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"DEAR BRUTUS"
April 4th & 6th, 1946.



Joanna: "Wipe his eyes with my own handkerchief."
Mr. Coady (Brough) Mr. Dearth (Schofield) Lady Caroline Laney (Pat Turner) Matey (P. E. Edmondson)
Mr. Purdie (H. Moon) Mrs. Coady (M. Farnell) Mrs. Purdie (Zoe Dawson) Joanna (M. Sutton) Mrs. Dearth (M. Bradley)



Margaret: "Daughters are the thing"
Dearth: "DAUGHTERS ARE THE THING"
DEARTH (P. Schofield) MARGARET (B. Beal)

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EDITORIAL.

The past year has marked the transition period from war to peace, in a world in which we have discovered that the new era, begun with the invention of the atomic bomb, is not really so very different from the old one. We at Balshaw's never really suffered much from the war, and at the end, life went on just as usual for most of us. Now, however, we notice gradual and unobtrusive changes. Several of our masters have returned from their temporary absence in the Forces; parties, socials, and even Speech Days have been resumed—in fact we seem to be enjoying the benefits of peace without having first suffered many of the hardships of war.

Now that there is more paper available, we hope to be able to print more of our youthful contributors' work—another advantage of peace, for what can be worse than to repress budding literary enthusiasm and maybe stifle genius? Genius? Who knows? In Balshaw's, at least, with the greatly increased number of children, and the rather packed conditions, one sometimes gets the impression that anything, even this, may come to the top.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys. *Head Prefect:* Glover, R.H.

Prefects: Hughes, H., Sheldon, R. P.

Sub-Prefects: Bush, D., Edmondson, P. E., Howard, G.,
Newton, G. W. A., Richardson, D. K.

Girls. *Head Prefect:* V. Pinder.

Prefect: R. Cardwell.

Sub-Prefects: D. R. Ackers, S. A. Haydock, J. L. Marsden, J. Parkin,
M. Downham, S. K. Guymer, M. Lund, E. Burnie,
V. E. M. Lambert, M. V. Bamber.

There have been several changes of Staff since our last issue. We welcome back our returned warriors, Mr. Hilditch, Mr. Downer and Mr. Fisher, but regret that their return has occasioned the departure of Miss Heppell and Mrs. Clarke, to whom we send our best wishes. We also wish to welcome Mr. Brown, who is our new Boys' Physical Training master, and Mr. Morgan, who is helping us to cope with many more new pupils. We hope they will both be happy with us. We understand, however, that Mr. Hilditch's stay with us is to be brief, and that he is again leaving us temporarily, this time to take up a post in an Emergency Training College. Our best wishes go with him.

During the past year, each House has held a House Party, the parties, of course, having varying characteristics, but not differing in the essential—a good time. We also held a Prefects' Social, which in this respect did not come short of the House Parties.

Last Christmas the Choir again gave us a very successful Carol Service, followed by a most enjoyable party for Choir members, prefects and Old Students.

Once again, as in the six previous years, the School Farm Camp was held at Winmarleigh, where, in spite of the wet weather, much good work was done. An account of the Camp is included in this issue.

We understand that this term, a good old custom—Speech Day—is to be revived, and held on the 16th December. There must be hardly anyone in school, apart from the Staff, who can remember a Speech Day, so it will indeed be 'an occasion.' During the war, we have had the prizes presented by Mr. Oldland.

Since our last publication, the School Dramatic Society presented "Dear Brutus" by J. M. Barrie, on April 4th and 6th. Both performances were very successful, and we congratulate everyone concerned. An appreciation of the play will be found in the magazine.

Bottles of T.T. milk at Break can now be obtained free instead of on payment of $\frac{1}{2}$ d., as formerly.

Mr. Downer, who looked after the School Library before his absence in the Forces, has again resumed the work on his return. Miss Robinson, and later, Miss Heppell took over the work while he was away.

In order to cope with all the extra pupils, a new class, 2C, has been formed, and we also have two new classrooms built apart from the main body of the school. Prefects can now, added to other duties, spend exasperating moments in chasing people out of—and round—these "pre-fabs."

Another successful Sports Day was held last year, the Victrix Ludorum being Patricia Turner, and the Victor Ludorum, Bullivant. We congratulate them both. An account of the Sports is included in this issue.

Accounts of the many interesting lectures and Central Office of Information Film Shows which we have had during the year are included in the magazine.

There have been several changes in the School Societies since our last publication. New ones, The Junior Historical, directed by Mr. Morgan, Foreign Travel, by Mr. Hilditch, Philatelic, by Mr. Downer, Boys' Gym. Society, by Mr. Brown, and Wireless by Mr. Fisher, have been formed, and two, the Junior Literary and the Historical have been discontinued.

We are very pleased to report the marriage of Thistlethwaite, C. S., and Freda Gough, who were both old pupils of the school. We give them our sincere congratulations.

Our congratulations go to all those who were successful in the public examinations held last term.

Those who gained the full Higher School Certificate were:—R. Cardwell, N. M. G. Cross, C. P. Turner, C. Lund, B. Silcock, L. R. Wrennall, Fisher, E., Mills, P. J. F., Barrett, G. F. C., Riding, W., Schofield, P., and Williams, R.

The 62 pupils who received the Oxford School Certificate were:—Bennison, R. A. D., Brindle, R., Brough, P. H., Bullivant, W. G., Carnell, A., Curren, W. R., Daley, L. D., Dalton, J. A., Entwistle, E. D., Farnell, N., Haydock, J. S., Heyes, D., Hull, P., Little, W. E., Marriott, E. L., Price, R. E., Riding, G., Simpson, N. W., Thornley, M. E., Toze, A. C., Wareing, J. M., Whitehead, C. J., Wildman, R., Wright, R. W., E. K. Astley, J. Balmer, M. V. Bamber, D. Banks, P. M. Barker, A. P. Benson, B. Butcher, J. Clarkson, J. Coutts, B. Dalton, Z. E. Dawson, J. Deacon, M. Elliott, M. Farnell, E. Ferneley, P. A. Gold, M. Grime, M. Hargreaves, G. E. Harrison, V. M. Helme, E. M. Hinchcliffe, S. Hindle, K. M. Holmes, E. Jones, J. Marsden, F. J. Molyneux, C. S. Prescott, J. Spencer, S. Tattersall, B. Thompson, J. Thorpe, M. J. Threlfall, M. Topping, M. J. Tullis, J. M. E. Wade, I. Walton, A. Whelan and E. Wood.

Barrett was awarded a County Major Scholarship; we congratulate him, wishing him every success at Leeds University.

Our best wishes go with those who have entered college this year: Barrett, G. F. C., who goes to Leeds University; M. Maughan to the Edinburgh College of Domestic Science; J. M. Beal, M. Bradley and C. P. Turner to Avery Hill; M. B. Sutton to Homerton; L. R. Wrennall to Edge Hill; C. Lund to Ripon; B. Silcock to Battersea Domestic Science College; D. J. Tomlinson to Berridge House, Hampstead; M. Carr to Sheffield; M. Thwaites to Sunderland; Moon, H., and Ellis, J. K., to Saltley, Birmingham; and Whitaker to Winchester.

Marriott, E. L.—V.B. Farington House. School Certificate, 1946. Rugby League Team.

Simpson, A. F.—V.B. Farington House. Cricket 2nd XI. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Stopford, J. B.—V.B. Worden House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Dixon, N.—IV.B. Clayton House.

Linley, J. U.—IV.B. Cuerden House.

Holme, D. N.—IV.A. Cuerden House.

Berry, C.—IV.B. Worden House. Rugby 2nd XV. Cricket League Team.

Mathews, E. M.—IV.B. Farington House. Rugby League Team.

Holden, J. T.—III.B. Farington House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

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VALETE (Girls).

M. B. Sutton.—U.VI. Head Prefect. Cuerden House Captain. School Certificate, 1944. Captain of Rounders. Hockey Colours, 1944, 1945, 1946. Rounders Colours, 1944, 1945, 1946. Tennis League Team, 1944, 1945, 1946.

J. Bamber.—U.VI. Clayton House Captain. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1943.

L. R. Wrennall.—U.VI. Cuerden House. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1943. Highter School Certificate, 1946. Hockey League Team.

J. M. Beal.—U.VI. Cuerden House. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1944. Captain of Hockey. Hockey Colours, 1946. Rounders 1st IX. Tennis 1st VI.

B. J. Silcock.—U.VI. Cuerden House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1944. Higher School Certificate, 1946. Hockey 2nd XI. Tennis 1st VI. Tennis Colours, 1946. Editor of "The Balshavian."

D. J. Tomlinson.—L.VI. Farington House Captain. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. Captain of Tennis. Tennis Colours, 1945, 1946.

C. Lund.—U.VI. Worden House Captain. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1944. Higher School Certificate, 1946. Hockey and Tennis League Teams.

C. P. Turner.—U.VI. Cuerden House. School Sub-Prefect. School certificate, 1944. Higher School Certificate, 1946. Victrix Ludorum, 1944, 1945, 1946. Hockey, 1946. Rounders, 1945, 1946. Tennis, 1945, 1946. Athletic Colours, 1944, 1945, 1946.

N. M. G. Cross.—U.VI. Worden House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1944. Higher School Certificate, 1946. Tennis, Hockey and Rounders League Teams. Sub-Editor of "The Balshavian."

M. M. Bradley.—U.VI. Cuerden House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1944. Tennis Colours, 1946. Rounders 1st IX.

S. Williams.—L.VI. Farington House. School Certificate, 1945. Hockey League Team.

K. B. Tyson.—L.VI. Worden House. School Certificate, 1945.

M. S. Thwaites.—L.VI. Worden House. School Certificate, 1945. Hockey, Tennis and Rounders League Teams.

M. Ball.—L.VI. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1945. Rounders, Hockey and Tennis League Teams.

M. Carr.—L.VI. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1945.

E. Jenkins.—L.VI. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1945.

D. Banks.—V.A. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1946.

P. A. Gold.—V.A. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1946. Hockey League Team.

V. H. Helme.—V.A. Farington House. School Certificate, 1946. Tennis 2nd VI. Hockey and Rounders League Teams.

K. M. Holmes.—V.A. Farington House. School Certificate, 1946.

E. Jackson.—V.A. Cuerden House. Hockey League Team.

J. Mather.—V.A. Clayton House. Hockey and Rounders League Teams.

B. Thompson.—V.A. Farington House. School Certificate, 1946.

M. Topping.—V.A. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1946.

C. E. Underwood.—V.A. Cuerden House. Hockey and Rounders League Teams.

J. M. E. Wade.—V.A. Farington House. School Certificate, 1946.

A. P. Benson.—V.B. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1946.

F. J. Molyneaux.—V.B. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1946. Hockey, Tennis and Rounders League Teams.

E. Ferneley.—V.B. Farington House. School Certificate, 1946. Hockey 2nd XI. Rounders and Tennis League Teams.

S. Tattersall.—V.B. Worden House. School Certificate, 1946.

J. Thorpe.—V.B. Farington House. School Certificate, 1946. Tennis 2nd VI. Rounders and Hockey League Teams.

P. M. Fraser.—V.B. Worden House.

J. A. Butler.—IV.A. Farington House.

J. Hardacre.—IV.A. Cuerden House.

S. B. R. Hartley.—IV.A. Clayton House.

E. M. Whittle.—IV.A. Farington House.

C. Baxter.—IV.B. Worden House.

H. E. McQuaid.—IV.B. Worden House.

E. D. Rawson.—III.A. Farington House.

C. Davidson.—III.B. Clayton House.

B. R. Robinson.—III.B. Cuerden House.

B. J. Wylde.—III.B. Farington House.

D. M. Hodson.—II.A. Clayton House.

J. Emery.—I.B. Worden House.

A. Calderbank.—I.C. Clayton House.

THE SCHOOL PLAY

The late Sir J. M. Barrie's well-known play, "Dear Brutus," was presented this year for two performances in the School Hall, on April 4th and 6th, and was enjoyed by large audiences.

Schofield, fresh from his triumph of the previous year in "Richard of Bordeaux," had little difficulty with the shorter and easier part of Mr. Dearth, and found it well within his powers. He was jaunty, cheerful and carefree in the long scene in the wood with his daughter, and conveyed both the youthfulness and the maturity of the character. In the last Act he was broken and pathetic. Altogether, it may be said that again the play depended largely on Schofield, and we shall sorely miss him next year.

Edmondson, also, did not find the part of Matey, the butler who was a crook, very difficult to sketch. His chief handicap was his youthful appearance and voice, but on the whole this was a satisfactory performance. Jameson, also distinctly boyish for the part, made a gallant attempt at the elderly but skittish Lob, and his antics certainly aroused the amusement of the audience. The part of the weak and uxorious Mr. Coade is a rather thankless one: we had to sympathise with Brough, called in as it were from the Rugby field to fuss about with the ladies' shawls, etc.; by dropping his voice and rounding his shoulders, Brough contrived to suggest the character reasonably well. Moon had better opportunities as the philandering Purdie, whose motto seems to be, if you have a bird in the hand, let it go, and look for the one in the bush. Here again, a few more years would have done no harm, as Moon seemed too boyish for one to take his little misdemeanours seriously; or perhaps the weakness lies in the play, for we cannot be very concerned about Purdie anyhow.

The female parts were, on the whole, better done than the male, always with the exception of Schofield. The girls, as usual, adapted themselves better to the age and dignity of the characters allotted to them. Margaret Bradley looked quite a woman of the world, and spoke with considerable poise and manner, though, apart from a few cutting remarks to her degenerate spouse, she has not a great many chances of distinguishing herself. Margaret Sutton also had that grown-up look, assisted, of course, by a judicious make-up, and invested her affair with Moon with considerable dignity plus a certain amount of pathos.

C. P. Turner had good opportunities for showing the contrast between her roles in the First and Second Acts, the one proud and stilted, the other free and easy in company with the defaulting butler whom she had disdained, now turned successful company-promoter. Zoe Dawson and Margaret Farnell gave help as the remaining two ladies: Zoe spoke up well, and showed considerable assurance for one so young; Margaret made a brave attempt at the rather doddering Mrs. Coade; it was scarcely her fault that the character did not arouse more sympathy, but one feels that in this part of the play at least Barrie has laid on the sentiment a little too thickly.

Last, but far from least, Betty Beal gave a spirited and unselfconscious performance as the child of Dearth's imagination. She acted, spoke, and danced with complete spontaneity in a part where any trace of nervousness or hesitancy would

have meant immediate failure. One held one's breath for a time—it seemed too good to be true—but Betty carried the scene triumphantly through to a finish. Schofield received noble support here, and between them the two made this scene, as it should be, easily the outstanding part of the play. Great credit is due to Miss Milroy for her careful and thorough production of this far from easy play, and to all concerned for their courageous attack on a piece that begins to date a little and has not yet become historical.

A.J.B.

LONGING

O woe is me that I in cities dwell !
How enviously I look on those who live so free,
And oft can listen to the ringing of a sheep's clear bell,
And birds at dawn a-singing in a tree !

If only I could find a house among the downs of Devon,
Then would my cup of happiness be filled to the brim ;
Each evening I would take my rest within my new found heaven,
While wind and bird and leaf sing nature's evening hymn.

A.B., Form Vb. (Clayton).

THE SCHOOL CAMP

This year again the school was called upon to strike a blow in the great cause of agriculture. The battle was waged between July 27th and August 24th against heavy odds—the odds of course being the rain and the rations.

The whole endeavour was nevertheless a triumph. Torrential rain attended the very erecting of the tents, and rain of varying intensity (but consistent humidity) was our most regular visitor throughout the session. Yet, assisted by having the same excellent site as last year, not to mention unlimited stores of cheerfulness, the campers were in no way dismayed by the weather. On the side of the commissariat, Miss Whewell did *not* have unlimited stores: yet, by some indefinable chemistry, she managed to magnify them into full-blown gargantuan meals.

There were many factors which helped to take the sting out of our difficulties. Mr. and Mrs. Helme, above all, were, as ever, the essence of kindness, adopting the whole camp with a truly wholesale parenthood and anticipating many wants. Mrs. Smalley produced a cake of breath-taking proportions, while a whole host of parents assisted in all sorts of ways. We were fortunate too in having a team of zealous and experienced orderlies: Riding, Newton and Carr overcame all difficulties with such speed and dexterity (thus having much spare time for table-tennis and bridge) that those who went out to work acquired the quite erroneous impression that a camp-

orderly has a strikingly close resemblance to the more privileged members of Valhalla. Margaret Hutchings too gave us part of her holiday and in her quiet way got through Herculean quantities of work in assisting Miss Whewell. Mr. Bennison was ever at work to find new ways of streamlining this luxury camp, coaxing efficiency out of lamps and stove and devoting time in the evening to improving the camp's standard of bridge.

It was only the business of erecting the camp that gave us any resemblance to the pioneers and trail-blazers of legend. We found the natives very friendly, for the name of Balshaw's now appears to be something of a recommendation to many local farmers and we had no difficulty in finding an abundance of work. This again despite the rain. The total number of hours worked was 1,602½.

It was a bad season for rabbits—or should one call it a good one? At all events no rabbits were induced to enhance the camp diet. However, the wholesale slaughter in another direction will probably have caused a serious mole-power shortage in the Fylde. We have not, as yet, seen any of the fur coats promised therefrom, but great art (says the proverb) takes time and we are patient.

The social side of the camp was particularly brisk. Many welcome visitors called on us and viewed our mode of life with a gratifying envy. Cricket of an unorthodox (but enthusiastic) kind was waged (the word is appropriate) with the stalwart youth of the neighbourhood. The camp gave an At Home, and Mr. Riding's conjuring performance was a greatly appreciated high-spot of the evening. Mr. Helme's —th birthday (we never did plumb that mystery) was celebrated with becoming zest—and a mammoth whist-drive. Mr. and Mrs. Helme contributed the prizes for the whist-drive, together with a remarkable range of succulent viands which disappeared with a bewildering speed. Lastly, among our social agenda, the Winmarleigh Ball received its customary support from our representatives on the spot.

Perhaps, therefore, our most abiding impressions of this year's camp will be mud, wet grass, gum-boots and the patter of rain on canvas during the night watches—but withal good humour, cheerful co-operation and an extraordinary capacity for converting work into enjoyment.

W.J.D.

THE TARN

Up in the mountains so forbidding,
There lies a wooded glen,
Within this glen a placid tarn
Unknown to men.

It lies in the heart of the mountains,
So still and cool and deep,
It shimmers in the moonlight
While we sleep.

M.H., Form IVa. (Clayton).

THE BISHOPS AND THE "BOBBIES."

(On April 6th, 1946, Balshaw's played a Chess Match against the County Police at Police Headquarters).

They were a tough bunch, these lads from Balshaw's, but the County Police were determined to make some good captures. Word had reached them that the Balshaw Gang actually planned to pay Headquarters a visit that night—a bold venture which the police were resolved to foil. So the latter laid careful plans to give the boys a hot reception.

The Police were under no illusions as to the difficulty of the task before them. The Balshaw Gang were notorious; for had not they devastated the County Offices only the previous week?

Let us glance for a moment at the personalities and records of these adventurous youths. First there is Broadbent, bellicose and brusque, who never makes a move, however, without carefully weighing up all possibilities first. He was always a formidable person to meet, but on a dark night such as this he was positively terrifying. He stopped short of nothing—he would even lay his hands on the Queen herself if it suited his nefarious purpose.

Then there is Hughes, quiet but clever, who laid his plans with diabolical cunning. His technique was to lull his victims into a false sense of security and then strike with overwhelming suddenness. He was especially dangerous if driven into a corner.

The third member of the gang is Beconsall, a rather shy-looking youth whose timid appearance gives no hint of his propensity for taking other people's material. Closely associated with him is Porter, that grasping gamester from Grimsargh, who gambles in gambits with gangster-like greed.

Somewhat older than the rest is Williams, who learnt all the tricks of the trade in Canada. He never actually came into contact with the police in Canada, but over here he was already a marked man.

Finally, there is Barrett, a mild and gentlemanly-looking fellow, whom no one would ever suspect of taking anything which did not belong to him. Unlike some of his colleagues, he looked a trifle out of place in a police station.

It was the night, then, of April 6th. Outside it was moonless and very dark—an ideal night for the job in hand. At Police Headquarters, behind closed doors, the police sucked grimly at their pipes. Orders had been given that they were not to be disturbed.

The atmosphere was tense as boys and "bobbies" faced each other across green-baized tables. All the best brains of the Police were concentrated in that room, and every effort was being made by them to lure the boys into making some false move. The lads from Balshaw's were up against it, but their faces betrayed no

hint of the danger they were in. They remained cool, facing their foes with courage and determination. Every single one of them was resolved to make the police pay dearly for any capture they might make.

At one table, Broadbent was pitting his wits against a keen-faced inspector. The latter was an old hand with youthful adventurers and soon decided what course of action to adopt. He would put over a bit of bluff—cow his man into submission and all that sort of thing. Accordingly the good inspector laid a heavy hand on Broadbent's bishop with the evident intention of taking him into custody. This was too much for Broadbent, who beetled his brows into such a baleful glare that the startled inspector hurriedly let go his capture. The words . . . "and anything you may say may be used as evidence against you" froze on his lips.

At another table, the bashful Beconsall faced a burly sergeant. The odds seemed heavily against the former as he retreated into a corner. The boy refused to be intimidated, however, and just when all avenue of escape seemed cut off, he suddenly aimed a severe blow at the sergeant's centre. The latter did not recover.

At the third table Hughes was playing a cat-and-mouse game with a hawk-faced bloodhound. Carefully wiping his bishop with a silk handkerchief in order to remove all traces of fingerprints, Hughes pushed him forward. The detective eyed the bishop suspiciously and approached cautiously with his Queen. But Hughes had another man handy, masked, who appeared suddenly behind the detective's dame and removed her from the scene. The detective never recovered from the shock.

At the fourth table, Porter was matching his skill with a zealous constable in search of promotion. The former decided that an all-out assault was the best policy. With a feint to the side, he struck a violent blow in the centre. But the constable recovered quickly and counter-attacked. Porter was taken by the shoulder and led away.

At board 5, Williams was studying intently the methods of the English police, and he did not appear to be in any trouble. The sergeant tried hard to pin something on him, but without success.

At Board 6 the gentle Barrett was exerting his charm on a detective-inspector. Barrett plays chess like the British Empire going to war—he loses every round except the last. He makes many mistakes, but the good god of fortune sees to it that his opponents make still more! And what a generous soul he is! Would the worthy inspector like a Knight? "Allow me to oblige," murmurs Barrett, good nature written all over his countenance. Would the good inspector like a pawn or two? "Well," says Barrett, "have some of mine! I have eight of them and I really do not need so many. Take one or two! Indeed, take as many as you like."

Such apparent generosity was too much for the inspector. He broke into tears. "Here is my Queen," he sobbed. "I give her to you." And the inspector resigned.

After the showdown, there was great rejoicing among the lads. Only two of them had been casualties, but these joined with the others in attacking piles of corned beef sandwiches which the police had left lying about.

B.L.W.

MY WISH.

Far away from this world of men,
That's where I long to be,
Oh right away from gold and greed,
There's quiet and peace for me.

Way out upon the ocean deep,
Or in the forest still,
Or far away on burning sands,
Or on a distant hill.

We thank the God who gave us
Clouds and sky, the sun on trees,
The wind in desert places,
And the murmuring of bees.

In forest glades where shy red deer
Among the leaves are free,
Far away from this world of men,
There's quiet and peace for me.

A.J.B., Form IIIa. (Cuerden).

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THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The School Sports were held on May 11th, in fine weather. The ground was firm and dry and a following wind down the 100 yards track produced the fastest conditions for the sprints we have had for some years.

Some keenly contested races resulted in some good finishes, especially in the Boys' Open 100 yards, 220 yards and Hurdles.

Bullivant (W.) won the Victor Ludorum for the second year in succession with 71 points after a very close neck and neck struggle with Glover (W.) who scored 69 points—both very good performances.

Pat Turner (Cu.) was again outstanding in the Girls' Open events and easily retained the Victrix Ludorum for the third time. She hurdled very stylishly by setting up a new record in the Open 75 yards Hurdles in 11 2/5 seconds.

Milligan (F.) won several of the Under 15 events and shows much promise as an athlete. Taylor (W.) broke the record in the Under 13 100 yards and if he perseveres will make a fine sprinter.

Glenda Topping (Cu.) set up a new record of 4 feet 6 inches in winning the Under 15 High Jump in which three other competitors equalled the old record.

100 Yards (Under 13)—1, J. Taylor (W.); 2, O. Coates (Cl.); 3, J. Parkinson (W.). Time: 12 9/10 secs. Standards: K. Gaskell, E. Holden, S. Atkinson, M. Morris, E. Gill, J. Gowanloch, O. Coates, D. Pollard (Cl.); P. Kirkman, V. Kite, A. Topping, B. Watson, A. Singleton, B. Mitchell, I. Prescott, M. Struthers, B. Harrison, D. Bowes, B. Rawley (Cu.); J. Lowe, K. Blundell, J. Gardener, L. Oldland, J. Barwise, M. Lister (F.); J. Taylor, M. Beardsworth, J. Dawber, M. Farrimond, J. Parkinson (W.).

100 Yards (Under 15)—1, J. Farrer (Cl.); 2, B. Swift (W.); 3, H. Burnie (Cl.). * Time: 12 3/10 secs. Standards: M. Burnie, M. Higham, J. Farrer, M. Hibbert, P. Burnie, E. Harrison (Cl.); M. Turner, S. Kirkman, M. Barber, M. Hosker, G. Topping, E. Robinson, S. Smith, L. Rowley, E. Almond, B. Topping (Cu.); J. Todd, M. Kenyon, S. Dawson, Z. Dawson, S. Wood, M. Tickle (F.); J. Spencer, J. Moss, J. Fleetwood, D. Bretherton, L. Brownrigg, B. Wilson, G. Reilly, B. Swift, B. Butcher, M. Spencer, J. Barker (W.).

100 Yards (Open)—1, B. Hinchcliffe (Cl.); 2, C. P. Turner (Cu.); 3, J. Mather (Cl.). Time: 12 3/10 secs. Standards: J. Mather, B. Hinchcliffe (Cl.); C. P. Turner, J. Heald, E. Blogg, M. Sutton (Cu.); S. Williams, E. Ferneley (F.); J. Miller, I. Walton (W.).

High Jump (Under 15)—1, G. Topping (Cu.); 2, E. Almond (Cu.), M. Hargreaves (F.), M. Spencer (W.). * Height: 4 feet 6 inches. Standards: H. Burnie, E. Bennett, J. Farrer, E. Park, R. Cunliffe (Cl.); B. Topping, M. Turner, E. Almond, B. Brian, L. Rowley, G. Topping (Cu.); R. Greenwood, P. Ilott (F.); J. Spencer, M. Spencer, C. Baxter, D. Brewer, J. Moss (W.).

80 Yards (Under 12)—1, P. Kirkman (Cu.); 2, B. Jones (W.); 3, K. Blundell (F.). Time 11 secs. Standards: C. Sumner, D. Brown, C. Taylor, A. Beardmore, (Cl.); V. Kite, P. Kirkman, B. Rowley (Cu.); D. Ward, J. Ball, K. Blundell, D. Tomlinson, M. Roocroft (F.); J. Robinson, D. Ward, B. Jones, C. Singleton, V. Harman (W.).

60 Yards Hurdles (Under 15)—1, J. Spencer (W.); 2, J. Farrer (Cl.); 3, M. Spencer (W.). * Time: 10 secs. Standards: H. Burnie, J. Farrer, M. Morris, M. Heaton (Cl.); B. Topping, S. Kirkman, M. Hosker, G. Topping, E. Almond (Cu.); M. Hargreaves (F.); B. Swift, J. Barker, J. Moss, M. Spencer, J. Spencer (W.).

75 Yards Hurdles (Open)—1, C. P. Turner (Cu.); 2, S. Williams (F.); 3, M. Sutton (Cu.). * Time: 11 2/5 secs. Standards: C. P. Turner, M. Sutton, J. Heald (Cu.); S. Williams (F.); J. Cross (W.).

High Jump (Under 13)—1, L. Oldland (F.), J. Parkinson (W.); 3, J. Taylor (W.); Height: 4 feet. Standards: E. Holden, O. Coates, D. Pollard (Cl.); P. Kirkman, B. Rowley, V. Kite, A. Singleton, M. Struthers, I. Prescott, P. Wilkins (Cu.); L. Oldland, J. Lowe (F.); J. Parkinson, J. Taylor, B. Jones (W.).

High Jump (Open)—1, C. P. Turner (Cu.); 2, J. Heald (Cu.); 3, J. Thorpe (F.), E. Nelson (W.). Height: 4 feet 6 inches. Standards: B. Hinchcliffe, J. Molyneux (Cl.); M. Sutton, C. P. Turner, J. Beal, B. Hargreaves, J. Heald, D. Ackers (Cu.); S. Williams, J. Thorpe, D. Sheldon, B. Chapman (F.); J. Cross, D. Dickinson, E. Nelson (W.).

BIRDS' SONG.

Some birds were singing in a tree :
They sang so very sweet for me,
They sang so very sweetly all around,
I listened to this joyous sound ;
And then they stopped and flew away.
I do not know how long I stayed
Still looking for those little birds
Who sang to me such happy words.
I often wish they'd sing again
Their happy, friendly, sweet refrain.

J.B., Form IVa. (Worden).



SCHOOL RUGGER XV, 1945-46.

Back Row : (left to right) Bullivant, Edmondson, Williams, Little, Hull, Bush, Sheldon.
Centre Row : (left to right) Meadows, Glover, Whitaker (Capt.), Brough, Wildman, Howard.
Front Row : Newton, Barrett.



SCHOOL CRICKET XI, 1946.

Back Row : (left to right) Sumner, Edmondson, Brown, Williams, Wildman, Newton.
Front Row : (left to right) Bullivant, Whitaker, Glover (Capt.), Brough, Dalton.



SCHOOL HOCKEY XI, 1945-46.

Back Row : (left to right) J. Coutts, J. Parkin, M. Grime, B. Silcock, B. Dalton, M. Elliott.
 Front Row : (left to right) E. Jones, J. Marsden, J. M. Beal (Capt), M. Sutton, C. P. Turner.



SCHOOL ROUNDERS IX, 1946

Back Row : (left to right) J. Deacon, B. Dalton, M. Grime, E. Jones, M. Elliott.
 Front Row : (left to right) C. P. Turner, M. Sutton (Capt.), J. Beal, M. Bradley.

OUTLOOK FOR EDUCATION.

On Friday the twenty-third of November, the members of the fifth and sixth forms were given a very enlightening talk on Education, by Professor Oliver, of Manchester University. His main topic was the Education Act, which, he said, had brought a great transformation in British education.

We had long been aware of the necessity for improvement in our system of education, but the actuality of war stirred us sufficiently to realise that it was imperative, and so we took action.

Professor Oliver then gave us a list of improvements which the new Education Act had brought about, and these improvements were astounding. They ranged from an excellent health service, to development of more youth centres, and included such things as raising of school leaving age, the reduction in the size of classes, free secondary education, and wider access to playing fields. Not only does the Education Act concern young people, but it also enables adults to attain a university standard by studying with the Workers Education Association and in technical colleges.

Professor Oliver, who is naturally interested in universities, went on to say that although universities were independent of the Education Act, they too wanted to make changes. One desirable change was the introduction of one examination only, to replace the School and Higher School Certificates to be taken on leaving school in five subjects at about subsidiary standard. He said that universities were introducing general degrees as well as honours degrees.

Professor Oliver concluded by saying that although the outlook was quite good, there were a great number of obstacles. He advised us to take every advantage of education and to continue with our learning, and to reduce the shortage of teachers by becoming teachers ourselves.

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

IN THE FARMYARD.

What a noise there is in the farmyard,
 What a bustle and cackle of hens !
 The ducks come waddling up from the pond,
 And the chickens all chirp in their pens.

The cows make their way to the shippon,
 The horses all roll in the hay,
 The turkeys are clumsily strutting around
 To welcome the dawning day.

The land girl goes to her milking
 With buckets and three-legged stool,
 The farmer feeds all his poultry
 While his daughter runs off to school.

J.M.D., Form IIa. (Worden).

TRAVELLING IN EUROPE.

On Jan. 21st, we were pleased to hear a very interesting account from Mr. Bilainkin of his recent travels in Europe.

Europe at present, as a result of the war, is a very grim place. Paris still has her beautiful streets and lovely buildings, but there is a great deal of misery, starvation and their attendant evils. Not a quarter of the food destined for Paris arrives there, and the Black Market flourishes. Berlin is in a very sad way with few houses that have not been partially damaged by our bombs. The smell of death is everywhere. The Germans in the street are insolent, and will step off the pavement rather than be there when a Soviet or British soldier passes. Black Market activity is a real menace: a British soldier gets nearly £4 for a 2oz. bar of chocolate.

The people of Czechoslovakia have recovered in spirit marvellously even though they have suffered sorely since the end of 1938, when they were invaded. The students of Prague University continued their studies although there was not one teacher left, very few books, and no laboratories for experiments. They had a very keen urge to go on whatever happened.

Mr. Bilainkin visited the mental torture chamber in Prague. There was a darkened room where the victims would have a mock trial with three judges. They were automatically pronounced guilty, and passed into the slaughter house. Killings went on there from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day. The whole scene was too horrible to describe. The victims would write on the walls before they died expressions of their love for and belief in Czechoslovakia.

After this our speaker visited Vienna and from there went to Yugoslavia. On reaching Belgrade, he found the elections were taking place. The hospitality was marvellous, even under difficult conditions.

We thank Mr. Bilainkin very much indeed for this lecture, grim and horrifying as it was. It helps us to understand a little of what is happening in Europe today.

E.W.B., U.VI. (Clayton).

AUTUMN.

The trees and hedges in the woods,
Their gaudy leaves do shed,
And carpets make upon the ground,
Of green and gold and red.

The farmers have already stacked
Their crops of golden corn,
And high up to the roomy lofts
The apples all are borne.

Then when the farmers' toil is o'er,
From near and far they come,
To thank God for the fruitful yield
That brought this Harvest Home.

B.D., Va. (Worden).

LECTURE ON PROVENCE.

On Nov. 15th, 1945, Dr. Moore gave us a very interesting lecture on Provence, this time lecturing in English. Dr. Moore spoke with enthusiasm, and made us Lancastrians very envious of the lovely climate and countryside which she so vividly described. Wealthy people spend their holidays in Provence because of the sunny weather which is experienced there. As a result of this climate, a great flower industry has grown up; the making of perfume is an important industry.

The people in this happy sunny land are bright and cheerful, in keeping with the climate and surroundings. Provence was the first part of France to become civilised; their native language is not French but Provençal. There was, before the reign of Francis I, a great deal of Provençal literature, but as he wanted everyone to speak French, he destroyed it as much as possible. Of late, however, there has been a revival of Provençal literature, and it is beginning to grow.

Provencal women are fine physical specimens and are, many of them, tall and beautiful. Most of the people are seafarers, or work in the perfumeries. They have their own sports as well as playing ours. In their bull fights, they do not kill the bull but only tease it. Each year they have a boat fight instead of a boat race, in which each crew tries to knock out the other.

It was hard to leave the beautiful picture of warmth and sun created for us by Dr. Moore, and find ourselves still in Lancashire's forbidding November weather.

P.W.E., Form U.VI. (Cuerden).

ROAD SAFETY.

At the cross roads there are signs,
To warn you to take care,
There's always danger on the roads,
Take my advice, beware.

A motor-'bus or passing car
Is heavier than you,
Don't try to cross in front of it,
For that would never do.

But at the road-side pause awhile,
Make sure the road is clear,
Then quickly cross to the other side
While you have naught to fear.

If on a bike to school you ride,
With tyres blown up tight,
Keep to the left, and give the sign
When crossing to the right.

Never take the slightest risk,
Observe these rules with care,
Road-safety rules are well worth while,
All times and everywhere.

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

WINGATE'S CHINDITS.

On March 15th, the School enjoyed a most interesting talk given by Major Freeman, who was speaking on a phase of the Burma Campaign, and especially of Wingate's Chindits.

He spoke of the reasons why the Japanese had been able to capture certain parts of Burma in the first place, these being primarily superiority in numbers, and a new type of technique, making use of booby traps and short range penetration. They managed to cut the British medical supplies and means of communication.

There were two landing grounds for Wingate's Chindits, Broadway and Piccadilly, and the Japanese made frequent fruitless attempts to put them out of use, and once placed logs across the runways, making any landing fatal and impossible.

Major Freeman recounted a number of entertaining episodes: one which caused much amusement was the story of the bulldozers in the gliders. It had become necessary to reinforce supplies in Burma and each glider had to carry one bulldozer. Landing at a speed of 120 m.p.h. the pilot in the glider missed the landing patch and landed on the trees. The bulldozer sped on, but only for 50 yards, as it was fastened to the glider.

Major Freeman told us of the mules carried over in the gliders, which had to be taken up to 10,000 feet to clear the mountains of Burma. One of the mules kicked a considerable hole in the side of the glider. One mule made a meal of the pilot's hair. The pilot made a hasty landing and afterwards took the precaution of wearing a helmet.

Apart from these more amusing events, happenings of great importance and seriousness were also going on: the grim struggle for victory fought by such men as these Chindits, spurred on by the thoughts of the consequences of defeat.

Major Freeman recounted to us how two gliders collided and made lucky landings in the middle of a wide river, across which the occupants had to swim, after burning the glider and throwing away the machine gun from the side of the sandbank upon which they had landed.

We were shown some very exciting-looking souvenirs which the Major had brought along with him. There was a large, ferocious knife with which the men hacked their way through the undergrowth, and with this we saw a Ghurka knife which looked even more business-like. The Major showed us a Japanese rifle, which he claimed to be more inefficient than the British, being longer, heavier, and with a smaller calibre bullet.

One of the biggest battles of the war was at Kohima, in 1944, and there was also heavy fighting at White City. The Japanese were finally driven back, ironically by their own hands, for, in bombing the landing grounds, they had dropped, not bombs, but ammunition, and cut their own supplies. We learnt that the average Japanese soldier has no initiative, but can carry out well and dutifully the orders of his superiors.

At the end of the lecture Major Freeman was bombarded with many questions which proved how great a success had been his talk. It was appreciated and enjoyed by the whole of the school, and most of us were sorry to hear him say goodbye.

S.M.W., Form L.VI (Farington).

AUSTRALIA.

On Monday, October 14th, we were entertained by Major Conder, a native of Tasmania, who gave us a highly interesting and amusing talk on "the weird side of Australian life." The Major introduced himself as an Australian, but not one of the 'native' species which have recently been presented to the Edinburgh Zoological Gardens—namely the kangaroo.

Australia had been sighted, though not explored, before 1788, but she was not 'born' until January 26th, 1788, when Captain James Cook sailed into what is now the world famous Sydney Harbour. Australians believe Captain Cook to be the greatest navigator of all time, greater even than Columbus, and charts which Cook drew up in 1770 are still in use today.

Sheep-rearing had always been an important occupation in the British Isles, and Australia, beginning with fifty-seven sheep from the Motherland now shears from one hundred and twenty five to one hundred and sixty million sheep each year. Australian sheep have good feet and beautiful limbs, and are the only sheep in the world which are seen to drink. Rabbits were also introduced into Australia and one hundred million are now killed each year for their fur and meat. They are excluded from Western Australia by a wire fence 2,034 miles long, which runs right across the continent from north to south.

In 1851 gold was discovered in Australia. This resulted in a great emigration from all parts of the British Isles to the Continent. At Kalgoorlie, three hundred and fifty miles in the desert, the supply of gold is not yet exhausted, and after a shower of rain, which occurs once every seven years, gold is exposed and is often picked up by children. Formerly water had to be carried the three hundred and fifty miles across the desert to Kalgoorlie by camel, but recently a pipeline has been constructed.

Australia is an immense continent, thirty two times as large as Great Britain, but it is only sparsely populated, having two inhabitants to every square mile, compared with five hundred and six in Britain. The farms are enormous, one being twice the size of Wales. As one might expect, air travel is extremely important to the people who live in these remote areas, and their health is assured by the fact that flying ambulances are available at any time. Australia's 25,000 miles of railways also play a great part in furthering the well-being of the community.

Major Conder passed on to speak of the everyday life of the Australian, his amusements and habits. The national game is "Australian Rules," a game of football, which combines the best rules of rugby and soccer. Other sports include swimming, athletics, boxing and horse racing, and, the Major remarked modestly, "Australians *can* play cricket!"

The Australians celebrate Christmas in the traditional British manner, though in very different weather. Australia is unique in its animals and fishes; the trees are all evergreens and there is an average of six to eight hours sunshine every day. This brought Major Conder (amid laughter) on to the subject of the British climate, and what seem to him the "peculiarities" of some aspects of British life, but upon which he would not pass judgment until he knew more about local conditions.

We all extend hearty thanks to Major Conder for his most enjoyable and enlightening lecture, and hope that he will pay us another visit in the near future.

M.J.T., Form L.VI (Clayton).

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THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN DENMARK DURING THE NAZI OCCUPATION.

This most interesting lecture was given by Mr. Duurlo, who told us of the conditions prevailing in Denmark during the Nazi occupation, and the admirable way in which the people of Denmark answered to the call of loyalty and patriotism.

On the 9th of April, 1940, the Germans invaded Norway. The people of that country were very strictly controlled by the Germans—the first people to invade them for a 100 years.

In Denmark, meanwhile, news was spread by the printing of a number of secret newspapers. These also gave orders as a result of which a great deal of sabotage was carried out. 6,000 factories and railways were destroyed by the Danish people, and a very great deal of this destruction was effected by supplies of explosives obtained from Britain. Food supplies were also sent from Britain, the greater part of which consisted of chocolate, cigarettes, coffee and tea.

A great deal of information was obtained from the unsuspecting German soldiers by the Danish youths, who, at the age of 14, are able to speak German, English, French and Danish. Some of these boys, however, fell under suspicion and were sent away to Sweden.

The people of Denmark had often to undergo severe and sometimes unjust punishment. Innocent Danish people were machine-gunned whenever a building was sabotaged. But these brave people rewarded their invaders by fomenting strikes and demonstrations—they refused to work until the Germans offered better conditions. The only means of defence, however, known to the Germans was vile punishment and they tried hard to subdue the Danes by frequent and indiscriminate executions.

The people often worked in small groups, for this arrangement was found to be most convenient for the spreading of information and the execution of sabotage. One very large group was formed by the parsons who helped the people to escape from Denmark.

On hearing this lecture one was able to realize how fortunate the people of England have been during the war. Although the Danish people suffered so much during the Nazi occupation, they have been the most fortunate of all the occupied countries, for by their patience and endurance they were able to fight the Germans, who realized that their best plan was to interfere as little as possible with Danish affairs.

D.A., L.VI (Cuerden).

SEA, SHIPS AND SAILORS.

During the Spring term the Rev. Richard Seddon gave us a very interesting lecture on an aircraft-carrier and its duties.

The carrier had been in service up to a year ago, when the atom bomb had ended the war. Its crew were all ordinary men, pitchforked into something not their business. They numbered five hundred. It was part of a convoy escort to some merchant ships in the North Atlantic. It was like a box, with no portholes or scuttles, and was lighted by artificial light.

In the hangars, the wings of the aircraft were folded to their sides and they were packed tightly together. The air-crews were mostly young men of about nineteen, most of them straight from school.

After their convoy duty they went to a big harbour on the east coast of Ceylon. While they were there they used to go out training most of the day. When any 'planes were landing, a doctor and fire-fighters would be waiting near-by. A batman would signal to them when to cut their engines and they would glide down. If they failed to land, they would try again, sometimes as many as five times. Sometimes there were accidents, and once a 'plane burst into flames, but none of the pilots was hurt.

One day the carrier headed out to sea, instead of turning back towards the harbour. They were going to attack some islands with twenty other destroyers, previously attacking the radar stations there. The operation was a great success, the radar stations being completely destroyed. The planes there, too, were all destroyed.

Three months later they were setting out on another operation when Japan surrendered.

We all enjoyed this interesting lecture, and appreciated very much the glimpse of life on board an aircraft-carrier, given us by the Rev. Richard Seddon.

I.W., Form L.VI (Worden).

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FRANCE TO-DAY.

On Wednesday, May 22nd, 1946, the school assembled in the Hall to hear Mrs. E. L. Herbert, M.A., give us a lecture on "France today."

She started her lecture by telling us something of the food situation in France. Mrs. Herbert said that in France you have to queue for all your food, even your rations.

Each day you look in the paper and it will tell you when there is any "extra food," such as potatoes, and if there is, a long queue forms very early in the morning at the particular shop in question.

Another difference between France and England is the absence of 'buses in the streets; if you want some form of mechanical road transport other than a bicycle, you have to go to the Police station and queue for about an hour for a taxi.

There is no coal in France and when it is cold people go to bed. In the schools there is no heating and in some schools the windows have been broken and remain unrepaired. To make matters worse the children have very few clothes.

Schools have to carry on with little or no paper. Now certain of us would welcome this deficiency on the grounds of "No paper, no work," but unfortunately the teachers have found slates for the children to use!

The people who live in the country have come off best in France. This is because they are more self-supporting and independent than the townspeople, although in normal times they are the poorer.

The people of France today are mentally and physically tired. This is due to the constant and terrible feeling the French have had of being watched by the Gestapo all the time. Even now some people will start and turn round when they hear footsteps.

The British airmen who had to land in France have forged very strong links between Britain and France and many of these airmen owe their lives to humble French peasants, and they know it.

Mrs. Herbert's lecture was very interesting and everybody thoroughly enjoyed it.

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DR. BARNADO'S HOMES.

On October 25th, the school assembled into the Hall to listen to a very enjoyable lecture, given by Mrs. Foster, who was paying us a second visit. The subject of the lecture was "Dr. Barnado's Homes."

Mrs. Foster told us about several changes which had occurred as a result of the war. Before the war the boys and girls lived in 'garden villages,' each village housing between eight and fifteen hundred boys or girls. In these villages there were small cottages, each of which was supervised by a house-mother, and also in each village was a church, a hospital and a school, so it was very rare that the children went outside their own village and met other people.

Then the war came and the children were scattered about the country, and their new homes were large old country houses. This proved to be a great success, for the children mixed with others, went to the local school and church, and joined the local scouts and guides, altogether living a more normal life. Another advantage was that they received more individual attention, which resulted in houses being open for the more backward children. Thus it was that the evacuation of the children led to a new policy being formed which is much more successful.

The boys' 'garden village' at Liverpool and Chester, was turned into a reception centre for invalids, and the girls' 'garden village' was turned into a Staff Training College, which is to train people taking up Barnado work as a career. They take the trainees free of charge and give them a little pocket money, on condition that when they are fully trained they will work with the Barnado's for at least one year.

Mrs. Foster then illustrated her lecture with a series of slides.

We were shown a Naval training school for Barnado boys who wish to join the navy, and a Technical school where the boys are taught a trade. After an interesting show, Mrs. Foster concluded by showing us some children as they were when they entered the Home and as they are at the present time, many of them being in the forces.

Before leaving us, Mrs. Foster thanked us for our generous contributions, both of money and of tin-foil, and she added a special vote of thanks to Miss Royle who had supervised the collection.

B.L., Form U.VI.a1. (Clayton).

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CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION FILM SHOWS (I)

On Tuesday, February 5th, the school was once again entertained by a selection of films.

The first of the four films shown was a United States Naval Training Film, and dealt with the Chemistry of Fires. It was a very instructive film and showed us that it is the vapour given off from fuel oils which burns. We were shown by means of a shadowgraph gasoline fumes issuing from an empty gasoline container. Before any fuel oil will burn the ignition temperature has to be reached. This varies a great deal with different fuels. We were also shown that a gas flame burns much brighter when more oxygen is supplied. The conclusion reached was that fires depended on three things, fuel (vapour), the ignition temperature and the supply of oxygen.

The second film, called "Father and Son," was the story of the chief, and his son, of a little village 250 miles south of the equator and 100 miles from Zanzibar. They lived by farming and fishing, and exchanged fish for clothes in Zanzibar. When the war came the chief's son went on a minesweeper and rose to a Petty Officer. When the boy came home on leave a festival was always held including their peculiar war dances. He gave his father a compass to guide him while out at sea fishing. Some time later, when the boy had gone back off leave, he happened to meet his father in Zanzibar and when he asked him if he had found his compass useful, his father told him that he had worn it round his neck all the time and found it to be a very lucky charm.

The next film was on Penicillin, how it was discovered and how it saved a man's life. In 1928 at St. Mary's Hospital, London, Professor Fleming found a certain kind of mould which killed germs and he called it Penicillin. Sir W. Dunn, in 1938, made wider investigations by experimenting with mice and obtained it in powder form. He also found that it was active in the blood, but did not harm it. Penicillin will attack pneumonia and meningitis germs but not those of infantile paralysis and tuberculosis. Oxford Scientists have been trying to find out of what Penicillin is composed so that it can be made synthetically instead of by the slow process of growing it.

The last film was about the Fenlands of England. They are situated round the Wash and are very flat and marshy. The Fenlands were absolutely useless until they were drained. This was done by digging large dykes. Special clay had to be used for mending the banks of these dykes which have to be kept in good repair if the land is to be free from the danger of flooding. At one time in the Fenlands, transport was one of the chief problems, but now light railways have been built. Root crops, sugar beet and fruit are grown there. S.K.G., L.VI (Clayton).

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CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION FILM SHOW (2)

On March 21st we again had a Film Show. The first film was one in the series, "Britain can make it." It described a system in progress in various factories to help boys newly starting work. A committee of older men who were known as 'Works' Uncles' was formed. These 'Uncles' did not instruct the boys, but were always ready to help them solve any problem concerning the part that their particular job played in the work of the factory.

The second part was called "Bathrooms off the Belt" and told how steel sheets used during the war are now used in peace-time production to make fully-fitted bathrooms for some types of prefabricated houses.

The third part of this film, "Workers' Fashion Parade," was a demonstration by mannequins to give workers in a clothing factory an opportunity to see the finished garments of which they had each made a part. The girls were asked to criticise the clothes and the system succeeded in renewing the girls' interest in their work.

The second film was called "Public Opinion." This demonstrated how public opinion influences and is influenced by the press and radio. During the course of the film, someone asked how the opinion of one person can come to the notice of the public and be acted upon by the country. It was explained to him that it can be brought forward by his particular Member of Parliament or through his Trade Union.

The third film told about the native college of Achimota, situated on the Gold Coast. This college combines the secondary school education with the training college or the beginning of a University training. Apart from engineering the University degree cannot be taken at Achimota and the student has to finish his training in England. Though the prefect system in the college is similar to ours, the students, on the whole, are older. The instructional language is English and the secondary school standard pupils take School Certificate. The college authorities do not consider book learning sufficient and the pupils have their own hobbies—pottery, joinery, weaving, needlework and basket making. All the boys take an agricultural course on the college farm and all the girls a special Domestic Science course. In their recreation time they play football, hockey, tennis and cricket.

The last of these films was one in the series "The American Scene" and was called "Library of Congress." This described the immense reference library in Washington which is the finest of its type in the world. It contains detailed works on the history of America, and the Declaration of Independence is framed in a conspicuous place. Books from this library are borrowed by smaller libraries throughout the world. K.B.T., L.VI (Worden).

CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION FILM SHOW (3)

Our old friends from the Central Office of Information Film Shows paid us another welcome visit on Friday, May 24th. They showed us three films.

The first film was one of a series showing the countries and islands of our Commonwealth, the subject being the Island of Cyprus. It is a barren island, with a strategical position in the Eastern Mediterranean and has been colonised successively by Greeks, Assyrians, Egyptians, Romans and Turks. It was not until 1878 that the British, in an agreement with the Sultan of Turkey, took over administration.

The ancient and modern cultures flourish together, for in the capital, Nicosia, there are some fine buildings side by side with the flat-topped stone houses of the people, and cars and donkey-carts can be seen in the main streets. The bazaar scene is colourful, noisy and strange.

The second film dealt with the province of Bengal in India. Unlike Cyprus it has a luxuriant vegetation. India's two greatest rivers flow through the province, the Ganges and the Brahmaputra, and on one of these, the Ganges, lies the important city of Calcutta. Modern highways have been hacked out of the Jungle, but one does not need to go far from these highways to find the true state of affairs. The majority of the villagers are poverty-stricken, and still use old wooden tools for cultivation. The film then turned to the day's duty of a District Officer. He is responsible both for the administration and development of his own district and he in turn is responsible to the Governor of the Province. His day begins early, and perhaps he has to settle some feud between villagers, or see that all is going on in an orderly fashion. Hospitals are being established so that diseases, especially malaria, can be more effectively combated.

Every few months the District Officer makes a report to Calcutta of his administration so that standards of living can be raised and various problems discussed.

The last film, "The Chemistry of Fire," has been described in a previous issue.

W.D.M., Form U.VI (Worden).

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CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION FILM SHOW (4)

On July 18th we had another interesting film show which the whole school thoroughly enjoyed.

The programme began with an amusing film about the dandelion, whose name is derived from the French 'dent-de-lion' because of the shape of the leaves. The dandelion is a very persistent kind of flower, since, if cross-pollination fails, self-pollination is effected. Nothing will kill the dandelion, except over-nourishment by fertilisers: the dandelion is very greedy and it feeds and feeds until it eventually kills itself. This method of elimination is very costly and so it seems that the dandelion has come to stay.

The next film, "This is China," showed us the development of China during the last few years. The population of China is a mixture of many races, most of whom are engaged in agriculture.

China still follows her traditional customs of which the Lotus Procession is one of the most picturesque.

When Japan invaded Manchuria, China, lacking in unity, could not drive out the invader. Chiang kai Shek, however, organised her defences and she survived.

In the third film, which was about India, we were shown the extensive uses of the coconut palm or 'The Tree of Wealth,' about which many of us know very little. First of all, the fruit is de-husked and the kernel is dried and crushed to produce oil, which is used extensively in soap manufacture. This work is done by the natives. The residue after the oil has been extracted, is used as cattle food. The husks are bundles of fibres which, after passing through various processes, are woven into matting and yarn. Both trunk and leaves have their uses, the leaves being plaited to make a thatch, while the trunks provide supports for their primitive houses. To call the coconut palm 'The Tree of Wealth,' therefore, is no exaggeration.

The next film was called "Partners : East Africa," and it dealt with both the old and the new Africa. Africa is quite modern in some respects, especially in her towns. In the country, however, the ancient tribal customs still prevail. Europeans who have settled in East Africa employ native labour for agricultural work, but the soil is poor and reluctant to produce. The labourers live in small windowless huts, and their wealth is counted in cattle, not money.

The country is infested with tsetse flies and malarial mosquitoes which cause disease in both men and beasts.

The Africans are hungry for education and many schools are being built. Even so, there are far too few.

They are beginning to employ European methods in hospitals and factories, but still more unity with the white man is needed in order that the Africans should learn to take responsibility.

The fifth and last film was "The History of the Toothed Wheel."

A practical example of a toothed wheel was shown to us in the form of a wind-mill : the sails acted as levers which turned the toothed wheel which in turn moved the mill stone. Then came the factory age and the cry for greater accuracy, and so we saw the change over from the wooden wheel to the metal one. The motor car with which we are all familiar depends entirely on the action of the lever which drives the gear wheel.

We were all very grateful to the M.O.I. for such an enjoyable afternoon's entertainment.

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CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION FILM SHOW (5)

On October 11th the School saw another very entertaining selection of films.

"Garden of Eden" was the title of the first one. From Bazra, in Iraq, we were taken on a journey down the Euphrates on a paddle-steamer, which was being used as a mobile cinema or showboat. We passed through the Bridge of Boats, on which a crowd had gathered. Boats such as ours could only penetrate so far down the river at high tide. We reached a great swamp region which was inhabited by Arabs who had never been filmed before, and, strange to say, had never seen a desert. Their houses were made of reeds, and we saw how useful the reeds were. They were used as fuel and in the making of mats which was the chief industry there.

Finally it was time for the great event, the film show. In long, graceful canoes the people made a dash for the boat, where they were able to see what was happening all over the world.

The second film was entitled "Birds of the Village." Besides the usual features, which everyone knows, the cameraman showed us that in the woods and fields of the village there is a "bird residency." This everyone does not know. The permanent 'residents' are tree-creepers, goldfinches, bluetits and mistlethrushes, the latter being the most useful bird we have. Amongst the visitors the village receives are sand-martins, which eat nothing but insects; swallows from Africa in April, which build their nests in dark places year after year. The chaffinch arrives in March, and builds his nest in thickets about a foot from the ground. The whitethroat, besides eating insects, damages currant plants, raspberries and peas, while the food of the chaffinch is mainly vegetables and weeds.

Every village has its rookery high in the tops of the tall trees. A pylon had to be built in order to film them. For the large part of the year the rooks eat insects, beetles and wireworms. They also eat young crops and pull grain from stooks. No-one is quite sure whether rooks do more harm than good and so a few are shot and their stomachs are taken out to see what they have been eating.

Most birds do, however, help the farmer, gardener and all who grow food.

The programme ended with a very interesting film on the many difficulties which the people of Yugoslavia are trying to overcome in their switch over from war to peace. It was called 'The Bridge.' During the war guerillas had destroyed communications which were of value to the Germans; all these had to be restored to transport food and supplies to people in remote districts. On the wide plains of Serbia, corn could be grown, whereas the Bosnians were hindered by mountains, and so the people of Bosnia had to travel many miles over the mountains to buy grain.

Rogatica, a thriving country town before the war, is now desolate. The mine is closed, the sawmill too, few cattle have been spared and the greens where the children used to play, are empty. A family returning to Rogatica discover that their farm has been destroyed, but they find refuge at the Red Cross centre. As winter approaches Rogatica is threatened by famine, but reconstruction has started, the labour being supplied by German P.O.W's. Volunteers have been recruited to start repairing the railroad from Belgrade. The big task is building the bridge across the Drina. It has to be built by December, but 'it can be done and it will be done.'

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

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THE SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

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The Musical Society.

This year we have 38 Sixth Form and Fifth Form girls in the Society, and as this number is near the maximum that a room will comfortably accommodate, the many Fourth Form girls who wished to join will have to wait until next year.

On looking through the list of this year's members I find that I am not altogether accurate in giving the impression that the Society is one hundred per cent feminine. There is one boy in the Society—one solitary boy! We refrain from mentioning his name out of a desire not to embarrass him, though we doubt whether such trifles would disturb such a distinguished member of Eccleston music circles.

This season starts off with Richard Strauss' "Till's Merry Pranks"—Richard Strauss is not to be confused with Oscar Strauss (who wrote "The Desert Song"), or with Johann Strauss (who wrote the Viennese Waltzes). The music tells the story of a jesting rogue, Till Eulenspiegel, who rides on his horse through the market place and scatters all the people right and left; who dresses in a monk's cowl; who joins a bunch of solemn professors and sets them all arguing against each other; who poses as a cavalier with the pretty girls, but who is eventually caught and brought before the judges and hanged for his rogueries.

This Term we also propose to give a few operas—Cavaleria Rusticana (by Mascagni), Il Trovatore (by Verdi) and Rigoletto (by Verdi). B.L.W.

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The Dancing Society.

Once again the members of the Dancing Society have been large in number and most enthusiastic. Although there was not always room for all the members to dance together, everyone worked well and we learned many new National and English Folk Dances. We again took part in the Leyland display of Singing and Dancing, and all enjoyed both the preparation and the actual event.

Eileen Jackson has for a second year been a very willing and capable pianist, and the Society will miss her next year. C.I.P.

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The Photographic Society.

The Society was restarted last year and has now passed through the "teething" stage.

If supplies of films become plentiful, we hope to undertake more ambitious projects, and who knows . . . we may yet have a Photographic Exhibition! T.S.

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Le Cercle Francais

Le dernier trimestre nous avons eu beaucoup de reunions du Cercle Francais. Au commencement du trimestre tous les membres prononcerent des discours interessants, et Miss Woffindin nous raconta quelquechose de la vie francaise. Nous leur disons "Merci bien."

Nous avons joue a beaucoup de petits jeux francais et nous nous sommes amuses enormement. Au bout du trimestre nous avons lu une piece au sujet de la France pendant la guerre passe, sous l'occupation allemande.

Nous esperons que toutes les reunions ce trimestre seront egalement interessantes. G.H.

The Junior Historical Society.

While Miss Heppell was with us we had numerous talks on Kings and Queens of various times, and enjoyed several "quizzes" both on topical subjects and history. We also played many games.

After Miss Heppell resigned Mr. Hilditch took over the society. He gave us many interesting talks on Egypt and Tunisia, describing visits to the Pyramids and the Sphinx, to the tombs at Luxor and the historic remains in North Africa including Bey's Palace, near Tunis.

A series of "quizzes" on Modern Affairs followed in which the extent of members' information astonished Mr. Hilditch until he learned that they'd "been doing it in Topical Subjects." In this the girls proved most successful.

The last meetings of term were spent in a drawing competition. Several really talented efforts were submitted and Miss Whewell was called in to adjudicate. In the end the first prize was given to Irene Ogden for her animated Roman Forum Scene and the second was divided between Mary Jenkinson and Dorothy Tomlinson for careful and detailed drawings of a Moated Manor House.

I.O. and M.J.

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The Chess Society.

The Society's first year proved to be quite successful. Everyone settled down to routine quite well, and we got some good practice. Interest in the game increased, and we had no fewer than thirty members, who regularly attended the Society.

Later in the year we were able to form a chess team, which met with much success in its matches. In all, we won five out of the six matches played, drawing the remaining one. B.G.B.

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The Gardening Society.

This term as usual provided a great deal of work for members of the gardening society, as the weeds were constantly striving to beat the plants in growth.

Among the things grown were peas, beans, turnips, lettuce and marrow.

The school gardens are quite beautiful in late spring and summer when the white of the May gives place to the pink of the hedgerose. So you see there is more to look at than soil, weeds and vegetables in the school gardens. G.J.

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The Arts and Crafts Society.

During the past year, despite the severe shortage of leather and other handicraft materials, the society did good and useful work, and increased its membership to fifty.

As usual many attractive presents were made in time for last Christmas; nor did enthusiasm flag during the Spring term: bookmaking became popular and

some of the striking designs on the covers were evidence of Miss Whewell's direction. Some of the seniors did a useful job of work in rebinding some of the school's text books, so giving them a new lease of life.

Just before the play our members again busied themselves with painting scenery and making accessories for the production.

We all hope that soon the supplies of leather, and in fact all craft materials, will become easier, so that members will once more be able to make leather goods, paint the candlesticks, boxes and serviette rings which once adorned the cupboard by the door in the Art Room.

W.D.M.

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The Dramatic Society.

This last term the Society had a good membership. We read several plays, including "Caesar and Cleopatra" by Shaw, in the search for talent. All the members have been heard and we are expecting the next play to be up to the usual standard.

However, we are sorry to lose many of our old stalwarts and we will welcome any newcomers.

There has been the usual difficulty in finding a suitable play for the next production, but it is hoped that it will soon be settled as all are eager to start, and we are looking forward to the next term with enthusiasm.

P.E.

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The Choir

As usual at the end of the Autumn Term the Choir held its annual Carol Service. This time there were quite a few boy members, all of them being juniors. Carols familiar and carols new to us were sung and were, as usual, enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

After the service the choir members, the staff and old pupils, were served with refreshments in the dining-hall. We concluded the evening with dancing and games.

All our thanks go to Miss Rahill who coached us, and who is even now busy teaching us some new songs for the Prize Day Ceremony.

B.L.

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The Needlework Society.

Last term the needlework society included many senior members. Many of our old members rejoined the society.

During the summer term, knitting, embroidery and dressmaking occupied our Friday meetings, and members set a standard of industry which we hope to maintain during the forthcoming term.

B.N.

James Herbert Sixsmith, C.C.,

Representative of Lancashire County Council on the Board of Governors of Balshaw's Grammar School, 1944 — 1946.

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THE news of the death of Mr. J. H. Sixsmith on Feb. 10th, at the age of 78 years, was received with grief by the School, of which he had been a Governor since 1st October, 1944. Though he had been connected with us for a comparatively brief period, he interested himself in our affairs with that zeal and devotion which were characteristic of the man who had known success in so many walks of life. For his work as County Councillor, as Manchester manager of a French firm of West African merchants, or as philosopher and friend in his own district of Adlington he will long be remembered. We at Balshaw's are very grateful for the benefits which resulted from his short association with us.

V.U.O.



Mrs. Jackson,
L.L.A. (St. Andrew's)

Senior Mistress of Balshaw's Grammar School

1903-1930

Mrs. Jackson,
L.L.A. (St. Andrew's).

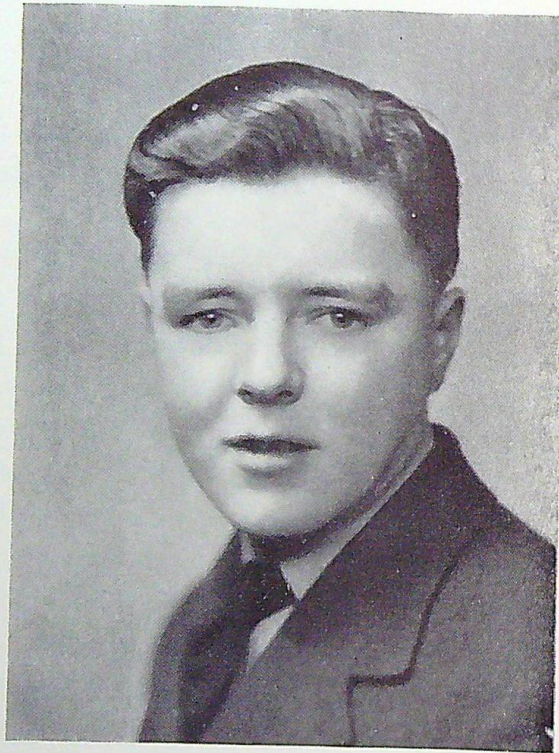
IT was with the deepest regret that we heard of the sudden death of Mrs. Jackson on April 28th of this year.

Mrs. Jackson had enjoyed many years of retirement at the "Pines" in Leyland after holding the post of Senior Mistress at the "old" Balshaw's Grammar School for 27 years. She and Mr. Jackson were appointed on Jan. 1st, 1903, to launch what was then more or less of a venture—a co-educational Secondary School in Leyland. They laid the foundations of the school and made it a success and many of those pupils whose children now attend the present school will remember her with deep affection. She set them the highest of standards and they held her in great esteem. Not only pupils but Staff relied on her for guidance and help, and young inexperienced teachers found her advice and example invaluable. Her friends from the "Old" School fully realised that it was only her health during the latter years that prevented their seeing more of her.

They would all wish to extend deepest sympathy to Mr. Jackson and Stanley in their loss.

A.M.

"Non sibi sed aliis"



Flight Sergeant
Frank Valentine

1935-39

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori."

Frank Valentine

FLIGHT-SERGEANT, R.A.F.

Worden House, 1935-1939.

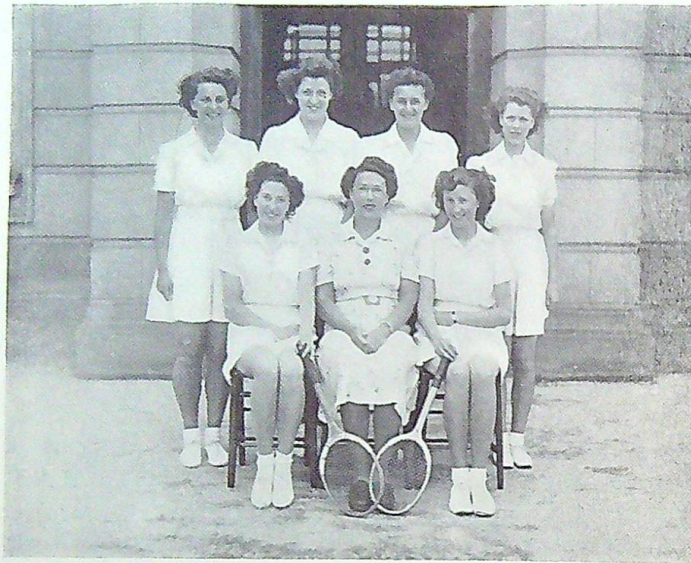
IT is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Frank Valentine whilst on active service with the R.A.F. He was posted as missing from a daylight Mosquito raid over North-West Germany on the 22nd February, 1945, but it was the recent discovery of his grave at Osterwede, in Germany, which confirmed his death.

He came to us in 1935 and was in the School Certificate form in 1939. He was a lively, cheerful youngster and nobody was surprised when Mr. Hilditch, who produced the School plays in those days, chose him as the school's star comedy actor. Those who were with us in 1939 will long remember his performance as Merrythought in "The Knight of the Burning Pestle"—indeed there is a picture of one of his scenes in the lower corridor. Mr. Hilditch claimed that the School had no superior to Frank Valentine in this kind of part.

He will be remembered, too, for his acting of Ptolemy in G. B. Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra." Those who know the play will recollect that Ptolemy, the boy king, has to be prompted what to say by his Minister. Frank Valentine's acting was so good that, after the performance, one old lady was heard to say "That little boy was very good, but I wish he had not forgotten his part so often!"

Frank Valentine received his training in Canada where his cheerfulness won him many friends. They, with us, will mourn a lad of which the school may be proud.

B.L.W.



SCHOOL TENNIS VI, 1946.

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

The Greenhouse

Last Spring we had a fine splash of yellow from the daffodils, and delightful scents from blue, pink and white hyacinths.

We have had the pleasure of seeing the sweet peas flower from April to September this year after taking great pains with them early in the season.

There was a large crop of tomatoes this Summer, despite the lack of sunshine. The rubber plant has grown another few inches and nearly reaches the top of the greenhouse now.

At the moment there is a lovely blue cineraria flowering, of which Mr. Bennison is very proud, because he maintains that they are very hard to rear.

We have also got a large number of chrysanthemum plants in bud which we hope will flower for Christmas.

S.K.G.

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The Scientific Society.

During the past year, the Scientific Society, although it has not had any girl members, and not as many boys as usual, has continued its activities under the leadership of Mr. Lomax.

The members, as usual, have taken their turn to give lectures, and we have performed a number of interesting experiments in light, sound, electricity and other subjects of interest to all.

R.P.

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The Topical Subjects Society.

Under Miss Doherty's direction the society enjoyed an interesting and amusing year's activities. "Quizzes" were a very popular feature, and a "Radio Programme," with sketches by members of the society, was a great success.

R.C.

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The Geographical Society.

In the first year of the society we had quite a large number of interested juniors and a few seniors. Miss Markland arranged the year for us very efficiently and gave us a well-thought-out programme. This programme included two or three geographical 'quizzes,' stamp collecting and various other forms of amusement. We renewed the wall-pictures several times, and Place and Brown gave film lectures on "The British Isles" and "Europe." We should like to thank Miss Markland for providing us with the prizes in the "Double or Quits" Competitions which were held during the year.

E.P. and A.B.

Savings Group.

As the last issue of "The Balshavian" did not include a report of the Thanksgiving week in November, 1945, it must be recorded that, having set itself a target of £1,500, the School Savings Group overshot the mark in good style by a comfortable margin, realising a total of £1,527 18s. 6d.

But after receiving that bouquet, the Group itself must become the target for arrows of a sharper kind. For it must be admitted that the average savings during the last eight months have dropped to a very low level, and the amounts that have been subscribed come regularly from a faithful, but deplorably small number in our ranks.

We would like to welcome many new members, especially from the first and second forms, who seem to have unaccountable difficulty in finding their way to the Physics Lab. during Monday dinner hours.

F.K.L.

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The School Library.

In addition to the normal business of the Reference Library, great interest has been shown in the sections containing fiction, Junior and County Library Books. In addition, the Careers section has been augmented by a great number of brochures and pamphlets, which have been in considerable demand.

Extra work has accordingly been thrown upon the Librarians, who have all done sterling work. They were appointed as follows:—

Reference Library: V. Pinder.

Junior and County Library: M. Bradley and V. Pinder.

Fiction Library: R. Cardwell and N. Cross.

Also Cuerden and Jameson have done yeoman work as Library orderlies.

W.J.D.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1945-46

The season was mainly notable for the promising play of some of the younger members of the school teams.

The 1st XV had quite a good record and played hard in all their games. The principal weaknesses were high tackling and mistimed, ill-directed passing. The correct timing of passes is not easy to acquire but mechanical proficiency in the delivery of the ball may be had with constant practice. Common faults were ballooning the ball, which invites interception, wild despairing passing without looking for a well-placed recipient, and passing too late and only when further progress is finally barred and the movement has slowed down and practically stopped.

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XV.

Whitaker (Captain).—A keen and competent captain, he played well at fly-half and centre three. He runs hard, tackles well and is a very good place kick.

Wildman.—Adapted himself well to the full-back position. He tackles fearlessly and never shirks going down to the ball. His positioning and fielding of the ball are good and his touchfinding will improve with practice.

Bullivant.—A quick and lively player who would be very difficult to stop if he would really run all out. Should learn to tackle low.

Sheldon.—Always played a sound and whole-hearted game in an unaccustomed position at centre three.

Howard.—A fast and very elusive runner who will be a really good centre three when he learns to time his passes better.

Glover.—Did well at the beginning of the season before his unfortunate injury. He has good hands, thinks quickly, and shows much promise.

Newton.—A very reliable scrum half. He passes, kicks and tackles well and also gets through a lot of invaluable covering work in defence.

Brough.—An untiring, hard-working forward who was always on the ball—a very sound player.

Little.—Another strong, robust forward who did much to keep the scrum together.

Bush.—A sound forward in the scrums who also played with dash in the loose.

Meadows.—A lively player in the loose, he also tackled well.

Edmondson.—Played well in the line-outs and loose rushes. With more weight will be a grand forward.

Williams.—A conscientious forward who always pushed his weight.

Hull.—A useful forward who did much useful unseen work in the scrums.

Barrett.—Despite his lack of inches he was a competent hooker and also tackled well.

Riding.—Played a keen game at wing three, although not quite fast enough to round off some of the passing movements.

Hughes, Curren and Simpson also played some useful games and should do well next year.

R.A.B.

JAN. 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. HUTTON G.S. 1ST XV. HOME. LOST.

This was our first game, and it was the first chance for the team to play together.

The school started well and quickly took the lead when Whitaker kicked a penalty goal, but we were soon put on the defensive and Hutton equalised and went ahead scoring three tries. This did not discourage our efforts, but it was too late in the game to save it when Whitaker scored a try which was not converted.

Everyone enjoyed the game and the result was quite satisfactory.

Result: School, 6 pts.; Hutton, 14 pts.

OCT. 6TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. WIGAN 1ST XV. HOME. LOST.

This game was played in the morning and the ground was wet and soggy. It proved to be a fight between the two sets of forwards, the backs getting little of the game.

The Wigan forwards were slightly heavier and faster than ours and they crossed our line three times in the first half without reply. But in the second half the school held their own, and just before the end of the game our efforts were rewarded, Wildman scoring a try near the corner flag, was not converted.

Result: School, 3 pts.; Wigan, 13 pts.

OCT. 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. KIRKHAM 1ST XV. HOME. LOST.

The conditions for this game were better, the ground being much drier, a circumstance which gave the threequarters a chance to use their speed.

The school took the lead when Whitaker scored between the posts, then, owing to bad tackling in the backs, Kirkham scored several times.

During the second half Little broke through from a line-out to score our second try, and shortly after Bullivant scored near the posts. Both these tries were converted.

Perhaps the result would have been different, and in our favour, but for bad tackling.

Result: School, 13 pts.; Kirkham, 20 pts.

OCT. 13TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. BLACKPOOL 1ST XV. AWAY. LOST.

We found ourselves up against a much bigger team, but again it was bad tackling that proved to be our downfall. In the first half Blackpool crossed our line several times without reply. But in the second half their lead was reduced, tries being scored by Howard and Bullivant, one of which was converted. On the whole the game was much closer than indicated by the score.

Result: School, 8 pts.; Blackpool, 28 pts.

OCT. 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. WIGAN 1ST XV. AWAY. LOST.

Again the ground was very muddy. The school got off to a good start when Bullivant, in a soccer-like manner, scored near the corner flag. But after this Wigan gradually got the upper hand, their forwards being too heavy and their threequarters too fast for ours.

The school did very well to keep the score as low as it did.

Result: School, 3 pts.; Wigan, 16 pts.

OCT. 23RD. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. A STONYHURST XV. AWAY. WON.

Every member of the team looked forward to this match; even bad weather did not damp our spirits, but the conditions made running and kicking very difficult. On winning the toss we decided to play with the wind in our favour.

It was not long before the school began to score freely, and by half time we were leading 17 points to nil, tries being scored by Sheldon (2), Howard and Newton, one of which was converted by Whitaker, who also kicked a penalty goal.

During the second half we found the going rather difficult, but with skill and determination we increased our lead, tries being scored by Bullivant and Whitaker, one of which was converted.

Result: School, 25 pts.; A Stonyhurst XV. nil.

NOV. 6TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. A ROSSALL XV. HOME. WON.

Not having played Rossall before we looked forward to this game.

The school forwards soon got going and within a very short time Little had put the school ahead, scoring an unconverted try. Throughout the first half the forwards had most of the play, tries being scored by Edmonson, Bush and Brough.

After half time the school threequarters came into the picture and were soon masters of the field proving too fast for their opponents. Tries were scored by Bullivant (3), Whitaker (2) and Howard, two of which were converted.

Result: School, 34 pts.; A Rossall XV. nil.

NOV. 17TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. BLACKPOOL 1ST XV. HOME. DRAW.

Although we were defeated when we visited Blackpool, we had hopes of doing better on our own ground.

Having won the toss we played with the wind in our favour, and after a struggle Sheldon put the school ahead. A few minutes later we went further ahead through a try by Whitaker. Just before half-time our lead was reduced when Blackpool crossed our line. During the second half a very keen fight developed, the play being even, but Blackpool drew level just before the end of the game. A draw was, on the whole, a fair result.

Result: School, 6 pts.; Blackpool, 6 pts.

FEB. 16TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. A STONYHURST XV. HOME. WON.

Having defeated Stonyhurst before, we went on to the field very confident.

The game proved to be fast and keen. The Stonyhurst forwards were about equal to our own in weight but Barrett hooked extremely well and gave the threequarters an advantage throughout the game. The school had most of the play and when the final whistle went tries had been scored by Bullivant (2), Simpson N. (2), Whitaker, Wildman and Sheldon, two of which were converted. Whitaker also kicked a penalty goal.

Result: School, 28 pts.; A Stonyhurst XV. nil.

OCT. 27TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS 'A' XV. AWAY. WON

This was a good game between two fairly equal teams. Howard scored the first try which was not converted. In the second half Howard scored again. Preston made a rally and replied with a try, which was converted.

Result: School 1st XV, 6 pts.; Preston Grasshoppers 'A' XV, 5 pts.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL 1ST XV MATCHES, 1945-46.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
10	4	1	5

RUGBY LEAGUE TABLE 1945-46.

House	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Cuerden	6	5	1	0	10
Worden	6	4	2	0	8
Clayton	6	2	4	0	4
Farington	6	2	4	0	4

Shield winners: Cuerden.

RUGBY KNOCK-OUTS

Cuerden defeated Clayton. Farington defeated Worden.

Cup winners: Farington.

HOCKEY, 1945-46.

Captain: Jean Beal.

The School Hockey Team has had a most satisfactory season, with good weather for practically every match, and only one defeat to record.

Good team-work on the forward line resulted in some very high scores, and the quick and accurate shooting was a great improvement on that of last season. The defence was somewhat weak at first, as the backs were unsure in their tackling and rather slow at recovery, but as the season progressed, they gained more confidence and gave good support to the forwards. The half-backs worked very hard indeed, and could always be relied upon to intercept and pass quickly and accurately.

The Second and Junior elevens have been very keen, and both should provide some good players for next season's first team.

TEAM CRITICISMS.

Left Wing: E. Jones.—Has developed into a very reliable wing, with good stickwork and strong accurate passing.

Left Inner: M. Bamber.—Speedy and reliable and has combined well with the left wing.

Centre Forward: J. Beal.—Always quick and strong in attack, and her hard determined shooting had some excellent results. Has proved a very good dependable captain.

Right Inner: Joyce Marsden.—Plays intelligently and neatly, and is quick to seize her opportunities, but could develop just a little more tenacity.

Right Wing: C. P. Turner.—A very speedy and dependable wing, who has displayed some excellent stickwork and long, accurate passes to the centre.

Left Half: M. Grime.—A steady and capable player who tackles well, but must try to pass much more quickly.

Centre Half: M. Sutton.—Anticipates and marks extremely well and is therefore always on the spot when wanted. Has developed very good stickwork and gives support both to forwards and backs.

Right Half: B. Dalton.—Marks well and tackles quickly, giving strong clearing passes to the forwards.

Left Back: J. Parkin.—Has good stickwork, and her tackling has considerably improved, but she must try to get back more quickly when necessary.

Right Back: B. Silcock.—Has a good strong drive, but needs to be quicker in moving about the field and surer in tackling.

Goal: J. Coutts.—An alert and dependable goalkeeper, who has developed very good footwork and accurate timing.

C.I.P.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

SAT., SEPT. 22ND. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. CHORLEY G.S. 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

Our hockey season opened well on a clear morning with a good pitch. Everyone was looking forward to the first match which proved a great success. At the beginning of the match we were rather on the defensive but we soon gained more confidence, and play during the second half improved, our players combining well together.

Result: School, 8 goals ; Chorley G.S., 0 goals.

SAT., SEPT. 29TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HINDLEY 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

We were successful in the second match of the season and were beginning to settle down as a team. Unfortunately for Hindley, their Captain was missing, but nevertheless we had a good brisk game, resulting in a win for us.

Result: School, 9 goals ; Hindley, 1 goal.

SAT., OCT. 6TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. RIVINGTON G.S. 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

Considering that the Rivington team met us without having had any practice this season, the players put up a very stiff fight and gave us some anxious moments. Eventually, however, we were able to defeat them by a very clear margin.

Result: School, 11 goals ; Rivington G.S., 0 goals.

SAT., OCT. 13TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

This was the first match about which we were really anxious, but even so, we still managed to hold our unbeaten record. It was played in excellent weather and everyone enjoyed it very much, chiefly because of the stiff opposition which each team met.

Result: School, 4 goals ; Newton-le-Willows, 1 goal.

SAT., OCT. 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. WIGAN 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

Again our team proved stronger than our opponents' and the result was an easy victory for us. On the whole our shooting had improved but the Wigan goalkeeper diverted many of our hard shots, and as the game continued, the forwards

realised that goals could only be scored by outwitting the goal-keeper, and pressing hard round the goal mouth.

Result: School, 13 goals ; Wigan, 0 goals.

SAT., NOV. 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ASHTON 1ST XI. AWAY. DRAW.

This was a keenly contested match with both teams on the alert and quick to seize chances of getting away with the ball, although the condition of the pitch was not favourable. Everyone played a good game although shooting was inclined to be inaccurate.

Result: School, 4 goals ; Ashton, 4 goals.

SAT., NOV. 17TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

We again put a team on the field which managed to defeat the opposing team by three goals to one. The defence was rather slow, and muddled a little at the beginning of the game, but later gained more confidence and played more steadily. The forwards were also a little slow at first but improved as the game progressed.

Result: School, 3 goals ; Ormskirk, 1 goal.

SAT., NOV. 24TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HINDLEY 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

Our return match against Hindley brought us another victory, although this time we found ourselves up against a stronger team with the return of the Hindley Captain. Our defence was quick at clearing the ball from our circle during anxious moments and our forwards kept up the good work of the defence by combining well together.

Result: School, 4 goals ; Hindley, 1 goal.

WED., NOV. 28TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

After having sampled the strength of the Park School team in previous years we were looking forward to this match with excitement and perhaps a little fear and were disappointed several times by postponements owing to bad weather. When eventually we did play, it was against a team that was not as strong as was expected and so we were again victorious after good team work on the part of everyone.

Result: School, 2 goals ; Park School, 1 goal.

SAT., DEC. 1ST. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

We had a good brisk game, with each team exerting all its strength. Although we again recorded a victory it was won against stiff opposition.

Result: School, 4 goals ; Convent, 1 goal.

SAT., JAN. 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS G.S. 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST.

We resumed hockey after our Christmas break to receive our only defeat of the season. Although we had defeated Newton in our previous match, they proved too strong for us in the return match. Our team was inclined to be slower than usual.

Result: School, 0 goals ; Newton-le-Willows, 3 goals.

WED., FEB. 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

In our return match we again defeated the Park School by a clear margin. Our team on the whole was quicker on the ball and quicker to seize opportunities and take advantage of them. The Park School defence was quite strong but our forwards were always on the attack, backed up by a strong defence.

Result: School, 7 goals ; Park School, 1 goal.

SAT., FEB. 16TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

This time we were prepared to meet a strong team from the convent, and soon realised that we had come up against just what we expected. The whole team was kept on its mettle throughout the game in order to prevent the opposing team's forwards from breaking through towards our goal.

Result: School, 3 goals ; Convent, 0 goals.

WED., FEB. 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

In our return match against Ormskirk we started the game very well indeed with good steady play, but the forwards began to tire towards the end of the match when play on our part was not quite so brisk.

Result: School, 4 goals ; Ormskirk, 1 goal.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MATCHES.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	14	12	1	1
Jun. XI	2	1	1	0
2nd. XI	7	6	0	1

HOCKEY LEAGUE TABLE, 1945-46.

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

HOCKEY KNOCK-OUT.

Winners: Clayton.

CRICKET, 1946.

Captain: Glover, R.

Writing these notes after our first rugger match on a really warm and sunny afternoon, one recalled those cold and wet days last term when we shivered in the cricket field. In spite of the unfavourable weather the school 1st XI had a good season. The batting was much sounder and more confident. The first six or seven batsmen were all capable of getting runs and all did so at one time or another, and got them well. The bowling was steady and occasionally very good, but several times could not quite maintain that sustained hostility needed to finish off a side cheaply. This was partly due to the out-fielding which, with one or two evident exceptions, was slow footed and lacking in aggression. Glover captained the side intelligently and had them well together, but he could not always inspire the team with his own enthusiasm and will to win.

CHARACTERS OF THE 1ST XI.

Glover (Captain).—A keen and capable captain. He had rather an unlucky season with the bat but will get lots of runs next year. Quick and safe in the field and a fine example to his side.

Bullivant.—A very useful bat : he has a good eye, is patient, and played some valuable innings. His bowling is not sufficiently fiery, but a really good ball was always potentially possible—He should bowl faster. With his natural assets his fielding should be better.

Brough.—In batting his defence is sound and unperturbable and he hits a loose ball with severity and decision. A useful spin bowler, he keeps plugging away with good length balls. A safe catch in the field.

Edmondson.—Developed into a very good fast medium opening bowler. He makes good use of his height and with the added pace and persistence another year should bring him, we expect much from him next season.

Dalton.—A very sound and thoughtful bat, he rarely makes a bad shot. Despite his lack of inches, he scores quickly, having a nice range of scoring shots. Should develop his leg breaks.

Sheldon.—Much improved as a wicket-keeper. He allowed few byes, missed few catches, and brought off one or two invaluable stumpings. Should improve his batting.

Whitaker.—An attacking bat, he was very severe on a short ball. An excellent catch and very quick to the ball, he was always on the look-out for a run-out—his fielding was a delight to watch.

R.A.B.

RECORD OF CRICKET MATCHES.

SAT., MAY 18TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

Winning the toss, the School went in to bat on a hard wicket. Steady batting tired the opposing bowling and credit goes to Brough and Bullivant, who made 25 and 41 respectively. The School were all out for 109.

Ormskirk were left 1½ hours during which time they had to make 110 runs to win. They, however, soon collapsed under the bowling of Williams and Brough. Of the 20 wickets which fell during the match, only 3 were clean bowled—the rest were mostly caught.

Result: School, 109 ; Ormskirk G.S., 49.

THURS., MAY 23RD. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HUTTON G.S. 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST.

Hutton went in to bat first and made 50 before the third wicket fell. However, the remaining wickets fell very quickly and Hutton were all out for 69, owing to the bowling of Brough and Bullivant.

The school side was rather impatient and, as a result, many were caught out. The School were soon out for 61, of which 24 were made by Glover.

Result: School, 61 ; Hutton, 69.

SAT., MAY 25TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON CATHOLIC COLLEGE 1ST XI. HOME.

DRAWN.

Winning the toss, Preston C.C. went in to bat on a hard dry wicket, and made 37 before Fishwick (29) was brilliantly stumped by Sheldon off a ball from Brough. Several of the Preston team reached their twenties and finally declared at 138 for 6 wickets.

School had only 1½ hours in which to get 139 runs to win. Credit goes to Dalton (55 not out) and Bullivant (35 not out) for scoring rapidly and sportingly to bring the total up to 100 before time was up.

Result: School, 100 for 2 ; Preston C.C., 138 for 6 dec.

WED., MAY 29TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. AN R.A.F. (WASHINGTON HALL) XI.

HOME. WON.

School went in to bat on a hard dry wicket and made 87 all out, of which total Dalton scored 38.

The R.A.F. XI scored freely, making 70 before the fourth wicket fell—it looked as if the R.A.F. had won. They, however, made 80 for 6, and then collapsed under the bowling of Brough and Edmondson and were all out for 85.

Result: School, 87 ; R.A.F. XI, 85.

SAT., JUNE 1ST. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. KIRKHAM G.S. 1ST XI. AWAY. DRAWN.

Winning the toss, School put Kirkham in to bat on a sticky wicket which suited the School spin bowlers, Brough and Bullivant. Kirkham did not show their usual form and were 22 for 8. The 'tail wagged,' however, and Kirkham scraped to 47.

School went in to bat shortly after a 'downpour' and made 25 for 1 wicket before rain intervened.

Result: School, 25 for 1 ; Kirkham G.S., 47.

WED., JUNE 5TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. A PENWORTHAM C.C. XI. HOME. WON.

This was a night match, each team being scheduled to play 1½ hours. Winning the toss, Penwortham went in to bat and scored freely. Nobody, however, made any exceptional score and Penwortham were all out for 78. Edmondson bowled well taking 4 Penwortham wickets for 13 runs.

The School opening pair, Brough (25) and Dalton (40) steadily wore down the opposing bowling and put on 81 for no wicket in just over one hour.

Result: School, 81 for 0 ; Penwortham, 78.

SAT., JUNE 22ND. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. KIRKHAM G.S. 1ST XI. HOME. LOST.

School batting was very weak and the team was dismissed for a mere 59 runs.

After tea, Kirkham made a poor start and were only 34 for 6. However, Edwards batted well and made 35 before being caught in the deep field by Wildman. Kirkham were then 58 for 8 and the School had hopes. The Kirkham last batters, however, scraped past the School total and were all out for 64.

Edmondson again bowled well, taking 5 wickets for 21 runs.

Result: School, 59; Kirkham, 64.

MON., JULY 1ST. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. A COUNTY OFFICES XI. HOME. WON.

This was the second night match of the season, each team being scheduled to play 1½ hours. The school was assisted by Mr. Brown and Mr. Speakman.

The County Offices went in to bat, but were quickly dismissed by the School bowlers. Once more Edmondson bowled extremely well, taking 7 wickets for 19 runs. The County Offices were all out for 38 in about ¾ hour.

Our team was on top of the opposing bowling from the beginning and made 43 for 1 wicket. Brough made 24 not out.

Result: School, 43 for 1; County Offices, 38.

SAT., JULY 16TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON G.S. 1ST XI. AWAY. DRAWN.

Winning the toss, School went in to bat on a wicket which assisted spin bowling. School batted well and scored 119 for 6 wickets, of which score Brough made 31 and Glover 33.

Preston were left with 1½ hours in which time they had to get 120 to win. Edmondson was again on the top of his form and took 6 for 13. ¾ hour before time, Preston G.S. were 44 for 7: their last batters, however, 'stone-walled' and managed to bring their total up to 59 for 8 before time was up.

Result: School, 119 for 6; Preston G.S., 59 for 8.

SAT., JULY 13TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK G.S. 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

School went in to bat on a hard dry wicket, but made a bad start and the innings closed at 80. Sumner made a valuable 25.

Ormskirk, too, made a poor start and were all out for 67. Bullivant bowled extremely well taking 9 wickets for 22 runs.

Result: School, 80; Ormskirk G.S., 67.

WED., JULY 17TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. THE STAFF XI. WON.

The Staff, starting well, reached 30 before the second wicket fell, but then collapsed and were all out for 54. Mr. Wilkinson made a valuable 14 not out, and Brough took 6 for 10 including the 'hat trick.'

The School batted steadily and passed the Staff total with 6 wickets in hand. Dalton batted well, making 20.

Result: School, 55 for 4; Staff, 54.

FRI., JULY 19TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. CANON WYATT'S XI. HOME. WON.

Canon Wyatt's XI made a rather poor start on a wet wicket—at the fall of the 6th wicket they had scored only 13 runs. The 'tail wagged' somewhat furiously and they made 71.

The School, assisted by some members of the Staff, batted steadily, passed the Clergys' total, and finally made 118 for 8. The School's best innings were played by Mr. Wilkinson (32 not out) and Mr. Bennison (25).

Result: School, 118 for 8; Canon Wyatt's XI, 71.

RESULTS OF 1st XI MATCHES.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
12	7	3	2

1st XI CRICKET—1946—AVERAGES.

BATTING.

Name	No. of Innings	Times Not Out	Most in Innings	Runs	Average
Brough	12	3	31	166	18.44
Dalton	11	2	55*	164	18.22
Bullivant	8	2	41	93	15.5
Sumner	2	0	25	30	15
Newton	5	3	10*	24	12
Glover	7	0	33	81	11.57
Brown	7	1	15*	61	10.17
Whitaker	7	1	18	60	10
Edmondson	9	2	11	51	7.29
Wildman	6	1	10	22	4.44
Sheldon	5	1	5	9	2.25
Williams	5	0	7	8	1.6

* Denotes—Not Out.

BOWLING.

Name	No. of Overs	No. of Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Edmondson	94	29	186	34	5.47
Brough	88	24	169	30	5.63
Bullivant	96	28	212	27	7.85
Williams	43	12	110	10	11
Whitaker	22	7	41	3	13.67

HOUSE LEAGUES.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Cuerden	6	3	2	1	8
Worden	6	3	2	1	8
Farington	6	1	2	3	4
Clayton	6	1	2	3	4

In the play-off for the House Shield Cuerden defeated Worden.

HOUSE KNOCK-OUTS.

In the preliminary round, Worden defeated Clayton and Farington defeated Cuerden.

In the final Worden defeated Farington. The scores were :—

Farington : 1st Innings 58 ; 2nd Innings 72.

Worden : 1st Innings 52 for 9 ; 2nd Innings 83 for 4.

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ROUNDERS, 1946.

Captain: M. B. Sutton.

We have been able to play only four 1st team matches this season, and have consequently had little opportunity to improve with experience. The general standard of the game in the school, however, is very good, and the enthusiasm of the juniors augurs well for the future.

Bowler: M. B. Sutton.—A successful third season as bowler. Is alert in fielding and bats well.

Backstop: C. P. Turner.—Usually very swift and accurate both in fielding and throwing. Batting quite good.

1st Base: J. Beal.—Combines well with backstop. A good batter with the ability to place the ball.

2nd Base: M. Elliott.—Keen and alert, but must try to gain more confidence when receiving balls from deep fielders.

3rd Base: M. Bradley.—An enthusiastic player who combines well with the first base, and hits hard.

1st Deep: J. Deacon.—A good all round player. Her fielding is steady, and she has a good eye for the ball when batting.

2nd Deep: B. Dalton.—A reliable fielder with a strong, swift throw.

3rd Deep: E. Jones.—A safe and quick fielder and a very good batter.

4th Deep: M. Grime.—Fields very well and has a good swift throw, though this could be more accurate.

A. Whittle and Joyce Marsden have played well as reserves.

C.I.P.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

MAY 18TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. CONVENT 1ST IX. AWAY. WON.

This, our first match of the season, was not a great victory for us. Playing conditions were not too good, the grass being wet and rather long in parts, and consequently the ball became very slippery. The deeps, however, fielded well and threw the ball in accurately, thus preventing our opponents from scoring, but our batting was not very good and we only succeeded in scoring one rounder.

Result: School, 1 rounder ; Convent, 0.

JUNE 22ND. SCHOOL SENIOR 'A' TEAM v. NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS. AWAY. LOST.

This team was a mixture of 1st and 2nd team players since some of the 1st team were playing in a tennis match. Our fielding was slow and inaccurate enabling our opponents to score some easy rounders. Nor did our batting compensate for our fielding and Newton had an easy victory.

Result: School, 3 rounders ; Newton, 7½.

JULY 6TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST IX. HOME. WON.

Both our fielding and batting were superior to those of our opponents, and as this was our last match we wanted to be victorious. Fortunately the result was definitely in our favour.

Result: School, 15 rounders ; Chorley G.S., 2.

JULY 18TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. THE STAFF. LOST, 11-1.

This year the score was reversed, the staff team being victorious once more. The men's staff batted very well, and the school team found the bowling rather difficult to manage. Rounders were both lost and gained however through the ground being wet with recent heavy rain. Many mishaps occurred at the treacherous 2nd base, while many beautiful dives were executed by the deep fielders in their endeavour to stop the ball. The game was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

MAY 18TH. SCHOOL JUNIOR IX v. WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT JUNIOR IX.

AWAY. WON.

Result: School, 2½ ; Convent, 0.

JUNE 22ND. SCHOOL JUNIOR IX v. NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS JUNIOR IX. AWAY. WON.

Result: School, 10 ; Newton, 2½.

JUNE 29TH. SCHOOL JUNIOR IX v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD JUNIOR IX. HOME.

DRAW.

Result: School, 3 ; Ashton, 3.

JULY 13TH. SCHOOL JUNIOR IX v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL JUNIOR IX.

HOME. LOST.

Result: School, 6 ; Ormskirk G.S., 9.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st IX	4	2	0	2
Junior IX ..	4	2	1	1

ROUNDERS LEAGUE TABLE, 1946.

House	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Clayton	6	5	1	0	11
Farington	6	3	1	2	7
Worden	6	2	0	4	4
Cuerden	6	1	0	5	2

Shield Winners: Clayton.

The final of the Rounders Knock-outs was played between Cuerden and Clayton. Cuerden defeated Clayton by 3 rounders to 2½, Cuerden having to declare because of heavy rain.

Winners: Cuerden.

TENNIS, 1946.

Captain: D. J. Tomlinson.

Although five of last year's team players were left, the team this year was not quite as strong as we had hoped. Perhaps the players were over-confident at the beginning of the season, but after the first defeat, which was rather unexpected, they rallied and began to put up a stronger attack.

Strokes were, on the whole, quite well produced, but there was still a tendency to lack determination, and more control needs to be developed.

TEAM CRITICISMS.

1st Couple:

J. Tomlinson.—This was her third season in the first team, but although she maintained her good style, her play was a little disappointing in some matches. Her net play is good, and she places her shots very well, but carelessness sometimes lost the points her strokes really deserved to win.

C. P. Turner.—Plays a strong and vigorous game and has a very good service. Has gained in confidence but still needs to develop control.

2nd Couple:

M. Bradley.—A very steady player, who places her shots well. Her strokes are good and have increased in force and drive as she has gained confidence.

B. Silcock.—An energetic and capable player who has combined well with her partner. Her long drives are particularly good, but her net play, although quite good, needs continued practice. Her service is very steady.

3rd Couple:

J. Beal.—A steady player who hits hard, but should aim at better style, and must practise volleying and net play.

J. Rodda.—Promising in her first season in the team. Has good style and a good eye for the ball, but is apt to repeat mistakes. With more experience, she should gain the necessary control, and become a very good player. C.I.P.

TENNIS NOTES.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

SAT., MAY 25TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. WIGAN HIGH SCHOOL. HOME. LOST.

The first match of the season was very enjoyable, but unfortunately we were handicapped through lack of practice. Wigan team played steadily, only occasionally coming up to the net. Our team as a whole combined well and made the most of the match.

Result: School, 47 games ; Wigan High School, 52 games.

JUNE 22ND. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS G.S. 1ST VI. AWAY. WON.

We were very fortunate here and played on courts similar to our own. The team gradually gained more confidence in the second match, and played a steady game. The strokes and net play greatly improved towards the end of the match.

Result: School, 56 games ; Newton-le-Willows G.S., 19 games.

JUNE 29TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ASHTON G.S. HOME. WON.

Once again we were unfortunate in the weather and played through a drizzle. We had stiff opposition but we were able to overcome by careful placing of shots. The game had to be discontinued owing to the rain, with one more set to play.

Result: School, 41 games ; Ashton, 27 games.

JULY 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. OLD GIRLS. HOME. LOST.

The Old Girls who had a strong team played well and gave us an excellent game. Their first couple had powerful drives and volleys which had at times a poor reception on our side of the net. However there were many good rallies and it was a very enjoyable match, the play being more even than the score denotes.

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

JULY 13TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ORMSKIRK G.S. HOME. WON.

The Ormskirk team was considerably weakened by the absence of their first couple, which had to be made up by two reserves. The weather was better than in previous matches, and both teams could give of their best. The School played a very keen game ; our back-hands and volleying improved as the game went on, though from the start we played steadily and confidently.

Result: School, 76 ; Ormskirk, 23.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MATCHES.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
5	3	2	0

TENNIS LEAGUE TABLE, 1946.

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

Winners: Clayton.

TENNIS KNOCK-OUTS.

Cuerden defeated Farington in the finals of the Tennis Knock-outs.

CROSS COUNTRY.

Cross country running has been resumed throughout the School this year and the first chapter since the war has been satisfactory without being spectacular. We were fortunate in having good weather almost throughout the term, so that very few of the practice runs were held up and we were fortunate in having fairly good courses for both Juniors and Seniors.

A very creditable keenness has been shown throughout, a keenness which was exemplified in several hotly contested finishes in the Junior and Senior Inter-house competitions. However, while individual distinction was reached by members of all four houses, Farington fairly swept the board by having the first man home in both Junior and Senior and also winning the Inter-house Cup.

The winner of the Senior was G. W. A. Newton (F), whose time was 25 minutes exactly, while the Junior was won by A. E. Milligan (F) in 15 min. 26 secs. The points registered by houses were as follows :—

Farington : 339½.
 Worden : 431½.
 Clayton : 572½.
 Cuerden : 649.

W.J.D.

THE SCHOOL CHESS TEAM

A School Chess Team was formed last February on the initiative of a few boys who wanted competitive chess with other teams. Accordingly a two-months period of intensive training was arranged and at the end of it we found a team possessing sufficient chess technique capable of holding its own with other teams.

Actual match-play, however, proved that the boys' abilities had been somewhat underestimated, for in the first match against the County Offices on March 26th, we won by the extraordinary margin of 6 wins, 0 losses and 1 draw ! This was followed by a win over the County Police on April 8th by 5 wins to 2, and a return win against the Police by 6 wins to 2.

But perhaps the most important match from the boys' point of view was the one with Hutton on May 4th, since it was Hutton who challenged us in the first place. We won this match by 4 wins, 2 losses and 1 draw. Actually we came very near to winning 6 games out of the 7, for Hughes made the only poor move I have known him make in match play, and he was obliged to accept a draw instead of a certain win ; whilst Becconsall made a weak move when he was a piece up against Buxton, thereby losing a game which he, too, should have won.

Probably our toughest match was with St. Ambrose (Leyland) on May 10th, for their two leading players were Mr. Warren, the present champion of Preston and an old Essex County player, and Mr. Townson, this year's runner-up for the Preston Championship. Their Board 3, too, was a good player, for he defeated Williams (game adjudicated) who had won all his previous games. However, Balshaws won the match easily by 5 wins to 2 and with 1 draw.

And now a few words about the various members of the team. First, Hughes, who has remained undefeated in all six matches. He is a good, sound player in attack and, what is more rare, he defends well under pressure. He never loses his head and very rarely makes a careless move.

Williams, too, is a good and careful player, having been defeated only once in six games. His one fault is that when he is a piece up he goes a long way round to win ; he must learn to exchange ruthlessly and to simplify the position.

Broadbent is very good, but very variable. On his day he is the best player in the school, but unfortunately he gets discouraged when he has an inferior position. When he can learn to fight to the bitter end he will be a first-class player ; otherwise inferior players will sometimes beat him.

Becconsall plays good, careful chess for nineteen moves out of twenty, and this suffices to beat the majority of his opponents. Sometimes he makes a weak move at a critical point of the game. However, he is young and I am quite sure he will be a first-class player when he leaves school.

Porter has developed into a good player, but he still plays a trifle too fast. When he can school himself to think carefully before each move, then it will take a good player indeed to beat him.

The other board has been shared by Richardson and Barrett, who each won three games out of four. Richardson will be in the team permanently this year, and only needs more practice to reach the standard of the others.

This year we hope to play at least twelve games. To fill the two vacancies caused by Williams and Barrett leaving school, we are holding a Tournament among the following six players :—Livesey, Chase, Jackson, Nelson, Womar and Allsup.

Here are the full results for the season 1945-46 :—

Date	Opponents	Wins	Draws	Losses	Result
March 29	County Offices ..	6	1	0	Win
April 9	County Police	5	0	2	Win
April 26	County Offices ..	3	1	3	Tie
May 4	Hutton G.S.	4	1	2	Win
May 10	St. Ambrose	5	1	2	Win
May 15	County Police	6	0	2	Win

B.L.W.

HOUSE NOTES.

CLAYTON HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. Bull.

House Mistress: Miss Doherty.

House Captains: Richardson, K. D. (Boys) ; S. A. Haydock (Girls).

Yet another year in the history of Clayton House has passed. One of the outstanding features, especially to the newcomers, was the party which was held the term before last. It was a credit to all who helped to organise it and to all who took part in it. It is needless to say that the House can look forward to many more parties of an even better quality than before.

The girls of Clayton have upheld the honour of the House during the past year by winning both the Hockey Leagues and Knockouts, and also the Rounders Leagues. Well done, girls.

But sad to say, the boys, though trying hard as usual, were outplayed by the other Houses. However, we are looking forward to another season, and we are not to be discouraged by such set backs.

The 'Silver Griffin' still eludes us, but if we 'put our backs into it' this year, we may see it in our House room soon amid other glittering trophies.

I am sure all members of Clayton House, especially the older ones, will join me in sending our best wishes to Miss Royle and in telling her that we shall all be glad to see her whenever she can find time to pay us a visit.

Finally, I should like to send greetings and good wishes to all the old members of the House who have gone out into the world, and also to the new members in Clayton House.

CUERDEN HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. C. S. Hilditch.

House Mistress: Miss K. Whewell.

House Captains: Edmondson, P. E. (Boys) ; M. Downham (Girls).

The topic to deserve first mention in our House notes this year is our annual House party which was held during the Summer term of last year. Our party was just as successful as that of the previous year which was the first for many years. It began very successfully with an excellent tea which was pleasantly concluded by a very amusing speech given by Mr. Hilditch, who was taking over the duties of House Master from Mr. Bennison. Mr. Bennison had replaced Mr. Hilditch during his period of service in the Royal Air Force. After tea there were some very amusing sketches given by members of the House, followed by a varied assortment of games and dances. I think the high light of the evening was when we were all presented with raspberries and ice cream. We only hope that the next party which we intend to hold this term, will be as successful as the last and will be enjoyed by all new members of the House who are most heartily welcomed.

Now to revert to the athletic side of the House's records. We have quite a few pleasing results to report. I must not fail to mention Patricia Turner who once more brought honour to the House by winning the Victrix Ludorum with her excellent display of athletic skill. The boys were successful in winning both the Rugger and Cricket Leagues, but they were very unlucky in that they lost the Rugger Knock-outs by one try. Unlike the boys, the girls failed to win any of the Leagues, but in the Knock-outs they quite shone, winning both the Tennis and Rounders.

Even though we have had such a successful year, I hope for even better achievements in the coming year and I am sure that if every member of the House makes his or her best effort we shall attain all we desire.

FARINGTON HOUSE.

House Master: Mr. Fisher.

House Mistress: Miss Milroy.

House Captains: Sheldon R. (Boys) ; R. Cardwell (Girls).

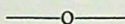
Once again in 'The Balshavian' we record our various failures and successes. For Farington, alas, they are mostly failures, and we weep as we write, hiding our

heads in shame whilst others gloat. As the other Houses will have proclaimed, we baldly state that someone else won the Hockey, Rugby, Rounders, Tennis and Cricket Leagues, though we did win the Rugby Knock-outs. But, at least, on one lucky day, we did win the Cross country, thanks to Newton and Milligan; and on Sports Day, otherwise a mournful blank, Farington won the Mile, and pulled nobly in the Tugs.

With heads sanguinary but unbowed, we revive sufficiently to welcome to the ancient House the new members who, we hope, will carry on the struggle more successfully in future years. We also welcome Mr. Fisher, our new House master, of whom we expect great things. This welcome, however, is coupled with deep regret at the resignation of Mr. Lomax, who had served the House well and faithfully for fifteen years. The newcomers to the House suffer a loss in not having known his benevolent and kindly leadership.

However, we must face the future cheerfully, gird up our loins, and, following Mr. Fisher in orderly battalions, fight on the field for further laurels, especially the coveted Silver Griffin. The dingy immediate past is lightened by the glow of the House party. It was the last of the series and had much to live up to. We think it was "a reet gradely do," and we hope everyone had a good time. Certainly, Geoff. Riding, Mr. Fisher and Miss Milroy exerted themselves nobly in the Great Cause; Riding showed himself to be an expert conjuror, and he deserved all the applause he received.

Here the House Recorder may lay down his pen, thankfully conscious that no House notes may be aggressively demanded until next year, and that there may be many more athletic achievements by that time.



WORDEN HOUSE

House Master: Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

House Mistress: Miss M. A. Rahill.

House Captains: Glover, R. H. (Boys); M. Lund (Girls).

Once again we have begun a new school year, and we must bid welcome to the new members of the House, and try to inspire them and the younger members by recording some of the activities and achievements of the past term. It has always been said of Worden that its actions speak louder than its words, but yet, we feel it is our duty to make some account of our efforts.

During the past term, Wordenites have striven hard and their efforts have been well rewarded. On Sports Day, we won the House Championship Cup and the Inter-House Relay Cup in magnificent style, and we heartily congratulate all who took part in these victories. Bullivant became Victor Ludorum for the second time in succession.

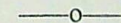
Our efforts at cricket were most encouraging: the Knock-out team defeated Clayton in the preliminary round and Farington in the final, while the League team topped the League Table with Cuerden, but were just defeated by them in a deciding match for the shield.

The spirit evident in the efforts of our boys is shown also in the girls, although they have not gained quite as much success. At Tennis and Rounders they fought hard and took first place in the Tennis League Table, but only 3rd place in the Rounders. In the Tennis and Rounders Knock-outs they were defeated in the preliminary rounds.

However, perhaps the most coveted of all trophies—the Silver Griffin, awarded for scholastic merit, is ours at last. Let us resolve to keep it.

Our social activities have also been a great success—I am sure everyone who came to our House Party had a really good time. One of the highlights of the party was 'The Ballet Comique' arranged by Mr. Wilkinson, and we take this opportunity to thank all who helped to make the party a success.

With these cheerful notes of success still ringing in our ears, we look to the future with confidence. Let us work hard both on the playing-field and in the classroom, to retain the trophies we have gained, and to keep the name of Worden in its rightful, honourable position.



"NON SIBI SED ALIIS"

November 11th, 1945—Earl Haig's Poppy Fund—£3-14-3.

December 3rd, 1945—Help to French Schools—Approximately 600 articles.

April 11th, 1946—R.N. Lifeboat Institution—£2-4-1.

July 5th, 1946—Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies—£2-3-11.

July 12th, 1946—Alexandra Rose Day—£1-10-0.

September 19th, 1946—St. John Ambulance (Leyland Division)—£2-11-3.



OLD GIRLS' NOTES

We are making an attempt this year to re-establish the Old Girls' Association after several years of inactivity during the war period. The annual subscription is still 2s. 6d., and may be paid to me or to the Hon. Treasurer, Madeline Winter.

The Hockey Section is now in full swing, being organised by Norah Williams (Hesketh).

The Headmaster has kindly granted us the use of the School Tennis Courts on Thursday evenings during the season.

Old Students' Day was very successful in spite of the bad weather. The dance was very enjoyable and it was good to see many old friendships renewed.

We expect to hold several social events during the coming winter season, and hope to have the full support of all Old Students. Whether or not dances will be held regularly as they were in the past, will depend upon the success of the first few, so do come along and help!

Joan Jackson (Hon. Sec.),
10 Bow Lane, Leyland.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

I regret to complain, but the subject is pressing, and you, Sir, will give me I trust lest I scribble in vain, space and blessing, that for many whose grammar is weak, or whose writing is far from inviting, my phrases may speak and convey, with all due humility, what they would say, if they had the ability. The fact is, a cut in the ration of juice, has put us, or kept us, in what I may venture, to term, so I think, the communal clink, namely Latin, or History, Maths, and the rest; it has rendered the clock that should bring us release, a mere laughing-stock, and a breach of the peace. It is needless to say, there is no extra pay, for the pupil or those who are thought to instruct him, but at night when he's tucked him in tight for restoring his faculties worn out by labour, and snoring, the current is then what they call in their jargon, up-speeded, as much as is needed, and he that is we, have the worst of the bargain, again, as you see, being done, that is double: now Sir, I suggest, it would be much less trouble, to scrap all this modern and useless precision, get back to the classical clearness of vision, in each room let there be a vessel provided, of glass, in two halves by a gullet divided, that the sand through may trickle from one to the other, with no inexactitude, hubbub, or bother, and quite unaffected by cold or by heat, and the malice of even our climate defeat. Moreover what joy to the birdminded boy, who could watch the grains trickle, and muckle made mickle, while over his head all in vain, theoretic, the master was booming, and peripatetic. I will sign myself *Pro*, as the saying is, *Bono*, our suffering *Publico*, cold as a stone-o.

CALENDAR

1946

SEPTEMBER

W.	11	Supervision Duty: Miss Milroy; V. Pinder; Glover, R. H.
Th.	12	
F.	13	
S.	14	North-West Regional Rounders Rally in School Grounds.
M.	16	Supervision Duty: Mr. Downer; D. R. Ackers; Sheldon, R. P.
Tu.	17	
W.	18	
Th.	19	
F.	20	
S.	21	
M.	23	Supervision Duty: Miss Lewis; R. Cardwell; Bush, D.
Tu.	24	
W.	25	
Th.	26	
F.	27	
S.	28	Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Kirkham G. S. 1st XV. (a) School 2nd XV v. Kirkham G. S. 2nd XV (h)
M.	30	Supervision Duty: Mr. Bull; S. A. Haydock; Hughes, H.

OCTOBER

Tu.	1	
W.	2	
Th.	3	
F.	4	
S.	5	Hockey: School 1st XI v. Hindley G.S. 1st XI (h). School 2nd XI v. Hindley G.S. 2nd XI (h). Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Wigan G.S. 1st XI (h). School Bantam XV v. Wigan G.S. Bantam XV (h).
M.	7	Supervision Duty: Mr. Fisher; J. Marsden, Edmondson, P. E. Last date of application for County Advanced Course Exhibitions.
W.	9	Rugger Leagues: Cl. v F. (1); Cu. v W. (1). Hockey Leagues: Cl. v W. (1); Cu. v F. (1)
Th.	10	
F.	11	2-45 p.m. Film Show.
S.	12	Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Hutton G.S. 1st XV (h).
M.	14	Supervision Duty: Miss Doherty; J. Parkin; Howard, G.
Tu.	15	Last date for receipt of contributions to "The Balshavian" Vo. XXII, No. 1.
W.	16	Rugger Leagues: Cl. v Cu. (1); F. v W. (1). Hockey Leagues: Cl. v F. (1); Cu. v W. (1).
Th.	17	
F.	18	
S.	19	Hockey: School 1st XI v. Rivington G.S. 1st XI (h). School 2nd XI v. Rivington G.S. 2nd XI (h). Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Wigan G.S. 1st XV (a). School Bantam XV v. Wigan G.S. Bantam XV (a).
M.	21	Supervision Duty: Mr. Hilditch; M. Downham; Newton, G. W. A.
Tu.	22	
W.	23	Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Blackpool G.S. 1st XV (h). School Bantam XV v. Blackpool G.S. Bantam XV (h).
Th.	24	
F.	25	
S.	26	Hockey: School 1st XI v. Newton-le-Willows G.S. 1st XI (a). School 2nd XI v. Newton-le-Willows G.S. 1st XI (a). Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Hutton G.S. 1st XV (a).
M.	28	Supervision Duty: Mr. Brown; S. K. Guymer; Richardson, D. K.
Tu.	29	
W.	30	Rugger Leagues: Cl. v W. (1); Cu. v F. (1). Hockey Leagues: Cl. v Cu. (1); F. v W. (1).
Th.	31	

NOVEMBER

- F. 1 2-45 p.m. Lecture: "Roman Lancashire" by Dr. G. H. Tupling.
 S. 2 Hockey: School 1st XI v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st XI (h).
 School Junior XI v. Ormskirk G.S. Junior XI (h).
 M. 4 & 5 Half Term Holiday.
 W. 6 Supervision Duty: Miss Woffindin; M. Lund; Glover, R. H.
 Th. 7
 F. 8
 S. 9 Hockey: School 1st XI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. 1st XI (a).
 Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st XV (a).
 School Bantam XV v. Ormskirk G.S. Bantam XV (a).
 M. 11 Supervision Duty: Mr. Wilkinson; V. Pinder; Sheldon, R. P.
 Tu. 12
 W. 13 Rugger Leagues: Cl. v F. (2); Cu. v W. (2).
 Hockey Leagues: Cl. v W. (2); Cu. v F. (2).
 Th. 14
 F. 15
 S. 16 Hockey: School 1st XI v. Chorley G.S. 1st XI (a).
 School 2nd XI v. Chorley G.S. 2nd XI (a).
 Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Kirkham G.S. 1st XV (h).
 School 2nd XV v. Kirkham G.S. 2nd XV (a).
 M. 18 Supervision Duty: Mr. Morgan; D. R. Ackers; Bush, D.
 Tu. 19
 W. 20
 Th. 21 Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. A Sedbergh School XV (a).
 F. 22
 S. 23 Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. a A Rossall School XV (a).
 M. 25 Supervision Duty: Miss Markland; R. Cardwell; Hughes, H.
 Tu. 26
 W. 27 Rugger Leagues: Cl. v Cu. (2); F. v W. (2).
 Hockey Leagues: Cl. v F. (2); Cu. v W. (2).
 Th. 28
 F. 29 2-45 p.m. Film Show.
 S. 30 Hockey: School 1st XI v. Preston Park School 1st XI (a).
 School 2nd XI v. Preston Park School 2nd XI (a).
 Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st XV (h).
 School Bantam XV v. Ormskirk G.S. Bantam XV (h)

DECEMBER

- M. 2 Supervision Duty: Mr. Speakman; S. A. Haydock; Edmondson, P. E.
 School Examinations (First Day).
 Tu. 3 School Examinations (Second Day).
 W. 4 School Examinations (Third Day).
 Th. 5
 F. 6
 S. 7 Rugby Football: School 1st XV v. A Stonyhurst College XV (a).
 M. 9 Supervision Duty: Miss Milroy; J. Marsden; Howard, G.
 Tu. 10
 W. 11 Rugger Leagues: Cl. v W. (2); Cu. v F. (2).
 Hockey Leagues: Cl. v Cu. (2); F. v W. (2).
 Th. 12
 F. 13 Publication of "The Balshavian" Vol. XXII, No. 1.
 S. 14 Hockey: School 1st XI v. Preston Convent School 1st XI (h).
 School 2nd XI v. Preston Convent School 2nd XI (h).
 M. 16 Supervision Duty: Mr. Downer; J. Parkin; Newton, G.W.A.
 7-30 p.m. Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes.
 Tu. 17
 W. 18
 Th. 19 2-0 p.m. School Carol Service.
 F. 20 Autumn Term ends.

Spring Term commences, January 8th, 1947.
 Spring Term ends March 28th, 1947.

MISCELLANEA.

- Clayton House:** House Mistress: Miss A. Doherty, B.A.
 House Master: Mr. A. J. Bull, M.A.
 House Captains: S. A. Haydock (Girls); Richardson, D. K. (Boys)
 House Colour: Green.
 House Room: IV B.
- Cuerden House:** House Mistress: Miss K. Whewell, A.R.C.A.
 House Master: Mr. C. S. Hilditch, B.A.
 House Captains: M. Downham (Girls); Edmondson, P. E. (Boys)
 House Colour: Red.
 House Room: III A.
- Farington House:** House Mistress: Miss A. Milroy, B.A.
 House Master: Mr. R. W. Fisher, M.A.
 House Captains: R. Cardwell (Girls); Sheldon, R. P. (Boys).
 House Colour: Gold.
 House Room: I B.
- Worden House:** House Mistress: Miss M. A. Rahill, B.A.
 House Master: Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A.
 House Captains: M. Lund (Girls); Glover, R. H. (Boys).
 House Colour: Blue.
 House Room: I A.
- Boys:** Head Prefect: Glover, R. H. Prefects: Hughes, H., Sheldon, R. P.
 Sub-Prefects: Bush, D., Edmondson, P. E., Howard, G., Newton, G. W. A.,
 Richardson, D. K.
- Girls:** Head Prefect: V. Pinder. Prefect: R. Cardwell. Sub-Prefects: D. R.
 Ackers, S. A. Haydock, J. Marsden, J. Parkin, M. Downham, S. K. Guymer,
 M. Lund.
- Captain of Rugby Football:** Sheldon, R. P.
- Captain of Hockey:** M. V. Bamber.
- Milk:** 10.45 a.m. in Dining Room. Tuberculin-Tested (T.T.) Milk (with straw)
 can be obtained at "Break."
- School Buses:** School buses run from the Ribble Bus Station, Tithebarn Street,
 Preston, at 8-20 a.m., and from the Ribble Bus Station, Chorley, at 8-25 a.m.
 daily and pick up pupils en route. School buses for Preston leave the School
 gates at 4-10 p.m. daily.

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

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

School Periods:

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

Afternoon Period: (a) Mondays to Thursdays

	1-45 to 1-50 p.m.	Form meetings.
	1-50 to 2-30 p.m.	Fifth Period.
	2-30 to 3-15 p.m.	Sixth Period.
	3-15 to 4-0 p.m.	Seventh Period.
(b) Fridays:—		
	1-45 to 1-50 p.m.	Form meetings.
	1-50 to 2-15 p.m.	Fifth Period.
	2-15 to 2-45 p.m.	Sixth Period.
	2-45 to 3-15 p.m.	Seventh Period.
	3-15 to 4-0 p.m.	Societies.

Meetings :

National Savings Group (Miss Lewis and Miss Markland)—in Physics Lab., 12-30 to 1-30 p.m. on Mondays.

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Mondays :	10-05 to 10-10	News Commentary (IC).
	11-20 to 11-40	How Things Began (IA).
	2-05 to 2-25	Stories from World History (IC).
Tuesdays :	10-05 to 10-10	News Commentary (IB and IC).
	2-35 to 3-00	Senior English II (VB).
Wednesdays :	2-15 to 2-35	General Science (IIIA).
Fridays :	10-05 to 10-10	News Commentary (IB and IC).
	11-20 to 11-40	Citizenship (IIIA).
	2-00 to 2-15	Travel Talks (IIC).

GAMES.

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

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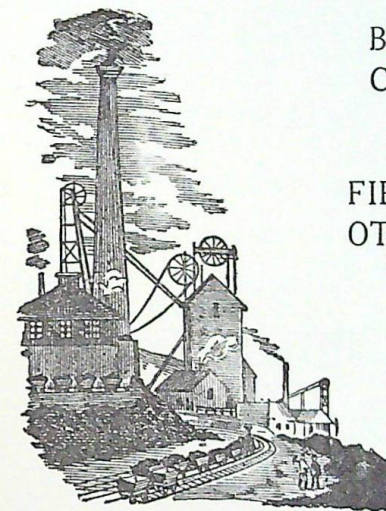
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