can be)
I'm no good at rhyming at all.

J.A., IIIa. (Cuerden).

GARDENING

During the term a new branch of social activity has sprung up—we allude to the allocation of gardening plots amongst the pupils. Those who are interested in gardening have joined the scheme, and plots, although not very large, have been laid out for their pleasure.

The plots are arranged in two groups—some for flowers and others for vegetables. The flower plots are situated round the tennis courts and we hope, by mid-term, to see the courts surrounded by a blaze of colour. The vegetable plots are not so conspicuously placed, being at the lower end of the field. We hope to be able to provide at least one week's vegetables from each plot.

Girls as well as boys have taken charge of plots, and they have not been, as yet, outpaced by their rivals. It has become a common sight, now, to see pupils in old boots or football boots with gardening implements on their shoulders going to do their daily work on the plots. As one makes a tour of the flower plots it is seen that the schemes of lay-out are all very original.

We hope to get better results next year when we shall have had a little more practical experience. However, there are now over thirty plots of which more than twenty are devoted to flower growing.

J.F., U.VI. (Clayton).

People one would like to have seen

When reading an interesting book, most people want to know what the author is like and how far he actually experienced what he has written. Where possible we take up a biography of the author and read about him. Generally, however, we are disappointed because there is something vital missing. In some cases very little is known of an author's life, and we wish we could call up his spirit and see for ourselves what he was like and ask him questions about his life.

I myself should like to talk to Emily Brontë. Her personality baffled Mrs. Gaskell and we find very little mention of her in the "Life" that had not been received second hand. I should ask her whether she wrote all of "Wuthering Heights" or whether her brother Branwell wrote the first chapters. I should ask what it was about bleak Haworth that made her so home-sick whenever she went away. Had she met men like Heathcliff, Hindley Earnshaw and Joseph?

Last of all, I should ask her whether she put her own thoughts of heaven into the mouth of Catherine Earnshaw, and whether she believed in the supernatural as she seems to do, judging from "Wuthering Heights" and some of her poems.

"It was just the time of eve
When parted ghosts might come
Above their prisoned dust to grieve,
And wail their woeful doom.

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. . . I saw a shadowy thing,
Most dim, and yet its presence there
Curdled my blood with ghastly fear."

Charlotte, Emily's sister, is better known but she is not so fascinating to study. She also betrays a belief in the supernatural in "Jane Eyre," when Jane hears Rochester calling her. I have often wondered what she thought of Dickens, because, in a letter to an old school friend she writes, "After Scott no other author is worth reading." I should ask her why, and also should try to find whether she was entirely devoid of a sense of humour. She seems to have been, because she could not take any pleasure in reading Jane Austen's works.

Another member of the Brontë family I should like to see is Mr. Brontë, chiefly to ask him about his children, and if he really used to fire pistols out of the door and saw off the legs of his chairs when in a temper.

Shakespeare is acknowledged to be the master playwright and yet very little is known of his younger days. We are told he was a butcher's apprentice, and that he was whipped

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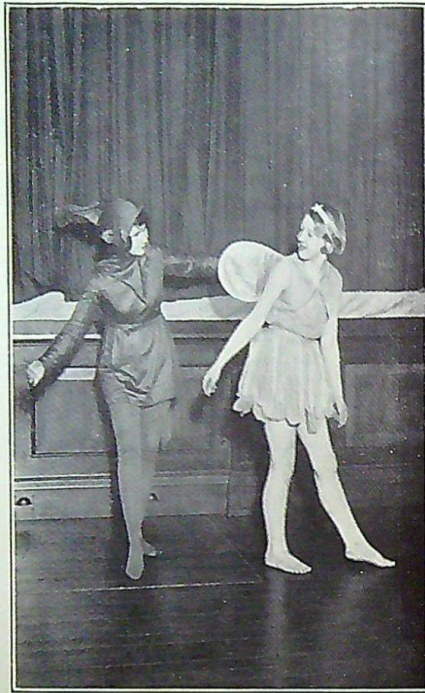


PYRAMUS AND THISBE AT THE WALL.

Demetrius, T. Simmons; *Quince*, M. Banks; *Moonshine*, J. Hudson; *Wall*, E. Challenger;
Attendants, T. Pye, J. Hobson and S. Lloyd; *Lysander*, H. Bailey; *Hermia*, E. Whittaker;
Pyramus, J. Downie; *Thisbe*, G. Bland; *Theseus*, R. Turner; *Helena*, N. Hey.

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"HOW NOW, SPIRIT? WHITHER WANDER YOU?"

Puck, Hilda Baron, and Fairy, Gladys Hutchings.

at the post for stealing the lord of the manor's deer. Afterwards he married Ann Hathaway and then left her to make his fortune in London. There he held horses outside the Globe Theatre. All these stories we are told, but we should like to ask Shakespeare if they were true and if he dreamt dreams of fame even then.

With all these and many more I should like to talk, but it is impossible. We can never know their full story; perhaps it is better so, for many a dream of them might be broken if we could call up the shades of the dead.

Nor would our interest always be serious or literary; and I can imagine questions which even the dead would be hard put to to answer truthfully. We are satisfied, of course, that no spirit would stoop to a lie.

If one were an artist, one might recall Raphael or Michael Angelo or some other great painter of the past and ask for suggestions or criticisms on one's work. Similarly anyone, perhaps for the payment of a small fee to a professional "caller-up," could consult a past genius on anything concerned with his subject which puzzled him. This might be put to a bad use, however, for Tommy Jones might ask Euclid to come and do his geometry homework.

But what would happen if a spirit were called by two persons in different places at once? Can a spirit be in two places at once? If not, on what principle will he base his choice as to whom he will revisit? Will the unlucky one hear a still, small voice murmur, "Not at home" as the spirit goes on to answer another call?

For myself, in more flippant moods I should be content to ask very personal and intimate questions. It would be interesting to know from Isaac Newton if his head were very much bruised when the apple fell on it, or if his watch stopped after he had boiled it instead of his egg. It would be rather nice to ask Sir Arthur Conan-Doyle to write us some more Sherlock Holmes stories. Obviously he would be delighted to reappear, and if a living man could write such perfect mystery stories, how much more interesting would be a "post-mortem" story.

The ability to summon the dead to speak with us might be of service to mankind; mysteries of people who have disappeared might be solved; we might settle how it was the R.101 crashed; or if Mallory and Irvine really reached the summit of Everest in 1925. Men have been found with their pockets full of opals, or gold nuggets; but with the aid of the spirits we might rediscover their lost mines, or hoards.

Let us call Robin Hood and Friar Tuck, and if they do not come, then either they are very sound sleepers, or else they never existed. This power of recalling the spirits might be a boon to us, but to the spirits themselves it would be a different story. Some midnight reveller, or some practical joker, might call up Sullivan and ask him if he had found his "Lost Chord" yet, or direct Wordsworth's attention to the whereabouts of "Lucy Gray."

M.B. (Cuerden) and J.H. (Clayton) IVa.

PARIS

On Thursday, February 9th, 1933, the School received a visit from Miss M. I. Bain, M.A., who gave a lecture on the French capital. The lecture was unusual in that it was limited neither to geography, history nor architecture; it was a description of Paris as it might strike the tourist with a desire to see everything.

In order to procure the right atmosphere for the lecture, Miss Bain asked her audience to imagine that they were actually taking part in the tour—we began with an English train journey, then came the voyage across the Channel and finally a French train journey to the Gare du Nord of Paris.

Arrived in Paris, we set out from our hotel on our tour of exploration. Descriptions of the city were made more realistic with the aid of illustrations from the epidiascope. Our tour began with the beautiful cathedral of Notre Dame, interesting for its architecture as well as for its historical associations. Then followed a panorama of the sights of Paris—the Louvre with its museum and wonderful art galleries, the theatres such as l'Opéra and the Théâtre Française, the Champs Elysées, the law courts, l'Arc de Triomphe, with the boulevards radiating from it; les Halles, Eiffel Tower, the twenty-eight bridges which span the river as it flows through Paris and of which the most famous are the Pont Notre Dame and the Pont Neuf, and the splendour of the palace of Versailles with its extensive gardens and extravagant interior—all showed the multiplicity of interests going on side by side in the same city.

The lecture was interesting in that it introduced the varied aspects which strike the casual visitor—the grandeur of the conception of the palaces which remind us of the faded glories of the French monarchy and court, the imposing public squares with their statues of past heroes, the five wide boulevards with the ease and free intercourse of their open-air cafés, and above all the carefree life of Paris carried on amid buildings which bear witness to the whole history of the civilised life and culture of France, and which are the centre of French intellectual and political life of today.

We were shown something too of the peculiarities of the ordinary Parisian life; we saw the second-hand book-shops, the buses, and the tram-cars linked together in twos and threes and we discovered how Parisians did their shopping, how beautiful were the flower-stalls and how post-cards, stamps and post-box could all be found in the same shop.

In the short time at the lecturer's disposal, it was impossible to give a satisfying account of a city such as Paris; the aim of the lecture was not, however, to give an exhaustive description, but to inspire the audience with a desire to see the wonders of Paris for themselves. As such, the lecture was much appreciated.

P.A., Up.VI. (Farington).

GREENHOUSE NOTES

Anyone visiting the greenhouse at the present time for study or observation, will find there some interesting forms of animal and plant life.

At present, there are five aquaria containing fish. The first tank contains small Golden Carp. These fish have a golden lustre and quite often grow very large. It is common to catch them weighing seven or eight pounds.

The second tank contains newts. These are really Amphibians and belong to the Batrachian family, having a Notochord or soft backbone. The dorsal side is brown, the ventral side being red and yellow. A small newt about three inches long will easily devour a worm five inches long.

The third aquarium contains several three-spined sticklebacks. These fish are probably the smallest and most interesting of the British freshwater fish. They make small oval nests in which the eggs are placed. When the male has made this nest he attains his best colour, his dorsal side being partly green and partly a vivid red.

The fourth tank contains sea specimens. These strange vertebrates belong to the Echinodermata or spiny skinned fish. They are well camouflaged and cannot often be seen.

The last aquarium contains sunfish. These originally came from North America. Some of them are able to make large guttural noises which can be heard some way off. They are pale blue with faint green stripes. The ventral and pectoral fins are a brilliant yellow.

The flowers are, on the whole, a very good show this year. Through the careful attendance of the monitors, the geraniums are beautiful. There are geraniums, sweet peas, roses, daffodils and many other plants.

Probably the fernery is in many eyes the best arranged of all. It contains several different kinds of ferns and mosses, primroses, violets, forget-me-nots and lilies of the valley.

Several good attempts have been made to rear foreign plants such as vines, orange trees and cacti. Even the small alpine plants have flowered, under the strange conditions.

In addition to all these, are the strange little stick insects. These peculiar things are rare and can be found in the South of England. They live mostly on privet. When touched they draw in their legs and drop to the ground. To look at them in this position one would never dream they were insects.

R.T., IIa. (Worden).

Literary, Musical and Debating Society.

An interesting programme of Debates and Lectures was, unfortunately, severely curtailed last term for various reasons, and we have had to be content with two debates only. The sustained interest in the Society proved very encouraging and we hope this will still be maintained and possibly improved.

Mr. Bull occupied the chair on Feb. 10th, 1933, when the Motion was "That this House deplores Professionalism in Sport."

P. G. Vause, proposing the Motion, stated that the difference between Professionals and Amateurs was that the former played for monetary gain whilst the latter played for the love of the game. He stated that Professionals played to supplement their salaries and received a wage when injured to which, he thought, they were not entitled, not having earned it. He went on to say that much ill-feeling was created by players wishing to be paid according to ability. Professionals, too, he added, were the cause of the Leg-Theory trouble.

At this point the Chairman wished to be enlightened as to the real definition of Professional—and was told by the proposer that a professional was one who made any monetary gain. Concluding the proposition, he stated that Professionalism led to betting, and that its attraction for people as spectators prevented them from deriving full benefit from the game as participants.

C. D. Stringfellow, opposing the Motion, questioned the proposition that Professionals were less sportsmanlike than Amateurs—giving an instance of a Cumberland referee who was assaulted by players in a match between two amateur teams, and also a further similar instance in a local league.

He stated that it provided employment and had in some cases been the sole income to maintain a family, and that it was as honourable a profession as any. It was also a means of entertainment for thousands unable to play. These could see better displays by professionals who were always at the game than by people who only played periodically.

Continuing, he stated that Wimbledon did not show the best talent since professionals had not enough money to appear there.

C. A. Briggs, who seconded the Motion, deplored the fact that English Association football had become a business and the clubs were now merely a money making concern. He added that the bonus offered to professionals as an incentive to make them win had a very deteriorating effect upon the game, giving it a "do or die" spirit. This atmosphere was, he maintained, fostered amongst the spectators who demanded "knock for knock," resulting in bitter feeling and frequently in bloodshed.

This speaker proposed that our football should be placed upon the same basis as Lawn Tennis : Amateurs v. Amateurs ; and Professionals v. Professionals.

With a superb illustration this Speaker ended a well delivered address by pointing out that Tilden won the Lawn Tennis Amateur Championship at Wimbledon, then in the next three years he failed, and was definitely on the retrograde—and then the first year he turned professional, he won the Professional Championship. This, therefore, discredited the fact that Professionals were the better players.

Mr. Hilditch, seconding the opposition, declared that the Motion was deploring professionalism and not comparing the relative skill of Professionals and Amateurs.

This speaker maintained that County Cricket would not exist as such without Professionals, since only people with enormous salaries could play as amateurs, and that it had yet to be proved that it was not in the best interests of the game to pay professionals. He also stated that all running records were held by professionals. Moreover, there were few amateurs really, since most of the better known were paid for advertisements, and in football teams they had travelling expenses paid—a fairly considerable item, nowadays.

Concluding, he added that it was only snobbery, and he could see no possible reason why anybody should be thought more dignified for not being paid—unless he was afraid it might lead to corruption.

Upon the Motion's being thrown open to the House Briggs questioned several statements of the last speaker, saying that professional football lowered the standard of playing—e.g. in Cup-tie football, when winning teams always kicked out of play, and played the man instead of the ball. Amateur teams, however, played clever football, not being embarrassed by pecuniary gain or loss.

The arguments now took a lighter strain and many amusing comments were heard.

After the Chairman's short summing up, the Vote was taken, the Motion being carried by 18-4.

We shall be unable to hold many debates this term since nearly every night is occupied by games practice—but we hope we have laid a good foundation for all successive meetings.

R.E.S., U.VI (Farington), *Hon. Sec.*

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RUGBY FOOTBALL 1932-33

SCHOOL v. WELLINGTON HOUSE. February 7th.

This match was played on the May Festival ground in wet weather. The House started off with a rush, and scored three tries by determined running in the first ten minutes. The School did better after this and the forwards fought very creditably against a heavier side, Nelson and Smith being prominent. Gates and C. Stringfellow got through a great deal of work, while Vause and Fishwick were good in defence, but had few chances to attack. A try was scored by Stringfellow C., and the final score was 27-3 in favour of Wellington House.

School XV.—Stringfellow, R. E.; Briggs, C. A.; Vause, P. G.; Fishwick, J.; Patefield, P.; Gates, E.; Stringfellow, C.; Allibone, F.; Nelson, T. A.; Whittaker, S.; Smith, J. G.; Shepherd, F.; Mortimer, H.; Hocking, H.; Greenwood, A.

COLTS v. NEWTON-IN-MAKERFIELD (Under 15).

This match was played at Newton, Wednesday, March 15th. Newton were the bigger and more experienced team. Against a strong wind in the first half and on a hard ground, the Colts had several quick tries scored against them. Sharp scored from a line-out early in the second half and the School had more of the play than earlier, but the superior pace of the Newton wings resulted in several more tries. Davies played untiringly and tackled well. Bland and Rimmer had each one good run and Simmonds did well at full-back. The forwards held their opponents in the scrums, but were not so smart in the loose. Greenwood tackled well and helped his three-quarters, while Sharp, Darnell and Banks were prominent in the mauls. A heavier ground such as that on which all the trial games had been played would have suited the team better, especially the halves. Williams played pluckily but was too light under the conditions. The side has several promising players and with experience should weld into a useful combination in the next couple of seasons.

Team.—Simmons; Marland L., Davies R. (Capt.), Bland, Rimmer; Barrow, Williams; Sharp, King, Darnell, Banks, Downie, Greenwood, Woods and Gold.

CHARACTERS OF THE XV.

Vause, P. G. (Capt.).—Played centre though would probably be better still at fly-half. Good both in attack and defence, his defensive kicking being particularly useful. Set a good example of keenness to the entire team.

Fishwick, J.—Played a useful game at centre and should develop. A strong runner and good tackler.

Gates, E.—A natural scrum-half who was one of the mainstays of the side. Quick and plucky in attack and defence.

Nelson, T.—Set a good example of energy to the forwards, always playing a useful game both in the scrum and the loose.

Stringfellow, R.—Showed promise at full back.

Stringfellow, C.—Did well at fly-half having a useful cut-through and tackling well.

Briggs, C.—Should develop into a useful player with experience. Runs well but tackling might be more determined.

Patefield, P. W.—A promising wing, difficult to stop when in full stride. Should do well next season.

Smith, J. G.—Played a keen and plucky game as loose forward.

Shepherd, F.—Took to the game rapidly and dribbles well. Should develop with experience.

Of the remaining forwards, none was up to first team standard, but Hocking, Whittaker and Greenwood showed some promise for the future, as did Bellis at full back.

SUMMARY.

On the whole the School has taken to the game with surprising rapidity, and quite a number of boys have shown a well-developed Rugby "sense" from the first, while the majority have now progressed very satisfactorily. Naturally a great deal remains to be learnt and acted on in the way of the finer points of play, adaptation of tactics to weather, and so on. It may be said, however, that the outlook for the future is distinctly bright, and we may well hope in a season or two to turn out teams capable of meeting other Schools on equal terms.

The great need for the immediate future is to build up a sound forward tradition, for the foundations of victory is laid by a good pack, without which even clever backs are badly handicapped. For this we must depend on developing forwards from the beginning in the Junior and Middle School. Fortunately, there are already a number of promising Colts who will be on the edge of the First XV within a couple of seasons.

The House League games were keenly contested though the football shown was very unequal in quality. There was a marked improvement in throwing the ball about as the season went on. The weakest point in the Middle School at present is the forward play in loose scrums. Boys must learn to throw themselves into a maul with determination instead of watching one or two do the work.

Thanks are due to the School Captain, P. G. Vause, and the House Rugby Captains for helping with practices and generally setting an example of willingness, without which the change-over could not have been effected so rapidly and with so little difficulty.

A.J.B.

FINAL OF THE RUGGER KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

The match was played between Clayton House and Cuerden House on Wednesday, March 15th. The weather was none too kind, for as the teams lined up to start, there was a very heavy downpour of rain.

Clayton elected to play up the field with the wind and were soon on the attack. They were rewarded with a converted try scored by Fishwick after only a few minutes' play. This set back steadied the Cuerden team and play evened up, and although Cuerden had the heavier pack, Clayton managed to obtain possession from the majority of the scrummages by the sound hooking of Nelson. Cuerden were awarded a try for obstruction, but they failed to convert it. Clayton added to their score and at half-time the scores were: Clayton 15 pts.; Cuerden, 3 pts.

On resuming, Clayton increased their lead and must have scored more often but for the stolid defence of the Cuerden backs, notably Gates. Cuerden scored an unconverted try through Wood. Many individual efforts by Whittaker and Stringfellow C. D. were checked by the Clayton back division.

Final Score:—Clayton, 37 pts.; Cuerden, 6 pts.

Scorers:—Clayton : Fishwick, 7 tries and 5 goals ; Nelson and Sharp, 1 try each.

Cuerden : Shepherd and Wood, 1 try each.

After the match the Wanklyn Cup was presented to the Captain of the winning side by Mrs. Wanklyn. She was kind enough to say that any side winning the cup for three successive years would be awarded a replica. Clayton having already won it twice are hoping for a similar result next year.

RESULTS OF HOUSE LEAGUE MATCHES FOR SEASON 1932-33.

House	v Clayton	v Cuerden	v Far'gton	v Worden	W. (2)	D. (1)	L. (0)	Goals For Agst.		Points
Clayton.....	..... .....	D. 3-3 W. 23-13	L. 6-14 L. 5-6	L. 0-27 L. 11-12	1	1	4	48	75	3
Cuerden...	D. 3-3 L. 13-23	..... .....	W. 14-0 D. 3-3	W. 6-3 L. 5-16	2	2	2	44	48	6
Farington.	W. 14-6 W. 6-5	L. 0-14 D. 3-3	..... .....	L. 3-8 L. 0-19	2	1	3	26	55	5
Worden....	W. 28-0 W. 12-11	L. 3-6 W. 16-5	W. 8-3 W. 19-0	..... .....	5	0	1	85	25	10

Shield Winners.—Worden.

HOCKEY 1932-33

Unfortunately, the weather this term has not been very favourable to hockey. At the beginning of the term, the ground was under snow and consequently we had to scratch the first two matches—against Upholland and Chorley. The next match was against the Harris Institute. We had never played this team before but succeeded in beating them. The match against the Old Girls unfortunately had to be scratched. A fourth match against Rivington had to be scratched owing to heavy rain. Thus we were only able to play four out of the eight matches arranged for this term.

In the matches that we were able to play, the team did not display a great deal of brilliance. Only two out of the four games resulted in victories for the School. The team has certainly improved since the beginning of the season ; but the results of the matches prove that it is still below the requisite standard. There is a great enthusiasm in the Lower School, however, and many of the juniors are very promising players. It is to be hoped that next season the first eleven will meet with greater success.

The 2nd XI has played two matches this term, one against the Convent 2nd XI and the other against Lytham Queen Mary's 2nd XI. The latter of these they won.

The Junior Team has also played two matches this term. They succeeded in defeating Newton-in-Makerfield Grammar School Junior XI, by 3-2, but only made a draw with Ashton, the score being 2-2.

SCHOOL v. HARRIS INSTITUTE (HOME). FEBRUARY 4th, 1933.

The game was played on our ground. We were decidedly the stronger side, although the Harris Institute put up a good fight. The game was exceedingly quick in spite of the heavy score. The opposing attack broke through our defence several times, but failed to score.

Result:—Won 10-0.

SCHOOL v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD (HOME). FEBRUARY 18th, 1933.

Our team did not play up to the usual standard. Our forwards were given plenty of opportunities to shoot, but their marked inaccuracy lost us the game. The whole team lacked its usual speed and vivacity. Both attack and defence were at fault ; there was no combination between the two and consequently the opposing forwards had no difficulty in breaking through to score. Our forwards managed to score twice.

Result:—Lost 2-3.

SCHOOL v. CONVENT 1st XI. (AWAY). MARCH 11th.

This was certainly the best game of the season. Our team at last seemed to have achieved the art of combining attack and defence and playing as a team, not individually. We had two substitutes in the team, but in spite of that we succeeded in winning. Our defence played a splendid game, and although the opposing forwards made many attempts to score, they were only twice successful. The game was very exciting, the teams being equally strong. We were fortunate in defeating them, however, the score being 4-2 in favour of school.

Result:—Won 4-2.

SCHOOL v. QUEEN MARY'S SCHOOL, LYTHAM (AWAY). MARCH 25th.

The School played well on the whole, but definitely felt the absence of certain members of the team. The defence played well on the whole, but our opponents succeeded in breaking through at intervals. The forwards appeared to miss opportunities of shooting.

Result:—Lost 2-3.

M.B.W. (School Captain).

LEAGUES AND KNOCK-OUTS.

This term has seen a great improvement in the Junior School's hockey. Great enthusiasm has been shown by most members of the lower forms, which may be largely attributed to the league system which is now working effectively. In the league matches, keen competition was predominant between the two leading Houses—Clayton and Worden; Worden eventually secured the lead and hence the league trophy. Farington and Cuerden did not achieve much, but this may be accounted for by the strength of their Knock-out teams.

The Knock-out Competition caused a great deal of excitement throughout the School. The final—between Cuerden and Farington, was an exceedingly good game. After a hard struggle Cuerden managed to win, thus securing the cup for the second year in succession.

The prospects of the future School team are certainly very bright under the present circumstances. Every girl in the School is given opportunities for practising, and generally speaking most girls take advantage of them. The standard of play is rapidly rising and we hope it will continue to do so.

HOCKEY LEAGUE RESULTS.

	Clayton	Cuerden	Far'gton	Worden	W. (2)	D. (1)	L. (0)	Goals For Agst.	Pts.
1. Worden.....	L. 1-2	W. 7-0	W. 3-2	10	0	2	64 13	20
	W. 3-1	W. 7-0	W. 5-0	....				
	L. 2-4	W. 11-0	W. 4-0	....				
	W. 2-1	W. 12-0	W. 7-3	....				
2. Clayton.....	W. 6-0	W. 1-0	W. 2-1	7	2	3	51 13	16
	....	W. 8-0	D. 2-2	L. 1-3				
	....	W. 16-0	D. 1-1	W. 4-2				
	....	W. 8-0	L. 1-2	L. 1-2				
3. Farington..	L. 0-1	W. 2-0	L. 2-3	5	2	5	23 25	12
	D. 2-2	W. 6-0	....	L. 0-5				
	D. 1-1	W. 2-0	....	L. 0-4				
	W. 2-1	W. 3-1	....	L. 3-7				
4. Cuerden.....	L. 0-6	L. 0-2	L. 0-7	0	0	12	1 88	0
	L. 0-8	....	L. 0-6	L. 0-7				
	L. 0-16	....	L. 0-2	L. 0-11				
	L. 0-8	....	L. 1-3	L. 0-12				

Shield Winners :—Worden.

The final results of School matches for Season, 1932-33 was as follows :—

1st XI.—Played 10, Won 3, Lost 6, Drawn 1, Goals for 35, Goals against 30.

2nd XI.—Played 4, Won 2, Lost 2, Drawn 0, Goals for 12, Goals against 9.

CORRESPONDENCE

16 Chapel Brow,

Leyland.

May 15th, 1933.

To The Editor, Balshaw's Magazine.

Dear Sir,

As a pupil at this splendid School, may I suggest this opportunity of pointing out a few improvements which might be made?

We have had for some time now an excellent Radio-Gramophone. Why not get the members of the Sixth Form—the aristocratic and moneyed section of the School—to club together and buy copies of the Radio Times? This would allow the juniors to pick their programmes more carefully.

Humorous people have suggested that a tramway should be laid along the corridors. But here is a better suggestion! All that is needed is to fit a petrol engine, or, cheaper still, one running on crude oil, to the desks, so that the pupils having to change rooms, start up and run straight to the room without trouble. The desks would be driven home at night and all difficulties caused by forgotten books would be eliminated.

Yours faithfully,

A.B., IIa. (Farington).

HOUSE NOTES

CLAYTON HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. J. Sutcliffe.

House Mistress: Miss F. W. Royle.

House Captains: M. B. Wilkinson and Briggs C. A.

Although we have not achieved the same remarkable success at Rugger as we did at Soccer the House has had a successful term. We experienced little difficulty in retaining the Wanklyn Cup.

Farington gave us a surprisingly good game in the first round and although they were overplayed in the second half their defence was excellent. In this game the Clayton pack was weak and the backs had to rely on occasional opportunities in the loose. In the final, however, Clayton were superior in all departments and won easily. A feature of the game was the improved form shown by the forwards who held their own in the set scrums, and completely mastered their heavier opponents in the loose.

Although the chief strength of our Knock-out team lies at present in a few seniors, we have several very promising younger players and Davies R., Rimmer, Brown in the backs, King and Sharp in the forwards, should all develop into very useful footballers. The league team has been handicapped by losing its best players to the senior XVs and has done surprisingly well in the circumstances.

We must congratulate the whole House, more especially those who actually competed, on winning the House Championship Cup on Sports Day. This success has only been made possible by the marvellous team spirit shown by the Clayton representatives. In the Boys' section, Clayton won all the Relay Races and every track event both in the Open and Under 15 divisions.

Briggs won the 880 yds. for the third time, Fishwick again won the 220 and 440, and, in addition, scored his first successes in the 100 yds., the Mile and the hurdles. In the Under 15 Class, Sharp and Davies R. together won all the events. Perhaps the most gratifying feature, however, was the ease with which we won all the Boys' Relays. In the two junior teams every runner showed promise of developing into a capable sprinter, whilst in the seniors, Marland ran consistently well both in the Mile and the Relay and should do well in the future.

The girls, with less material and fewer hopes, did much better than was expected. M. B. Wilkinson won the Open High Jump and the 100 yds., and G. Hutchings won the Junior competition in Hitting the Hockey Ball.

The annual House ramble was held at half-term, on March 7th. About twenty members of the House attended. The route taken was from Longridge up the Hodder Valley into Yorkshire, and back through Chipping. The weather was kind to us, and the whole party spent a most enjoyable day.

CUERDEN HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. Hilditch.

House Mistress: Miss Brindle.

House Captains: A. Nuttall and Stringfellow C.

Since the last issue of *The Balshavian* we have won two Cups with which to adorn the House Room. The girls remain Hockey Champions as a result of their victories over Clayton and Farington. The first game was a very keen tussle, and the issue was in doubt until near the end. After being two goals down, Cuerden fought back vigorously and goals by E.

Sharples, A. Nuttall and N. Hey won the game. In the final we won more comfortably 3-1, E. Sharples (2) and A. Nuttall scoring. The team played with rare spirit on both occasions.

We kept up our traditions of appearing in Finals by defeating Worden in the Rugger Knock-out by 15 pts.-6 pts., to be well beaten by Clayton 35 pts.-6 pts. in the Final. Fishwick's strong running and Briggs' scheming put Clayton well ahead. Gates, Stringfellow C., Whittaker, Birtill, Banks, Wood, and Barrow played well in both games.

On Sports Day we were, let us confess, pleasantly surprised to find we had won the Relay Cup even before the Boys' Open was run. We must congratulate every Cuerden runner upon this. We won the Girls' Under 13, and were second in all the other relays but one, where we were third. It was this all round ability which won us the cup. Doris Bridge, Mona Riding, Whittaker and especially Witter deserve praise for their performances on Sports' Day. In Witter we hope to find a future champion.

We have three or four promising cricketers among the new boys, and hope to do well in the League and Knock-out Competitions. Cuerdenians must remember we were Cricket Champions last year, and to keep our place we must make every effort as several of our best players have left School. It is good to see so many turning out on Mondays and this must be kept up.

We hope to arrange excursions during the term for Seniors and Juniors. The enthusiasm of members this term has been very encouraging and their knack of pulling off sudden surprises has become a Cuerden characteristic.

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FARINGTON HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. H. J. Lomax.

House Mistress: Miss E. Lehman.

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

This term has seen the end of the hockey and rugby football seasons, with the excitement of Knock-out Competitions and the fierce rivalry for top place in the league tables; and, hockey and football over, goal posts were cleared away and attention was turned to training for Sports Day.

The hockey league team has continued to play very steadily, and was successful in defeating Cuerden twice and in securing a win and a draw against Clayton. The team as a whole has shown considerable signs of improvement this season; gradually the forward line gained the confidence which they lacked and the defence developed greater powers of combination. We feel sure that if this development is carried on next season our chances of becoming league champions will be much brighter.

Since Farington had the good fortune to possess eight members of the first and second hockey elevens our hopes of winning the Hockey Knock-out Cup ran very high. We emerged victorious from the first round after defeating Worden by 4 goals to nil. In the final, which was played against Cuerden we were beaten by 3 goals to 1. Though frequent attacks were made on the Cuerden goal mouth, we were beaten by the greater speed of the Cuerden team as a whole.

Our House League Rugger team did not fulfil expectations after a most promising start, in which two out of three matches were won in a very convincing manner.

Apart from Greenwood N. and Bland, who proved himself a very efficient and capable captain, none of the others had sufficient interest in the team—and although our forwards were not lacking in weight, they often found themselves pushed off the ball by a much lighter pack, who were, however, playing with more determination.

We hope that the Farington juniors will take notice of this admonition so that by a more determined effort they may be able to be the proud possessors of the League Shield next year.

In the Rugger Knock-Out Farington surprised everybody by leading Clayton at half-time by 3 points to nil—although the slope of the field was in our favour. The superior speed and stamina of the Clayton team, however, decided the result and Clayton were worthy winners, by 29 points to 8 points.

As Sports Day neared, Faringtonians loyally determined to do their utmost and there was a good number of entries, especially from the Juniors. As the preliminary heats progressed many fell by the wayside, but Farington was well represented in the finals on the actual Sports Day, and left few events uncontested. But though seconds and thirds were fairly plentiful among us there were few of those essential firsts which carry so many points with them. Although Farington as a House did not shine on Sports Day, good individual performances were put up by Patefield, Darnell and Joan Iddon, whilst the tug team proved superior to Clayton's in the final after losing the first pull.

Though Farington carried off none of the Championship Cups, Sports Day did reveal a fine spirit of House enthusiasm and showed that there is much talent among the Juniors, which promises well for future years.

We are proud of the fact that we were again at the head of the House Merit Order after the end-of-term examinations. If Farington cannot win sports cups, this does at least show that it is not lacking in brains.

It but remains to hope that the efforts of Farington House in rounders, tennis and cricket will not go unrewarded.

WORDEN HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

House Mistress: Miss M. A. Rahill.

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

Another term has passed since the last recording of our successes, an eventful term in spite of its brevity.

First of all, we congratulate both the House League Hockey XI and the House League Rugger XV. Each team played remarkably well and thoroughly deserved its success, particularly the latter, the members of the XV showing a remarkable knowledge of Rugger in spite of its novelty.

The Hockey Knock-Out XI was unable to survive the first Round in spite of its enthusiasm which was unfortunately not rewarded. In the Rugger Knock-Out Competition, lack of weight was largely responsible for our defeat and though beaten, we were not disgraced. However, in spite of good work by every member of the side, we were unable to overcome the overwhelming odds against us.

In the Sports, the enthusiasm was unbounded. At every available opportunity, members of the House were to be seen training in every conceivable way. This fine example of the House spirit enabled us to reach second place in the House Championship, after a hard fight and a close finish. We should like to take this opportunity to congratulate Isabel Haydock, who retained the Victrix Ludorum Cup, and also every member of the House who was successful in the Sports.

We congratulate Vause, the House Captain, on being awarded School Rugger Colours for the season, 1932-33.

Last term, we reached second place in the Order of Merit, and though this is quite good, we must climb still higher yet and try to keep the reputation Worden House has already established. In conclusion, we ask all Wordenites to continue to work hard and play hard, individually and collectively, for the improvement of the House.

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Balshaw's Grammar School Old Boy's Association

Dances were held in the School Hall, on Feb. 25th, and April 22nd last, music being provided by the Ambassador's Dance Band. These functions were very successful; at the first, 118 members and friends were present; at the second there were 105. Invitations were also extended to the School Staff and the Prefects, and we were glad to see so many of them present. The dances were arranged by the Old Girls' Committee and the Old Boys' Sub-Committee, and our thanks are due to the Headmaster, Mr. Oldland, for his co-operation and for permission to use the School Hall.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

It has been proposed that an Old Students' Dramatic Society be formed. An announcement to this effect was made at the second dance and the assistance of several old students was promised. More support is, however, required before the project can be carried through. All old students who are interested are therefore earnestly desired to give in their names to members of the Committee.

CRICKET.

The Headmaster, Mr. Oldland, has very kindly allowed the Old Boys the use of the School cricket field, for evening matches during the coming season. The matches, whenever possible, will be arranged for Wednesday evenings. So far matches have been arranged with the County Offices, Leyland III, New Longton, Wellington House, Preston Imperial and the School; the matches against the School will take place on Saturdays. All Old Boys who desire to play are asked to hand in their names to Mr. C. Rose.

C. Rose, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Balshaw's Grammar School Old Girls' Association

President: Miss Rahill, B.A.

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

Secretary: Miss J. Vause.

Treasurer: Miss K. Sheehan.

The publication of this Magazine brings us to the end of our Winter programme, and the commencement of summer pastimes. This year, we have again received the kind permission of Mr. Oldland to use the tennis courts once a week, throughout the Summer months, *viz.*, Thursdays from 6.30 p.m.—9.30 p.m. We hope many old Students will take advantage of this privilege and come along each week.

HOCKEY.

This season the 1st XI Hockey team has again been very successful, winning the trophy for the second year in succession. The 2nd XI still lacks support, and an appeal is made to all girls just leaving the School to join our hockey team.

It is hoped to form in due time an Old Students' Dramatic Society. All students interested in the scheme are asked to forward their names to the Secretary.

Next winter, we should like to arrange a series of lectures, etc., to be held during the winter months, but this can only be accomplished if Old Students will give us their continued support.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Will all Old Girls please note that subscriptions are now overdue, as the year commences as from the Annual Meeting held in January?

If you desire to remain a member please remit your subscription as soon as possible to the Secretary or Treasurer.

Miss J. Vause, *Hon. Secretary,*

6 Balfour Street.

CALENDAR

APRIL, 1933.		Sports Results.
W. 26	Summer Term begins. Supervision Duty: Mr. Hilditch, Briggs C. A., E. Sharples.	
Th. 27		
F. 28		
S. 29		
MAY.		
M. 1	Supervision Duty: Miss Royle, Patefield P., A. M. Nuttall.	
Tu. 2		
W. 3		
Th. 4		
F. 5		
S. 6	2-30 p.m. Athletic Sports.	
M. 8	Supervision Duty: Mr. Wilkinson, Nelson, T. P. Ainsworth.	
Tu. 9		
W. 10	Oxford School Certificate, Oral Examination in French.	
Th. 11	Tennis Leagues: Cl. v. W. (1)..... Cu. v. F. (1).....	
F. 12	Rounders Leagues: Cl. v. F. (1)..... Cu. v. W. (1).....	
S. 13	Tennis: 1st VI. v. Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School (a).....	
M. 15	Supervision Duty: Miss Brindle, Haydock J., L. M. Lomax.	
Tu. 16	Last date of entry for contributions to <i>The Balshavian</i> , Vol. 9, No. 2.	
W. 17	Cricket Leagues: Cl. v. Cu. (1)..... F. v. W. (1).....	
Th. 18	Tennis Leagues: Cl. v. Cu. (1)..... W. v. F. (1).....	
F. 19	Rounders Leagues: Cl. v. Cu. (1)..... F. v. W. (1).....	
S. 20	Cricket: 1st XI v. Preston Catholic College (h)..... 2nd XI v. Chorley Grammar School (a).....	
M. 22	Supervision Duty: Mr. Sutcliffe, Fishwick J., H. Howard	
Tu. 23		

MAY.—continued.	
W. 24	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. F. (1).....
	Cu. v. W. (1).....
Th. 25	Tennis Leagues : Cu. v. W. (1).....
	Cl. v. F. (1).....
F. 26	
S. 27	Cricket : 1st XI v. Kirkham Grammar School (a).....
	2nd XI v. Kirkham Grammar School (h).....
	Tennis : 1st VI v. The Convent, Preston (h).....
M. 29	Supervision Duty : Miss Lehman, Stringfellow C. D., M. B. Wilkinson.
Tu. 30	
W. 31	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. W. (1).....
	Cu. v. F. (1).....
JUNE.	
Th. 1	Publication of <i>The Balshavian</i> , Vol. 9, No. 2.
F. 2	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. W. (1).....
	Cu. v. F. (1).....
S. 3	Whitsuntide Holiday begins.
M. 12	School resumes.
	Supervision Duty : Mr. Hilditch, Stringfellow R. E., E. Sharples.
Tu. 13	Cricket : 1st XI v. Preston County Offices (h).....
W. 14	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (2).....
	F. v. W. (2).....
Th. 15	Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. W. (2).....
	Cu. v. F. (2).....
F. 16	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. F. (2).....
	Cu. v. W. (2).....
S. 17	Cricket : 1st XI v. Chorley Grammar School (h).....
	2nd XI v. Preston Catholic College (a).....
	Tennis : 1st VI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School (h).....
M. 19	Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, Briggs C. A., A. M. Nuttall.
Tu. 20	
W. 21	Cricket Knock-outs : Cu. v. W.....
	Cl. v. F.....
Th. 22	Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (2).....
	W. v. F. (2).....
F. 23	Rounders Knock-outs : Cu. v. Cl.....
	F. v. W.....
S. 24	Cricket : 1st XI v. Old Boys (h).....
	2nd XI v. Chorley Grammar School (a).....
	Tennis : 1st VI v. Old Girls (h).....
M. 26	Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson, Patefield P., P. Ainsworth.
Tu. 27	
W. 28	
Th. 29	Tennis Knock-outs : Cl. v. Cu.....
	F. v. W.....
F. 30	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (2).....
	F. v. W. (2).....
JULY.	
S. 1	Cricket : 1st XI v. Preston Catholic College (a).....
	2nd XI v. Preston Catholic College (h).....
	Rounders : 1st IX v. Upholland Grammar School (a).....
M. 3	Supervision Duty : Miss Brindle, Nelson T., L. M. Lomax N.U. Higher School Certificate Examination commences.
Tu. 4	
W. 5	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. F. (2).....
	Cu. v. W. (2).....
Th. 6	

JULY.—continued.	
F. 7	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. W. (2).....
	Cu. v. F. (2).....
S. 8	Cricket : 1st XI v. Old Boys (h).....
	Rounders : 1st IX v. Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School (a).....
M. 10	Supervision Duty : Mr. Sutcliffe, Haydock J., M. B. Wilkinson.
Tu. 11	
W. 12	School Examinations.
	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. W. (2).....
	Cu. v. F. (2).....
Th. 13	School Examinations.
	Tennis Leagues : Cu. v. W. (2).....
	Cl. v. F. (2).....
F. 14	School Examinations.
	Rounders : Final of Knock-outs.....
S. 15	
M. 17	Oxford School Certificate Examination commences.
	Supervision Duty : Miss Lehman, Fishwick J. H. Howard.
Tu. 18	
W. 19	
Th. 20	
F. 21	Tennis : 1st VI v. Staff. (h).....
S. 22	Cricket : 1st XI v. Kirkham Grammar School (h).....
	2nd XI v. Kirkham Grammar School (a).....
	Tennis : 1st VI v. Queen Mary's School, Lytham (h).....
M. 24	Supervision Duty : Mr. Hilditch, Stringfellow, R. E. E. Sharples.
Tu. 25	Tennis : Final of Knock-outs.....
W. 26	Cricket : Final of Knock-outs.....
Th. 27	Cricket : 1st XI v. Staff (h).....
F. 28	Summer Term Ends.
Sep. 19	Autumn Term Begins.

MISCELLANEA.

Clayton House:	House Mistress : Miss F. W. Royle, B.A.
	House Master : Mr. J. Sutcliffe, B.A., B.Sc.
	House Captains : M. B. Wilkinson (Girls), Briggs C. A. (Boys).
	House Colour : Green.
Cuerden House:	House Mistress : Miss E. Brindle, B.A.
	House Master : Mr. C. S. Hilditch, B.A.
	House Captains : A. M. Nuttall (Girls), Stringfellow C. D. (Boys).
	House Colour : Red.
Farington House:	House Mistress : Miss E. M. Lehman, B.A.
	House Master : Mr. H. J. Lomax, B.Sc., A.R.C.Sc.
	House Captains : P. Ainsworth (Girls), Stringfellow R. E. (Boys).
	House Colour : Gold.
Worden House:	House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill, B.A.
	House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A.
	House Captains : L. M. Lomax (Girls), Vause P. G. (Boys).
	House Colour : Blue.

Boys. Head Prefect: Vause P. G. *Prefects:* Briggs C. A., Fishwick J., Stringfellow R. E.
Sub-Prefects: Haydock J., Patefield P., Nelson T., Stringfellow C. D.

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

Sub-Prefects: P. Ainsworth, H. Howard, A. M. Nuttall, E. Sharples.

Captain of Cricket: Vause P. G.

Captain of Rounders: M. B. Wilkinson.

Captain of Tennis: M. B. Wilkinson.

School Lunch: 12.30 p.m. in Dining Room. A two course lunch—meat or fish and two vegetables and sweet—is supplied daily, price 8d. Pupils may purchase a week's supply of tickets from the Senior Mistress, Miss Rahill.

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

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

School Bus: Special buses run from the Ribble Motor bus station, Tithebarn Street, Preston, at 8.20 a.m. daily and pick up pupils en route.

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

Commissariat: In IIIa room at 4.0 p.m. on Thursdays (Miss Brindle).

Detention: 4.0 to 4.45 in IIIb. Room.

Lunch Hour: In wet weather—girls may read in IVa. and V. Rooms, boys in IIa. and IVb. Rooms. Boys and girls may, if they prefer, listen to the Radio Gramophone in the Hall.

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

Broadcast Lectures:

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

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

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

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

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

GAMES.

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Tu.....	1st and 2nd XI Practice	House Practices (Cl., Cu.)	House Practices (F., W.)
W.....	House League Matches	House Practices (F. W.),	House Practices (Cl., Cu.)
Th.....	1st, 2nd and Colts XI Practice	School Teams' Practice	House League Matches
	Scr. Games for Juniors	Scr. Games for Juniors	
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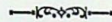
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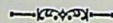
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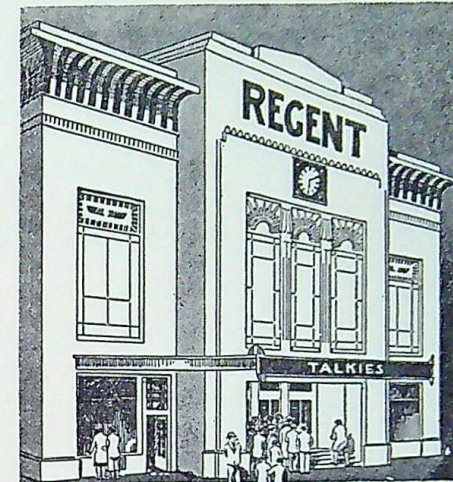
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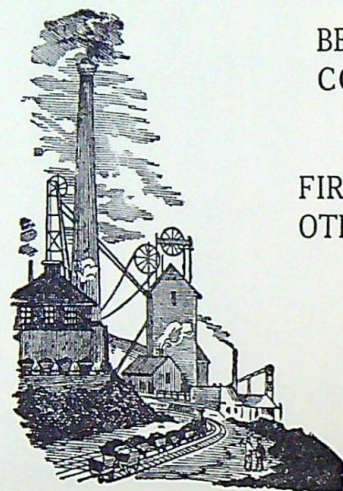
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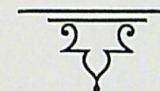
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