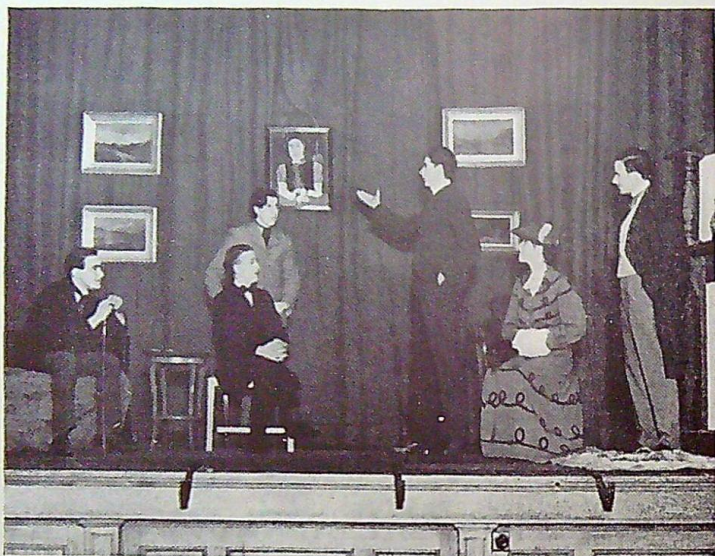


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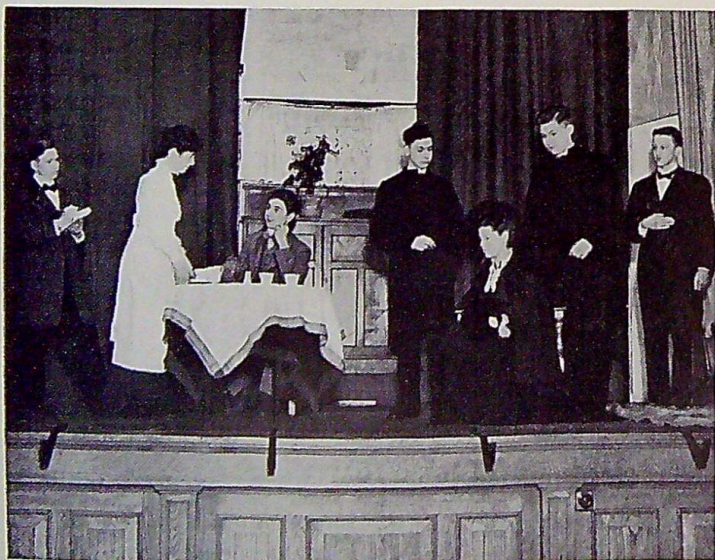
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"THE GREAT ADVENTURE"
March 20th and 22nd, 1947.



Carve: "If any man wishes to be convinced that I am a great artist let him look at my work."



Mrs. Shawn: "Yes, they would go into the church, both of them and I don't know how we've managed."

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EDITORIAL.

It hardly seems possible that a year can have passed since the Editor was last harassed by commas, semi-colons, and intractable members of the Staff, so recent is the memory. Since then, however, we have passed through a severe and trying winter, and a long and beautiful summer to autumn, which is indeed the time for the Editor to sharpen her pencil and get to work.

In this year of hard work and crisis, with cuts and rumours of cuts to harass still more a nation frayed by six years of war, comes one pleasing bit of news: the announcement of the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten. We, at Balshaw's, join with the nation as a whole in wishing them every happiness.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys. Head Prefect: Edmondson, P. W.

Prefect: Riding, G.

Sub-Prefects: Dalton, J. U., Entwisle, E. D., Skilbeck, D., Wright, R. W., Wildman, R., Bennison, R. A. D., Toze, A. C., Price, R. E., Waring, J. M., Curren, W. R.

Girls. Head Prefect: D. R. Ackers.

Prefects: Joan L. Marsden, E. Jones.

Sub-Prefects: E. K. Astley, P. M. Barker, M. Elliott, M. Farnell, M. Hargreaves, G. E. Harrison, S. Hindle, E. M. Hinchcliffe, Z. E. Dawson, J. Deacon, J. Spencer, Joyce Marsden, B. Norris, J. Rodda.

The School was deeply grieved to hear of the death on the 27th September of its former Headmaster, Mr. Jackson. As a last mark of respect, the school prefects and sub-prefects, Mr. & Mrs. Oldland, Mr. Lomax, Miss Rahill, Miss Milroy and Miss Whewell attended his funeral at Leyland Parish Church.

We again have to report changes of staff. Mr. Fisher has left us to take up a post in Keswick, and Miss Woffinden to teach in Birmingham. We send our best wishes with them, and also welcome Miss Twist, who takes Mr. Fisher's place, and Mr. Leithead who has come to teach Latin.

The usual House Parties and Prefects' Social have been held during the year, each differing, but very successful.

Speech Day was held on December 16th, when the prizes were presented by Mr. C. E. Young, Headmaster of Rossall.

Our Dramatic production this year was "The Great Adventure" by Arnold Bennett, on March 20th and 22nd. An appreciation of the play will be found in the magazine.

Once again, the School Choir gave us a most enjoyable Carol Service, and the annual party which followed was a great success.

At the University of Liverpool, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Science) was conferred on F. Haworth, who was at Balshaw's from 1933 to 1940. Dr. Haworth left Liverpool in September, 1946, to take up a Colonial Agricultural Scholarship at Cambridge, and in recent examinations was awarded the Diploma in Agricultural Science (Class I), elected a scholar of St. John's College, and elected the T. H. Middleton prize winner.

We have had several interesting lectures and Central Office of Information Film Shows during the year, and reported in this issue.

Although the weather for Sports Day was disappointing, the event was a great success. We congratulate the Victor Ludorum, Bullivant, and the Victrix Ludorum, Margery Turner. An account of the Sports is included in the magazine.

We congratulate the following Old Pupils who have been married in the course of the year :—Jean Elliott to Richard Bloomfield, Joan Jackson, Secretary of the Old Girls' Association, to Mr. Jones, and Madeleine Winter to Kenneth Lee. The latter were both Old Students of the school.

There have been several changes in School Societies since our last issue. The Pictorial History Society has been discontinued, and a new Debating Society formed by Miss Johnson, while Mr. Leithead has formed a Junior Classical Society, and Miss Twist a Knitting Club.

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 :—D. Ackers, R. Cardwell, B. Lambert, M. Lund, J. L. Marsden, J. Parkin, V. Pinder, Edmondson, P. W., Glover, R. H., Howard, G., Hughes, H., Milner, W. D., Newton, G. W. A., Richardson, K. D., Sheldon, R. P.

Successful candidates in the Oxford School Certificate examination were :—

Ball, A., Becconsall, K., Bond, J., Broadbent, T. G., Brown, A., Busfield, H. J., Chapman, E. T., Entwistle, J., Fowler, D., Haydock, F. S., Hinchliffe, G. D., Jameson, R., Kay, S., Lavender, R., Meadows, A., Milligan, A., Ogden, D., Parker, E., Place, E., Porter, K., Swift, N., Vickers, E., Watkinson, A., Womar, A., Wright, J. P., Yates, N., E. Bennett, E. Blogg, P. Burnie, B. Chapman, P. Dickinson, J. Farrer, B. Hargreaves, W. Harrison, J. Heald, M. Hope, B. Langton, S. Lawson, J. Miller, E. Nelson, V. Newsham, B. Norris, R. Parkinson, B. Rawcliffe, J. Rodda, K. Rushton, D. Sheldon, M. Speakman, D. Stamper, A. Standidge, L. Swire, M. Turner, E. Whittle, J. Williams, M. Withnell.

Our congratulations go to Hughes who was awarded State, County Major, Hulme Hall and Hamer Scholarships ; to Glover, who was awarded a County Major Scholarship ; and to Rose Cardwell who was awarded a County Bursary.

The following have gone to Training Colleges and Universities this year :—

Girls :—E. Burnie to St. Gabriel's Training College, London ; R. Cardwell to Manchester University ; V. E. M. Lambert to the Training College, Derby ; J. Parkin to Liverpool University ; M. Downham to Berridge House Domestic Science College, London ; M. Lund to the Training College, Ripon ; S. Guymer to Battersea Polytechnic Domestic Science College, London ; V. Pinder to University College, Leicester ; M. Bamber to Berridge House Domestic Science College, London ; J. Coutts to Edgehill Training College, Ormskirk ; J. Threlfall to St. Katherine's College, Liverpool.

Boys :—Glover, R. H., to Liverpool University ; Hughes, H., to Manchester University ; Bailey P., to University College, Leicester.

Our congratulations go to :—

Clayton House who won the Cricket Knockouts and Rounders Leagues ;

Cuerden House who won the Rounders Knockouts, the Hockey Leagues, and the Sports Cup ;

Farington House who won the Rugby Knockouts and Cricket Leagues ;

Worden House who won the Hockey Knockouts, Tennis Knockouts, Rugby Leagues, Tennis Leagues, and also the Silver Griffin for Scholastic Merit.

We wish to thank all other schools who have sent us their magazines.

We congratulate Mr. Oldland and Mary Lund, who defeated Mr. Bennison and Eileen Burnie in the finals of the Tennis Tournament.

SALVETE.

To Clayton House : E. M. Aston, V. J. Ball, M. H. Barker, A. Bleasdale, D. A. Bownass, A. Calderbank, S. Cook, N. M. Cunliffe, F. T. Entwistle, J. E. Heaton, A. J. Jennings, S. Kershaw, N. L. Kirkham, B. Lawson, M. M. Maidment, S. L. Martland, J. Nuttall, M. Pownall, M. L. Riding, D. Rogers, L. P. Roskell, A. Scott, J. Swift, E. A. Taylor, J. M. Thomas, J. Tyrer, Burlington, R., Charles, K., Forrest, B. W., Gill, A., Gold, I. D., Porter, A.

To Cuerden House : J. M. Astley, J. M. Brooks, J. Y. Dempsey, D. P. H. Farrer, M. H. Farrer, C. Green, L. M. Halsall, R. M. Hammond, J. Harrison, G. M. Hendry, W. C. McIntyre, P. Megson, E. Mercer, A. E. Morris, B. M. Philipson, P. M. Semple, V. Smalley, M. Smith, F. Tattersall, D. F. Woodburn, Bullon, D., Croasdale, K., Hudson, E., Hunt, J. E., Johnson, R. H., Proudlove, J., Roberts, A., Williams, A. T., Whittaker, C., Woosey, G. S.

To Farington House : F. H. Atkinson, V. Bamber, S. Bretherton, I. Burns, M. E. R. Chisnall, S. A. Cook, E. Croft, A. Dears, S. D. Dowling, E. I. Eastham, D. J. Hall, B. M. Hammond, J. Ingham, P. M. James, D. Jeffery, B. Kenyon, A. C. Leach, M. L. Marland, D. M. Oldland, M. Parkinson, J. Singleton, J. Waddington, E. M. Whittle, D. C. Wilford, M. Worrell, Chapman, E. T., Chapman, M. A., Gorden, W., Cross, K., Hayes, G. L., Ismay, J. S., Lambert, J., Mellwaine, C., Owen, D. A., Palmer, H. J., Pye, J., Riding, C. P., Robinson, P. K., Swarbrick, J., Taylor, G. N., Taylor, J. W., Taylor, G. S., Withnell, D. A.

To Worden House : F. M. Allen, M. Appleton, H. M. W. Ashcroft, S. Bamber, P. M. Barker, M. Beardwood, J. Cairns, J. Crossley, A. M. Collinson, M. Dawber, P. R. Higgins, D. A. Riding, J. Ritchie, B. A. Robinson, S. A. Rothwell, I. Shuttleworth, E. J. Werry, J. J. Wild, R. M. Wilson, Aspin, D. N., Barnes, B., Brewer, D. A., Cuerden, D., McWilliam, J. C., Singleton, D., Threlfall, D. R., Threlfall, D. L., Threlfall, J., Wright, P. R.

VALETE (Boys)

Glover, R. H.—U.VI. Worden. Head Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. Higher School Certificate, 1947. County Major Scholarship. 1st Rugby XV, 1945-1946. Captain 1st Cricket XI, 1945, 1946, 1947. Cricket colours, 1945, 1946, 1947. Athletic colours, 1946, 1947. Rugby colours 1946. Worden House Captain.

Hughes, H.—U.VI. Farington. Prefect. School Certificate, 1945, Higher School Certificate, 1947. State, County Major, Hulme Hall and Hamer Scholarships. 1st Rugby XV, 1946. 2nd Cricket XI, Cricket Leagues. Rugby and Cricket knockouts. School Chess Team.

Sheldon, R. P.—U.VI. Farington. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1945, Higher School Certificate, 1947. Captain 1st Rugby XV, 1945, 1946. 1st Cricket XI, 1945, 1946. Cricket and Rugby Knockouts. Farington House Captain.

Bailey, P.—U.VI. Farington. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. Higher School Certificate, 1947. Rugby and Cricket Leagues.

Bush, D.—U.VI. Farington. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. 1st Rugby XV, 1946. Cricket and Rugby Knockouts.

Howard, G.—U.VI. Worden. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. Higher School Certificate, 1947. 1st Rugby XV, 1945, 1946. Cricket Leagues. Rugby Knockouts. Rugby colours, 1946. Cross Country team.

Milner, W. D.—U.VI. Worden. School Certificate, 1945. Higher School Certificate, 1947.

Newton, G. W. A.—U.VI. Farington. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. Higher School Certificate, 1947. 1st Rugby XV, 1946. 1st Cricket XI, 1946. Rugby colours, 1946. Cross Country colours, 1946.

Richardson, K. D.—U.VI. Clayton. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. Higher School Certificate, 1947. Clayton House Captain. School Chess Team.

Haydock, J. S.—L.VI. Worden. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1946. 1st Cricket XI, 1947. 2nd Rugby XV. Rugby and Cricket Knockouts.

Bullivant, W. G.—L.VI. Worden. School Certificate, 1946. 1st Rugby XV, 1945, 1946. 1st Cricket XI, 1945, 1946. Cross Country Team. Cricket colours, 1946. Victor Ludorum, 1945, 1946, 1947. Athletic colours, 1945, 1946, 1947.

Daley, L.—L.VI. Cuerden. School Certificate, 1946.

Simpson, N. W.—L.VI. Farington. School Certificate, 1946. 1st Rugby XV, 1946. Cricket Leagues. Rugby Knockouts.

Thornley, M. E.—L.VI. Farington. School Certificate, 1946. Cricket and Rugby Leagues.

Whitehead, C. J.—L.VI. Cuerden. School Certificate, 1946. 2nd Rugby XI. Cricket Leagues. Rugby Knockouts.

Entwistle, J.—V.A. Worden. School Certificate, 1947. 2nd Rugby XV. Cricket and Rugby Leagues.

Hinchliffe, G. D.—V.A. Farington. School Certificate, 1947. Rugby and Cricket Leagues.

Jameson, R.—V.A. Clayton. School Certificate, 1947. 2nd Cricket XI. Rugby Leagues and Knockouts.

Vickers, E. S.—V.A. Cuerden. School Certificate, 1947. 1st Rugby XV, 1946. Cricket Leagues. Rugby and Cricket Knockouts.

Yates, W.—V.A. Cuerden. School Certificate, 1947. 2nd Rugby XV. Rugby and Cricket Leagues and Knockouts.

Hayhurst, N. W.—V.B. Cuerden. 2nd Rugby XV.

Lavender, R.—V.B. Farington. School Certificate, 1947.

Sumner, H. R.—V.B. Clayton. 1st Cricket XI, 1947. 2nd Rugby XV. Rugby and Cricket Knockouts.

Taylor, B.—V.B. Worden. 2nd Cricket XI. Rugby Leagues. Cricket Knockouts.

Womar, A.—V.B. Cuerden. School Certificate, 1947. 1st Rugby XV, 1946. 2nd Cricket XI. Rugby and Cricket Knockouts.

Hopwood, J.—3.A. Farington.

Gavan, J. S.—3.B. Clayton.

Hobson, G.—2.B. Clayton.

VALETE. (Girls)

V. Pinder.—U.VI. Clayton. Head Prefect. School Certificate, 1944. Higher School Certificate, 1947. Hockey Leagues and Knockouts. School Librarian. Sub-editor of "The Balshavian."

R. Cardwell.—U.VI. Farington. Prefect. School Certificate, 1944. Higher School Certificate, 1946, 1947. County Bursary, 1947. Hockey Leagues and Knnckouts. Librarian. Farington House Captain.

J. Parkin.—U.VI. Cuerden. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. Higher School Certificate, 1947. School 1st Hockey XI, 1945, 1946. Rounders and Tennis Leagues. Hockey and Tennis Knockouts. Sub-editor of "The Balshavian." Games Captain of Cuerden House.

M. V. Bamber.—L.VI. Farington. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Captain 1st Hockey XI, 1946. Tennis Leagues and Knockouts. Hockey colours, 1945, 1946.

E. W. Burnie.—U.VI. Clayton. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1945.

M. Downham.—U.VI. Cuerden. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. Captain 1st Tennis VI, 1947. Rounders Leagues. Tennis and Rounders Knockouts. Cuerden House Captain.

S. Guymmer.—U.VI. Clayton. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. Tennis and Hockey Leagues. Tennis Knockouts.

S. A. Haydock.—U.VI. Clayton. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. Clayton House Captain.

V. E. M. Lambert.—U.VI. Clayton. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. Higher School Certificate, 1947. Tennis Leagues.

M. Lund.—U.VI. Worden. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. Higher School Certificate, 1947. 1st Tennis VI, 1947. Rounders and Hockey Leagues. Rounders, Tennis, and Hockey Knockouts. Worden House Captain.

J. Clarkson.—L.VI. Worden. School Certificate, 1946.

J. Coutts.—L.VI. Clayton. School Certificate, 1946. Librarian. School 1st Hockey XI, 1945, 1946. Rounders Leagues. Hockey Knockouts.

B. Dalton.—L.VI. Worden. School Certificate, 1946. School 1st Hockey XI, 1945, 1946. 1st Rounders IX, 1945, 1946. 2nd Tennis VI. Tennis Leagues. Hockey and Rounders Knockouts. Hockey colours, 1945, 1946.

M. Grime.—L.VI. Farington. School Certificate, 1946. School 1st Hockey XI, 1945, 1946. 1st Rounders IX, 1946. Tennis Leagues. Hockey and Rounders Knockouts.

M. J. Threlfall.—L.VI. Clayton. School Certificate, 1946.

M. J. Tullis.—L.VI. Farington. School Certificate, 1946. Sub-editor of "The Balshavian."

A. Whelan.—L.VI. Farington. School Certificate, 1946. 1st Rounders IX, 1945, 1946. Hockey Leagues. Tennis Knockouts.

J. Farrer.—V.A. Clayton. School Certificate, 1947. 1st Hockey XI, 1947. 1st Rounders IX, 1947. Tennis Leagues. Hockey and Rounders Knockouts.

D. M. Sheldon.—V.A. Farington. School Certificate, 1947. 1st Tennis VI, 1947. Hockey Leagues. Tennis Knockouts.

D. L. Stamper.—V.A. Farington. School Certificate, 1947.

P. M. Burnie.—V.B. Clayton. School Certificate, 1947.

B. A. Chapman.—V.B. Farington. School Certificate, 1947.

R. Crompton.—V.B. Worden. School Certificate, 1947.

D. M. Dickinson.—V.B. Worden. School Certificate, 1947. Hockey Leagues.

B. Fisher.—V.B. Clayton.

R. Parkinson.—V.B. Worden. School Certificate, 1947. Hockey Leagues.

B. Rawcliffe.—V.B. Worden. School Certificate, 1947. Hockey Leagues and Knockouts.

N. Riding.—V.B. Clayton.

K. Rushton.—V.B. Clayton. School Certificate, 1947. Hockey Leagues and Knockouts.

R. Sumner.—V.B. Clayton.

M. L. Swire.—V.B. Clayton. School Certificate, 1947.

J. Thompson.—V.B. Clayton.

M. Kenyon.—IV.A. Worden.

L. Oldland.—IV.A. Farington. Junior Hockey XI. Junior Rounders IX. 3rd Tennis VI. Hockey and Rounders Leagues. Hockey Knockouts.

B. M. Wade.—III.A. Farington.

D. T. Sweetman.—III.B. Farington.

K. Dalton.—II.A. Clayton.

H. Singleton.—II.A. Worden.

D. G. Swire.—II.B. Clayton.

B. R. Tilston.—I.C. Clayton.

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THE SCHOOL PLAY

"THE GREAT ADVENTURE"

by ARNOLD BENNETT

This year's production, "The Great Adventure," (March 20th and 22nd, 1947), was by Arnold Bennett, a dramatist not previously represented in the record of the Dramatic Society. Bennett was perhaps more of a novelist than a dramatist, but two full houses saw the production, and many expressions of appreciation were heard afterwards.

As we have now lost Schofield, the principal male part devolved upon Edmondson, and a heavy part it is. He must be on the stage almost throughout, and a weakness here would be very serious. It may be said at once that Edmondson carried his burden steadily, and never gave the impression that it might be too heavy for him. Without having much variety of gesture, or Schofield's force in emotional scenes, he has a certain self-possession and calm, with a touch of playful humour when necessary, and conveyed sufficiently well the youthful middle-age of the great painter who decides to vanish from this troublesome world, to re-appear in the modest guise of his own valet. The character has to show both sides of the medal—the artist's shyness and desire for self-effacement, yet also the artist's touch of temper now and then, his impatience with the humbugs of the social and business worlds from which he reacts. Edmondson managed both sides with about equal skill, and thus kept the part in balance.

He was ably seconded by Edith Astley in her first big part. Edith played this with the coolness of a veteran, delivered her lines so that every word could be heard, and got through the large amount of "business," setting tea, and so forth, with admirable sense of timing. She is nicely suited to the part of the honest young woman who pleases by contrast with those the painter has previously known, including that rather shadowy lady with whom he has conducted a flirtation, so we are told, on the Continent. Full credit to these two for sustaining the main fabric of the play.

All the other parts are, without disrespect, simply incidental to theirs, and lend varying degrees of support. To dismiss the unhappy valet whose demise causes all the complications first, Dalton did all that could be asked in his brief and bedridden appearance. Haydock, with more chances, made a good impression in the first Act as the Doctor, confirming his previous good work in "Richard of Bordeaux." He has a certain bluff frankness under cover of which lies the necessary suggestion of shrewdness. Bennison as his assistant did all that was required of him. It was not Newton's fault that his part seems rather out of the picture; the theme of the angry and suspicious cousin hot after irregularities in the disposal of the property is never followed up, and this provides one of several false scents which in the end leave one rather guessing as to the main theme of the play, and even what the Great Adventure actually is. If it is an artist's marriage with a wife who knows nothing of his artistic life and problems, that theme is not developed either, though it could have made a dramatic conflict. If it is the adventure of changing one's identity, then the hero need not have been an artist, as it would be a great adventure for any man to abandon his home, personality, letters, papers (and bankbook) to begin all over again. If thirdly, the theme is supposed to be artist versus Philistine, in the Whistler and Wilde tradition, then both wife and cousin are irrelevancies, and the attention should have been focussed from the start of that side of Carve's character and life, with a hard-hitting opposite number in the form of a business man, politician, or what-not.

Into this medley, the addition of at least two more minor themes (artist versus dealer and American collector versus "this side") is almost unnoticeable in adding to the general confusion. The moral is that Bennett had not troubled to learn from Ibsen the art of shedding the superfluous. However to return to the acting: Swift did his best as an extremely improbable priest, and Zoe Dawson provided a very welcome slice of comic relief as a society patroness of the arts, complete with Edwardian feather bed and sparrow brains. Zoe and Margaret Farnell deserve more rewarding parts in some future pro-

duction. The latter in the part of the disconsolate widow, brings floods of tears and an accent of woe to her brief appearances, worthy of a better cause.

Blundell and Barton as her unlikely twins pleased by a certain artless candour combined with clerical jackets. The gesture of the evening was undoubtedly that with which Barton whirled the toasting-fork round in a dramatic half-circle, worthy of Lady Macbeth rounding upon her spouse, in the flights of higher villainy. Here Bennett wobbled uneasily, as often in his work, between comedy and pure farce, an impossible combination when the play is nominally about a serious issue. If the twins had carried one moment's conviction as curates, they would not have been funny, but being funny they threw the grieving widow's part badly askew. However the boys spoke up well and did what they could in the situation where the author had landed them.

Jameson gave a cheery little sketch of the intruding journalist; he is young in appearance but has enough self-confidence. Hinchliffe, nicely made up with side-whiskers, tried hard to render the old dealer, without getting very near owing to natural handicap of youth. Betty Beal had to waste her talents on a very small part, and Sumner also filled in as a servant.

This leaves us with two characters who, not appearing till the last Act, have little time to make an impression. Nevertheless, both did well, and Skilbeck especially pleased by the naturalness of his American collector; his voice had a genial and mature note which came most welcome after more childish pipings, his movements also, and restraint, left little to be desired.

Richardson played up well as Lord Alcar, and the last Act, which might easily have dragged, became perhaps the most interesting of the play, in fact the point at which the play might well have begun.

On the whole, a gallant attempt by a rather young and inexperienced cast at a play in which the author had not left them a very easy position to take.

Miss Milroy's production was marked throughout by her usual flair and a smooth and nicely-running performance was the result. Credit also to Miss Lewis, Mr. Bennison, Miss Whewell, and Mr. Hewartson for their valuable help and experience. Mr Wilkinson did the making-up with a practised hand, Mr. Speakman gave us excellent lighting effects at the switchboard, and a final word must go to Mr. Downer for his polished performance, at the microphone.

THE COCK

No-one should mock
A cock
With shining feathers.
Hens about him flock
In meek affection
To crave protection.
He stands and crows
He's better than a clock,
This cock!

F.G. Form III.C. (Clayton).

SPEECH DAY & DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

On Monday, December 16th, 1946, we held our Speech Day—an event to which the school had been looking forward right from the beginning of the war. We were privileged to have Mr. C. E. Young, Headmaster of Rossall School to distribute the prizes, and the Chairman was Mr. J. B. Cardwell, Chairman of the Governors of the School.

The proceedings were opened with a song by the School Choir, "My Love Dwelt in a Northern Land," a setting by Elgar in three parts. This was followed by an address from Mr. Oldland, who gave a full report of the school's activities and achievements during the past year, and emphasised the importance of the right use of leisure. He showed how the school, by means of societies, physical training, and courses in Domestic Science, Handicraft and Art could ably refute the criticism often made about Grammar Schools, that the curriculum was too academic.

The Chairman then introduced the Head Master of Rossall, who expressed his agreement with Mr. Oldland about the work of the Grammar School, and gave high praise to the prizes, each of which was, he said, "worth reading." This was a rare thing in his experience. The prizes were then distributed by Mr. Young, and after this the Choir sang "O Leave your Sheep," an arrangement of the French Carol "Quittez Pasteurs."

A Vote of Thanks to the Headmaster of Rossall was proposed by the Rev. M. H. Garner, and seconded by Miss A. Jackson, and a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman was proposed by the Rev. H. Bretherton and seconded by Mr. A. Parkinson.

The singing of the National Anthem concluded the evening, which, as Miss Jackson said, will long be remembered by all who were present, especially those just leaving school and going out into the world.

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

SUNDAY EVENING

Slowly the sun is sinking low behind the trees,
As o'er the meadow
The organ from a nearby church swells on the breeze,
And all is still.

The sky is turning purple, clouds are tinged with gold;
The soft murmuring
Of the breeze grows strong and cold,
And brown leaves fall.

S.N., Form IV.A. (Clayton)

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

May 10th, 1947

Usually the sun shines on us on sports day, but this year it left us in the cold. The ground was wet and although there was little wind, persistent rain made conditions slow and unpleasant. However we managed to complete the programme before a deluge of rain drove us into the hall. Under the circumstances there were some very good performances. It is remarkable that although each year it becomes more difficult, yet each year sees new records established.

Cuerden regained the House Championship and also won the Relay Cup. Bullivant (W) was again a very worthy Victor Ludorum; perhaps his best achievement was in winning the 880 yards in 2 mins. 10 secs. on a slow track. M. Turner (Cu.) also did well and was the new Victrix Ludorum.

In the boys' events, records were broken in the Long Jump (open) by Glover (W), in the 880 yards (open) by Bullivant (W) and in the Mile (open) by Newton (F).

New girls' records were made in the Hockey Ball (under 13) by J. Walmsley (Cu), and in the Rounders Ball (under 15) and 60 yards Hurdles (under 15) both by E. Almond (Cu).

We were very pleased to see again Mrs. Conroy who presented the cups and certificates. Many will remember her as Miss Bartlett who did much to raise the standard in all the girls' games and sports.

BOYS' EVENTS.

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Open)—1, Newton (F.); Edmondson (Cu.); 3, Vickers (Cu.) * *Points* : 22. *Standards* : Brown, Watkinson, Howcroft, Barlow (Cl.); Edmondson, Vickers, Waring (Cu.); Hughes, Newton, Entwistle, E. (F.); Haydock, Procter, Skilbeck, Wright, Brindle (W.).

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Under 15)—1, Manchester (Cu.) and Smalley (Cu.); 3, Barr (W.). *Points* : 20. *Standards* : Bamber, Moore, Watkinson, Tuson (Cl.); Sharples, Manchester, Smalley, Swarbrick, Hurst, Harrison (Cu.); Nelson (F.); Wood, Moores, Barr (W.).

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Under 13)—1, Randall (W.); 2, Ackers (Cu.); 3, Croston (W.). *Points* : 18. *Standards* : Ackers (Cu.); Smalley, A. W. (F.); Randall, Howard, Croston (W.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open)—1, Bullivant (W.); 2, Glover (W.); 3, Meadows (Cl.). *Standards* : Brown, Broadbent, Meadows, Sumner, Barlow (Cl.); Edmondson, Place, Whitehead, Vickers (Cu.); Newton, Wildman (F.); Bullivant, Glover, Curren, Brindle (W.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 15)—1, Manchester (Cu.); 2, Peacock (Cl.); 3, Taylor (Cu.). *Standards* : Bamber, Tuson, Peacock (Cl.); Harrison, Taylor, Sharples, Manchester, Hurst (Cu.); Smith, Kelsall, K. (F.); Allen (W.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 13)—1, Smalley, A. W. (F.); 2, Ackers (Cu.); 3, Darbyshire (Cl.). *Standards* : Darbyshire, Rukin, Kevill, Harrison (Cl.); Ackers, Place, Simpson, Turner (Cu.); Walton, Smalley, A. W. (F.); Randall, Evans (W.).

Long Jump (Open)—1, Glover (W.); 2, Womar (Cu.); 3, Bullivant (W.). *Standards* : Broadbent, Barlow (Cl.); Edmondson, Waring, Womar, Vickers (Cu.); Sheldon, Newton, Hughes, Wildman (F.); Entwistle, J., Bullivant, Glover, Skilbeck (W.). * * *Distance* : 18 feet 11½ inches.

Long Jump (Under 15)—1, Manchester (Cu.); 2, Kelsall, K. (F.); 3, Hurst (Cu.). *Standards* : Smith, K. (Cl.); Seed, Manchester, Wrennall, Hurst (Cu.); Smith, D., Kelsall, K., Kelsall, D., Marland (F.); Allen (W.). *Distance* : 14 feet 6 inches.

880 Yards (Open)—1, Bullivant (W.); 2, Newton (F.); 3, Glover (W.). *Standards* : Busfield (Cl.); Waring, Place (Cu.); Newton (F.); Bullivant, Glover (W.). * * *Time* : 2 mins. 10½ secs.

100 Yards (Under 13)—1, Mather (Cu.); 2, Walton (F.); 3, Ackers (Cu.). Standards: Mather, Place, Glover, Ackers, Ingham (Cu.); Walton, Bamford, Smalley, A. W. (F.); Randall (W.). Time: 13 1/10 secs.

100 Yards (Under 15)—1, Cook (W.); 2, Manchester (Cu.) and Taylor (W.). Standards: Gavan, Bamber, Maden (Cl.); Manchester, Wrennall (Cu.); Marland (F.); Cook, Taylor (W.). Time: 12 1/5 secs.

100 Yards (Open)—1, Glover (W.); 2, Bullivant (W.); 3, Place (Cu.). Standards: Busfield (Cl.); Place, Waring (Cu.); Sheldon, Newton, Wildman (F.); Glover, Bullivant (W.). Time: 10 4/5 secs.

80 Yards (Under 12)—1, Place (Cu.); 2, Kevill (Cl.); 3, Harrison (Cl.). Standards: Harrison, Kevill (Cl.); Place (Cu.). Time: 11 2/5 secs.

High Jump (Under 15)—1, Manchester (Cu.); 2, Hurst (Cu.); 3, Moore (Cl.) and Sharples (Cu.). Standards: Moore (Cl.); Sharples, Manchester, Hurst (Cu.); Pierson (F.). Height: 4 feet 2 inches.

100 Yards Hurdles (Open)—1, Bullivant (W.); 2, Glover (W.); 3, Place (Cu.). Standards: Place (Cu.); Bullivant, Glover (W.). Time: 14 4/5 secs.

75 Yards Hurdles (Under 15)—1, Manchester (Cu.); 2, Hurst (Cu.); 3, Robertson, G. (W.). Standards: Hurst, Manchester (Cu.); Allen, Robertson, G. (W.). Time: 13 1/5 secs.

High Jump (Open)—1, Womar (Cu.); 2, Edmondson (Cu.); 3, Place (Cu.). Standards: Edmondson, Place, Womar, Allsup (Cu.); Sheldon (F.); Bullivant, Glover, Skilbeck (W.). Height: 4 feet 11 inches.

220 Yards (Under 15)—1, Cook (W.); 2, Manchester (Cu.); 3, Bamber (Cl.). Standards: Smith, Bamber (Cl.); Mather, Manchester (Cu.); Smith, Lavender, Marland (F.); Cook, Allen (W.). Time: 29 4/5 secs.

220 Yards (Open)—1, Bullivant (W.); 2, Glover (W.); 3, Place (Cu.). Standards: Busfield (Cl.); Waring, Place (Cu.); Sheldon, Newton (F.); Bullivant, Glover (W.). Time: 25 2/5 secs.

High Jump (Under 13)—1, Ackers (Cu.); 2, Turner (Cu.); 3, Walton (F.). Standards: Ackers, Turner (Cu.); Walton (F.). Height: 3 feet 11 1/2 inches.

440 Yards (Under 15)—1, Manchester (Cu.); 2, Marland (F.); 3, Cook (W.). Standards: Manchester, Wrennall (Cu.); Marland (F.); Allen (W.). Time: 70 4/5 secs.

440 Yards (Open)—1, Waring (Cu.); 2, Bullivant (W.); 3, Glover (W.). Standards: Waring, Place (Cu.); Newton (F.); Bullivant, Glover (W.). Time: 60 2/5 secs.

180 Yards (Under 13)—1, Mather (Cu.); 2, Randall (W.); 3, Howard (W.). Standards: Harrison (Cl.); Mather, Ackers, Place (Cu.); Walton (F.); Randall, Howard (W.). Time: 26 2/5 secs.

House Tug (Open)—Won by Farington.

House Tug (Under 15)—Won by Clayton.

Mile (Open)—1, Newton (F.); 2, Waring (Cu.); 3, Howard (W.). Standards: Waring (Cu.); Newton (F.); Howard (W.). ** Time: 5 mins. 5 secs.

House Relay (Under 13)—1, Cuerden; 2, Farington; 3, Clayton. Time: 58 4/5 secs.

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

House Relay (Open)—1, Worden; 2, Cuerden; 3, Farington. Time: 1 min. 50 secs.

GIRLS' EVENTS.

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Open)—1, M. Turner (Cu.); 2, J. Spencer (W.); 3, M. Elliott (W.). Distance: 74 yards 2 feet 9 inches. Standards: E. Jones, E. Park, E. Bennett (Cl.); M. Turner, E. Blogg, B. Hargreaves (Cu.); A. Whittle, D. Sheldon, M. Bamber, B. Chapman (F.); J. Spencer, M. Elliott (W.).

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 15)—1, H. Burnie (Cl.); 2, B. Topping (Cu.); 3, E. Almond (Cu.). Distance: 75 yards 1 foot 10 inches. Standards: H. Burnie, D. Pollard, S. Atkinson, R. Kirkman, N. Gaskell, D. Pails, I. Ogden, M. Higham, D. Rigby, M. Hibbert (Cl.); E. Almond, B. Topping, G. Topping, E. Robinson, S. Kirkman, M. Hosker, E. Beal, Mitchell, M. Struthers, J. Robinson, J. Ritchie, A. Topping, B. Brian (Cu.); M. Hargreaves, B. Clitheroe, P. Iott, J. Lowe, J. Gardner, S. Highfield, S. Dawson, J. Saycell, L. Oldland (F.); B. Wilson, J. Parkinson, L. Brownrigg, J. Moss, E. Lord, K. Marsden, J. Barker, J. Dawber, E. Bell, M. Spencer, M. Bagshaw, V. Newsham, O. Penlington, M. Beardwood (W.).

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 13)—1, J. Walmsley (Cu.); 2, E. Jones (Cu.); 3, B. Rowley (Cu.). ** Distance: 68 yards 2 feet 7 inches. Standards: E. Fleischmann, E. Taylor, C. Wilkinson, A. Beardmore, S. Atherton, C. Sumner, A. Arthurs, O. Brown (Cl.); E. Howarth, J. Walmsley, H. Williams, P. Kirkman, B. Rowley, S. Greenwood, J. Smout, E. Goodier, J. Higham, E. Jones, B. Turner, M. Swindlehurst, V. Kite, D. Wareing (Cu.); A. Salt, C. Penney, D. Grimshaw, E. Saunt, K. Blundell, O. Tomlinson, M. Robinson, P. Leach, D. Ward, J. Charnley, M. Fielden, R. Hewartson, B. Baybutt, M. Rigby, J. Ball, J. Lowry (F.); S. Ashton, E. Spencer, J. Robinson, E. Singleton, B. Jones, A. Withnell, E. Sanders, J. Withnell, A. Hodson, L. Sinfield, A. Grundy, A. Makin, M. Rowlands, M. Smith (W.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball (Open)—1, B. Higginbottom (Cl.); 2, L. Rowley (Cu.); 3, W. Harrison (Cl.). Distance: 53 yards 1 foot 9 inches. Standards: B. Higginbottom, W. Harrison, E. Jones, B. Hinchcliffe, J. Farrer, J. Rodda, M. Heaton (Cl.); J. Marsden, B. Hargreaves, I. Bluck, L. Rowley (Cu.); J. Deacon, A. Whittle, D. Sheldon (F.); B. Swift (W.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball (Under 15)—1, E. Almond (Cu.); 2, J. Barker (W.); 3, B. Topping (Cu.). ** Distance: 60 yards 2 feet 8 inches. Standards: H. Burnie, O. Coates, R. Brennan, D. Pollard, E. Sutton, D. Rigby (Cl.); E. Almond, B. Topping, G. Topping, E. Robinson, S. Kirkman, J. Bradley, M. Hosker, A. Singleton, B. Mitchell, J. Robinson, M. Jenkinson (Cu.); M. Hargreaves, M. Riding, J. Gardner, J. Todd, E. Beardsworth, P. Iott, S. Dawson, L. Oldland (F.); V. Newsham, M. Spencer, B. Wilson, L. Brownrigg, G. Reilly, J. Moss, J. Taylor, O. Penlington, J. Barker, D. Bretherton (W.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball (Under 13)—1, V. Kite (Cu.); 2, P. Gates (F.); 3, B. Rowley (Cu.). Distance: 46 yards 0 feet 3 inches. Standards: A. Beardmore, P. Dewhurst, E. Taylor, A. Brennan (Cl.); J. Walmsley, B. Rowley, J. Harvey, J. Higham, E. Jones, J. Hall, V. Kite (Cu.); K. Blundell, J. Chadwick, P. Gates (F.); E. Singleton, B. Jones, A. Withnell, J. Withnell, A. Hodson, A. Grundy (W.).

100 Yards (Under 13)—1, V. Kite (Cu.); 2, P. Kirkman (Cu.); 3, B. Jones (W.). Time: 13 secs. Standards: M. Walne, J. Winder, E. Taylor, S. Atherton (Cl.); J. Harvey, J. Higham, V. Kite, P. Kirkman, B. Rowley (Cu.); E. Saunt, D. Tomlinson, K. Blundell, D. Grimshaw (F.); B. Tyrer, E. Singleton, A. Singleton, B. Jones, P. Lawson (W.).

100 Yards (Under 15)—1, M. Spencer (W.); 2, H. Burnie (Cl.); 3, E. Almond (Cu.) and J. Moss (W.). Time: 12 3/5 secs. Standards: H. Burnie, E. Holden (Cl.); E. Almond, G. Topping, E. Robinson (Cu.); M. Hargreaves, E. Jessop, J. Todd, J. Lowe, S. Wood (F.); O. Penlington, J. Parkinson, J. Moss, E. Lord, M. Spencer, J. Taylor, L. Brownrigg, J. Fleetwood, I. Sharples, M. Beardwood (W.).

100 Yards (Open)—1, B. Hinchcliffe (Cl.); 2, J. Spencer (W.); 3, I. Dalton (W.). Time: 12 1/5 secs. Standards: J. Farrer, B. Hinchcliffe (Cl.); M. Turner, D. Ackers, J. Heald (Cu.); J. Spencer, B. Swift, I. Walton (W.).

High Jump (Under 15)—1, G. Topping (Cu.); 2, E. Almond (Cu.); 3, L. Oldland (F.); and M. Spencer (W.). Height: 4 feet 5 inches. Standards: H. Burnie, O. Coates, E. Holden (Cl.); E. Robinson, G. Topping, S. Kirkman, M. Bamber, A. Mannion, A. Singleton, B. Harrison, I. Prescott, E. Almond, P. Wilkins, D. Bowes, B. Brian (Cu.); L. Oldland, B. Clitheroe, J. Lowe, J. Todd, J. Gardner (F.); V. Newsham, M. Spencer, J. Fleetwood, J. Parkinson, D. Brewer, J. Moss, E. Lord, J. Taylor, J. Sharples (W.).

80 Yards (Under 12)—1, A. Singleton (W.); 2, J. Harvey (Cu.); 3, B. Turner (Cu.); Time: 11 secs. Standards: D. Bailey, A. Brennan (Cl.); J. Harvey, B. Turner, E. Jessop, M. Swarbrick (Cu.); P. Leach, M. Robinson (F.); A. Singleton, A. Pritchard, D. Swarbrick (W.).

60 Yards Hurdles (Under 15)—1, E. Almond (Cu.); 2, M. Spencer (W.); 3, J. Moss (W.). ** Time: 9 4/5 secs. Standards: H. Burnie, E. Holden, S. Norcross, M. Morris (Cl.); E. Almond, M. Bamber, G. Topping, B. Topping, E. Robinson, S. Kirkman, M. Hosker, P. Kirkman (Cu.); J. Gardner (F.); M. Spencer, J. Moss, B. Jones (W.).

75 Yards Hurdles (Open)—1, B. Hinchcliffe (Cl.); 2, J. Spencer (W.) and M. Turner (Cu.). Time: 12 secs. Standards: B. Hinchcliffe, J. Farrer (Cl.); M. Turner (Cu.); J. Spencer (W.).

High Jump (Under 13)—1, V. Kite (Cu.); 2, P. Kirkman (Cu.); 3, A. Singleton (W.). * Height: 4 feet 2 inches. Standards: P. Kirkman, B. Rowley, J. Smout, V. Kite, A. Taylor (Cu.); J. Lowry (F.); B. Tyrer, A. Singleton, B. Jones (W.).

High Jump (Open)—1, M. Turner (Cu.); 2, J. Farrer (Cl.); 3, E. Park (Cl.). Height: 4 feet 6 inches. Standards: B. Hinchcliffe, E. Park, J. Farrer (Cl.); M. Turner, D. Ackers (Cu.); D. Sheldon (F.); J. Spencer, E. Nelson (W.).

HOLIDAYS

Basking on the golden beaches
 In the sun's caressing rays,
 Lazing, bathing, eating, drinking,
 Glorious happy holidays.

Slogging at our wooden benches
 'Neath the teacher's baleful gaze
 Reading, writing, drawing, thinking—
 Alas, our golden holidays !

M.M., Form III.C. (Clayton)

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THE SIXTH FORM VISIT TO MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

On Friday the 21st March, some members of the Sixth Form were invited to Manchester University in common with many other pupils from different parts of the country. We were accompanied by Mr. Speakman, and went on the 12-45 train.

When we arrived at Victoria, we somewhat rashly decided to walk to the University, but after persevering for some time through true Manchester weather, we were thankful to board a 'bus. Conversation turned to the exact location of the Ship Canal. One of the party gloomily observed that she thought we had been walking through it.

We soon reached the University, and here the Arts and Science people separated. The Arts people had an extremely instructive and entertaining lecture on Greek Art. Then they went to the Physical Education Department where they were shown the very fine swimming baths and gymnasium. After this they went to the Arts library and were shown the rooms where all students can go, and the "stacks" down below, which contain more specialised books and are reserved for third-year students.

Meanwhile, the Science people had an interesting lecture by Dr. Campbell on "Explosion and Explosives," accompanied by very convincing demonstrations. Then they went to the Museum, where, among other things they were shown some Egyptian mummies. After this, they had a lecture on Cosmic Rays. Then we all met again for tea in the Refectory, and so back to the station.

Before he gave his lecture the Professor said that the University authorities hoped to make the visit annual. Those of us who are staying on at school certainly hope that this will be so, while those who are leaving have a very pleasant remembrance of their first visit to Manchester University.

J.L., U.VI. (Cuerden)

THE RIVER

From high in the hills the river comes down
 Fighting and stumbling towards the town,
 Through meadows and fields and o'er the plain,
 And under the bridge that's down the lane.

It bubbles and ripples o'er pebble and stone,
 Chanting its tune in a mellow tone ;
 By hedges and banks it passes the farm,
 Widening and spreading to form a tarn.

From tarn to field and pastures new
 Its colour transforms to a gentle blue ;
 Slow and sluggish now it will be,
 As calmly it flows to join the sea.

S.W., Form IV.A. (Farington)

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ROMAN LANCASHIRE

On Friday, November 1st, the school had the privilege of a visit from Doctor G. H. Tupling to give a lantern lecture on the above subject.

The study of the Roman occupation of Britain is possibly one of the most intricate branches of archaeological research. Every known fact has had to be squeezed out of the proper interpretation of some half light in a literary text, or some vestige of stone or metal left behind by the Romans. Naturally such study calls for infinite patience and the clearest thinking. We accordingly derived much benefit from Doctor Tupling's lifetime of meticulous study.

We were given first a general sketch of the inroads of the Roman Legions, from the time when they first arrived under Suetonius Paulinus until our invaders finally departed to stem the tide of barbarians who were over-running Europe. This was an essential background. When Doctor Tupling came to review the activities of the Romans in Lancashire, his audience was very appreciative of the fact that its forebears had presented the Romans with their toughest opposition.

Life for the Romans in Britain was, to them, a sunless and foggy penance. Their life in Lancashire too was apparently one of persistent vigilance, and essentially one of military occupation. A ring of forts was created and, consequently, the type of remains which we should expect to find (and actually have found) are largely of the garrison type. But one form of luxury which the Romans did permit themselves was their elaborate system of public baths. Doctor Tupling gave a most interesting explanation of this complicated characteristic of Roman life.

When one considers the short time Doctor Tupling had at his disposal, it is impossible not to appreciate the range and compactness of his lecture. Furthermore, the success with which he aroused an interest in his subject has been amply testified by the number of visits which have been made since to Ribchester.

W.J.D.

THE SNOWDROP

The snowdrop peeps her dainty head
Through frozen ground to skies of lead,
To remind us again that Spring is near,
Though all around is dull and drear.

And now she shows her lovely face,
Who could but love her elfin grace,
Surrounded by the newest sheen
Of leaves that are the brightest green.

When at last she bows her head,
And crocus takes her place instead,
With hosts of flowers unto September,
Brave snowdrop, dear, we shall remember !

J.H., Form II.A. (Worden)

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

Princess Elizabeth is the eldest daughter of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. She was born on April 21st, 1927 and is Heiress to the Throne and also Heiress Presumptive to the rule of the Commonwealth of Nations. Her full name is Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor. When she was born, her parents were the Duke and Duchess of York and her uncle, the present Duke of Windsor, not her father, was heir to the throne. On August 21st, 1930, her sister, Margaret Rose, was born.

Elizabeth did not go to school but had a private tutor. This was because she would probably have been favoured had she been sent to school. She was taught perfect French by her tutor, and also German, Spanish and Italian.

All through her life, Elizabeth has been a great lover of all animals and sports, especially horses and racing. As a young girl she was a member of the Guides and later the Sea Rangers.

When Elizabeth was nine years old, in 1935, her grandfather, George V, celebrated his Silver Jubilee. One year later, in 1936, he died. Elizabeth's Uncle Edward abdicated his throne to marry an American. In the same year her father ascended the throne. In the next year, on May 12th, he was crowned George VI.

Elizabeth was just 13 years old when war broke out. In 1945 she became a member of the A.T.S. and tackled the greasiest of jobs. At this time she was 19.

In February of this year Elizabeth toured South Africa with her parents and her sister Margaret. They were away for three months during which time she visited Southern Rhodesia, South and South-West Africa and also Swaziland, Basutoland and Bechuanaland Protectorate.

There was another important occasion during the South African tour and that was Elizabeth's twenty-first birthday. On this great day she broadcast to the world.

On July 9th of this year her official engagement to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten was announced. For Princess Elizabeth this must have been the most important day in her 21 years. Her future home was to have been Sunninghill Park but the mansion has recently been destroyed by fire. Elizabeth received a car not very long ago with the number HRH 1.

Elizabeth's wedding is to be on November 20th and I am sure that she and everyone else is looking forward to it very much.

M.R., IV.A. (Farington)

AUTUMN

Autumn is the season
Of fading, rustling leaves,
And waving fields of golden corn,
And stooks of golden sheaves.

Autumn is the messenger
Of winter, hastening on ;
Of leafless trees, and dark'ning skies,
And summer, past and gone.

Autumn is the last glimpse,
Of sunshine and blue skies ;
The opening page to wintertime
When snow around us lies.

B.E.H., Form IV.A. (Clayton)

THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION

On the 22nd of April, the Fifth and Sixth Forms were given an interesting and informative lecture by Mr. Perry, on the world food situation.

Mr. Perry brought three points about food to our notice : 1. No major country has ever been so dependent on other countries for its food as we are. For instance, we import 93% of our fats and 88% of our flour. 2. If we are to have full employment, we must be at peace, and peace is endangered if there is lack of food. 3. Before the war, one half of the world was insufficiently fed.

War and devastation have caused this lack of food in Europe, for before the war, the continent was practically self supporting, and made a big contribution to our larder. During the war, the Germans carried off live stock and men, and disturbed Europe's economy. In 1945, the harvest was only 50% of pre-war.

In the Middle and Far East, too, many people are under-fed. They live mainly on rice, and now many of the rice fields are destroyed. The Allies have to prevent the spread of disease and famine, and have the responsibility of feeding these people—a responsibility we were not saddled with during the war.

The effect of all this dislocation of supplies is showing itself in malnutrition. Only America eats as much now as she did before the war.

In England we are eating 92-3% of our pre-war consumption. Our general health is higher, because during the war there was full employment for the first time, and many people could buy food which they could not afford before. This is the determining factor in our health.

Mr. Perry also spoke about the Black Market. There is only a little here, compared with its activities on the Continent. During the German occupation young boys carried on a small black market by stealing the food supplies of the Germans, and very adept they became at this thieving.

If we are to have any substantial increase of food in England, we can only get it at the expense of others. On this account we have held back, and so made a constructive contribution to the world food position.

Mr. Perry mentioned U.N.R.R.A., who, he said, must be given credit for averting widespread famine and starvation, and putting food producing areas right.

There is much hope for the future. The F.A.O. has been formed of the food producing countries. This is an organisation which intends to distribute food on a common-sense basis. It has estimated that the world is short of ten million tons of wheat at least, and six million tons of rice. But, even so, Mr. Perry said, the situation is improving and we have much to be thankful for in this country.

J.P., U.VI. (Cuerden)

WINTER

Snow is falling fast and thick,
The sky is grey and heavy,
Cheeks are blue and ears are nipped,
But scarves and gloves are knitted ready.

Ponds are frozen, all is still,
Trees stand white and ghostly,
Birds have flown to warmer lands,
Swallows, martins, and starlings mostly.

Hedgehogs and dormice have gone to sleep,
Away from the cold of a winter's day,
The squirrel collects his store of nuts
Ready to eat when he feels that way.

Although it's cold, and the sun has gone,
Still we are not downhearted.
Just think of the summer and all it brings
When all this snow has departed.

O.C., Form IV.A. (Clayton)

A LEPER COLONY

On February 7th, Mr. Shelmerdine gave us a very interesting lecture on the work that is being done for lepers. Also he showed to us a film about a leper colony, and an African boy who was cured there.

The film began with the discovery by the boy's father that he had contracted this disease. At one time, the father would have had to lead the boy into the bush and leave him there to die, as the villagers were terrified of this disease which they called the "White Death." Even now, they fear and avoid anyone who suffers from it.

This boy's father, however, decided to take him to a leper colony, where he would have every modern medical care. Some people there had an incurable form of leprosy, while others, among them the boy, could be cured. The curables and incurables, were separated now although, at one time nothing was done to prevent their mingling together. We were shown the various trades practised by the lepers, which help them in their new life, as it is very important that they should feel they are still useful members of a community. Altogether, the colony could be called a village.

We were also shown the medical treatment given to these people. They all appeared to be happy and contented. After three years of careful treatment, the boy was pronounced free from the disease, and his father was sent for to take him home. Although his joy was great at being normal again, and at the thought of seeing his home, he was nevertheless sad to leave the colony and his friends there.

After this film Mr. Shelmerdine talked to us about the need for such work and conditions of work for people who take it up in Africa. Although this disease was at one time prevalent in England, it is now almost entirely confined to tropical countries. In former times lepers were regarded as outcasts and given no assistance whatsoever. Now, however, they are pitied and helped. There is a great need for doctors there, if in time they are to stamp out the disease completely, as they hope.

We are all very grateful to Mr. Shelmerdine for this very interesting and instructive lecture.

J.D., U.VI. (Farington)

THE CRISIS

The crisis is upon us,
And we must do our best
To help old England bear the strain,
And try to pass the test.
We must work harder every day,
We all must do our bit;
With might and main, we'll rise again,
Though we have been hard hit.
We'll put our backs into our job,
We each must play our part,
Until the turning of the lane,
Will gladden every heart.

D.D.B., Form IV.A. (Clayton)

CAREERS IN INDUSTRIAL ADMINISTRATION

This lecture was given by Dr. Roberts on Friday, February 14th, 1947.

The field of Industrial Administration covers an extremely wide area. 75% of British firms do not employ more than 250 people and therefore the number of posts in Industrial Administration is very limited.

The work of the Personnel Manager is mainly to solve the technical problems of the employees. He is responsible for the engaging and discharging of employees, both clerical and manual. He also directs the training of the employees and their transference from job to job. He is sometimes the employer's representative in Trade Union agreements.

After the new Education Act, there were three different types of people entering work: first, those aged sixteen who hold their School Certificates; secondly, the eighteen-years-old who may, or may not have applied to enter a university; lastly, there are those who have come from the university and who have their degree. Although they may have their degree it is still necessary, in an ordinary factory, to start at the very bottom by learning the job.

The Personnel Officer is also in charge of the Welfare Department. Each concern has only one Personnel Officer and consequently the country requires only 200 at the most per year.

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D.R.A., U.VI. (Cuerden)

PREFECTS' HUMOUR

Dodging round the corners,
Peeping by the walls,
This is Prefect's humour,
Confiscating balls.

Spying through the keyholes,
When nothing else to do,
Giving out their prefect marks,
To their Appointed Few.

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G.S., Form IV.A. (Cuerden)

CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION FILM SHOW (1)

On November 28th, the whole school assembled in the Hall for a very varied and interesting series of films.

The first, "Time & Tide," dealt with the salvaging of all the damaged ships in the country's many harbours. Everyone was impressed by the "never will be beaten" attitude of the workmen. If one method of salvaging failed they resumed their task with the same spirit until they finally succeeded in raising the damaged ship. Even if the ship itself was useless they found a use for the engines in some other ship.

The second film of a very different type was concerned with the preparation of seeds for cultivation. It was marvellous to see the pains taken by everyone concerned in doing his job. Such delicate tasks as removing anthers were carried out so efficiently as to leave one spellbound. It is an excellent service and the benefits received from hardy crops and early growth serve to repay the people who take part.

"Our Heritage" was a film about the architecture of ancient India. We were shown wonderful temples and pagodas with exquisite carvings and frescoes. The walls of these temples were covered with a cavalcade of Gods and Goddesses all in different forms, some executing dances. One temple was in the form of a car complete with wheels whose whole area was one mass of delicate and intricate designs. These artistic wonders wrought by the unknown masters of the jungle leave everyone bewildered, mystified and entranced; they are a symbol of the culture and philosophy of India today.

The fourth and last film gave us a glimpse into the everyday life of the Crofters who live in the highlands of Scotland. To us, their life would seem one long hardship. They possess few of the amenities which now seem essential. However, theirs is a compact, community life in which they pool their skill and resources, and live like one big family.

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

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CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION FILM SHOW (2)

On March 27th the school witnessed a very interesting Film Show. The first film was of topical importance as it referred to the development of Housing. We were shown all the various types of houses from the fourteenth century onwards built to suit the habits and tastes of the people who lived in them, and, during the Industrial Revolution the requirements of industry, which resulted in great slum areas.

The second film attempted to describe to us the vast country of America showing briefly the life of the different classes of people, their pleasures and their work. It also gave us an idea of the varied climates and vegetation of the country. But for the Eastern part of America the states have all sprung up in the last 130 years. In spite of this, however, the average American housewife has a more comfortable and convenient life than the average British housewife.

Thirdly, we were shown a technical film, mainly of interest to the boys, called "Airscrew." It described the development of the Airscrew and its great importance to the aircraft industry. The film explained the great necessity of perfect accuracy in the making of these blades.

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

CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION FILM SHOW (3)

On September 26th the school once again enjoyed an interesting selection of films.

The first film was on the development of steam engines and the power which drives them. Power of this kind was first needed when Britain was changing into an industrial country. Newcome, utilising the pressure of the atmosphere, was the first to invent a pump for the purpose, called an 'atmospheric engine.' This, however, was too expensive, and James Watt devised a more economical one.

Later on, a need for faster transport arose, and this engine was converted by Stevenson into a railway engine. After this, railways developed rapidly, until now we have smooth-lined locomotives which ensure travelling in perfect safety.

The second film told of the only 'University of Flying' in this country. Situated in Bedfordshire, it looks like any other 'drome, but it is here that future test pilots are trained. The usual number of students, who come from many parts of the world, is forty-five, their average age being about thirty-three.

We were given an interesting glimpse of some of the lectures they attend, and also of a normal day's routine. They begin at eight o'clock with a lecture, which finishes early to enable them to spend the rest of the day testing the 'planes.

Many of the pilots trained there are now employed by manufacturers in various parts of the world. They have much to learn during their nine months' course, as it will be upon them that much of the success of future 'planes will depend.

The last of these films, "Hausa Village" described a village in Nigeria which has been converted to the Moslem form of worship. The inhabitants of this village are mostly farmers, although, because they live near the river, a number are fishermen. Their day begins with the call to prayer. After this, the men set out to work in the fields or by the river, while the women remain in the compound. The chief crops are bullrush millet and guinea corn, both varieties of corn. For several months no rain falls, but with the coming of the rains the corn grows quickly and the fish become plentiful. During the harvest the men work in the fields all morning, but during the afternoon, when it is too hot to work, the women spin and the men practise various crafts, at which they are very skilled.

We were also shown the preparations for a marriage ceremony. The boy and girl, both very young according to our standards, do not meet until the actual ceremony. A hut, made of mud bricks, is built for them in the compound of the boy's father, and the girl's father gives them the simple and plain furniture. As these people have few holidays, this is an occasion for great rejoicing in the village.

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

CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION FILM SHOW (4)

On May 22nd we had our first Film show of the Summer Term. It was an interesting and pleasant end to our half term.

The first film was one that delighted all music lovers, except Swing fans. It was about the instruments of the orchestra and Sir Malcolm Sargeant explained and commented on them. He told us how a symphony orchestra is made up, and we saw each section and heard each type of instrument perform separately.

There are three sections: the wood-wind and brass, the strings and the percussion. The tiny flutes, the piccolos, the oboes, the clarinets and the huge bassoon make up the wood-wind part. The strings are the violins, violas, cellos, double bass and harp. Next are the brass instruments, another part of the 'blowing' section: the french horns, trumpets, trombones and tubas. Last but not least in volume, comes the percussion section: the kettle drums, bass drum, cymbals, tambourine, side drums, triangles, zylophone, castanets, gong and whip.

The orchestra played a fugue so that we might see how every instrument fitted in. The tiny, high notes of the flutes played first and then the melody was taken up by the wood-winds, the strings, the brass, and lastly the percussion, until the whole orchestra was playing.

The next film, 'Some like it rough,' was very amusing and entirely different from the first one. It was about an American soldier and a British soldier who met on a bale of hay and started arguing as to which was the tougher, British Rugby football, or the American football game. The American asked the British soldier to take part in an American game. Despite plenty of padding he came off the field in a very battered condition. Some very appropriate music was played as a background to the film—'It's Murder, he says.' Walker, the American played in a rugger game, and came to a flattened end in the mud. Walker and Smith staggered back to the hay with considerable respect for each other's game.

The last film, "Approach to Science" demonstrated the saying that 'science has built the world.' We were shown how, over one hundred years ago, electricity was discovered by a Dane, then how Sturgeon of Great Britain discovered the electro-magnet and Faraday the electric generator. After building the modern world, 'science maintains the modern world' by building huge plants for purifying water, by keeping up research in agriculture, by inventing Radar to guide our planes, and lastly by inventing X-ray microscopes for finding tuberculosis germs. And then we were told that 'science expands the world.' We were shown how hard psychologists work to help children who have retired into a world of their own, and people who, probably through no fault of their own, are not fitted for a place in our everyday life.

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

NURSING AS A CAREER

Miss Whitaker, Secretary of the Local Juvenile Employment Committee introduced to the school Miss Wormald, Nursing Officer of Preston Nursing Branch of the Ministry of Labour and herself a State Registered nurse. Miss Wormald had admirable method in her interesting talk, given only to girls of the upper forms. She began by stressing the importance to every citizen of the need for knowledge and understanding of elementary rules of health. But this is not enough, and nurses are urgently needed for all branches of nursing.

For the benefit of different types of girls, Miss Wormald gave a broad outline of the different kinds of work open to healthy active girls who wish to become nurses. She first stressed the social work, the work in which prevention and enlightenment are better than cure. This work is done by industrial, visiting or school nurses, with special qualifications, tact and keenness, and affords wide scope for those who wish to become useful and valuable members of the community. Much has been done in medical science for the education of the parents and great steps have been taken in preventive medicine.

There is moreover a great call for nurses abroad and in this connection the nursing service offers opportunities for useful and enjoyable travel. The chances of advancement here are considerable.

Miss Wormald then spoke of the more practical side of work and training. After a nurse has passed through the preliminary school and hospital training, a three year course, she may take the examination for a State Registered nurse, and then may specialise in whatever branch she chooses. There are many branches open to her—children's nursing which is fascinating but needs infinite skill and patience; orthopaedic nursing; work in fever hospitals; sanatorium or mental hospital work. The lecturer recalled the days of Florence Nightingale and the treatment of mental patients then and now. Great skill is needed here to straighten out the patient's mind. It is a fact that 63 per cent. of mental patients can now, after skilled nursing, return home.

Miss Wormald had something to say on the quarters and salaries provided for the nurses, and ended her concise and aptly illustrated lecture by answering questions and passing round photographs. We hope that Miss Wormald will come and talk to us again if she can be spared from such valuable and, as she termed it, such 'satisfying' work.

R.C., Form U.VI. (Farington).

CAREERS

On June 6th Miss Norwood, a civil servant, and Miss Crabtree, the secretary in charge of Juvenile employment for this district, gave the Fifth and Sixth forms a useful and interesting talk on careers.

Miss Norwood began by explaining the organisation provided to help young people in the choice of their career. Stress was laid on the lack of compulsion and the wide choice open if one is willing to work away from home. The system seems to be very adequate particularly in helping to place people in occupations for which they are most fitted.

The careers themselves were next approached and every avenue was explored. Miss Norwood dealt with the various attractions each employment held. The scope for promotion, the possibility of unemployment, the length of training necessary, and the actual cost to parents, are all factors to be taken into consideration. The policy of full employment was explained to us and various reasons why we could expect more widespread employment in the future.

The advisability of entering a university if possible was stressed, and the whole question of training in regard to military service was made clear. Finally both the ladies pointed out to us very emphatically the importance of examinations and exhorted us to pass as many as possible before entering any career.

Thus we were left inspired to work harder and achieve success in our forthcoming examinations.

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

THE SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

The Musical Society.

Writing notes for a Society in these days of shortage is like writing one's autobiography—one delves into the distant and very dim past in the hope of providing enough reading matter to satisfy the long-suffering young editress. It is a horrible moment when, emerging from the wilds of Ecclestone, the said young lady approaches one with a purposeful gleam in her eye and (according to her mood) cajoles, begs, demands or insists upon your getting down to business immediately. No doubt such ladies are good for one's character, but what a severe strain on one's memory!

There you have it. The present writer cannot remember what records he put on last year! He has a vague recollection of somebody asking him to put on "Your tiny hand is frozen," but as this did not seem at all a suitable song to put on last Spring term, the probability is that this request went unsatisfied.

History repeats itself. Last year, Sheldon was the one solitary male among a dazzling company of forty senior girls (I may say that he bore the ordeal with courage and fortitude). This year the solitary torch of musical learning among males is carried aloft by young Topping, and he and I often exchange sympathetic glances as we survey our embarrassing surroundings.

This year (to talk seriously for a change) we hope to organise another outing to hear an orchestral concert just as we did last year. This outing was very successful and we enjoyed Alan Loveday's playing of Tchaikowsky's Violin Concerto. Seeing an orchestra in action is much more instructive and thrilling than listening to records and is a much better way to stimulate interest.

B.L.W.

The Philatelic Society

President: Bullivant

Secretary: Price.

To say that the Society had a brisk year would be an understatement: one would rather call it a seething fervent of enthusiasm. There has been a widespread tendency to specialise, obviously the most reasonable course now that there are so many stamps in existence, and some of the society's specialised collections are reaching respectable proportions.

Papers have been read on a variety of topics, including the following:—

Robertson:	Iceland
Milner:	Belgium (and also Argentine and the South Orkneys).
Wright:	U.S.A.
Riding:	Argentine.
Pilkington:	Great Britain.

W.J.D.

The Junior Historical Society.

During the course of the year the society indulged in many activities with the "Quiz" as an unfailing standby. Several members of the society gave short biographies of famous historical characters and the Christmas term was seen out with a drawing competition, competitors being allowed to choose their own subjects provided that they were of historical interest. Later, thanks to the generosity of individual members a small library of both fiction and non-fiction books was established.

D.S.M.

The Geographical Society.

The Geographical Society has had quite a successful year. This year we had several interesting lectures and discussions, notably "British Railways" by Dawson, and "Life in India" by I. Bluck.

J.W.P. & G.S.

The School Library.

There is little to be put on record this year except appreciation of the patience and zeal of the librarians supervising each branch. V. Pinder concluded a prolonged spell of tireless energy, and she was assisted by the following team:—

Junior branch : J. Balmer.
County Library : J. Balmer.
Fiction : J. Coutts.

Johnson and Cuerden have acted as library orderlies.

Vera Pinder's place as chief librarian has been taken by Joyce Marsden and Joan Balmer.

W.J.D.

The Dancing Society.

The dancing society still flourishes, and although we have not always had the use of the Hall or Gymnasium we have managed to learn a number of new English and National Dances. The members made up in vigour and enjoyment, what they lacked in skill and "finish."

Muriel Wade was a great help at the piano.

C.I.P.

The Photographic Society.

Owing to short supply of photographic material no ambitious projects were launched. Elementary developing and printing, however, were mastered in the semi-darkness of the dark room.

T.S.

Pictorial History

Part of the year was spent by members in attempting to trace through the ages the development of such things as Costume, Architecture and Communications.

A small prize was voted to Enid Park for the best individual results.

During the Summer Term we all joined together in contributing to a pictorial chart of the reign of Elizabeth.

I.J.

Le Cercle Francais

L'annee derniere la plupart des membres etaient dans la deuxieme ou dans la troisieme annee. Nous nous sommes bien amuses.

Nous avons joue beaucoup de jeux, aussi nous avons eu un debat "The Exchange System" des "Quizzes" et des "Brains Trusts" qui ont ete tres interessants.

Nous etions tres desoles de perdre Miss Woffindin qui a quitte l'ecole en mars dernier. Nous souhaitons la bienvenu a Miss Bromley qui preside maintenant au cercle francais.

J.B. and J.T.

The Choir

Last year, our choir service and party were again successful. The choir sang many popular carols together with several new ones in which we were well trained by Miss Rahill. The party was enjoyed by everyone and we were glad to see many old students among us again.

Speech Day, the first held for several years owing to the war was a great success, although it was a new experience for all the choir. The choir's rendering of "My Love Dwelt in a Northern Land" and "O Leave Your Sheep," was greatly appreciated. Unfortunately Miss Rahill, who had devoted so much time to our training was unable to be present, but our thanks go to Miss Whewell and Mr. Wilkinson who so ably stepped into the breach.

This year we hope once more to give a creditable performance on Speech Day for which we are at present rehearsing Mozart's "Say Ye Who Borrow," and George Rathbone's two part setting of an old English Carol, "The Gentle Sounding Flute."

D.R.A. (Cu.).

The Dramatic Society.

We began this term with a large society, but unfortunately the majority of our members are girls.

This shortage limits the choice of a play, but after careful selection the producers have decided on "Emma" a dramatised version of Jane Austen's novel. This choice has received the approval of the society.

After our successful presentation last year, the society, during the summer months, read "The Housemaster" by Ian Hay. This was an enjoyable play, and very popular with all the members.

We plead for the enthusiastic participation of everyone, that this year's play may be an outstanding event in the annals of the school.

D.S.

The Greenhouse

The year has been a most successful one for the greenhouse. The daffodils gave their usual splash of colour in April, followed by the sweet peas, which continued to flower throughout the summer term. There was a large crop of tomatoes this season, rewarding us for the great pains taken with the plants.

Mr. Bennison's main interest, however, lies in the chrysanthemums which call for constant and careful attention, and always afford a great deal of anxiety. An expensive cutting may die, or some clumsy person may knock off the top of one in bud while he is in the very act of transferring it from the garden to the greenhouse in order to flower. Shattered are his hopes of a beautiful prize bloom. Yet, in spite of such mishaps there is a splendid show of chrysanthemums at present of various types and colours.

The rubber tree, in the last publication of the magazine reported to be within a few inches of the top of the greenhouse, has continued to grow, and is now in great danger of pushing its way into the outside world.

B.M.H.

Junior Play Reading

The Junior Play Reading Society last year included members of Form I only. This year it was decided to extend membership as far as Form III, provided the volunteers were not members before. In this way, the quality of the reading should be improved, and greater enjoyment provided for all. We confine our activities mostly to One Act Plays. Everyone is anxious to "have a go" and altogether the rendezvous in U.VI. Form room on Friday afternoon winds the week up happily.

M.A.R.

The Chess Society.

We have begun the new season with the intention of playing some serious chess. Some of the members are engaged in a tournament which is to decide who will be included in the new school chess team. We hope to provide a further tournament which will include all members of the society, as soon as the other tournament games have been played.

With a view to improving the standard of play, talks are being given by one or two well-established players.

Inter-house matches are at present impracticable, but in a year or two they may become a regular feature.

J.K.B.

The Gardening Society.

Last year the gardening society welcomed many new members but the year was not very successful because the weather was very dry and we were not able to water our plants. Although some people think that gardening is back-aching toil there are many things during the year that make it interesting. Many birds and animals live in or visit our school gardens, and two boys were fortunate enough to watch a partridge which nested in the field. Therefore, good digging, gardeners.

W.B.

The Arts and Crafts Society.

We have again been hindered by lack of materials, though several enterprising members have managed to conjure up some very fine pairs of bedroom slippers from odd pieces of suede. This year, however, prospects are brighter, with the promise of several square feet of leather, and materials for cane-work.

D.R.A.

The Needlework Society.

During the past year the chief occupation of the members of the Needlework Society was embroidery and knitting. Owing to the present day shortage of materials and coupons, very few people managed to make garments.

Embroidered belts, knitting bags and needle cases were very popular, and there was a boom in Fair-Isle knitting.

We wish every success to the new Knitting Society which to a certain extent takes the place of the former Needlework Society.

G.B.H., Form V.A.

The Scientific Society.

During the past year, the Scientific Society, under the leadership of Mr. Lomax had a large number of girls but only three boys.

The members each Friday gave a lecture, and, at the beginning of the year Mr. Lomax showed us some very interesting experiments. Sometimes to finish up with we had "Twenty Questions."

B.T.

The Gymnastic Society

This new Society was handicapped, at first, by the fact that the "gym" was not always available. Despite this initial difficulty, we spent a great deal of time on apparatus work of all kinds. In future, we hope to widen the scope of our activities, to include Boxing, Wrestling and Athletic Training.

J.B.

The Topical Subjects Society.

The Society under Miss Doherty's direction has had a most enjoyable and interesting year. Among the favourite features were a number of Quizzes and we also enjoyed talks on various topics as well as exhibitions of pictures, stamps and coins.

A.H.

Savings Group.

While the total of £478 6s. subscribed for National Savings, may not appear unsatisfactory, it is another case of "false appearances." The sum has come from a very small but faithful few, and the group cannot boast of more than a dozen regular savers.

There is to be a big savings campaign this year, known as the "Silver Lining" campaign; and if the Balshaw's Group is to play its part, regular saving should begin at once. We have time, stamps and stamp books to spare every Monday dinner hour in the Physics Lab. and shall be glad to welcome old and new buyers.

F.K.L.

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1946-47

The School 1st XV had on the whole a good season. They were rather unfortunate in the number of injuries sustained which was the main cause of one or two moderate performances. This was particularly so in the back division where the best combination could not be determined for some time. By the end of the Xmas term, however, the backs had settled down well, being sound in defence and very lively and alert in attack. The forwards were usually outweighed in the scrums but they were quick and determined in the loose. When at full strength, and given a reasonable share of the ball, the backs showed much promise. They were potentially dangerous in attack anywhere on the field. The tacking and passing of the whole team were better and a continued improvement in these two important phases of the game will lead to still better rugby.

Sheldon (Captain).—A whole-hearted player and a conscientious captain. After doing valuable utility work in the three-quarter line he returned to the pack where he was always a very good all-round forward.

Wildman.—The school has had no better full back. His fielding and tackling were particularly good and he was always alive to a chance to link up with his "threes" in attack.

Newton.—A very good scrum-half. He passed well and was strong and determined in all phases of the game. His cover backing and defensive kicking were especially good.

Howard.—A fine runner. Once into his stride at centre three with his side-step and swerve he was difficult to stop and he scored many tries. He also tackled well.

Glover.—A quick-thinking fly-half with good hands and an eye for an opening. He was unfortunate with injuries.

Waring.—Although rather small for a centre three he has a real flair for the game. He tackles, kicks and handles well, and is also cool in defence and full of resource in attack.

Dalton.—Another player with much natural ability. Good all round and always in the right place.

Edmondson.—Although particularly good in the line-outs and loose rushes he was very sound all round and never spared himself.

Hughes.—Was quietly efficient in scrum and line-out. He will be missed.

Meadows.—A lively and dashing forward who has his inspired moments.

Vickers.—Much improved as a hooker. A steady player until the last minute.

Bullivant.—Fast in the loose and good in the dribbles, he was often dangerous.

Skilbeck.—A hard-working and plucky forward who gave the pack some solidity.

Bush.—Good in the line-outs and a steady player all round.

Brown also did some skilful work at times in the pack and with *Womar* and *Curren* will do well next season.

R.A.B.

1946.

SEPT. 28TH. 1ST XV v. KIRKHAM G.S. 1ST XV. AWAY. DRAW.

The game was played on a day which was suited more for cricket than for rugby. Shortly after the start, Howard scored a try beneath the posts, and scored again a little later, Kirkham replying with a dropped-goal. More tries were scored for the school by Sheldon, Meadows and Howard respectively whilst Newton kicked four goals. Kirkham rallied and although we had a good lead they scored a series of tries and goals, the game resulting in a draw.

Result: School, 23 pts.; Kirkham G.S., 23 pts.

OCT. 5TH. 1ST XV v. WIGAN G.S. 1ST XV. HOME. WON.

Most of the play was confined, owing to a muddy field, to the forwards, and Meadows and Vickers got tries for the school, one of which was converted by Newton. Wigan began to press and obtained an unconverted try after a good three-quarter movement.

Result: School, 8 pts.; Wigan G.S., 3 pts.

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

Playing downhill the school were superior during the first half, and Howard scored an unconverted try. Although we continued to press we failed to penetrate the Hutton defence. During the second half Hutton had most of the game, and scored three tries, two being converted. Again the school attacked and continued to press to the end, but without avail.

Result: School, 3 pts.; Hutton G.S., 13 pts.

OCT. 19TH. 1ST XV v. WIGAN G.S. 1ST XV. AWAY. WON.

Almost before the game had begun, Glover ran the length of the touch-line to score the first try. Heartened by this the school began to press and Simpson scored a try after a scramble over the line. Howard scored a splendid third try, which he repeated whilst the school attacked to the end. Newton converted one try.

Result: School, 14 pts.; Wigan G.S., nil.

OCT. 26TH. 1ST XV v. HUTTON G.S. 1ST XV. AWAY. LOST.

Owing to injury the school team was not at full strength. Shortly after the start, Place kicked an excellent dropped-goal. Hutton replied with a converted try. The school again drew ahead with a penalty kick, but after this, and more especially after we had lost two more backs with injuries Hutton's superiority was revealed. There followed a series of tries by Hutton.

Result : School, 7 pts. ; Hutton G.S., 30 pts.

OCT. 23RD. 1ST XV v. BLACKPOOL G.S. 1ST XV. HOME. WON.

Playing on hard ground, Blackpool scored an unimproved try, but shortly before half-time Howard beat six of the Blackpool team to score a splendid try which was converted by Newton.

Both teams played hard in the second half but neither was able to score.

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

NOV. 11TH. 1ST XV v. KIRKHAM G.S. 1ST XV. HOME. LOST.

On a wet field most of the play was confined to the forwards, and although the school played hard, Kirkham did all the scoring whilst we failed to cross their line.

Result : School, nil ; Kirkham G.S., 16 pts.

NOV. 21ST. 1ST XV v. A. SEDBERGH XV. AWAY. LOST.

The game was played on an extremely muddy field which meant a great deal of forward play. Howard scored the first try which was improved by Newton. But Sedbergh being superior in both the loose and set, scrums had most of the game, and despite some good tackling scored two converted tries.

Result : School, 5 pts. ; Sedbergh, 10 pts.

NOV. 23RD. 1ST XV v. A. ROSSALL XV. AWAY. WON.

Again we played on a muddy field and the forwards playing a fast bustling game were superior to the Rossall forwards. Meadows and Newton scored tries, one of which was converted by Newton himself. Rossall scored from a penalty kick, but the school replied through Howard who scored after a long, lone run.

Result : School, 11 pts. ; A. Rossall XV, 3 pts.

NOV. 30TH. 1ST XV v. ORMSKIRK G.S. 1ST XV. HOME. WON.

The field was good considering the recent wet weather and play was confined chiefly to the backs. Glover scored the first try. Dalton making his debut, scored two good tries, which Newton converted.

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

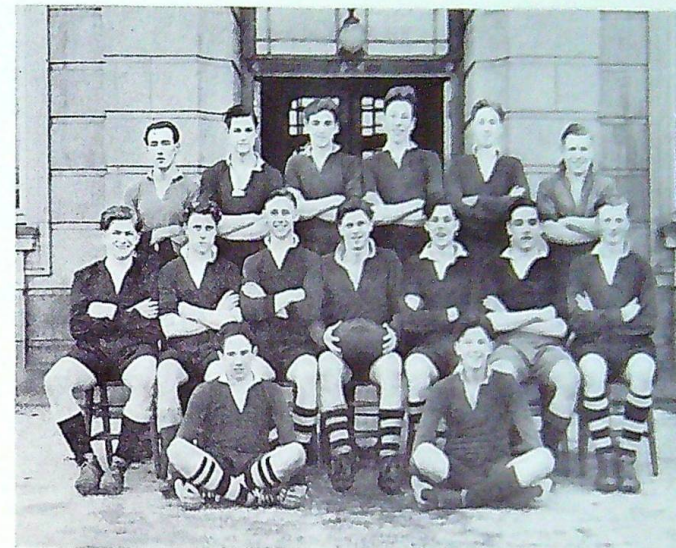
DEC. 7TH. 1ST XV v. A. STONYHURST XV. AWAY. WON.

The pitch was extremely wet and a hard game was expected. Sheldon opened the scoring with a try following a kick-through the Stonyhurst defence. by Dalton.

During the second half Newton forced his way over the line after a loose scrum, scoring a try which he converted himself.

Following a smart kick across the field by Waring, Womar scored a third try.

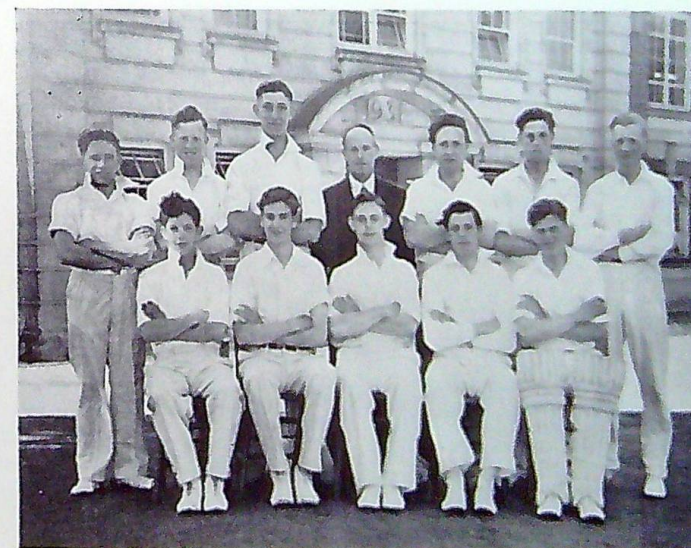
Result : School, 13 pts. ; A Stonyhurst XV, nil.



SCHOOL 1st XV RUGGER, 1946-47.

Back Row : (left to right) Skilbeck, Bullivant, Edmondson, Hughes, Bush, Howard.
Front Row : (left to right) Vickers, Meadows, Glover, Sheldon (Captain), Newton,
Curren, Wildman ; Waring, Dalton.

Played 12 Won 6 Drawn 1 Lost 5



SCHOOL CRICKET XI, 1947.

Back Row : (left to right) Waring, Haydock, Brown, Mr. Bennison, Sumner, Bullivant,
Wildman.

Front Row : (left to right) Dalton, Edmondson, Glover (Captain), Newton, Sheldon,
Played 8 Won 7 Drawn 1



SCHOOL HOCKEY XI, 1946-47.

Back Row : (left to right) J. Coutts, E. M. Bennett, J. Parkin, B. Dalton, M. Elliott, J. Deacon.
 Front Row : (left to right) J. Farrer, E. Jones, M. Bamber (Captain), E. M. Hinchcliffe, Joyce Marsden.

Played 7 Won 6 Drawn 1



SCHOOL ROUNDERS IX, 1947.

Back Row : (left to right) M. E. Bennett, E. M. Hinchcliffe, J. Farrer, A. Whittle, Joyce Marsden.
 Front Row : (left to right) J. Deacon, E. Jones (Captain), M. Elliott, B. Topping.

Played 3 Won 3

1947.

JAN. 18TH. 1ST XV v. ARNOLD HOUSE 1ST XV. AWAY. LOST.

We played on an excellent field and although we had a smaller pack we more than held our own. Arnold scored three tries, one being converted before half-time. The Arnold defence was sound and our only try was scored by Newton following a long dribble by our forwards.

Result : School, 3 pts. ; Arnold House, 17 pts.

Three more games, two against Preston Grasshopper's 'A' XV, and one against a Stonyhurst XV were cancelled owing to the prolonged period of bad weather in the early year.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XV	12	6	1	5
2nd XV	2	1	0	1
Bantams XV	4	2	0	2

INTER-HOUSE LEAGUES

House	Played	Won	Lost	Points
Worden	6	4	2	8
Cuerden	6	4	2	8
Clayton	6	3	3	6
Farington	6	1	5	2

RUGBY KNOCK-OUTS

In the semi-finals Farington defeated Clayton and Cuerden beat Worden. In the finals Farington beat Cuerden after a close game and extra time, by 14 pts. to 6, maintaining their record of not having their line crossed in two years.

The following were chosen for the Preston Public Schoolboys XV :

SHELDON ; GLOVER ; NEWTON ; HOWARD ; WILDMAN.

NEWTON was chosen for the combined Preston & Fylde Schoolboys XV.

HOCKEY, 1946-47.

Captain : M. Bamber

The hockey season was unfortunately very much curtailed owing to the severe weather after Christmas. This was disappointing, as we had a strong team and hoped to repeat the successes of the Autumn Term in the Spring, but the snow came, and seven matches had to be cancelled.

All five forwards combined very well and received untiring support from the half-backs. The backs were reliable on the whole, and would probably have gained more speed in tackling and recovering, had the season been a full-length one.

The matches we had were most enjoyable and a high standard of play was reached.

The second XI had a very successful term, scoring as many as nineteen goals in one match.

C.I.P.

TEAM CRITICISMS

Goal : J. Coutts.—An excellent goalkeeper in whom the team has great confidence. Her judgment is sound and her footwork good.

Right Back : M. Elliott.—A useful back with a good clearing drive, combining well with the right half, but could develop much more speed, especially in recovery after tackling well forward.

Left Back : J. Parkin.—Marks well and tackles determinedly, but should judge her timing a little more accurately.

Right Half : B. Dalton.—A most dependable half, who anticipates and intercepts extremely well, and is rarely defeated by an opponent.

Centre Half : M. Grime.—Has developed into a good all-round half, tackling quickly and intercepting, and keeping the game open by clearing to the wings.

Left Half : J. Deacon.—A hard-working half, who tackles with determination.

Right Wing : J. Farrer.—Can always be relied upon, especially to field a difficult ball and has great speed and drive. A very useful member of the team.

Right Inner : Joyce Marsden.—Combines well with the wing, and has developed very good stickwork and ball control.

Centre Forward : B. Hinchcliffe.—Quick off the mark, and has plenty of dash and enthusiasm. She shoots strongly but must develop more accuracy in the circle.

Left Inner : M. Bamber.—Has maintained her reputation for speed and gained more accuracy in shooting.

Left Wing : E. Jones.—Has played consistently well, and uses good dodging tactics.

C.I.P.

OCT. 5TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HINDLEY 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

The weather for our first match was rather disappointing as there was a fine drizzle. Although the main strength of the opposing team lay in its defence, our forwards were able to score and on the whole it was an evenly matched and exciting game.

Result : School, 3 goals ; Hindley, 2 goals.

OCT. 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

Our play during the first half of this game was rather slow but we improved towards the end. Our forwards combined well while our defence prevented Ormskirk from scoring.

Result : School, 3 goals ; Ormskirk, 0.

OCT. 19TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. RIVINGTON 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

Owing to muddy ground the game was slow but throughout we held the upper hand, our forwards being unhindered by the opposing defence.

Result : School, 11 goals ; Rivington, 0.

OCT. 26TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. NEWTON 1ST XI. AWAY. DRAW.

Again the play was fairly even throughout and the game resulted in a draw. Although the passes were quick and accurate on both sides and the defences worked hard, neither side could prove itself superior.

Result : School, 3 goals ; Newton, 3 goals.

NOV. 9TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ASHTON 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

Our play was not very good at first as we were unaccustomed to the long grass and the unevenness of the pitch ; however by the persistence of the team we gained another victory for the school.

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

NOV. 23RD. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. UPHOLLAND 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

The Upholland players were good and passed well but the school was once again victorious.

Result : School, 3 goals ; Upholland, 0.

JAN. 18TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HINDLEY 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

In spite of the somewhat unfavourable conditions this, our last game, was very enjoyable and after a hard fight we were able to add another victory to our list.

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

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MATCHES, 1946-47

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	7	6	1	0
2nd XI	3	2	1	0
Junior XI	1	1	0	0

JUNE 28TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON G.S. 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

In the absence of our captain, Glover, Edmondson captained the side and winning the toss, the School went in to bat. There was a strong wind which was rather deceptive, but the opening pair, Dalton and Brown, scored quickly making 49 runs before Brown was bowled for 33. Dalton also batted well for 33. School collapsed, however, and were all out for 104.

Preston started badly and lost 4 wickets for only 8 runs. They tried to play out time but were dismissed for 36, Bullivant taking 6 wickets for 11 runs.

Result : School, 104 ; Preston G.S., 36.

JULY 5TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK G.S. 1ST XI. AWAY. DRAW.

School were put in to bat on a wicket which responded to spin. We, however, made a good start with Dalton (19) and Brown (28). School batting was much sounder than in the early part of the season and we made 123 for 6 dec., Bullivant scoring 45 not out and Newton 21 not out.

Ormskirk were left with one and three quarter hours to make 125 to win. The school bowlers, however, tied down the opposing batters. Time lost owing to rain handicapped the school team who were just unable to win.

Result : School, 123 for 6 dec. ; Ormskirk G.S., 74 for 9.

JULY 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON CATHOLIC COLLEGE 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

School again batted first on a wicket which helped spin bowlers, and made a very poor start. No member of the team made any notable scores and we were all out for 94.

The Preston team began fairly well and were 37 for 4. The rest of the side, however, was quickly dismissed for the addition of only 23 more runs.

Result : School, 94 ; Preston Catholic College, 60.

JULY 18TH. A SCHOOL & STAFF XI v. CANON WYATT'S XI. HOME. DRAW.

Mr. Oldland captained the combined Staff and School team against Canon Wyatt's XI. We made a rather good start on an easy wicket and finally declared at 139 for 7—Edmondson making 22, Mr. Oldland 35 not out, and Mr. Brown 23 not out.

Canon Wyatt's XI also made a good start. They scored freely carrying the total to 95 for 5 before time was up. Walsh (26) and Schofield (45 not out) batted well.

Result : School XI, 139 for 7 ; Canon Wyatt's XI, 95 for 5.

RESULT OF SCHOOL 1ST XI MATCHES

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
8	5	3	0

SCHOOL 1ST XI—AVERAGES

BATTING

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
Glover....	5	2	110	50*	36.7
Brown	7	1	94	33	15.7
Dalton	7	0	92	33	13.1
Bullivant	6	1	64	45*	12.8
Newton	5	2	33	21*	11
Edmondson	6	1	49	29*	9.8
Sumner	6	1	42	24	8.4
Wildman	5	0	36	13	7.2
Sheldon	4	0	28	14	7
Waring	4	0	10	9	2.5
Haydock	4	2	5	4*	2.5

*Denotes—Not out

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Edmondson	77.5	32	104	28	3.7
Bullivant	62	31	88	21	4.2
Dalton	23.1	5	47	5	9.4
Newton	4	0	11	3	3.7

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CRICKET LEAGUE TABLE

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

Shield Winners : Farington

CRICKET KNOCK-OUTS

As usual, much enthusiasm was shown in the Cricket Knock-outs. Worden just managed to defeat Cuerden by the narrow margin of 4 runs in the first round, while Clayton easily defeated Farington.

In the first innings of the Final, Clayton hit up 121, while Worden were all out for a meagre 85. In the second innings, Clayton carried their score to 183. Worden tried hard to catch up, but were dismissed after making 69 runs. Clayton thus won by 29 runs.

ROUNDERS, 1947.

Captain : E. Jones

The school rounders team, like the tennis team, had very few fixtures. The fielding was, as usual, the best feature of our game, being speedy and reliable, but the batting could be very much stronger.

As only three matches were played, no players deserve special mention though all gave of their best. The team was as follows :—

Bowler : B. Hinchcliffe.

Backstop : J. Marsden.

1st Base : E. Jones.

2nd Base : M. Elliott.

3rd Base : J. Farrer.

1st Deep : B. Topping.

2nd Deep : J. Deacon.

3rd Deep : E. Bennett.

4th Deep : A. Whittle.

Reserve : L. Oldland, who played twice.

C.I.P.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

MAY 17TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT 1ST IX. AWAY, DRAWN.

The two teams were fairly evenly matched and we had a good game, although the ground was rather slippery. The match ended in a draw.

Result : School, 3 rounders ; Convent, 3.

JUNE 7TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. RIVINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST IX. AWAY. WON.

The ground was fairly wet but we had quite an easy win by $4\frac{1}{2}$ rounders to 0. The deep fielders were handicapped by long grass which hid the ball, but no rounders were given away.

Result : School, $4\frac{1}{2}$ rounders ; Rivington, 0.

JULY 5TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. HINDLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST IX. AWAY. WON.

The Hindley team gave our deep fielders a great deal of work to do in this game. Their batting was very good and their fielding equally good. We only won by a very narrow margin.

Result : School, $4\frac{1}{2}$ rounders ; Hindley, 4.

JULY 17TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. THE STAFF. LOST.

We had a very good game against the staff. Mr. Bennison soon put us out in the first innings from his position at Backstop. Although we were all nervous of Mr. Bennison and Mr. Oldland's fielding and also Mr. Brown's bowling, we managed to score one rounder, and the fielders only allowed the staff to score two rounders. We were quite proud of the result.

Result: School, 1 rounder; Staff 2.



WINNERS OF CUPS AND SHIELDS, SPORTS DAY, 1947.

Back Row : (left to right) Waring, Bullivant (Victor Ludorum), Newton, Glover.
Front Row : (left to right) E. Almond, M. J. Turner (Victrix Ludorum), J. Walmsley.

Mr. Frederic Jackson, M.A. (Liverpool).

IT was with profound sorrow that we heard of the death on the day before his 76th birthday, of Mr. Frederic Jackson who became Headmaster of Balshaw's School on January 1st, 1903. For 28 years, with his wife at his side, he guided the destinies of the school which to the end of his days was his constant and supreme interest. Together as Headmaster and Senior Mistress, Mr. & Mrs. Jackson saw the growth of Balshaw's until it reached such proportions that it outlived the picturesque building which housed it and was transferred to the modern and up-to-date premises which it now occupies.

After experience as a Pupil Teacher in Leyland, Mr. Jackson entered St. Mark's College, Chelsea, where he was awarded the Teacher's Diploma in 1892 before joining the staff of The Latymer Foundation School, Hammersmith. In 1894 he was appointed to St. Mark's Upper School, Chelsea and two years later to the Headmastership of St. Gabriel's School, Westminster, a post which he held for seven years before returning to his native place as Headmaster of Balshaw's School. Mr. Jackson's interests outside the School were many and varied; whether as Urban District Councillor, President of the Golf Club, Freemason or Governor of the School he served for so many years, he never spared himself in the punctilious execution of his many responsibilities. It is difficult to describe the affection in which he and Mrs. Jackson were held by the very many boys and girls who passed through their hands. In Leyland theirs were household names, always indissolubly connected, testifying to the respect and esteem in which they were held by all who knew them.

It was with mingled feelings of grief and pride that the School paid its last tribute to a Headmaster whose name will never cease to be connected with the heritage of its unique tradition.

V.U.O.



Mr. Frederic Jackson,
M.A. (Liverpool)

Head Master of Balshaw's Grammar School

1903-1931



SCHOOL TENNIS VI, 1947.

Back Row : (left to right) E. Almond, M. Elliott, E. M. Hinchcliffe, D. M. Sheldon
 Front Row : (left to right) M. Downham (Captain), J. Rodda.

Played 2 Won 1 Lost 1

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st IX 	4	2	1	1
2nd IX 	3	1	2	0

ROUNDERS LEAGUE TABLE

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

ROUNDERS KNOCK-OUT

Winners : Cuerden

TENNIS, 1947.

Captain : M. Downham

There was practically no tennis season this year as far as school matches were concerned. The bad weather delayed Sports Training, so that Sports Day fell much later than usual and delayed the start of the tennis season. This, in addition to one or two wet Saturdays meant that we played only two schools. The school team therefore lacked practice and missed the experience which would have improved play.

No member of the team proved outstanding, or deserves special mention, but it is hoped that those who remain in the team next year will take the chance of proving their merit.

1st Couple :

M. Elliott plays a good steady game but *J. Rodda* has not noticeably improved on last season's play. Both need much practice, but should prove a strong couple with experience.

2nd Couple :

M. Downham plays quite steadily but her game lacks dash and enthusiasm while *B. Hinchcliffe* is erratic. Both should concentrate on footwork to speed up the game and improve the timing of strokes.

3rd Couple :

D. Sheldon is a capable player who places her shots well, both in long drives and at the net.

E. Almond promises well as a strong and vigorous player whose style should improve with practice.

This year, for the first time, we formed an Under Fifteen team to play the Park School, and though they were defeated, it was only by a narrow margin.

These six junior players looked very promising, and should prove useful members of the school team in a year or two.

C.I.P.

SCHOOL MATCHES

SAT., JUNE 21ST. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. PARK SCHOOL, PRESTON. AWAY. LOST.

The three Balshaw's tennis teams, 1st, 2nd and Junior played the three respective teams of the Park School.

It seemed apparent from the first that the school teams were outclassed by those of the Park School, this being partly due to the fact that this was our first match—all the others being cancelled because of rain, whilst the Park School had played previously in many matches. However everyone played her best and the first team playing well lost by the narrow margin of 7 sets to 9.

SAT., JULY 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. UPHOLLAND G.S. HOME. WON.

Our second and last match was against Upholland Grammar School. This time only the first team played. This match was entirely the reverse of the other, the school team, having by this time had more practice, defeated their opponents by 8 sets to 1.

TENNIS LEAGUE TABLE

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

TENNIS KNOCK-OUT

Winners : Worden

CROSS COUNTRY

From the weather stand point, this has been a disastrous season. It was the first year that we have been unable to complete all the running in the Easter term, and, in point of fact, the whole programme had to be concentrated into the beginning of the Summer term.

However, the weather notwithstanding, the keenness and competence have been remarkable. Newton made an excellent captain and set a good pace, both metaphorically and on the track, by his inspiring enthusiasm. There is arresting testimony of the general high standard in the times of the Senior Final; the first three home, Newton, Entwisle E. D., broke the record, and Numbers Four and Five were only a few seconds above. The time of Newton, the winner, was 22 minutes dead. The Junior Final was won by Kelsall in 14 mins. 21 secs. In this event too, the keenness of the members was exemplary. Altogether, the school is showing the benefit of a little experience.

The cup went to Worden, who produced the best all-round performance both in the Juniors and the Seniors. House points were as follows :—

House	Senior	Junior	Total
Worden	241	721	962
Farington	278	739	1017
Cuerden	327	775	1102
Clayton	340	806	1146

W.J.D.

CHESS

Last year we played four matches—one each against the County Offices, the County Police, the Bamber Bridge Training College and Bolton Municipal High School.

The County Offices' team was strengthened by the inclusion of L. L. Lees, the Preston Championship winner, and their strongest team therefore was against us. Nevertheless we won by 4 games to 3, with the game Lees v. Broadbent adjourned in a drawn position.

Against the County Police, our victory was 6—1, Jackson being the only loser.

The new Training College at Bamber Bridge challenged us to a friendly match. We won by 5 games to 3—Broadbent beating their star player, W. B. Hirst who has played for the County, a victory which earned Broadbent a mention in the magazine, "Chess."

We lost the match against Bolton Municipal High School by 3 games to 5. There was no disgrace in this however, for this school is the champion school of Lancashire, having defeated Manchester Grammar School, and, moreover has 35 players from which to pick a team. Actually, over the first 5 boards we won 3—2, which shows that our Juniors are at fault.

It must be stressed that boys who would like to play for the school team are expected to put in a good deal of book study and to join a Chess Club such as Preston, or the newly-formed Leyland Club. Only hard work will make for proficiency.

Mention should be made of Becconsall's excellent performance in school matches; he remained undefeated with three wins and a draw.

B.L.W.

HOUSE NOTES.

CLAYTON HOUSE.

House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull.*House Mistress* : Miss A. Doherty.*House Captains* : Dalton, J. U. (Boys) ; E. Jones (Girls).

Once again we find it is time to make a survey of our achievements during the past school year. We cannot say that the House has a star-studded record, but we can say with conviction that the House reputation on the whole has not suffered disgrace.

The House party scored another convincing success ; hearty congratulations to all concerned.

On the sports field, the girls failed to produce any trophies by their honest endeavour in all games. The boys had the satisfaction of winning the cricket knock-outs at the expense of Worden.

We sincerely hope that all new members will be happy with us, and do their share towards maintaining a good Clayton standard, both in the classroom and on the sports field.

We Claytonites have a reputation to maintain ; let us not leave it in the hands of a few ; we should all pull our weight together and remember a thing is never lost till it is won.

On, Claytonites, On !

CUERDEN HOUSE.

House Master : Mr. Bennison.*House Mistress* : Miss Whewell.*House Captains* : Edmondson, P. W. (Boys) ; D. R. Ackers (Girls).

Cuerden has again had a successful year. We have once more seen victory on the sports field, winning the "Victrix Ludorum," the relay cup and the sports cup, while Cuerden girls have served their House well by winning the hockey leagues and the rounders knock-outs.

On the other hand, the boys were unfortunate in the rugby knock-outs ; after they had defeated the formidable side put out by Worden, they were themselves defeated in the Final by Farington, only after extra time. The league teams were also unsuccessful, but we have great expectations for the coming year as we have some keen juniors, as well as experienced seniors.

Perhaps our most unfortunate loss however, is that of the Silver Griffin, presented this year to Worden House. The Silver Griffin has many times been in the care of Cuerden House—now is our chance to regain lost glory.

We returned this year to find that many of our old members had gone, but our present numbers prove that there are now many more new ones to take their place. We hope that these will soon meet their fellow "Cuerdenites" at the House Party for which we are now busily preparing.

Since our last party, we have said "Good-bye" to Mr. Hilditch who was a very helpful house master and who, by his ready wit, made the party "go." We are all very sorry to lose him, but we know that Mr. Bennison will fill his place admirably.

FARINGTON HOUSE.

House Master : Mr. W. J. Downer.*House Mistress* : Miss A. Milroy.*House Captains* : Riding, G. (Boys) ; J. Deacon (Girls).

Alas ! as usual Farington has too little to report in the way of success during the last year. However we must thank the boys who have, at least, managed to win the Rugger Knock-outs and Cricket Leagues. But the girls, I am afraid, must bow their heads in shame—not a single trophy from them ! Sports Day was again unfortunate for us, as indeed it ever seems to be ; we have remained at the bottom of the list for many years, but surely we do not want to stay there for ever ! And if we go forward with a stout heart and firm resolve we shall, I am sure, achieve our former high standard.

We are sorry to say farewell to Mr. Fisher after only one year, during which, we may say, he proved a great asset to Farington House. Now, welcome greetings to Mr. Downer of whom, knowing his prowess in Latin and Greek, we have 'Great Expectations.' Let us hasten to add that we trust his will be no 'Brief Encounter.' Welcome also to our new members, who, we hope, have not been disheartened by the above reports. How wonderful it would be if, among you, there were a few Sidney Wooderson's and Denis Comptons. Maybe then we should be able to get nearer to possessing those greatly coveted Silver Trophies.

It is agreed upon, we think—no, we know—that our House party of the Summer Term was an absolutely 'Wizard Prang.' Our thanks and congratulations go to Miss Milroy, Mr. Downer and all others who worked so hard to make it such a success. We were pleased to see the old faces (not only ex-Faringtonites) who were present. Also we must not forget those who took part in the tableaux and Geoff Riding for his display of conjuring tricks.

A final plea to you all to put your backs into it and strive hard and valiantly to bring more successes to your House. Be warned, all ye drones of Farington ; we intend to exterminate you !

WORDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.*House Mistress* : Miss M. A. Rahill.*House Captains* : Skilbeck, D. (Boys) ; M. Elliott (Girls).

By an unfortunate concatenation of circumstances, or, as the ordinary man would put it, a piece of bad luck, we find this year that our House has lost many of its treasured prizes. On the other hand, we won the Silver Griffin for the first time.

We extend a hearty greeting to all new members, and sincerely hope that they will be happy in our House.

Our successes were obtained by the girls. They proved their ability at Hockey by winning the Knock-outs. The boys were out of luck in the Rugby Knock-outs, losing narrowly to Cuerden in the Semi-final. The only consolation prize the boys received, was first place in the Rugby Leagues.

During the summer months, the only success of our boys was attained by Bullivant, who must be congratulated upon winning the Victor Ludorum for the third time in succession. Sports Day proved a great struggle between Cuerden and Worden, the issue being finally decided by the last events, in favour of the former. Our great hopes which lay in the Cricket XI were shattered by Clayton, who defeated us in the final of the Knock-outs. The girls saved our honour by winning both the Tennis Knock-outs and the Leagues, but they were defeated at Rounders.

After several cancellations, the House Party, held towards the end of the last term, was again a great success. The food was varied and plentiful, and there were fun and games for all.

Let this year bring with it a bumper crop of records.

“NON SIBI SED ALIIS”

November 11th, 1946—Earl Haig's Poppy Fund—£5-3-4.

December 12th, 1946—Help to French Schools (*per Miss Milroy*)—190 articles.

December 13th, 1946—Dr. Barnardo's Homes (*per Miss Royle*)—£29-11-0.

March 1947—European Relief Fund (*per Mrs. Oliver*)—280 garments and 97 packets of food and soap.

April 25th, 1947—Lifeboat Day (R.N.L.I.)—£3-5-6.

July 4th, 1947—Alexandra Rose Day—£3-0-0.

July 10th, 1947—Dr. Barnardo's Homes (*per Miss Royle*)—£9-17-0.

1946-47—Save the Children Fund (*per Mr. Downer*)—£16-6-6.

September 26th, 1947—St. John Ambulance Brigade (*Leyland Division*)—£3-17-3.

October 15th, 1947—Whitehaven & Annfield Plain Colliery Disasters' Fund—£7-8-6.

October 31st, 1947—Lancashire “Shilling” Royal Wedding Fund—£5-18-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Homerton College,
Cambridge,

November, 1946.

Dear Editor,

I have not had time to get to know Cambridge thoroughly, but I shall try to give you some of the impressions I have already formed of college life and the town.

As one can naturally imagine, Cambridge, with all its famous colleges, contains many magnificent buildings.

Most of the colleges are built along the banks of the river Cam, each having its own bridge over the river. Clare College Bridge is supposed to be the most picturesque, although I like the Bridge of Sighs at St. John's College which is a copy of the original bridge at Venice. It is possible for one to walk by the river behind the colleges along some ground known as the ‘Backs,’ beautiful with weeping willows and poplars, well-kept lawns and flower beds.

Along certain stretches of the river one can see the college crews practising very energetically, while in other parts punts move leisurely along the river.

Homerton College, situated in beautiful and extensive grounds with well-kept playing fields, is about one mile from the town centre.

Although we have not been accepted as part of the University, we have to abide by all its rules and are allowed to take part in most of the University activities.

Our routine is nearly the same as at Balshaw's in that we have bells for the end of each lecture and also at meal times and to waken us each morning.

We have a large and well-stocked library in which a few students work each evening, but which, I am told, before any examination is full to capacity!

During the first year we do not specialise but take most of the subjects in the school curriculum including also, psychology, speech and education. In our second year we specialise: I am taking the Infant Nursery course.

There are many varieties of University societies for one to join. Most of the societies have sent speakers down to college to enlighten us about their particular ideals. These meetings, held in the drawing room are commonly referred to as a ‘squash,’ many people being attracted by the refreshments offered at the end rather than the lecture itself.

Symphony Concerts and recitals are held in Cambridge every week; we get some very good plays, and many famous and well-known lecturers including recently Lord Louis Mountbatten and Professor Joad.

The University does, however, depart from its usual solemnity occasionally to have visits from such people as Gillie Potter of whom I shall say no more except that the lecture room was full to overflowing an hour before his arrival.

Such are some of my first impressions of Cambridge.

May I close by wishing you all, and especially the members of Cuerden house, a happy and successful school year.

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET B. SUTTON.

CALENDAR

1947

SEPTEMBER

- W. 10 Autumn Term Commences.
Supervision Duty : Miss Johnson.
- Th. 11
- F. 12
- S. 13
- M. 15 Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson ; Riding, G.; E. K. Astley.
- Tu. 16
- W. 17
- Th. 18
- F. 19
- S. 20 Hockey : School 1st XI v. Preston Park School 1st XI (a).
School 2nd XI v. Preston Park School 2nd XI (a).
- M. 22 Supervision Duty : Miss Markland ; Dalton, J. U.; B. Norris.
- Tu. 23
- W. 24
- Th. 25
- F. 26 2-45 p.m. Film Show by Central Office of Information.
- S. 27 Hockey : School 1st XI v. Upholland G.S. 1st XI (h).
School 2nd XI v. Upholland G.S. 2nd XI (h).
Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Kirkham G.S. 1st XV (a).
School 2nd XV v. Kirkham G.S. 2nd XV (h).
- M. 29 Supervision Duty : Mr. Speakman ; Entwistle, E. D.; P. M. Barker.
- Tu. 30

OCTOBER

- W. 1 Applications for Entrance to Training Colleges.
- Th. 2
- F. 3
- S. 4 Rugby Football ; School 1st XV v. a Rossall School XV. (h)
- M. 6 Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy ; Skilbeck, D.; M. Elliott.
- Tu. 7 Last date of application for County Advanced Course Exhibitions.
- W. 8 Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. F. (1); Cu. v. W. (1).
Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (1); F. v. W. (1).
- Th. 9
- F. 10
- S. 11 Hockey : School 1st XI v. Newton-in-Makerfield G.S. 1st XI (h).
School 2nd XI v. Newton-in-Makerfield G.S. 2nd XI (h).
Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Arnold House School 1st XV (h).
- M. 13 Supervision Duty : Mr. Downer ; Wright, R. W.; J. Spencer.
- Tu. 14 Last date for receipt of contributions to 'The Balshavian,' Vol. XXIII No. 1.
- W. 15 Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (1); F. v. W. (1).
Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. F. (1); Cu. v. W. (1).
- Th. 16
- F. 17
- S. 18 Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. A Preston Grasshoppers XV (a).
- M. 20 Supervision Duty : Miss Lewis ; Wildman, R.; M. Farnell.
- Tu. 21
- W. 22 Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. A Stonyhurst College XV (h).
- Th. 23
- F. 24
- S. 25
- M. 27 & Tu. 28 Half Term Holiday.
- W. 29 Supervision Duty : Mr. Bull ; Bennison, R. A. D.; J. Rodda.
Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. W. (1); Cu. v. F. (1).
Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. W. (1); Cu. v. F. (1).
- Th. 30
- F. 31

NOVEMBER

- S. 1 Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. a Rossall School XV. (a).
Hockey : School 1st XI v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st XI (a).
School Jun. XI v. Ormskirk G.S. Jun. XI (a).
- M. 3 Supervision Duty : Miss Doherty ; Toze, A. C.; M. Hargreaves.
- Tu. 4
- W. 5
- Th. 6
- F. 7
- S. 8 Hockey : School 1st XI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. 1st XI (h).
Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Arnold House School 1st XV (a).
- M. 10 Supervision Duty : Mr. Morgan ; Price, R. E.; G. E. Harrison.
2-0 p.m. Lecture : "Chemistry and Daily Life," by Dr. C. Campbe l
- Tu. 11
- W. 12 Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. F. (2); Cu. v. W. (2).
Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (2); F. v. W. (2).
- Th. 13
- F. 14 5-0 p.m. Cuerden House Party.
- S. 15 Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Hutton G.S. 1st XV. (h).
Hockey : School 1st XI v. Wigan H.S. 1st XI (a).
- M. 17 Supervision Duty : Miss Twist ; Waring, J. M.; S. Hindle.
- T. 18
- W. 19 Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Stonyhurst College XV. (h).
- Th. 20
- F. 21 2-45 p.m. Film Show by Central Office of Information.
- S. 22 Hockey : School 1st XI v. Hindley G.S. 1st XI (a).
School 2nd XI v. Hindley G.S. 2nd XI (a).
Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. A Sedberg School XV (h).
- M. 24 Supervision Duty : Mr. Leithead ; Curren, W. R.; E.M. Hinchcliffe.
- T. 25
- W. 26 Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (2); F. v. W. (2).
Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. F. (2); Cu. v. W. (2).
- Th. 27
- F. 28
- S. 29 Hockey : School 1st XI v. Chorley G.S. 1st XI (h).
School 2nd XI v. Chorley G.S. 2nd XI (h).
Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Upholland G.S. 1st XV (h).
School Bantam XV v. Upholland G.S. Bantam XV (a).

DECEMBER

- M. 1 Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson ; Edmondson, P. W.; Z. E. Dawson
School Examinations (First Day).
- T. 2 School Examinations (Second Day).
- W. 3 School Examinations (Third Day).
- Th. 4
- F. 5
- S. 6 Hockey : School 1st XI v. Rivington G.S. 1st XI (h).
School 2nd XI v. Rivington G.S. 2nd XI (h).
- M. 8 Supervision Duty : Miss Markland ; Dalton, J. U.; J. Deacon.
- T. 9
- W. 10 Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Blackpool G.S. 1st XV (a).
School Bantam XV v. Blackpool G.S. Bantam XV (a).
Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. W. (2); Cu. v. F. (2).
Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. W. (2); Cu. v. F. (2).
- Th. 11
- F. 12 Publication of 'The Balshavian,' Vol. XXIII, No. 1.
- S. 13 Hockey : School 1st XI v. Upholland G.S. 1st XI (a).
Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. A Preston Grasshoppers XV (h).
- M. 15 Supervision Duty : Mr. Speakman ; Entwistle, E. D.; Joyce Marsden.
7-30 p.m. Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes.
- T. 16
- W. 17
- Th. 18 2-0 p.m. School Carol Service.
- F. 19 Autumn Term ends.
Spring Term commences : January 7th, 1948.
Spring Term ends : March 25th, 1948.

MISCELLANEA.

- Clayton House :** House Mistress : Miss A. Doherty, B.A.
House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull, M.A.
House Captains : Dalton, J. U.; E. Jones.
House Colour : Green.
House Room : IV B.
- Cuerden House :** House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell, A.R.C.A.
House Master : Mr. R. A. Bennison, M.Sc.
House Captains : Edmondson, P. W.; D. R. Ackers.
House Colour : Red.
House Room : III A.
- Farington House :** House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy, B.A.
House Master : Mr. W. J. Downer, M.A.
House Captains : Riding, G.; J. Deacon.
House Colour : Gold.
House Room : I B.
- Worden House :** House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill.
House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A.
House Captains : Skilbeck, D.; M. Elliott.
House Colour : Blue.
House Room : I A.
- Boys :** *Head Prefect :* Edmondson, P.W. *Prefect :* Riding, G. *Sub-Prefects :* Dalton, J. U., Entwisle, E. D., Skilbeck, D., Wright, R. W., Wildman, R., Bennison, R. A. D., Toze, A. C., Price, R. E., Waring, J. M., Curren, W. R.
- Girls :** *Head Prefect :* D. R. Ackers. *Prefects :* Joan L. Marsden, Emma Jones. *Sub-Prefects :* E. K. Astley, P. M. Barker, M. Elliott, M. Farnell, M. Hargreaves, G. E. Harrison, S. Hindle, E. M. Hinchcliffe, Z. E. Dawson, J. Deacon, J. Spencer, Joyce Marsden, B. Norris, J. Rodda.
- Captain of Rugby Football :* Edmondson, P. W.
- Captain of Hockey :* Joyce Marsden.
- Milk :** 10.45 a.m. in Dining Room. Pasteurised 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, Sixth Form girls may stay in IVa room, Sixth Form boys in the Geography room, girls below the Sixth Form in IIIa, IVb and Vb rooms and boys below the Sixth Form in IIc, IIB and IIa rooms. Boys and girls may, if they prefer, listen to the radio-gramophone in the Hall.
- School Periods :**
- Morning Periods :**
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| 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
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| 1-45 to 1-50 p.m. | Form meetings. |
| 1-50 to 2-30 p.m. | Fifth Period. |
| 2-30 to 3-15 p.m. | Sixth Period. |
| 3-15 to 4-0 p.m. | Seventh Period. |
- (b) Fridays :—
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| 1-45 to 1-50 p.m. | Form meetings. |
| 1-50 to 2-15 p.m. | Fifth Period. |
| 2-15 to 2-45 p.m. | Sixth Period. |
| 2-45 to 3-15 p.m. | Seventh Period. |
| 3-15 to 4-0 p.m. | Societies. |

Meetings :

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

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	11-40 to 12-00	Intermediate French (IVB).
	2-05 to 2-25	Stories from World History (IA, IC).
	2-30 to 3-00	Orchestral Concert Series (IIA, IIB, IIC).
Tuesdays :	11-20 to 11-38	History I (IA).
Fridays :	10-05 to 10-15	News Commentary (IB, IC).
	11-20 to 11-40	Citizenship (IIIA).
	2-00 to 2-15	Travel Talks (IIA).
	2-40 to 3-00	Senior English I (IIIA).

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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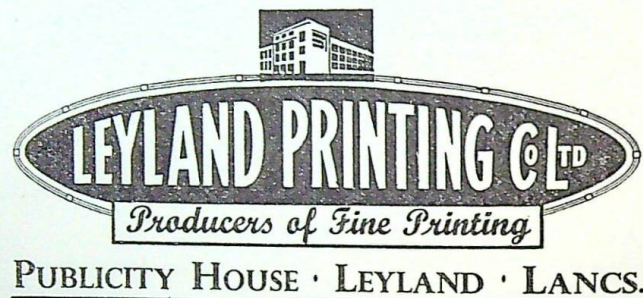
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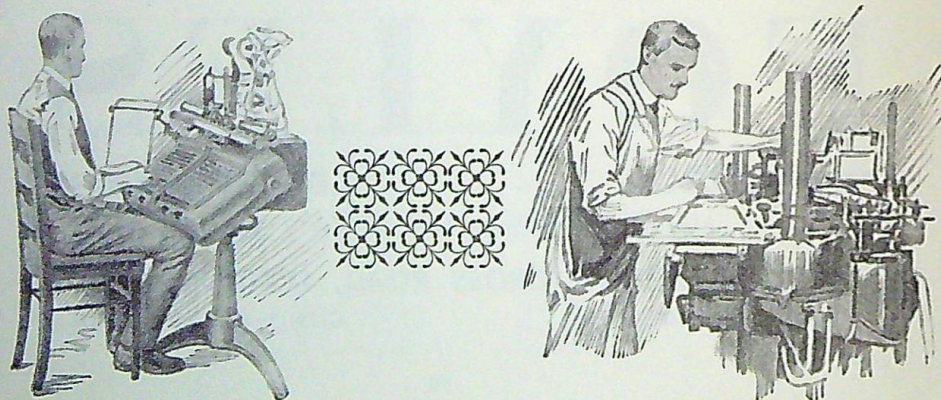
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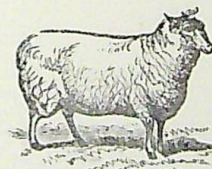
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