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"EMMA"

March 18th, 19th and 20th, 1948.



Mr. Knightley : "When you have seen more of this country, I am afraid you will think you have over-rated Highbury. Surrey is full of beauties."

Mrs. Elton : "Oh yes, I am quite aware of that. It is the garden of England, you know."

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## EDITORIAL.

First of all we wish to welcome all the newcomers and hope they will spend a very happy time at this school. We also wish to send our good wishes to those who have left to go to college or to their various jobs.

Our thanks are due to those who have helped to make the Magazine a success and on behalf of the editor and sub-editors we thank Miss Doherty, whose name does not appear among the editorial staff, for her valuable assistance.

On looking through old editions of *The Balshavian*, we notice that in most of them there has been some mention of war or impending crisis compared to which our school affairs seem trivial, although to us they assume a paramount importance. We are still living under the shadow of a crisis and although we have been hoping throughout the last nine years to increase the size of our magazine, we find it of necessity still strictly limited and we must therefore apologise to those whose contributions have to be omitted. However, we can say in the tradition of our predecessors :—

"A better time will come !"

## SCHOOL NOTES.

### PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys. *Head Prefect* : Waring, J. M.

*Prefects* : Entwisle, E. D., Wright, R. W., Bennison, R. A. D., Toze, A. C., Brindle, R., Broadbent, B. G.

*Sub-Prefects* : Ball, A., Becconsall, J. K., Fowler, D., Meadows, A., Watkinson, A., Taylor, A., Wright, J.

Girls. *Head Prefect* : M. Farnell.

*Prefects* : E. M. Hinchcliffe, Z. E. Dawson, J. Spencer, B. Norris, J. F. Rodda, B. Butcher.

*Sub-Prefects* : B. M. Hargreaves, M. B. Langton, A. D. Standidge, E. Wood, J. P. Williams, V. Newsham, M. J. Turner, I. Walton, E. Nelson, E. Bennet.

Since our last issue we have said goodbye to Mr. Lomax, who left us in December, 1947, after twenty-seven years at the school. We wish him a long and happy retirement. A tribute to Mr. Lomax appears in this issue.



The School was deeply grieved to hear of the death on the 10th of April of Mabel Hargreaves, a pupil of the school. The Upper Sixth, Mr. Oldland, Miss Rahill, Miss Milroy and Miss Whewell attended her funeral at Longton Parish Church.

The following changes of staff have taken place during the past year. Miss Holmes, our Domestic Science mistress, has left us to be married. We wish both her and her husband every happiness. Mr. Blakeman has also left us to take up a position at Wigan Technical College. We welcome Miss Ball and Mr. Rigby, who take their places, and also Mr. Leathley, who comes to take junior subjects.

Speech Day was held on December 16th, when the prizes were presented by Lady Openshaw, J.P.

We wish to congratulate Joan Marsden on winning State, County Major and Peter Lathom Scholarships, Doris Ackers and Curren on winning Hocking Memorial Prizes, and Curren on also winning a County Major Scholarship.

We extend cordial congratulations, too, to Jack Downie, who left the School in 1938 and who has been awarded a Junior George Webb Medley Scholarship and has been placed in the first Class in the Final Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford; also to George Howard, who has been awarded a N.C.B. University Scholarship.

We must extend hearty congratulations to an Old Boy, P. B. Webster, on a lucky escape. Webster, who joined the Merchant Navy four years ago, recently fell fifty feet from a ship's mast. He was treated at Hull Infirmary for shock and a hand injury.

Again the various House Parties and the Prefects' Social were all a great success.

Accounts of the many interesting Film Shows and Lectures which we have had this year will be found in the issue.

The Annual Athletic Sports were, as usual, very enjoyable. We congratulate the Victor Ludorum, Waring, and the Victrix Ludorum, Jean Spencer. An account of the sports will be found elsewhere in the issue.

Several changes have been made in the School Societies. The Dramatic Society has said goodbye to Miss Milroy and Miss Lewis as their producers and welcome Mr. Downer in their place. Miss Milroy and Miss Lewis have started a Junior Dramatic Society. Mr. Bennison has left the Gardening Society and his place has been taken by Mr. Leathley. Mr. Bennison has started a Books Society.

We congratulate the Reverend R. H. Priestnall, an Old Balshavian who left the school in 1939, on his marriage to Miss Bessie Smith, of Stapenhill, and Miss Iris Greenhalgh on her marriage to Mr. Ronald Wignall.

Our congratulations go to the following pupils who have been successful in public examinations.

*Oxford School Certificate :—*

K. M. Abbott, M. Acton, J. M. Barker, B. Blundell, B. Brian, L. A. Collison, I. Crompton, M. Hargreaves, M. Harrison, M. M. Hibbert, G. B. Hornby, M. Iddon, S. J. Kirkman, K. M. Marsden, J. Moss, L. Rowley, B. J. Swift, M. Tickle, A. J. Todd, B. Topping, M. Barker, E. Beal, B. Clithero, M. Dallas, B. Higginbottom, W. P. Hindle, E. M. Iddon, L. Latham, E. Park, O. M. Penlington, D. Rigby, E. K. Robinson, S. Snell, M. K. Spencer, G. Topping.

Barlow, J. P., Blundell, K., Blyth, W. A., Cook, B. A., Cross, A. H., Cuerden, J. L., Jackson, G., Lawson, W., Nelson, J. R., Simmons, M., Allsup, J. S., Barton, G. A., Clarkson, R., Heginbotham, T., Howcroft, J. M., Johnson, B., Parker, J. H., Smith, D., Taylor, D. E., Threlfall, J., Wrennall, E., Yates, V. H.

*Higher School Certificate (N.U.J.M.B.) :—*

D. R. Ackers, E. K. Astley, M. Farnell, E. M. Hinchcliffe, S. Hindle, J. L. Marsden, J. Spencer, B. Butcher, J. Deacon, J. Marsden, I. Walton, E. Wood. Edmondson, P. W., Waring, J. M., Curren, W. R., Riding, G., Taylor, A.

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

D. R. Ackers to Worcester Training College; E. K. Astley and G. E. Harrison to St. Mary's College, Cheltenham; S. Hindle to Beckett's Park College, Leeds; J. L. Marsden and I. Walton to Manchester University; J. Marsden and C. S. Prescott to Chichester Training College; J. Deacon to University College, Leicester; P. M. Barker to St. Catherine's College, Liverpool; B. Hargreaves to Manchester Royal College of Music; Curren, W. R. and Riding, G. to Liverpool University.

Our congratulations go to Mr. Bennison and Joyce Marsden who defeated Mr. Wilkinson and Eileen Burnie in the final match of the School Tennis Tournament.

We also congratulate :—

Cuerden on winning the Cricket Leagues and Knockouts, the Rugby Leagues and Knockouts, the Tennis Leagues, the Sports House Championship Cup and the Cross Country Cup;

Worden on winning the Tennis Knock-outs, the Hockey Leagues and Knockouts and the Rounders Knockouts;

Farington on winning the Rounders Leagues;

Clayton on winning the Silver Griffin.

SALVETE.

*To Clayton House :* A. Gardener, M. Gilbert, B. S. Gowanlock, J. M. Harker, A. Haworth, J. Hindle, B. Hitchen, D. Howard, M. J. Jenkinson, A. Marsden, M. Marsden, P. J. Oliver, J. Riding, P. M. Stott, M. Sutcliffe, J. M. Waddecar, P. Walker, M. Ward, A. Whitlock, B. M. Whittle, J. M. Whittle, Draper, J. K., Crofts, J. R., Hollin, J. L., Kirkham, H. G., Knowles, J. E., Parkinson, J., Pinder, D. R., Walmsley, J. R.

*To Cuerden House :* E. J. Carsley, M. J. Cattle, M. E. Coulton, P. A. Dixon, E. Duckworth, M. Hesmondhalgh, E. W. Hoyle, A. M. Ireland, H. R. Parr, M. A. Rigby, P. A. Robinson, M. C. Robson, E. Rutledge, M. K. Sample, M. Sharples, M. Stewart,



S. J. Tanner, P. Titterton, P. Tullis, J. K. Webster, J. E. Whitehead, J. Wilkinson, E. Wright, Green, J. R., Hill, B., Lucas, J., Ogden, I. W., Robinson, H. M. B., Singleton, J., Stanbridge, D. W.

*To Farington House*: M. R. Alston, M. Bolton, O. M. Bracewell, D. A. Butterworth, J. Houlden, M. E. Hull, J. K. Lovisa, P. M. Marshall, J. M. Miller, D. M. Mitchinson, K. M. Moss, H. J. Oliver, J. Quinn, S. Rainford, J. Ravenscroft, L. E. Sanderson, J. M. Sherlock, M. Strickland, B. Unwin, M. Waddington, Aspin, D. T., Croft, P. G., Egerton, R. T., Hall, A. E., Jones, K., Smith, C., Swarbrick, R., Walton, D., Williams, A. P.

*To Worden House*: J. V. Barker, J. Bell, E. A. Brennand, M. Bretherton, S. M. Campbell, B. Harvey, B. A. Haydock, F. G. G. Howard, S. Mayor, A. Meakin, J. M. Oliver, S. M. Robinson, M. H. Rowlands, M. H. Shimell, K. A. Smith, R. Williams, Baxendale, R. M., Bradshaw, M., Dewhurst, T. A., Harrison, J., Palmer, B., Pritchard, G. T., Remington, E. E., Smith, D. L.

#### VALETE (Boys)

*Edmondson, P. W.*—U.VI, Cuerden. Head Prefect. School Certificate, 1945; Higher School Certificate 1947, 1948. 1st Rugby XV, 1945, 1946, 1947. 1st Cricket XI, 1946, 1947, 1948. Cross Country team. Captain Rugby Football, 1947; Captain Cricket 1948. Cuerden House Captain. School Play, 1945, 1946, 1947.

*Riding, G.*—U.VI, Farington. Prefect. School Certificate, 1946; Higher School Certificate, 1948. Cricket Leagues. Farington House Captain.

*Curren, W. R.*—U.VI, Worden. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1946; Higher School Certificate, 1948. County Major Scholarship, 1948. Winner of Hocking Memorial Prize. 1st Rugby XV, 1946, 1947. Cricket Knock-outs.

*Dalton, J. U.*—U.VI, Clayton. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1946; 1st Rugby XV, 1947. 1st Cricket XI, 1945, 1946, 1947.

*Price, R. E.*—U.VI, Farington. School Certificate, 1946. Rugby and Cricket Leagues.

*Skilbeck, D.*—U.VI, Worden. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1945. 1st Rugby XV, 1946, 1947. Cricket Knock-outs. Worden House Captain.

*Wildman, R.*—U.VI, Farington. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1946. 1st Rugby XV, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947. 1st Cricket XI, 1945, 1946, 1947. Rugby Football Colours.

*Haydock, F. S.*—L.VI, Farington. School Certificate, 1947. Rugby and Cricket Knock-outs.

*Parker, E.*—L.VI, Clayton. School Certificate, 1947. 1st Rugby XV, 1947. 1st Cricket XI, 1947.

*Place, J. E.*—L.VI, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1947. 1st Rugby XV, 1947. 1st Cricket XI, 1948. Cross Country Team. Athletics Colours.

*Barlow, J. P.*—V.A, Clayton. School Certificate, 1948. Rugby Knock-outs. Leagues.

*Cross, A. H.*—V.A, Worden. School Certificate, 1948. Rugby Leagues.

*Cuerden, J. L.*—V.A, Worden. Cricket Leagues.

*Frost, E. G.*—V.A, Cuerden. Rugby and Cricket Leagues, Knock-outs.

*Barton, G. A.*—V.B, Clayton. Rugby Leagues.

*Johnson, B.*—V.B, Clayton. School Certificate, 1948.

*Procter, T. E.*—V.B, Worden. Rugby Knock-outs, Leagues.

*Taylor, D. E.*—V.B, Farington. School Certificate, 1948.

*Threlfall, J. R.*—V.B, Worden. School Certificate, 1948.

*Pierson, V. L.*—V.B, Farington.

*Threlfall, D. R.*—III.C, Worden.

*Threlfall, D. L.*—II.B, Worden.

*Ingham, H. W.*—II.C, Cuerden.

*Taylor, G. N.*—II.C, Farington.

#### VALETE (Girls)

*D. R. Ackers.*—U.VI, Cuerden. Head Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. Higher School Certificate, 1947, 1948. Winner of Hocking Memorial Prize, 1948. Tennis Leagues. Cuerden House Captain. Head of the School Choir.

*J. L. Marsden.*—U.VI, Cuerden. Prefect. School Certificate, 1945. Higher School Certificate, 1947, 1948. State, County Major and Peter Lathom Scholarships, 1948. Editor of *The Balshavian*.

*M. Elliott.*—U.VI, Worden. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1946. School 1st Hockey XI, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948. School 1st Rounders IX, 1947, 1948. School 1st Tennis VI, 1947, 1948. Tennis Colours, 1948. Hockey, Rounders, Tennis, Leagues and Knock-outs. Worden House Captain.

*P. M. Barker.*—U.VI, Cuerden. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1946.

*J. Marsden.*—U.VI, Cuerden. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Higher School Certificate, 1948. School 1st Hockey XI, 1945, 1946, 1947; Captain, 1948. School 1st Rounders IX, 1947, 1948. Hockey, Rounders Colours, 1948. Hockey, Tennis, Rounders Leagues and Knock-outs. Games Captain of Cuerden House. School Librarian.

*E. Jones.*—U.VI, Clayton. Prefect. School Certificate, 1946. School 1st Hockey XI, 1946, 1947, 1948. School 1st Rounders IX, 1947, 1948. Hockey, Rounders, Tennis Leagues and Knock-outs. Clayton House Captain.

*G. E. Harrison.*—U.VI, Clayton. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1946.

*S. Hindle.*—U.VI, Farington. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Higher School Certificate, 1948. Hockey and Rounders Leagues.

*J. Deacon.*—U.VI, Farington. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Higher School Certificate, 1948. School 1st Hockey XI, 1947, 1948. School 1st Rounders IX, 1947, 1948. Hockey, Rounders, Tennis, Leagues and Knock-outs. Farington House Captain.

*I. Walton.*—U.VI, Worden. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Higher School Certificate, 1948.



*E. K. Astley*.—U.VI, Cuerden. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Higher School Certificate, 1948. Hockey and Rounders Leagues. Assistant Librarian.

*C. S. Prescott*.—U.VI, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1946. Hockey and Rounders Leagues.

*J. Balmer*.—U.VI, Farington. School Certificate, 1946. Hockey Leagues.

*E. Blogg*.—L.VI, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1947. Hockey and Rounders Leagues.

*J. H. Miller*.—L.VI, Worden. School Certificate, 1947. Hockey and Rounders Leagues.

*J. C. Heald*.—L.VI, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1947.

*M. D. Speakman*.—L.VI, Clayton. School Certificate, 1947. Hockey and Rounders Leagues.

*W. M. Harrison*.—L.VI, Clayton. School Certificate, 1947. Hockey and Rounders Leagues.

*M. Hope*.—L.VI, Clayton. School Certificate, 1947.

*S. J. Kirkman*.—V.A, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1948. Hockey and Rounders Leagues.

*B. Topping*.—V.A, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1948. School 1st Hockey XI, 1947, 1948. School 1st Rounders IX, 1947, 1948. Hockey, Rounders, Leagues and Knockouts.

*A. Saddington*.—V.A, Worden. Rounders and Hockey Leagues.

*N. M. Wilkinson*.—V.A, Farington. Rounders and Hockey Leagues.

*I. Brown*.—V.A, Farington.

*A. Whittle*.—V.A, Farington. School 1st Rounders IX, 1947, 1948. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knock-outs.

*M. Plant*.—V.B, Worden.

*E. P. Ilott*.—V.B, Farington.

*J. M. Ritchie*.—V.B, Cuerden.

*J. Robinson*.—V.B, Cuerden.

*L. Rowley*.—V.B, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1948.

*E. Park*.—V.B, Clayton. School Certificate, 1948. Hockey and Rounders Leagues.

*E. H. Iddon*.—V.B, Worden. School Certificate, 1948.

*E. Almond*.—V.B, Cuerden. School 1st Hockey XI, 1946, 1947, 1948. School 1st Tennis VI, 1948. Rounders, Hockey, Tennis, Leagues and Knock-outs.

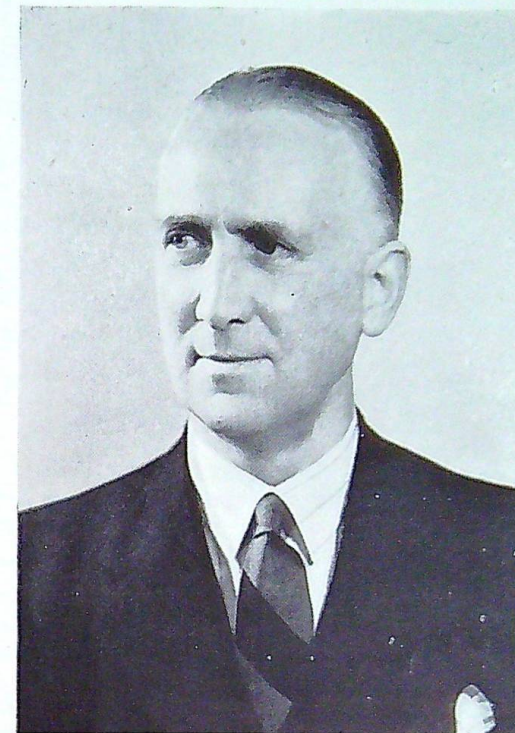
*E. Harrison*.—V.B, Clayton. Hockey and Tennis Leagues.

*B. Higginbottom*.—V.B, Clayton. School Certificate, 1948. Hockey, Rounders, Tennis Leagues.

*R. H. Cunliffe*.—V.B, Clayton.

*M. Heaton*.—V.B, Clayton. Hockey, Rounders Leagues.

*D. Lawrenson*.—V.A, Farington.



HENRY JEPSON LOMAX, B.Sc., A.R.C.Sc.

SECOND MASTER  
BALSHAW'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 1921-1947



*B. E. Birkett.*—V.A, Farington.

*J. Smout.*—III.B, Cuerden.

*J. L. Lowes.*—II.A, Cuerden.

*J. Bennet.*—IV.A, Cuerden.

*E. M. Lord.*—III.A, Worden.

*B. H. Hammond.*—I.A, Cuerden.

*M. P. Bratt.*—II.A, Clayton.

*A. C. Leach.*—I.C, Farington.

*M. Turner.*—II.B, Cuerden.

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## MR. H. J. LOMAX

Mr. Henry J. Lomax retired from the position of Second Master, and Senior Physics Master, at the end of the Autumn Term, 1947, after twenty-seven years of faithful service to the School, having joined the staff in 1921.

Mr. Lomax was such a familiar figure, such an essential part of the School, that he was bound to be missed in a very special way. After so many years during which his alert and dignified presence was to be seen, the School cannot seem quite the same lacking it. His influence was always exerted in the direction of order; seldom, if ever, ruffled himself, he brought to each situation a judicious and unhurried consideration of the point at issue, and one felt that justice would be done, as far as justice is attainable in this imperfect world. Perhaps Mr. Lomax's distinguishing characteristic was his sheer commonsense, but this was always tempered by a gleam of humour and of humanity. Pupils saw more of this as they climbed in the School, until in the Sixth they found him a sagacious and thoughtful adviser on problems of character and of career. In the Staff-room he was, as the senior member, a reservoir of knowledge and experience, not only on the subject of teaching and the treatment of the young, but also on the history of the profession. A life-long member of the A.M.A., he was always ready to take his share in the fight for better conditions through the many troubled years which included two world wars, and two great Education Acts. Through these struggles he preserved to the end his good-humour and tolerance, though unable to agree with a good many recent developments in the sphere of education which lay, he thought, more stress upon the importance of the official at a remote distance from the pupils, than upon the teacher in living contact with them.

Mr. Lomax has taken up residence at Coventry, where his daughter Lillas, whom some of us will remember as Head Girl, now lives. He will long be missed from his accustomed place, and carries into his well-earned retirement the cordial good wishes of pupils, staff, and a host of Old Boys and Girls who came under his influence.

A.J.B.

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## MABEL HARGREAVES

When School re-opened for the Summer Term this year, staff and pupils were shocked and grieved to hear of the death of Mabel Hargreaves during the Easter Holidays.



Almond (Cu), the High Jump, Girls (under 13) by B. Lawson (Cl) and the High Jump, Girls (open) by J. Spencer (W).

Although no records were achieved on the track, several creditable performances were made, notably those of H. Burnie (Cl) in the 100 yards, Girls (open), of Waring (Cu) in all the open track events, of Bamber (Cl) in the under 15 events and of the Worden Girls (open) Relay team which failed by only 1/5 second to reach the previous record.

Once again the House Championship and Relay Cup went to Cuerden. From the same house came the Victor Ludorum, Waring, an honour worthily gained, for with the exception of the 100 yards (open) Hurdles, in which he was second, he won all the open track events.

J. Spencer (W) had a great struggle with her sister, M. Spencer (W), before finally emerging as the new Victrix Ludorum.

We were very pleased to welcome Dr. Irene Howorth, who presented the cups and certificates at the end of a very pleasant afternoon.

#### BOYS' EVENTS.

*Kicking the Rugger Ball (Open)*—1, Tuson (Cl.); 2, Manchester (Cu.); 3, Entwisle (F.) and Brown (Cl.). *Points*: 20. *Standards*: Brown, Tuson, Watkinson (Cl.); Manchester, Waring (Cu.); Entwisle, Ismay (F.); Barr (W.).

*Kicking the Rugger Ball (Under 15)*—1, Swarbrick (Cu.); 2, Watkinson (Cl.); 3, Pritchard (W.) and Turner (Cu.). *Points*: 17. *Standards*: Bamber, Parker, Smith, Watkinson (Cl.); Mather, Swarbrick, Taylor, Turner (Cu.); Pritchard, Randall (W.).

*Kicking the Rugger Ball (Under 13)*—1, Wright (W.); 2, Place (Cu.); 3, Croasdale (Cu.). \* \* *Points*: 25. *Standards*: Kevill, Porter (Cl.); Bullon, Croasdale, Place, Proudlove, Roberts, Woosey (Cu.); Gordon, Swarbrick (F.); Wright (W.).

*Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open)*—1, Brindle (W.); 2, Ismay (F.); 3, Broadbent (Cl.). *Distance*: 87 yards 1 foot 1 inch. *Standards*: Barton, Barlow, Broadbent, Brown, Howcroft, Meadows, Parker, Tuson, Watkinson (Cl.); Edmondson, Manchester, Place, Sharples (Cu.); Entwisle, Ismay (F.); Brindle, Curren, Proffit, Threlfall (W.).

*Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 15)*—1, Taylor (Cu.); 2, Walsh (Cl.); 3, Harrison (Cu.). *Distance*: 68 yards. *Standards*: Bamber, Darbyshire, Johnson, Maden, Parker, Peacock, Walsh (Cl.); Glover, Harrison, Swarbrick, Taylor (Cu.); Lavender, Sanderson (F.); Blundell (W.).

*Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 13)*—1, Place (Cu.); 2, Croasdale (Cu.); 3, Wright (W.). *Distance*: 51 yards 2 feet 1 inch. *Standards*: Charles, Forrest, Kevill, Porter (Cl.); Croasdale, Place, Proudlove, Roberts, Woosey (Cu.); Hayes, Palmer, Swarbrick, Withnell (F.); Barnes, Brewer, Wright (W.).

*Long Jump (Open)*—1, Place (Cu.); 2, Waring (Cu.); 3, Edmondson (Cu.). *Distance*: 17 feet 0 1/2 inch. *Standards*: Barlow, Blundell, Broadbent, Meadows (Cl.); Allsup, Edmondson, Hurst, Manchester, Place, Sharples, Waring (Cu.); Kelsall, K. (F.); Cuerden, Skilbeck, Taylor, Wright, R. W. (W.).

*Long Jump (Under 15)*—1, Blundell (W.); 2, Smith (Cl.); 3, Wrennall (Cu.). *Distance*: 15 feet 0 1/2 inch. *Standards*: Bamber, Smith (Cl.); Mather, Wrennall (Cu.); Walton (F.); Blundell, Randall (W.).

*880 Yards (Open)*—1, Waring (Cu.); 2, Busfield (Cl.); 3, Place (Cu.). *Time*: 2 mins. 18 2/5 secs. *Standards*: Brown, Busfield, Meadows (Cl.); Place, Waring (Cu.).

*100 Yards (Under 13)*—1, Charles (Cl.); 2, Bullon (Cu.); 3, McWilliam (Cu.). *Time*: 14 2/5 secs. *Standards*: Charles (Cl.).

*100 Yards (Under 15)*—1, Bamber (Cl.); 2, Blundell (W.); 3, Smith (Cl.). *Time*: 12 3/5 secs. *Standards*: Bamber, Smith (Cl.); Mather, Wrennall (Cu.); Blundell, Taylor (W.).

*100 Yards (Open)*—1, Waring (Cu.); 2, Place (Cu.); 3, Meadows (Cl.). *Time*: 11 3/10 secs. *Standards*: Barlow, Busfield, Meadows (Cl.); Place, Waring (Cu.); Milligan (F.); Cuerden (W.).

*80 Yards (Under 12)*—1, Palmer (F.); 2, Hayes (F.); 3, Williams (Cu.). *Time*: 12 1/10 secs. *Standards*: Williams (Cu.); Gordon, Hayes, McIlwaine, Palmer (F.); Aspin (W.).

*High Jump (Under 15)*—1, Bamber (Cl.); 2, Ackers (Cu.); 3, Moore (Cl.). *Height*: 4 feet 4 inches. *Standards*: Bamber, Moore (Cl.); Ackers (Cu.); Walton (F.).

*100 Yards Hurdles (Open)*—1, Place (Cu.); 2, Waring (Cu.); 3, Meadows (Cl.). *Time*: 15 secs. *Standards*: Barlow, Meadows (Cl.); Place, Waring (Cu.).

*75 Yards Hurdles (Under 15)*—1, Bamber (Cl.); 2, Smith (Cl.); 3, Moore (Cl.). *Time*: 12 2/5 secs. *Standards*: Bamber, Moore, Smith (Cl.); Wrennall (Cu.); Lavender (F.).

*High Jump (Open)*—1, Manchester (Cu.); 2, Place (Cu.) and Skilbeck (W.). *Height*: 4 feet 9 1/2 inches. *Standards*: Allsup, Edmondson, Manchester, Place (Cu.); Skilbeck (W.).

*220 Yards (Under 15)*—1, Bamber (Cl.); 2, Blundell (W.); 3, Smith (Cl.). *Time*: 29 1/2 secs. *Standards*: Bamber, Smith (Cl.); Whittaker, Wrennall (Cu.); Blundell, Taylor (W.).

*220 Yards (Open)*—1, Waring (Cu.); 2, Place (Cu.); 3, Meadows (Cl.). *Time*: 25 9/10 secs. *Standards*: Barlow, Broadbent, Busfield, Meadows (Cl.); Manchester, Place, Waring (Cu.); Milligan (F.).

*High Jump (Under 13)*—1, Charles (Cl.); 2, Woosey (Cu.) and Croasdale (Cu.). *Height*: 3 feet 9 inches. *Standards*: Charles, Porter (Cl.); Croasdale, Place, Woosey (Cu.); Swarbrick (F.).

*440 Yards (Under 15)*—1, Bamber (Cl.); 2, Mather (Cu.); 3, Wrennall (Cu.). *Time*: 69 3/10 secs. *Standards*: Bamber, Moore, Smith (Cl.); Ackers, Mather, Wrennall (Cu.); Lavender, Walton (F.).

*440 Yards (Open)*—1, Waring (Cu.); 2, Milligan (F.); 3, Busfield (Cl.). *Time*: 59 secs. *Standards*: Barlow, Busfield, Meadows (Cl.); Place, Waring (Cu.); Milligan (F.).

*180 Yards (Under 13)*—1, Bullon (Cu.); 2, Place (Cu.); 3, Charles (Cl.). *Time*: 27 4/5 secs. *Standards*: Charles, Forrest, Gill (Cl.); Bullon, Croasdale, Place (Cu.); Hayes (F.); McWilliam, Wright (W.).

*House Tug (Open)*—Won by Clayton.

*House Tug (Under 15)*—Won by Cuerden.

*Mile (Open)*—1, Waring (Cu.); 2, Entwisle (F.); 3, Busfield (Cl.). *Time*: 5 mins. 18 secs. *Standards*: Brown, Busfield (Cl.); Allsup, Place, Waring (Cu.); Entwisle (F.); Allen, Porter (W.).

*House Relay (Under 13)*—1, Cuerden; 2, Clayton; 3, Farington. *Time*: 57 3/5 secs.

*House Relay (Under 15)*—1, Clayton; 2, Cuerden; 3, Worden. *Time*: 1 min. 59 secs.

*House Relay (Open)*—1, Cuerden; 2, Clayton; 3, Farington. *Time*: 1 min. 46 1/5 secs.

#### GIRLS' EVENTS.

*Hitting the Hockey Ball (Open)*—1, B. Clithero (F.); 2, D. Bretherton (W.); 3, J. Moss (W.). \* \* *Distance*: 85 yards 1 foot 8 inches. *Standards*: E. Bennett, B. Blundell, H. Burnie, R. Cunliffe, Edna Harrison, Evelyn Harrison, B. Higginbottom, M. Higham, B. Hinchcliffe, M. Hope, S. Norcross, E. Park, D. Rigby, J. Williams (Cl.); D. Ackers, E. Almond, M. Barker, E. Beal, I. Bluck, S. Dawson, B. Hargreaves, M. Hosker, S. Kirkman, L. Latham, Joyce Marsden, L. Rowley, E. Robinson, S. Smith, G. Topping, M. Turner (Cu.); M. Acton, B. Clithero, J. Deacon, R. Greenwood, M. Hargreaves, B. Hamer, P. Ilott, A. Standidge, J. Todd, S. Williams, S. Wood (F.); J. Barker, D. Bretherton, L. Brownrigg, B. Butcher, I. Crompton, M. Dallas, E. Iddon, M. Iddon, M. Elliott, B. Langton, K. Marsden, J. Moss, V. Newsham, B. Norris, O. Penlington, G. Reilly, S. Snell, J. Spencer, M. Spencer, B. Swift, I. Walton, B. Wilson, M. Withnell (W.).

*Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 15)*—1, V. Kite (Cu.); 2, J. Lowe (F.); 3, B. Rowley (Cu.). *Distance*: 70 yards 2 feet 6 inches. *Standards*: S. Atkinson, A. Beardmore, P. Bratt, D. Brown, O. Coates, I. Derbyshire, K. Gaskell, E. Gill, B. Hunt, R. Kirkham, M. Morris, E. Sutton, M. Swift, E. A. Taylor, E. Taylor, M. Wallbank, J. Winder (Cl.); D. Bowes, M. Gardner, J. Higham, M. Jenkinson, E. Jones, P. Kirkman, V. Kite, A. Mannion, M. Melling, I. Prescott, E. Rowley, A. Singleton, J. Standen, M. Struthers, M. Vickers, P. Wilkins (Cu.); J. Ball, E. Beardsworth, K. Blundell, I. Garner, P. Gates, K. Harrop, R. Hewertson, J. Lowe, R. Maughan, M. Roocroft (F.); M. Allen, M. Beardwood, A. Grundy, M. Harrison, B. Jones, J. Parkinson, M. Rowlands, M. Stazicker, J. Taylor, E. Waddington, B. Ward, M. Ward, A. Withnell, I. Withnell (W.).

*Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 13)*—1, A. Salt (F.); 2, B. Lawson (Cl.); 3, M. Swindlehurst (Cu.). *Distance*: 59 yards 0 feet 6 inches. *Standards*: E. Aston, V. Ball, A. Brennand, N. Cunliffe, A. Dunn, E. Fleischmann, J. Heaton, A. Jennings, B. Lawson, M. Maidment, S. Martland, J. Nuttall, M. Pownall, D. Rogers, P. Roskell, A. Scott, C. Sumner, J. Swift, J. Thomas, J. Turner (Cl.); J. Brooks, P. Farrer, C. Green, G. Hall, M. Halsall, J. Harrison, J. Harvey, E. Jessop, P. Megson, A. Morris, M. Semple, M. Smith, M. Swindlehurst, F. Tattersall, B. Turner, D. Wareing (Cu.); S. Bretherton, I. Burns, J. Hall, B. Hammond, P. James, B. Kenyon, A. Leach, P. Leach, D. Oldland, I. Pilborough, M. Robinson, A. Salt, J. Waddington (F.); S. Bamber, M. Beardwood, J. Crossley, M. Dawber, A. Pritchard, B. Robinson, S. Rothwell, I. Shuttleworth, A. Singleton, D. Swarbrick, R. Wilson (W.).

*Throwing the Rounders Ball (Open)*—1, E. Almond (Cu.); 2, M. Hargreaves (F.); 3, J. Barker (W.). \* \* *Distance*: 64 yards 0 feet 6 inches. *Standards*: E. Bennett, B. Higginbottom, B. Hinchcliffe (Cl.); E. Almond, I. Bluck, M. Hosker, L. Latham, Joyce Marsden, E. Robinson, L. Rowley (Cu.); B. Clithero, M. Hargreaves, P. Ilott (F.); J. Barker, D. Bretherton, B. Butcher, J. Moss, V. Newsham, O. Penlington, J. Spencer, M. Spencer, B. Swift (W.).



*Throwing the Rounders Ball (Under 15)*—1, B. Mitchell (Cu.) ; 2, I. Gardner (F.) ; 3, R. Brennand (Cl.). Distance : 49 yards 1 foot 2 inches. Standards : R. Brennand, O. Coates, M. Morris, D. Pollard, E. Sutton, J. Winder (Cl.) ; B. Harrison, M. Jenkinson, P. Kirkman, V. Kite, B. Mitchell, E. Rowley, A. Singleton (Cu.) ; K. Blundell, I. Gardner, P. Gates, R. Maughan, E. Saunt, D. Tomlinson (F.) ; J. Dawber, B. Jones, E. Singleton, J. Taylor, M. Ward, A. Withnell, I. Withnell (W.).

*Throwing the Rounders Ball (Under 13)*—1, B. Hammond (F.) ; 2, B. Kenyon (F.) ; 3, A. Brennand (Cl.). Distance : 39 yards 1 foot 8 inches. Standards : E. Aston, M. Barker, A. Brennand, N. Cunliffe, J. Heaton, A. Jennings, M. Maidment, S. Martland, D. Rogers, P. Roskell (Cl.) ; J. Brooks, P. Farrer, C. Green, G. Hall, J. Harvey, M. Semple (Cu.) ; M. Chisnall, B. Hammond, B. Kenyon, P. Leach, M. Robinson, J. Singleton (F.) ; M. Dawber, A. Pritchard, A. Singleton (W.).

*100 Yards (Under 13)*—1, A. Singleton (W.) ; 2, J. Brooks (Cu.) ; 3, A. Dears (F.). Time : 14 3/10 sec. Standards : A. Brennand (Cl.) ; J. Brooks, J. Harvey, M. Semple (Cu.) ; A. Dears, P. Leach, M. Robinson, M. Worrell (F.) ; M. Beardwood, A. Singleton, D. Swarbrick (W.).

*100 Yards (Under 15)*—1, P. Kirkman (Cu.) ; 2, J. Parkinson (W.) ; 3, B. Jones (W.). Time : 13 1/2 secs. Standards : P. Kirkman, V. Kite, S. Sumner (Cu.) ; K. Blundell, J. Lowe (F.) ; B. Jones, J. Parkinson (W.).

*100 Yards (Open)*—1, H. Burnie (Cl.) ; 2, J. Moss (W.) ; 3, J. Spencer (W.). Time : 12 2/5 secs. Standards : H. Burnie, B. Hinchcliffe, E. Park (Cl.) ; E. Almond, G. Topping, M. Turner (Cu.) ; J. Moss, J. Spencer, M. Spencer, O. Penlington, B. Swift, I. Walton (W.).

*High Jump (Under 15)*—1, V. Kite (Cu.) ; 2, P. Kirkman (Cu.) and J. Taylor (W.). Height : 4 feet 4 inches. Standards : D. Pollard (Cl.) ; P. Kirkman, V. Kite, B. Mitchell, I. Prescott, B. Watson, P. Wilkins (Cu.) ; J. Parkinson, J. Taylor (W.).

*80 Yards (Under 12)*—1, A. Deers (F.) ; 2, D. Jeffrey (F.) ; 3, M. Semple (Cu.). Time : 11 secs. Standards : V. Ball (Cl.) ; A. Morris, M. Semple (Cu.) ; V. Bamber, M. Chisnall, A. Dears, P. James, D. Jeffrey, B. Kenyon, A. Leach, E. Eastham, M. Parkinson, J. Waddington (F.) ; S. Bamber, B. Robinson, R. Wilson (W.).

*60 Yards Hurdles (Under 15)*—1, J. Parkinson (W.) ; 2, E. Holden (Cl.) ; 3, J. Taylor (W.). Time : 10 3/10 secs. Standards : S. Atherton, A. Beardmore, D. Gill, E. Holden (Cl.) ; E. Goodier, P. Kirkman, I. Prescott, S. Sumner, B. Watson (Cu.) ; K. Blundell, A. Dobson, C. Penney (F.) ; M. Beardwood, B. Jones, J. Parkinson, E. Spencer, J. Taylor, B. Ward, I. Withnell (W.).

*75 Yards Hurdles (Open)*—1, M. Spencer (W.) ; 2, J. Spencer (W.) ; 3, B. Hinchcliffe (Cl.). Time : 12 1/5 secs. Standards : E. Park (Cl.) ; E. Almond, M. Turner (Cu.) ; J. Moss, O. Penlington, J. Spencer, M. Spencer (W.).

*High Jump (Under 13)*—1, B. Lawson (Cl.) ; 2, M. Semple (Cu.) ; 3, A. Singleton (W.) and D. Swarbrick (W.). \* Height : 4 feet 3 inches. Standards : A. Brennand, B. Lawson, S. Sumner (Cl.) ; J. Harrison, M. Semple, M. Swindlehurst (Cu.) ; S. Bamber, M. Beardwood, A. Singleton, D. Swarbrick (W.).

*High Jump (Open)*—1, J. Spencer (W.) ; 2, M. Spencer (W.) ; 3, G. Topping (Cu.). \* Height : 4 feet 9 inches. Standards : H. Burnie, B. Hinchcliffe (Cl.) ; E. Robinson, G. Topping, M. Turner (Cu.) ; M. Hargreaves (F.) ; J. Spencer, M. Spencer (W.).

*House Relay (Under 13)*—1, Farington ; 2, Cuerden ; 3, Worden. Time : 61 3/5 secs.

*House Relay (Under 15)*—1, Farington ; 2, Cuerden ; 3, Worden. Time : 56 2/5 secs.

*House Relay (Open)*—1, Worden ; 2, Clayton ; 3, Cuerden. Time : 52 1/2 secs.

## HOLIDAYS IN FRANCE, 1948

### (1) L' ANJOU.

This summer I was fortunate enough to be able to spend almost a month's holiday in France as the result of an "exchange" arranged through the School by the M.L.A.

Angers, the town where I spent most of my time, is near the river Loire, and about 85 miles from St. Nazaire. The province of Anjou is highly agricultural : vineyards are everywhere, and it may surprise you to learn that the first (outdoor) crop of, for instance, strawberries is ready at the end of February : the climate is very mild in winter. Extensive dairy-farming and stock-rearing are also carried on.

The way of life, and indeed the town itself, were vastly different from anything in England. But the greatest difference was that of food : French cooking is *rich*, even in these hard times (of course, the black market is taken for granted there).

I don't know what it was that gave me the greatest thrill while I was in France, but maybe it was stepping off the boat's gangway on to foreign soil and passing through the Customs to the waiting train.

During my all-too-brief stay I saw as much as possible of France, the French—and the usual holiday attractions, of course. One of the highlights of my stay was being in Paris for the 14th July—France's National Day. This included watching the march-past in the morning on the famous Champs Elysees, a hurried tour of the centre of Paris with all the old and famous buildings, Notre Dame, etc., in the afternoon, and at night—after a firework display worthy of the best that came out of Belle Vue—a never-to-be-forgotten walk half way across the city at midnight, when all was ablaze with lights, the fountains playing, and the streets full of people dancing. Altogether, I was in Paris for three days, which time was far too short to "see all the sights." Another three days were spent at the sea-side, visiting on the return journey St. Nazaire, where the German U-boat pens were during the late war : hardly a house was left standing of what was once a prosperous port and sea-side resort, while the U-boat pens themselves, unfortunately, with their yards-thick cement walls, had for the most part escaped unscathed. An occasion of a much brighter nature was Monday, July 21st, when I was among the few thousand most privileged people in Europe at the French National Cavalry School's annual "Carousel" at Saumur. This world-famous and unique equine display, which was just one long succession of thrills, included such displays as representations of mediaeval sports and tournaments ; it was truly magnificent.

The only sad element in the succession of wonderful happenings which Chance laid before me during those four weeks was the legacy of grief and destruction left by the second World War. Everywhere towns, like Angers, were full of shattered buildings, the result of countless bombardments. The fortitude of those people who, driven from their town homes by the retreating Germans, lived for weeks in the fields in the No-Man's Land between the American and German big guns, a prey to both sides, makes one think. Apart from the usual story of lost son or husband, almost every family had personally felt the horror of the German Gestapo and "S.S." brigade . . . . But, enough of these gloomy thoughts !

Taking all into account, I have never spent such an enjoyable month in my life—and one thing, although for "them" it was a *poor* summer, the weather was extremely good, in fact so good, and so sunny, that when I had to walk in the town in the heat of the day I was thankful it was not what "they" called a *hot* summer !

Take a hint from me : if you work hard in French, it may have its reward when some-day *you* too say "Good-bye" to England and visit that country across the English Channel, conversing freely with its most friendly people. For those who do go, a great and hearty welcome will await them.

F.N.S., U.VI, Far.

### (2) VERSAILLES.

I was one of the few fortunate people who were able to spend a holiday in France during the summer. As this was my first trip abroad I was easily impressed by all I saw.



Although England and France today are separated by a channel which in its narrowest part is only eighteen miles across, yet that distance has proved a barrier, so that when landing in France you immediately find yourself among a people whose language, customs and architecture are quite different from our own.

I left Leyland in high spirits at 10 o'clock on July 11th and travelled overnight by coach down to London where I caught the boat-train at 9-5 a.m. from Victoria Station. After the formalities of the Customs at Newhaven I finally found myself walking up the gangway of a none too steady (and a seemingly small) ship, proudly waving my British passport in one hand and attempting to keep my hat on with the other ! Needless to say the four hour crossing was extremely rough, and although I was not sea-sick, the white cliffs of Dieppe were a welcome sight.

The first thing I noticed on my way from Dieppe to Paris was the absence of long rows of houses, each exactly the same. It was a pleasure to see the French ones, with their neat, traditional shutters and small gardens, and all with their own particular characteristics. Here was an obvious example of the French love of individuality.

My friend, Anne-Marie, and her family met me at St. Lazare Station in Paris and together we continued the journey to Versailles, the beautiful town where I was to spend one of the happiest months of my life. As many of you already know, Versailles is renowned for its splendid château which, together with the Trianons and parks containing some of the finest fountains and statues in the country, covers acres of land, and regularly each year attracts thousands of foreign visitors. The interior of the château is a magnificent sight with its tapestries and paintings, marble staircases and beautifully decorated walls. Everywhere there are statues of King Louis XIV and members of the French Royal Family together with the busts of many famous figures of the reign.

Versailles is situated only eleven miles from Paris and we used to go there regularly each week. I shall never forget my first impressions of the city—so bustling and colourful, throbbing with excitement and activity, but full of old memories. I was amazed at the speed of the buses and cars, and amused at the gendarme furiously blowing his whistle and waving his little white stick at the world in general !

The broad avenues and tempting shop-windows with their endless variety of goods (I tried not to look at the prices) always attracted me. I grew to love the familiar landmarks of the city : the Eiffel Tower, which can be seen from a considerable distance away, the Arc de Triomphe, guarding, with its imposing mass, the ashes of the Unknown Warrior, and the church of the Sacré Coeur with its well-known white outline. There is an excellent view of Paris from the terrace in front of the building.

I visited many places of interest : Les Invalides, under whose dome reposes France's greatest Emperor, Napoleon I in his magnificent tomb, surrounded by white marble statues. From the chapel roof hang fifty-four flags captured at Austerlitz.

I spent a day trying to see a few of the priceless collections of the Louvre, the finest museum in France, and went to Notre Dame, one of the country's most beautiful Cathedrals and a symbol of the history and faith of the nation.

My most enjoyable evening was spent at the Opera House in Paris where I went to see a ballet. It is hard to realise that this beautiful building with its great marble staircase, is a theatre.

I doubt if the family went to bed before 2 o'clock every morning while I was in Versailles, and on July 13th and 14th it was 4 a.m. when we dragged ourselves upstairs. We had celebrated by joining in the usual procession, headed by a band and men carrying lighted torches, and afterwards danced (in the peculiar French fashion) in the streets and market place.

I was still in France for the Fête de la Nuit which was held in the grounds of the Palace on August 1st. The display of more than half a million fireworks and seventy-two fountains together with a charming performance by ballet dancers from the Opera House, Paris, is a sight I shall remember for ever.

I thoroughly enjoyed the rich food and wine, when I had become accustomed to the enormous appetites of the people. Madame Blondet was an excellent cook and could produce a seven course meal out of practically nothing. What a pleasant change it was to do nothing but eat and eat ! But the prices of food are high and it is only by careful planning, not spending too much money on home comforts and clothes, that the people are able to exist.

I have a great respect and admiration for the witty French people and I shall never forget their hospitality. My only regret on returning to England was that I had to leave so many good friends behind, and I can truthfully say that I agree with the notion that a man is at home in two countries—his own native land, and France.

M.B.L., U.VI (Worden).

### (3) LE MORBIHAN—BRETAGNE.

Continually moving skies, roads covered with dust, old women, clad in Breton costume and knitting the perpetual black sock, clattering along in their sabots behind two or three cows, hands outstretched to grasp yours whether friend or mere acquaintance ; the cider bottle or coffee-pot—not forgetting the sour milk—these are my deepest impressions of Brittany, especially Morbihan. Someday I hope to go back there to see again my friends and the countryside so very much like our own English countryside and to eat of the rich French cooking. It was a land where rationing was unknown, very different from other French towns where life is just one continual search for food. Everything was cooked in butter ; many had never seen cooking oil and would not look at margarine.

Being a nation of pure Celts, the Bretons disliked the French intensely and were not the least interested in what they did. On Bastille day, everyone in the village—they were some five-hundred strong and all related—had a holiday but they did not have the fête then, as all the other French towns ; they waited until the following week-end and then held the fête on Sunday and Monday. In this way they had three days of fun, games and dancing and an extra day's holiday. So works the mind of the Breton peasant. He works hard and long, but does it slowly and grows old too early.

As the villagers had never seen anyone from England before, my coming caused quite a sensation. The children would stop in their play to watch us pass by and stared in amazement if I ventured to speak. All, however, were determined to see that I enjoyed myself and once or twice some-one sent some fresh milk so that we could have milk in our tea. This tea was made as a special treat, but as the French cannot make it, the milk would have been better used in some other way.



I remember often the beautifully kept graves of the thirty-two British airmen who were killed while bombing the submarine base at Lorient. Each one of these graves has a simple white cross bearing the name and rank of the airman and a small pink rose-bush growing on it; there, also, is the magnificent cemetery built by the Germans for their own dead and now kept tidy by German prisoners. These graves bear a black cross only and in their midst stands an unfinished monument in the form of a large German helmet. The whole is rather stern and a sharp contrast to the rest of the graves.

It does not take much to bring back the "menhirs" at Carnac, the Stonehenge of Brittany, the chateau and "mountains" at Pont Kalleck and the great fishing port of Lorient. Life there is much slower than ours. Bed-time was nine o'clock for the majority and they got up at dawn. I look back on the artless dancing and the hot, stuffy room, where the windows could not be opened because we might catch a chill if there was a draught, and yet the door was kept wide open, so that at one end of the room we "cooked" and at the other we froze.

Only too often we met young men who had lost a limb or limbs while serving in the Maquis. Many too were suffering from tuberculosis and some terrible disease which seemed to eat the skin off the face, and it was easy to see why they bore such grudges against the 'Bosches.' Someday, we hope, all their hatred will be forgotten and they will be able to live in peace.

M.W., U.VI, Worden.

#### (4) LORRAINE.

My first holiday in France was spent in Lorraine. I stayed in an industrial region, but after the iron-works had been left behind, the country-side was very beautiful. I spent several days in the neighbouring département of Alsace, which is one of the biggest vine-growing districts in France, and the Alsacien wines are some of the best of all the French brands.

While travelling to Colmar, a town in Alsace, in which we stayed for a few days, my friend and I paid a visit to Strasbourg. The Cathedral there is very well-known for its single spire, because there was not enough money left to finish the building off properly. Inside the Cathedral is an Astronomical Clock, with many moving figures illustrating the passing of life and parts of the Scriptures.

I also spent a day in Metz and another in the city of Luxembourg. The things in the shops there are definitely what would here be "for export only," but the prices were extremely high and beyond the reach of most French people, because the exchange of French francs into Luxembourgish francs is rather hard on the former.

The food and habits were not usually very different from here, although we had several typical Alsacien dishes. The costume is very lovely although hardly ever worn these days.

I was lucky enough to take part in a French wedding. The bride and bride-groom must be married by the Mayor, but the church wedding is not necessary. I went to both forms, but I think that the thing I remember most was the food. We sat down at the table and started to eat at 1-0 p.m.—we were still sitting there at 6-0 p.m. We started again later on and finished for the day at 11-45 p.m.!

I think that the thing that struck me most was not that the people were so different from the English, but that they were so much like us. I think that that is due to the fact that Alsace-Lorraine is so near to Germany; therefore the people have developed certain habits from the Germans.

V.N., U.VI. (Worden).

## SPEECH DAY

Our Speech Day, one of the main events of the school year, was held on Monday, December 15th. Lady Openshaw very kindly consented to distribute the prizes and the Chair was taken by Mr. J. B. Cardwell, Chairman of the Governors of the school.

The School Choir opened the proceedings with a song, "The Gentle Sounding Flute," by George Rathbone. Mr. Oldland then gave his address in which he reviewed the many school activities of the past year.

The Chairman then introduced Lady Openshaw who stressed the need for co-operation between pupil, teacher and parent. After the distribution of the prizes by Lady Openshaw the School Choir sang "Say Ye who Borrow," by Mozart.

A vote of thanks to Lady Openshaw was proposed by Miss A. Jackson and seconded by Mr. J. Jackson, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. G. H. Redman and seconded by Mr. A. Parkinson.

The singing of the National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

Z.D., U.VI. (Far.).

## THE TRAMP

Through the fields of barley and rye  
He tramps along with never a sigh;  
Over the cobbles of busy towns  
He trudges along, but never frowns.  
Over the mountains, down to the sea,  
No breakfast, supper, dinner or tea,  
Onward for ever the old tramp goes;  
Where he goes to nobody knows.

D.B., III.B. (Clayton).

## THE SCHOOL FILM SHOWS, 1947-48

During the three terms of the school year 1947-1948, we were treated to several enjoyable film-shows, of which we give a brief summary of the most interesting.

On Nov. 21st, the school was entertained by two films, both of which were very instructive. One of these told us about china-clay, one of Britain's most valuable raw



materials. The other described the workings of English Criminal Justice, and was highly informative: this is a subject in which more interest ought to be taken by every one.

On another occasion, an opening film about the steam turbine was followed by one which proved very popular, namely, "The Trout." This showed us how, in Tasmania, trout are trapped when they come to the spawning grounds and are divested of their eggs. These are hatched out and the trout bred in captivity, where the ravages of other fish do not destroy many eggs or tiny fish. When old enough, the fish are returned to rivers, for the sport of man. There followed a film in which an attempt was made to depict the awful conditions of life in the British Zone of Germany in early 1947. A more cheerful film on how a periodical like 'Picture Post' is prepared and compiled finished off this show.

The 13th of May this year—the day school "broke-up" for the Whitsuntide holidays—saw the arrival once more of that welcome Central Office of Information film-unit. On this occasion we saw, first, the difficulties encountered in making Ordnance Survey maps. Next, a film about that interesting animal, the beaver, in Canada, was followed by "Houses in History," which many of us had seen before. The final film this time was of special interest to us "Northern Folk"—even though we do live west of the Pennines. "We of the West Riding" told how, during the last hundred years, with the coming of steam-power, towns had grown up around the textile mills and the "home-industries" and countryside had been gradually deserted.

Wed., 5th May, saw the coming of the National Savings mobile film-unit, and this programme was, I think, the most enjoyable seen in school for many years. The first film, "Sherwood Forest," was a modern version of the story of Robin Hood and Maid Marion as depicted by Disney, appealing especially to younger "viewers." "Madeira Pen-Friend," as the next film was named, was of more serious calibre. We saw a letter from 'Juan,' son of a Madeiran wine-exporter come to life on the screen as 'Philip Robinson' read it out to his class-mates in England. This film had a moral: Philip was determined that one day he would see Madeira for himself, and was therefore saving every penny he had by investing in National Savings. The fact of its having a moral did not deter from the enjoyment we derived from our little insight into life in this Atlantic island. And then along came a very interesting and very varied film on "Highlights of Sport, 1947," which appealed to one and all. Unfortunately space does not permit of an enumeration of all that was shown in this and the following film, which told in a moving way of the welcome the Royal Family received in Cape Town on their South African visit. The shout which arose when the title of the final film appeared had to be heard to be believed! Never before has such a noise been created within the precincts of this school, never such an outburst of pent-up emotion! Incredible as it may seem a Laurel and Hardy film was being shown at school!! What need have I to say more on the subject?

Another film which calls for mention during the year was one on the story of steam power from Newcomen's "atmospheric" engine of the 18th Century to the present day streamlined express locomotive.

F.N.S., U.VI. (Far.).  
V.N., U.VI. (Wor.).  
B.M.H., U.VI. (Cu.).  
E.N., U.VI. (Cu.).

## AUTUMN

When Autumn comes and winter's nigh,  
The trees bend as the wind goes by,  
And then the leaves come tumbling down,  
In Autumn colours, gold and brown.  
In Autumn, too, the birds migrate,  
Dormice and Squirrels hibernate;  
They sleep until the winter's o'er,  
And wake when Spring returns once more.

B.M.M., IV.B. (Cuerden).

## MY FRIEND

I first adopted Janette because her mother was struggling to bring up a large family all of whom appeared to be totally unwanted. When Janette first turned her big blue eyes on me with an appealing look, I "fell" for her at once and brought her home. Her soft fluffy hair glistened like silk, and her playful ways won the admiration of many people. Janette would romp with Jack, the dog next-door, and even go so far as to climb trees. Withal she was a thorough tomboy.

I was always friendly with Janette but I knew that beneath her calmness she had a violent temper, because her eyes would flash with fire and she would spit with indignation if anyone chanced to rub her the wrong way or offend her. Anyone, that is, except myself, for I could say or do anything to her and she would not be offended. Janette was not very tall, but she was graceful and self-possessed and everyone admired her.

Janette was a delightful companion but she would occasionally go off alone and I knew the reason why, when I actually saw the creature (I can call him nothing else), slinking past the garden gate.

I told Janette angrily she was to get rid of him, and she became angry also. With one spiteful spit at me she fled from the room, and I never saw her again that day. The next day as I was in the garden looking for her I heard a scuffle behind the garage. There to my amazement I found the body of the creature I loathed. Beside it stood Janette, quite still and calm with her eyes glowing like two fires. Janette had killed her first rat, and it pleased me to know that I possessed not only a fine looking cat, but also a first-class rat-ter.

D.B., V.B. (Worden).

## SPRING

Children cheer, Spring is here.  
Summer's near, bright and clear.  
Oh what fun to see the sun,  
Shining down on everyone!  
Birds are meeting, Lambs are bleating,  
Flowers bright bring delight,  
Sending out God's love and light.

I.H., III.B. (Farington).



## SCHOOL LECTURES

On May 10th, Dr. C. Campbell gave a lecture to the school on "Chemistry and Daily Life." Dr. Campbell held our interest from the first when he showed us how dyes were discovered. He explained, using language understandable to all, about the building up of formulae and that certain chemical groups could colour or could make a dye "fast." Most of Dr. Campbell's facts were illustrated by diagrams or "experiments."

We were all amazed by the many things obtainable from coal. These included aspirins, saccharines and plastics. We saw different articles manufactured from plastics, including false teeth as well as useful things for the home.

As the Head said afterwards, we were all very indebted to Dr. Campbell for his interesting and enjoyable talk.

Our next lecture was on May 7th, when Mr. A. E. Teale gave a very interesting talk on "Nationalism and Internationalism." Mr. Teale began by defining nationalism and went on to say that nationalism is not the problem of today. The real problem is one of inter-state relationships, which could be improved in any one of three ways:—by forming one gigantic state, to achieve balance of power between states (the object during the Nineteenth Century) or by recognising the fact that when power is in the ascendancy it tends to breed fear. It is for this reason that we have formed the United Nations Organisation; the only hope for the world is the effective working of the United Nations Organisation.

Mr. Teale stressed the fact that we should submit our policy to international arbitration and we should abide by its decision however right we think we are. He emphasised the importance of getting to know more of the world and understanding the point of view of other people.

Mr. Teale ended by giving a word of advice to the younger generation: they can profit from the mistakes of the past and must begin to take an interest in affairs rather than pin their faith in an institution which will not succeed without an active interest in its progress.

During the summer term lectures on "Careers" were given to pupils who were leaving, by Miss Norwood and Mr. Jamieson, of the Manchester Regional office of the Ministry of Labour. They were accompanied by Mr. R. F. Dean, of the Preston District office.

J.M.W. and B.N., U.VI.

## THE CASTLE

There was a castle on a hill  
Which stood there day and night so still,  
And one day as I went up there,  
On my small pet the polar bear,  
I heard a sound, a fearsome blare,  
Which frightened my small polar bear.  
It turned and ran right down the hill  
And left the castle standing still.

G.W., I.B. (Cuerden).

## ONE MAN'S MEAT

John Robinson elbowed his way painfully through the swaying, seething mass of humanity. The rest of the crowd seemed intent on crushing him out of existence altogether. They appeared to be moving in one great tide in the opposite direction to poor John Robinson. His position was made even more uncomfortable by the fact that the woman on John's right had her elbow in his eye and that Martha's spade was digging into his leg.

At last he espied his goal. Through steam, smoke and crowds he could see a huge black monster snorting impatiently by the platform. He made a bee-line (as well as conditions would allow) towards it dragging his eager offspring behind him. Eventually he, his wife and four children were installed in a third class, smoking compartment of the Blackpool-bound train. With a thud and a jerk the train came to life. So did some of the occupants of the carriage.

Matilda, John's child of four, stood with her head hanging out of the window, in spite of, and because of, John suspected, the ominous warning above the door. Mary bounced up and down on the plush seats till clouds of choking dust arose, producing black looks from the prim old lady opposite.

Presently Matilda said, "Daddy, hasn't that man got a funny nose?"

"Hush, dear," said John mildly, "It isn't polite to say things like that."

The owner of the aforesaid bulbous organ, who had appeared to be asleep, glared at the offender menacingly; whereupon Matilda, somewhat subdued, remained seated meekly at her father's side for the remainder of the journey.

Arriving in the noisy, dark station, at Blackpool the children promptly stood up, started chattering excitedly and, of course, got in everyone's way.

Ten minutes later found the little group trudging along streets thick with people towards the small, inconspicuous hotel on the front. They had stayed at this hotel year after year, ever since John and Agnes were married, but as Agnes said, "We've always been comfortable here and had good food, so why change now?"

John Robinson could think of many reasons but he never voiced them.

The kids were frantic to rush down to the sands immediately but their mother was able to restrain them till she herself was ready. Buckets and spades clattering and tongues working like machines, they sped across the road and down the steps. Their parents followed at a more sedate pace, hired two deck chairs and then began the tedious search for a patch of vacant sand on which to plant them.

When they were settled, John produced his pipe and newspaper and Agnes the inevitable knitting which accompanies all females on holiday. They were not left in peace for long, however. The children soon came bothering their father for money for some ice cream and for the sake of peace John was obliged to comply.

So it went on, day after day, John sleeping and reading, and Agnes knitting. Every day young children splashed about in the grey, muddy water in which floated orange peel, paper bags and other refuse. Every day dazzling young women in somewhat scanty clothing and brilliant red lips threw huge beach balls to bronzed young men.



Fat, middle-aged women, who still imagined themselves to be in the first flush of youth, puffed and panted between the crude wickets of a cricket pitch and the more hopeful ones lay under the blistering sun waiting for their skin to turn to an even tan.

Poor John Robinson, who didn't have much peace, was rather glad when the end of the week approached.

After all the noise, colour and glare of the sea-side the dim town office would be a haven of peace. He was bored with all the shouting on the beach, the crowds, the queues, the ice cream and the stuffy dance halls, but the kids enjoyed it so he made no protest.

When they were all seated in the train waiting for it to carry them home John drew a deep sigh of relief. It was good to be going back to the routine of hard work. The children, a little quieter than on arriving, bemoaned the fact that the week had passed so quickly, while Agnes, a frown of concentration on her brow, strove to remember whether anything had been left behind in the hotel. Just as the train jerked into motion an athletic-looking man with a heavy rucksack on his back clambered into the carriage. His legs were long, his feet shod with enormous hob-nail boots and you could see the muscles on his arm move as he swung his load easily on to the rack.

Sitting down next to John he ruefully rubbed his shins.

"No more mountaineering for me," he said; "I think that next year I'll have a nice restful holiday at Blackpool."

John Augustus Robinson thought his own thoughts and held his peace.

A.M., Form V.B. (Cuerden).

## BLACKBIRDS.

In early Spring the blackbird calls  
With merry note, both loud and shrill.  
His tune of love from tree-top falls  
Upon the air when all is still.  
In ragged, thorny hedgerow green,  
Upon a branch, his lady stays,  
By busy passer-by unseen,  
Delighted by his tuneful lays.

J.T., I.A. (Clayton).

## VI. Form Visit to Manchester University.

On the 30th April, the sixth form paid their annual visit to Manchester University.

We travelled by coach to Manchester in what seemed a miraculously short time.

On arriving there we were split up into two groups—the Arts people being ushered into a gigantic lecture room where they enjoyed a "lurid" lecture by Professor Fish on "Digging up the Past," the Scientists attending a very instructive talk on "Electricity."

We visited the University's large, well equipped library and also the modern swimming pool where the students were displaying their fish-like prowess.

After admiring various other buildings we went (most willingly) to "guzzle" cakes and tea in the Refectory.

We returned, as we had set out, in high spirits, ready to prepare ourselves, and our appetites for Worden House party.

B.H., U.VI. (Clayton)

## ON CLIMBING TREES.

I love to climb a tree,  
And when I am up on high  
I feel so happy and free  
To be so near the sky.  
I feel I want to stay,  
And think it would be right  
To be up there all day,  
But what about the night?

P.R.W., Form II.A. (Worden).

## The Hocking Memorial Prizes.

On Friday, 17th September, the whole school gathered together in the Assembly Hall for the presentation of the Hocking Memorial Prizes to Doris Ackers and Roy Curren. The Prizes are in memory of Mr. A. E. Hocking, who was very interested in education, and are awarded to the boy and girl who obtain the best Higher School Certificate results in the Leyland Urban District. The Prizes were presented by the late Mr. Hocking's son.

B.B., U.VI.

## SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

### The Musical Society.

By the time these lines appear in print, most of the Term will have gone by, and the concerts to which we are looking forward this Term will be things of the past.

Writing as we do, in October, there is first of all the Society's outing to hear the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra on Wed., Oct. 13th, at the Public Hall, Preston. The programme will consist of:—

Overture : Prince Igor	....	....	....	....	Borodin
Ballet : The Three Cornered Hat	....	....	....	....	De Falla
Rhapsodie on a theme of Paganini	....	....	....	....	Rachmaninoff
Scheherezade	....	....	....	....	Rimsky-Korsakov



In one meeting a week it is impossible, of course, to prepare the whole of the programme but I was able to get through the 5 records (10 sides) of Scheherazade fairly thoroughly beforehand.

There is little need to say anything about Rachmaninoff's Rhapsodie. The pianist is Cyril Smith, a handsome man ! Which reminds me that there are a few boys in the Society this year—all former chess players !

On Nov. 5th, the Hallé Orchestra are visiting Preston and we are going to hear them. The programme has more of a classical flavour including as it does Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony and Weber's Freischütz Overture.

The Liverpool Philharmonic will return again on Nov. 24th and Feb. 2nd, so this season promises to be a very full one.

B.L.W.

## The Dancing Society.

We are still a large society, consisting mainly of juniors, and we have learned a considerable number of English and National Folk Dances.

During the Spring Term we were occasionally joined by all the girls who wished to take part in the Leyland Singing and Dancing Festival, but most of the dances for this festival were practised in our spare time.

Brenda Hargreaves was a very able pianist.

C.I.P.

## The Philatelic Society.

The Society has been almost completely composed of young collectors, many of them beginners this year. Our programme has consequently not been spectacular and those few members who have some specialised experience have had to work proportionately harder. With their enthusiastic contributions and also some visitors from outside the society we have managed to bring a little colour into our philatelic calendar.

Our visitors, to whom we are indebted, have been Wright, R. and Entwisle. They read papers on "The preparation and manufacture of stamps" and "New Zealand" respectively, the latter exhibiting his collection in illustration of his talk.

Within the society, the following subjects have been presented :—

Greenwood : "Birds and beasts on stamps."  
Taylor : "Canada."  
Buxton : "Foreign embossed post cards."

W.J.D.

## Junior Play Reading Society.

The Junior Play-Reading Society meets as usual every Friday in what is now IV.C formroom. During the last session, we read a varied number of One Act Plays of different degrees of merit and interest, and there is always keen competition for parts.

This year the Society consists wholly of girls, save for one small boy, who, although appalled at what he saw when he presented himself for the first meeting, was too much of a gentleman to withdraw. His is a great responsibility—the happiness of some thirty small girls depends on him !

M.A.R.

## Classical Society.

A varied programme was arranged for each term, the more popular items including a Brains Trust, Debates and Charades.

Often a lively curiosity was shown by some of the younger members who surprised their elders by their contributions to debates, etc. Generally speaking a keen interest was shown in the activities of the society.

R.W.L.

## The Junior Historical Society.

Once again "quizzes," a brains trust and a debate were indulged in. A drawing competition was held in the Christmas Term and members kept a notebook in which drawings and descriptions were entered. A small library was formed composed of books lent by members.

D.S.M.

## Gymnastic Society.

On many occasions, in Spring and early Summer, we were obliged to transfer our activities out-of-doors. Fortunately the weather was generally good and these "fresh-air" periods were enjoyed as much as, if not more than, those of a more normal nature, held indoors.

J.B.

## Le Cercle Français

Les trois derniers trimestres nous nous sommes bien amusés. Comme la plupart des membres venaient des deuxième et troisième années on n'a donc pas eu beaucoup de discussions en français, mais on a joué souvent des jeux de salon. Cependant le premier trimestre de cette année on a eu de très jolies causeries en anglais des élèves qui étaient allées en France l'été dernier. On a lu des journaux français et Miss Bromley nous a raconté bien des choses intéressantes. Un de nos réunions a été consacré à un parti de "Vingt Questions," avec les membres du "Geographical Society." Aussi a-t-on reçu des visites des membres du "Dancing Society." Nous espérons tous bien que cette année-ci les nouveaux membres s'amuseront aussi bien que ceux de l'année passée.

F.N.S., U.VI, Far.  
V.N., U.VI, W.



## The Debating Society.

This year the debating society was re-born and placed in the capable hands of Miss Johnson as President. Unfortunately the membership was not as great as one might expect, and a total absence of any of the fair sex seemed unusual considering the nature of the society.

The first few meetings were taken up with electing a committee, drawing up a future programme and adopting one or two rules. The committee was finally elected as follows : *Chairman* : Edmondson ; *Vice-Chairman* : Toze ; *Secretary* : Wright ; *ordinary members* : Wildman and Dalton.

An interesting and varied programme was drawn up consisting of the usual debates and discussions, interspersed with one or two special items such as a Quiz, a Brains Trust and impromptu speeches. At first only the more valiant members rose to speak, but gradually the rest "found their feet," so much so that the Chairman found it difficult to stop them talking. Variety seemed to be the keynote of the discussions and debates which ranged from "Crosby versus Sinatra" and "Football Pools" to more serious topics such as "Religion," "The House of Lords" and "Capital Punishment."

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R.W.W., Upper VI. (Worden).

## The Dramatic Society.

As usual we had a large membership last year, but unfortunately not many boys. The Society's production of "Emma," a dramatised version of Jane Austen's novel, was a great success and we should like to thank everyone who gave assistance. During the summer we read and enjoyed "The Winslow Boy," by Terence Rattigan.

The Society is deeply indebted to Miss Milroy and Miss Lewis for their hard work during the past seven years : it is with many thanks and deep regret that we bid them goodbye. We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Downer, our new producer, who has chosen "St. Joan" by George Bernard Shaw for this year's production.

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M.F. (Cu.) and Z.D. (Far.), U.VI.

## The Arts and Crafts Society.

This year the Arts and Crafts Society has been a hive of activity. Although there has been a great shortage of materials it does not seem to have hindered us greatly. Everybody has found something to do.

Miss Whewell managed to buy a few square feet of leather and the number of wallets we got out of it would have surprised the most economical person.

Basket work and knitting were also popular and many useful and attractive articles were made.

We hope, however, that next year we shall be able to obtain more materials which will enable us to make a greater variety of articles.

B.N., U.VI. (Worden).

## The Photographic Society.

At the first meeting of the Photographic Society the newcomers were initiated into the workings of a camera by Mr. Speakman, who explained its involved mechanisms in very simple terms—the majority of his audience being girls ! During the year, the society was split into small groups working under the guidance of Mr. Speakman, which developed and printed the photographs already taken by the society. One of the main drawbacks was the inadequate blackout, which perhaps may have accounted for a few of our failures. However, towards the end of the school year we had become adept at timing and handling the wet films, some enthusiasts even giving up their dinner hours to the hobby.

J.S.

## The Geographical Society.

Although composed mainly of pupils from junior forms, and in spite of high spirits, the Geographical Society had a very successful year.

Lectures and quizzes were frequent items, and a model village was constructed in the showcase. A competition for the best map aroused interest.

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T.H. (Clayton) and D.S. (Farington), L.VI.

## Knitting Society.

The Knitting Society was newly formed last year by Miss Twist. It was popular throughout the school and we had many members, both seniors and juniors. Miss Twist was very helpful to anyone in difficulties and various garments were completed by the end of the year. Altogether the society was a great success and will be continued this year.

M.H., L.VI (Clayton).

## The Topical Subjects Society.

The Society enjoyed another successful year. The programme included many of our favourite items such as debates, quizzes and short lectures and a special feature was Kevill's weekly summary of current events.

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A.D., IV.C. (Farington).

## The Chess Society.

Although we have lost a number of experienced players, our ranks have been swelled by a large number of entries from the middle forms. A pleasing feature is the interest shown by girls in this grand game.

The society opened with a series of talks for beginners by Mr. Bull.

F.L.



## Gardening Society.

Last year we had our work cut out to overcome the weather and the weeds which were continually striving (and sometimes succeeding) to defeat our carefully sown seeds. In spite of this some good crops were grown. Although we sometimes failed the gardens were as usual bathed in the splendour of the hawthorn flowers, the wild roses, and many other wild flowers.

J.S.

## Savings Group.

The group has had a very successful year. During the Autumn Term a circular letter was sent from the Headmaster to all parents, explaining the aims of the group and asking for continued support. The result of this appeal was most satisfactory; the weekly savings rose from an average of about thirty shillings to amounts varying from five to nine pounds, and this improvement has been steadily maintained. During the Silver Lining Campaign in February the school made a superhuman effort, and realised a total of £1,411-3s. in the week.

This Term we are glad to welcome many new recruits from Form I.

The least satisfactory aspect of the group is the small number of savers in the Upper School. If the members of Forms IV, V and VI would visit the Physics Lab. as regularly as our supporters in the lower forms, they might face the future with reasonable prospects of becoming wealthy citizens one day!

F.K.L.

## The School Library.

This has proved to be the most satisfactory year for a long time. Thanks to fresh funds we have been able to make extensive additions to all sections and also to re-bind some tried favourites which were showing weariness and battle-scars. As a result, our collection is looking fuller and fresher.

Joyce Marsden took up the reins as School Librarian at the beginning of the school year and, with her patience and thoroughness, put in some sterling service. In addition to her many supervision duties, she looked after the distribution of the County and Junior books. She was assisted by E. Astley, who managed the Fiction section. Johnson and Cuerden acted as Library orderlies.

The new Librarian is B. Norris, who will be assisted by E. Whittle with the County Library books.

W.J.D.

## The Choir

The Carol Service, which was held at the end of the Christmas term last year, was once again very successful. The choir's rendering of all the familiar carols, together with a few new ones, was greatly appreciated, thanks to the able tuition of Miss Rahill. The party which followed was most enjoyable and we are glad to see that old students still make it an occasion for an unofficial re-union.

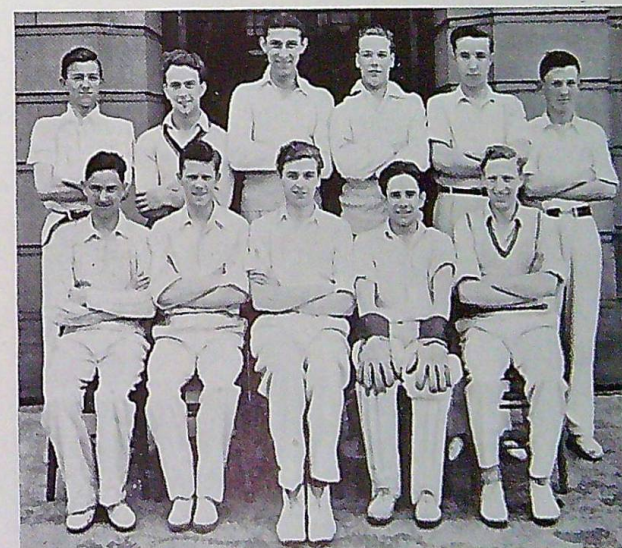


SCHOOL 1st XV RUGGER, 1947-48.

Back Row : (left to right) Manchester, Parker, Howcroft, Fowler, Brown, Barlow, Broadbent, Procter.

Front Row : (left to right) Skilbeck, Meadows, Waring, Edmondson (Captain), Curren, Place, Milligan.

Played 16      Won 12      Drawn 1      Lost 3



SCHOOL CRICKET XI, 1948.

Back Row : (left to right) Allsup, Broadbent, Brown, Howcroft, Watkinson, Nelson.

Front Row : (left to right) Threlfall, Brindle, Edmondson (Captain), Waring, Place.

Played 11      Won 10      Lost 1



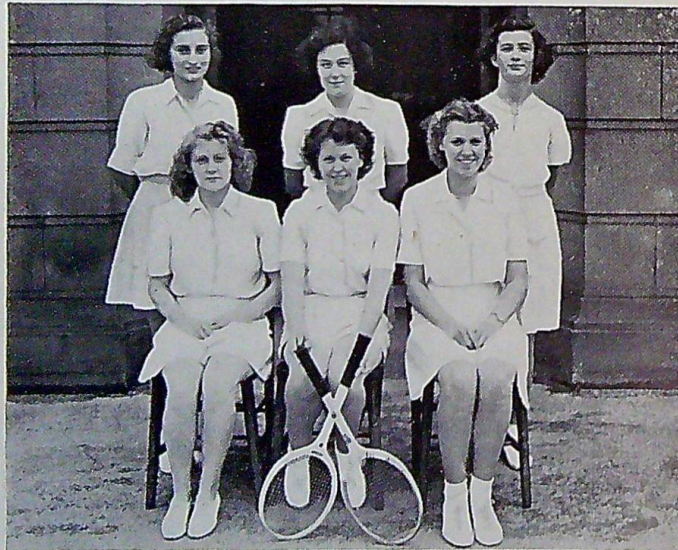


SCHOOL HOCKEY XI, 1947-48.

Back Row : (left to right) O. M. Penlington, J. Deacon, M. Elliott, E. M. Bennett, B. Topping, O. B. Coates.

Front Row : (left to right) H. A. L. Burnie, E. M. Hinchcliffe, Joyce Marsden (Captain), E. Almond, E. Jones.

Played 13 Won 8 Drawn 2 Lost 3



SCHOOL TENNIS VI, 1948.

Back Row : (left to right) O. M. Penlington, J. M. Barker, H. A. L. Burnie.

Front Row : (left to right) M. Elliott, J. F. Rodda (Captain), E. Almond.

Played 7 Won 4 Lost 3

Speech Day, an event to which we had all been looking forward, was a great success, and the choir gave a creditable performance of Mozart's "Say Ye Who Borrow," and George Rathbone's two part setting of an English Carol, "The Gentle Sounding Flute."

The choir is again meeting this term ; we are glad to welcome all the newcomers, both boys and girls and we hope to see them regularly at practices. Some of the pupils are quite promising and will certainly help to fill in the gaps made by our older members who left at the end of the year. At present we are energetically preparing for the Carol Service and hoping to arrange another party for choir members, to which we heartily invite all members of the staff and old pupils.

We are rehearsing "Meg Merrilies," a two-part song, and "Lonely Woods," a charming unison song by Tully, for Speech Day.

M.B.L., U.VI. (Worden).

## The Greenhouse.

Once again we have had a very good year. The daffodils brightened up the greenhouse in the spring after a rather dreary winter and the cyclamens which Mr. Bennison had grown from seed were very successful.

The gold-fish have unfortunately passed away, but the gold-fish tanks have not been lying idle. They were a profusion of colour with the Clarkia, Candytuft and Trailing Campanula which were grown in them during the summer. These were followed by the Sweet Peas and Roses.

The chrysanthemums of every shape, colour and size were particularly beautiful in the autumn of last year, and they were well worth the time and care that Mr. Bennison had spent on them.

This year's chrysanthemums are looking very sturdy, but they will not bloom until further on in the autumn.

The top of the rubber plant has been cut off and for the time being there is no longer any danger of its growing out of the roof of the greenhouse.

J.F.R., (Cl.), U.VI.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1947-48

The 1st XV had a very full and in many ways very successful season. The success of the side was mainly due to the backs who made the most of the rather limited share of the ball they were usually given. The forwards were disappointing, being slow and stodgy in the loose and generally beaten for the ball in the scrums. We would once again emphasise that all the forwards should endeavour to be up with and on the ball all the time. The half-hearted out-handed high tackle too, has little intimidating and no practical value from the first, and with repetition it quickly becomes quite useless against determined opposition.



The Bantam XV developed, after a rather slow start, into quite a promising side. The forwards moulded into a good solid pack and the backs, once they had gained confidence, passed well and ran with determination. If the side, as a whole, stays on they should provide material for a good 1st XV in two or three years' time. Quite the weakest feature was the kicking, which needs much more practice. In a side where all played so consistently it would be invidious to single out individuals, and the side certainly demonstrated the value of playing together as much as possible.

*Wildman* again revived the side splendidly at full back in every way. He will be much missed.

*Curren* played hard on the wing and in the forwards. A much improved player.

*Waring* : A complete footballer only lacking in size. He did yeoman service at centre three and at full back.

*Dalton* with *Waring* and *Place* completed a very effective attacking triangle which was always dangerous.

*Manchester* : A strong runner on the wing and a young player from whom we expect much more this next season.

*Place* at fly half took and delivered his passes with smooth efficiency and also tackled and kicked well in defence.

*Milligan* did very well indeed in his first season at scrum half, especially behind beaten forwards. Very promising.

*Edmondson (Captain)* : A good captain and a hard working forward who never spared himself.

*Skilbeck* : A conscientious forward who kept going the whole game.

*Brown* did well in the line-out and when he is fit could do well in other places too.

*Wright* will make a good forward if he continues to put more life into his play.

*Meadows* : Quick and lively in the loose, he supplied most of what dash the forwards possessed.

*Broadbent* pushed hard in the scrums and when roused speeded up the game.

*Blundell* : A solid forward who will do better when he infuses more thrust and fire into his play.

*Howcroft* is improving as a hooker. He must quicken his reactions and generally liven up his game.

*Procter*, *Fowler*, *Barlow* and *Brindle* also played some promising games.

R.A.B.

1947.

SEPT. 21ST. 1ST XV v. KIRKHAM 1ST XV. AWAY. WON.

The Rugby season opened in ideal conditions ; the ground was firm and there was a steady breeze blowing down the pitch. School lost the toss and Kirkham began with the wind and slope in their favour. However, we opened the scoring when Curren dribbled

over from a cross-kick. Kirkham soon scored and converted, thus taking the lead. Dalton scored our second try with a fine solo effort ; this was converted by Waring. Further tries were scored by Waring (2), Curren, Edmondson, Place and Wildman. Four conversions were made by Waring.

*Result* : School, 32 pts.; Kirkham, 5 pts.

OCT. 4TH. 1ST XV v. ARNOLD HOUSE 1ST XV. HOME. WON.

This game was not so open as the Kirkham match. Our forwards did not get as much possession of the ball and therefore our backs had not as many chances. Our opponents did quite a lot of attacking but with Edmondson covering up well and Wildman's tackling safe, they failed to cross the line. Our tries were scored by Waring, Curren, Edmondson, each following good work by the centres, Waring and Dalton. Waring converted one try. Arnold's only score came from a penalty goal near the end.

*Result* : School, 13 pts.; Arnold House, 3 pts.

OCT. 11TH. 1ST XV v. PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS 'A' XV. AWAY. WON.

The 'Hoppers' were much bigger and heavier than our scrum and consequently our backs did not get many chances. However, Waring was far too fast for his opponents and by skilful dummying and a great burst of speed he made the first try for Dalton to score. He followed this up by a fine try himself which he also converted. We were later awarded a penalty kick which Waring converted. The Hoppers' only try came from a forward scramble ; this was unconverted.

*Result* : School, 11 pts.; Preston Grasshoppers, 3 pts.

OCT. 22ND. 1ST XV v. A STONYHURST XV. HOME. WON.

The school were rather too strong for the Stonyhurst XV and weak tackling by their backs allowed us to run up a big score. The forwards were able to secure a fair share of the ball from the scrums and the backs all ran and passed well. Waring converted 5 tries and also kicked a penalty goal.

*Result* : School, 43 pts.; Stonyhurst, 0.

NOV. 1ST. 1ST XV v. A ROSSALL XV. HOME. WON.

This game was very fast and the Rossall pack was, as a whole, as good as ours. However, Rossall seldom looked like scoring due mainly to the keen tackling of our backs and the good covering of Edmondson. During the course of the game two fine runs were wasted when Waring ran well only to cross the dead ball line in attempting to touch down between the posts, and Edmondson did the same after running almost the whole length of the field. However, Rossall were outplayed and tries were scored by Edmondson (2), Waring, Skilbeck, Milligan and Dalton. 4 conversions and a penalty goal also were scored by Waring. This was a good game for the school centres and Dalton probably had his best game so far. Rossall's only try came from a good run by their left centre.

*Result* : School, 29 pts.; Rossall, 5 pts.

NOV. 8TH. 1ST XV v. ARNOLD HOUSE 1ST XV. AWAY. DRAW.

Conditions were ideal and from the beginning the teams appeared fairly well matched. The opposing forwards were heavier but our backs were faster than theirs. Arnold were first to score. Their forwards got more possession of the ball and they also scored a second try before Place opened our account with a drop goal.



We changed round to gain a wind advantage. Arnold eventually scored another try which was unconverted. but Meadows touched down after a good forward dribble, Waring made a very good conversion and the game ended in a draw, which was a fair reflection of the play.

*Result* : School, 9 pts.; Arnold House, 9 pts.

NOV. 13TH. 1ST XV v. BAMBER BRIDGE TRAINING COLLEGE. HOME. WON.

Our opponents had a big advantage in weight but we were the first to score, Curren crossing their line for a good try which Waring converted. Further tries were scored by Wright and Waring after the College forwards had rushed the ball over our line. Waring kicked a penalty goal.

*Result* : School, 14 pts.; Bamber Bridge T.C., 5 pts.

NOV. 15TH. 1ST XV v. HUTTON G.S. 1ST XV. HOME. LOST.

This was the school's first defeat and although Hutton deservedly won, the margin rather flattered them. Place was unfortunate to hit the post with an attempted drop-goal and Waring suffered the same misfortune with a penalty kick. The score at half time was 3-0 to Hutton.

In the second half, however, their superiority became more marked; their hooker gained possession from the set scrums and their forwards were heavier and combined better in the loose. Injuries to Waring and Wildman added to our misfortunes and the heavier Hutton backs broke away several times to score.

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

NOV. 29TH. 1ST XV v. STONYHURST 3RD XV. AWAY. WON.

The school team was weakened owing to injuries and two new players were introduced to replace Wildman and Meadows. Waring scored the first try but failed to convert it. Edmondson scored the only other try of this half with a good solo run; this also was unconverted.

The second half was a great improvement; the forwards played with more skill and determination and the backs made good use of their openings. Tries were scored by Dalton (2), Skilbeck, Milligan, Manchester and Brown. Dalton converted one of these.

*Result* : School, 29 pts.; Stonyhurst, nil.

NOV. 27TH. 1ST XV v. A SEDBERGH XV. HOME. WON.

The game started on a ground which was thawing after a heavy frost and a surface which was treacherous. The experiment of transferring Wildman and Curren from the backs into the back row of the scrum with Edmondson proved successful and our three-quarters got frequent possession. Wildman scored an early try from a loose rush and Waring converted. Other tries were scored by Waring and Brown, Waring converting one of these. Sedbergh replied by a fine individual try by one of the centre-three-quarters, which, however, was not improved. It was a clean, open game and was thoroughly enjoyable to all.

*Result* : School, 13 pts.; Sedbergh, 3 pts.

DEC. 10TH. 1ST XV v. BLACKPOOL G.S. 1ST XV. AWAY. LOST.

Without Brindle and Meadows the school were soon on the defensive and Wildman at full back did well to save our line on several occasions. The school forwards were

outweighed and outplayed. Wildman had to leave the field with a head injury after colliding with a goal post. Towards the end Blackpool scored 3 tries against tiring opposition.

*Result* : School, nil; Blackpool, 11 pts.

DEC. 17TH. 1ST XV v. PRESTON GRASSHOPPER 'B' XV. HOME. WON.

In a poor game played in a thick fog the play was even but scrappy. Barlow scored a good try from about the only good passing movement in the game.

*Result* : School, 3 pts.; Preston Grasshoppers, nil.

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JAN. 24TH. 1ST XV v. LEYLAND MOTORS 'A' TEAM. HOME. WON.

The school opened fairly well and play swept from one end to the other, the whole team defending well. After about 25 minutes Place made an opening for Waring who beat the full back to score beneath the posts and also succeeded with the conversion.

In the second half, the forwards played well and a quick heel enabled Place to give Dalton an opening which he took to score beneath the posts. Waring converted. During a school attack Waring kicked a good penalty goal. Waring scored a further try well out. The Motors replied with a penalty goal by Standidge.

*Result* : School, 16 pts.; Leyland Motors, 3 pts.

JAN. 31ST. 1ST XV v. HUTTON 1ST XV. AWAY. LOST.

School won the toss and played the first half with a strong wind in their favour. However, Webster broke through to score for Hutton well out early in the game. School pressed hard after this set-back but were extremely unfortunate when Waring was injured in following up a kick through and had to leave the field. Hutton scored 12 pts. in the first half and Place scored for the school, Brindle succeeding with the conversion. Hutton pressed almost continually in the second half with the wind behind them. The fast moving Hutton backs played good football and six more tries were scored. Waring returned about 10 minutes from the end of the game, and Parker scored the second school try.

*Result* : School, 10 pts.; Hutton G.S., 32 pts.

FEB. 17TH. 1ST XV v. LEYLAND MOTORS 'A' TEAM. AWAY. WON.

We played this game badly handicapped by injuries from the Hutton match, Waring, Meadows, Milligan and Parker all being unable to play. The ground was extremely muddy and there was fairly consistent rain throughout the match. Under these conditions there were few successful back movements, and the story was one mainly of forward strife. Our first try came from Curren who seized an opportunity in the first half and raced through to score between the posts. In the second half we attained greater superiority. Our opponents seemed tired and indeed they never made any really constructive movements. Edmondson scored the second try late in the game after a good run along the touchline in which he beat several opponents. Both tries were unconverted.

*Result* : School, 6 pts.; Leyland Motors 'A' XV, nil.

FEB. 24TH. 1ST XV v. KIRKHAM. HOME. WON.

We were fortunate to be able to turn out our complete side in this the last match of the season. The conditions were quite good and school kicked off with the wind behind them.



We found Kirkham a much improved side. The only try of the first half was scored by Broadbent who backed up well after a solo run by Waring. The second try was a combined effort by the right wing, Waring and Brindle, interpassing cleverly before parting to Dalton who scored. Both tries were converted by Waring. Kirkham got more of the ball than we did but their backs were not sufficiently dangerous to cause trouble.

*Result* : School, 10 pts.; Kirkham, nil.

### RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES

P.	W.	L.	D.	Points	
16	12	3	1	For 238	Against 101

### RUGBY LEAGUES

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

### RUGBY KNOCK-OUTS

Cuerden won their way into the final by beating Clayton in a replayed first round. Worden easily beat Farington in the first round but found Cuerden a sterner opposition. Cuerden won by 21 pts. to 3.

## HOCKEY, 1947-48.

*Captain* : Joyce Marsden

We experienced some difficulty at the beginning of the season in replacing the five players of the 1st XI who had left. The first three matches were lost, owing to the fact that the team as a whole lacked the necessary drive and determination, although individual players were quite good. A good win in the fourth match, however, the result of better team work, and concentrating on quick and frequent passes, encouraged us considerably, and from then on the team remained undefeated to the end of the season.

The forwards were rather slow to seize their opportunities in the circle, and shooting was somewhat inaccurate early in the season, but this improved with practice and match experience, and our goal score mounted steadily. The half backs and full backs were on the whole quick and reliable.

### TEAM CRITICISMS

*Goal* : O. Coates.—A quick and alert goalkeeper, who tackles courageously.

*Right Back* : M. Elliott.—Has developed into a more reliable full back since speeding up her tackling and recovery.

*Left Back* : B. Topping.—Moves quickly and marks well. Has a good strong drive but tends to be inaccurate when she does not stop the ball before hitting.

*Right Half* : O. Penlington.—A very quick and efficient half, who intercepts and checks almost every move of her opponent ; stickwork excellent.

*Centre Half* : E. Bennett.—Speedy, marks with determination, and passes accurately to the forwards.

*Left Half* : J. Deacon.—Has worked hard and developed into a very steady and reliable half back.

*Right Wing* : H. Burnie.—Very swift, and has good ball-control, but is sometimes apt to pass a little too late.

*Right Inner* : J. Marsden.—Both footwork and stickwork neat and skilful, and her shooting steadily gained in accuracy as the season progressed.

*Centre Forward* : B. Hinchcliffe.—Attacks strongly and moves quickly. Shooting usually more accurate than it was last year.

*Left Inner* : E. Almond.—Combines very well with the centre forward and wing and has a high goal score to her credit.

*Left Wing* : E. Jones.—Her good stickwork and dodging tactics invariably defeated the opposing defence, and gave many good opportunities for scoring.

C.I.P.

SEPT. 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST.

The first match of the season found our team rather on the slow side. Our forwards were slow to attack, though their passes were fairly accurate and the defence backed up well. The Park School team always took the initiative and defeated us by one goal.

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

SEPT. 27TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. UPHOLLAND G.S. 1ST XI. HOME. LOST.

Though our forwards were stronger in attack our scoring attempts were frustrated by Upholland's very able defence. The Upholland team used long passes down the field, and their backs played well forward, so that we were often caught off-side and our chances of scoring were limited.

*Result* : School, 2 ; Upholland, 3.

OCT. 11TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS G.S. 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST.

The Newton team combined very well in this match. We noticed that all the defence seemed to move over to the side on which the ball was being played. Their forwards were very swift too, and although our defence worked very hard, we lacked drive on the forward line, and so lost the game.

*Result* : School, 1 ; Newton, 2.



OCT. 18TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. WINKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

The very wet pitch apparently hindered neither team. The Convent School defence was the weakest part of their team, their forwards being very quick and good at passing. Our defence had more play than the forwards, who were able to break through the opposing defence quite easily. Our forwards were still too often caught off-side.

Result : School, 4 ; Convent School, 1.

NOV. 1ST. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK G.S. 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

This match was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, the play being more evenly balanced than in our previous matches. The Ormskirk forwards were very swift, and formed the strongest part of their team, but our halves and backs were always on the alert. Ormskirk managed to fight their way into our goal twice, with pushed shots, in the second half of the game.

Result : School, 3 ; Ormskirk, 2.

NOV. 8TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD G.S. HOME. WON.

Our team, on the whole, was the better one, though Ashton defence was very alert and swift and their goalkeeper exceptionally good. The play in our team was fairly even, the defence as usual working very hard and preventing Ashton from scoring.

Result : School, 3 ; Ashton, 0.

NOV. 15TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. WIGAN HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

The pitch was very flat and in excellent condition. The play was uneven and mostly in the Wigan half of the pitch. Our defence played hard and the Wigan forwards, who were quite swift, lacked support from their defence, and our forwards were able to get through quite easily.

Result : School, 7 ; Wigan, 0.

DEC. 13TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. UPHOLLAND G.S. 1ST XI. AWAY. DREW.

After a spell of bad weather, during which no matches or practices were possible, the team did not play as briskly at first as they might have done. Once in our stride, however, we scored the first goal of the match. The Upholland team were very determined and soon caught up. In the second half each team scored again and the match resulted in a draw.

Result : School, 2 ; Upholland, 2.

JAN. 17TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HINDLEY G.S. 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

The Hindley forwards were very speedy and scored the first goal of the match. Our defence played very well but the forwards were inaccurate in passing. However, we improved in the second half and scored three times.

Result : School, 3 ; Hindley, 2.

JAN. 31ST. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD G.S. 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

The forwards of the Ashton team were very quick and used long passes across the field, but they were not backed up by their halves and backs. Our team was slow to take advantage but quickened up in the second half.

Result : School, 7 ; Ashton, 0.

FEB. 7TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. RIVINGTON & BLACKROD G.S. 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

Several members of the Rivington side were missing owing to the bad weather. We played a friendly game against a team completed with our reserves, but were considerably hampered by a wet and heavy pitch.

Result : School, 6 ; Rivington, 0.

MAR. 7TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS G.S. 1ST XI. AWAY. DREW.

The two teams were evenly matched though ours was rather slower to take advantage. Emma Jones and Beryl Topping were unable to play ; Doreen Bretherton and June Moss played well in their places.

Result : School, 3 ; Newton, 3.

MAR. 13TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. WIGAN HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

As in the previous match, play was mostly in the Wigan half of the pitch. The defence of the Wigan team seemed to lose their positions on the field. Our defence, as always, played a steady, sound game.

Result : School, 5 ; Wigan, 0.

#### SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MATCHES, 1947-48

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI ....	13	8	2	3
2nd XI ....	6	6	0	0
Junior XI ....	3	1	0	2

#### HOCKEY LEAGUE TABLE

House	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Worden ....	6	4	1	1	9
Farington ....	6	3	2	1	8
Cuerden ....	6	1	4	1	6
Clayton ....	6	0	1	5	1

#### HOCKEY KNOCK-OUTS

1. Worden defeated Farington 3-1.
2. Cuerden defeated Clayton 1-0.

Winners : Worden 2-0.



## CROSS COUNTRY, 1948.

We have no complaints this season; the weather could hardly have been kinder: even our practice runs seldom had to be deferred and, beyond a little seasonable coldness, our matches were run under most satisfactory conditions. Of these there have been three, one against Kirkham at home, which we lost, and two against Blackpool, in which the honours were shared.

The Inter-house matches showed no spectacular individual performances, though, as a house, Cuerden fairly swept the board by a lead of 275 points over the runners-up. First home for the Senior was Waring (Cu.), with a time of 22 min. 17 sec., while Moore won the Junior fairly comfortably in 14 min. 6½ sec.

There has been much fluctuation in individual performances, teams for matches varying considerably and many "dark horses" coming to light in the Inter-house results. Waring has been the most consistent performer, however, and has kept a very sound average. Entwistle has been a very keen captain and, though injuries have debarred him from showing his best ability, he has performed his less spectacular duties with a painstaking thoroughness.

W.J.D.

## CRICKET, 1948.

The first XI was on the whole one of the most effective teams we have had and had a better season than was anticipated. The bowling was unusually good and at times inspired—notably Edmondson's against the Old Boys and Watkinson's against the Staff. The batting was variable, occasionally good and sometimes unaccountably moderate, while the fielding was adequate but rarely matchwinning. Yet the fact remains that when the batting failed the bowling rose to the occasion so that the full side never lost a game—which, after all, is a tribute to the team's spirit.

## COLTS

This XI had quite a successful season, losing only one of seven matches played and that by the narrowest of margins. The bowling was, if anything, slightly more reliable than the batting, which on one or two occasions showed a tendency to collapse after the first two or three wickets had fallen. The best performance of the year was the last match when some fine bowling by Maden and Ackers disposed of a strong Preston Catholic College side, for a meagre 25 runs. On the whole, a most satisfactory season.

R.A.B.

MAY 2ND. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. CHORLEY G.S. 1ST XI. HOME. LOST.

School opened the season with a depleted team; both Edmondson and Waring were missing. Chorley batted first and, thanks to the good bowling of Watkinson (6 wks. for 9) and Threlfall (3 for 12), were all out for 58. Rain followed the school batsmen to the wicket and after some delay Brown and Howcroft started badly and it was only Allsup's gallant innings of 14 which enabled us to reach 52 before the weak Chorley bowling. At 52 Allsup literally threw his wicket away and School were all out a mere 7 runs from victory.

Result: School, 52; Chorley G.S., 58.

MAY 8TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HUTTON G.S. 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

With the return of Edmondson, Waring and Brindle the team was at full strength. Hutton won the toss and decided to bat on a hard wicket. Edmondson quickly settled down to bowl very well, and the Hutton batsmen were obviously shaky against his speed. They were all out in less than an hour, Edmondson taking 6 for 18 and Watkinson fighting the ball and keeping a good length, 4 for 13.

School soon passed their opponents' total. Brown 23, Brindle 18 not out, and Parker 17 not out, all batted well and with confidence.

Result: Hutton, 44; School, 66 for 3.

MAY 29TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON CATHOLIC COLLEGE 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

Once again the wicket was hard and dry and unresponsive to the efforts of the bowlers. Catholic College batted first and their opening batters settled down to score 75 before Threlfall broke the partnership. Several more catches were missed before they declared at 106 for 6, Threlfall having taken 3 for 11.

School were soon in difficulties with the light becoming bad and had lost 2 wickets for 4 runs when Edmondson joined Waring. Both batted confidently and the score rose steadily. At 71, when the partnership had realised 67 runs, Edmondson was out l.b.w. having scored 36. Waring was bowled shortly afterwards with 36 to his credit also. A steady innings by Place, who scored 23 not out, made the issue certain and School passed their opponents' total with 4 wickets in hand.

Result: Catholic College, 106 for 6 dec.; School, 112 for 6.

JUNE 5TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. KIRKHAM G.S. 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

School won the toss and went in to bat on a wicket deadened by rain. Brown and Waring opened confidently but Waring was run out for 16 with the score at 28. School made 97 of which Brown got 28, Parker 26 and Threlfall 17.

Kirkham were soon in difficulties, with both Edmondson and Watkinson opening well, and 6 wickets fell for 17 runs. Then came a stand, however, and in spite of several changes of bowling the "tail" wagged considerably, and Kirkham eventually managed to score 60 before being all out only 10 minutes before time.

Result: Kirkham, 60; School, 97.

JUNE 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON IMPERIAL C.C. HOME. WON.

Preston won the toss and went in to bat on quite a good wicket. The School bowled well and were also helped by the fact that two batsmen were run out. Preston were soon all out for 35, Edmondson taking 3 for 11 and Threlfall 3 for 0.

Waring and Brown were both out quickly due to attempting to hit out. Brindle and Edmondson took the score to 35 before Brindle was out for 21. A few more overs were completed before the game concluded with School 45 for 4.

Result: Preston Imperial C.C., 35; School, 45 for 4.

JUNE 17TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. COUNTY OFFICES. HOME. WON.

Having lost the toss School were sent in on a wicket that was taking spin. School were soon in trouble with both Brown and Waring out quickly. However, a very good



innings by Brindle, who scored 41 made our total more respectable and we were all out for 74.

Our opponents' batting was not very good and they were all out for 57, Watkinson taking 7 for 13.

*Result* : School, 74 ; County Offices, 57.

JUNE 19TH. SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS. HOME. WON.

The school was assisted in this match by Mr. Bennison, Mr. Brown and Mr. Leithead. We won the toss and batted on a wicket that was rather dead and slow but taking some spin. We lost two wickets for 17 but Mr. Brown batted well and scored 34. Mr. Bennison also scored 18 not out and Threlfall 22 not out. School declared at 111 for 3.

The Old Boys, with several Leyland players in the team, opened well. However, Edmondson had an excellent spell in which he took the first 4 wickets with successive balls. The Old Boys then went on to be all out for 43, Edmondson taking 4 for 22.

*Result* : School, 111 for 3 ; Old Boys, 43.

JULY 3RD. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. A PRESTON C.C. XI. HOME. WON.

Our opponents, who fielded a better side than on the first occasion, won the toss and batted first. They started well and in spite of 2 run outs and Edmondson's 6 for 26, scored 92. The wicket was fairly responsive and this was not a bad total.

However the school batsmen showed up well and an opening stand by Brown, 21, and Threlfall, 20, put us well on the way to victory. Brindle, 16, and Place, 17 not out also batted well and School scored 96 for 4. Both sides were guilty of several dropped catches.

*Result* : Preston Imperial C.C., 92 ; School, 96 for 4.

JUNE 26TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HUTTON G.S. 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

Hutton won the toss and went in on a good batting wicket. Although their batting was not on the whole very good, they scored 102, due to a good 54 by one of the opening batters. The school team was guilty of far too many fielding errors.

One of the Hutton bowlers managed to get topspin and lift from the wicket and both Waring and Brindle were out with only 4 runs on the board. However, Edmondson came in to play a good captain's innings. With 7 wickets down for 81 and Edmondson still in the middle the game became very tense. Howcroft, however, kept his end up very well and school passed Hutton's total without further loss, Edmondson scoring 48 not out. Brown got 17 and Howcroft 10 not out.

*Result* : Hutton, 102 ; School, 108 for 7.

JULY 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON CATHOLIC COLLEGE 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

Having won the toss School batted on a damp wicket and lost 3 wickets very quickly. A good innings by Place, who scored 38, helped to improve the situation and School scored 87 before being all out.

The school bowling was better than in the away match and our opponents were not so confident. The Catholic College eventually were all out for 68, Edmondson taking 6 for 20.

*Result* : School, 87 ; Preston Catholic College, 68.



SCHOOL ROUNDERS IX, 1948.

Back Row : (left to right) E. Almond, B. Topping, D. Bretherton, J. M. Barker, J. Moss.  
Front Row : (left to right) I. Spencer, J. Deacon, E. M. Hinchcliffe, Joyce Marsden  
Played 4      Won 2      Lost 2



JULY 14TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. THE STAFF. WON.

School batted first and Brown and Waring made an opening stand of 80, Waring being out for 21. Edmondson and Brown made a stand of 73 for the third wicket, Edmondson scoring 32. Brown had many lucky escapes but he scored a good 105. School declared at 173 for 4.

The staff opened well but Watkinson was on top form and took 6 wickets for 15 runs. Mr. Oldland scored 17 and Mr. Brown 12. The staff were all out for 64.

*Result :* School, 173 for 4 dec.; Staff, 64.

#### CRICKET LEAGUES

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

#### CRICKET KNOCKOUTS

Both Clayton and Cuerden easily passed into the final and Cuerden won a game full of fluctuations. Scores were : Cuerden 75 and 101 ; Clayton, 97 and 54.

#### ROUNDERS, 1948.

*Captain :* E. Jones

The season is very short as far as School 1st IX matches are concerned, since most of the schools we play field only a Junior Rounders IX in conjunction with a Tennis team.

We did have several most enjoyable games, nevertheless, and hope to increase our fixtures next year.

At the beginning of the season, neither the fielding nor hitting looked very promising, but most players rose to the occasion in actual matches, and in the game with Blackpool Collegiate School the batting was surprisingly good.

C.I.P.



## ROUNDERS 1st IX :

Bowler : B. Hinchcliffe.  
 Backstop : J. Marsden.  
 1st Base : E. Jones.  
 2nd Base : J. Spencer.  
 3rd Base : J. Moss.  
 1st Deep : B. Topping.  
 2nd Deep : D. Bretherton.  
 3rd Deep : E. Bennett.  
 4th Deep : J. Deacon.

## SCHOOL MATCHES

MAY 29TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. BLACKPOOL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL 1ST IX. HOME. WON.

Result : School, 11 ; Blackpool, 1½.

JUNE 19TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. UPHOLLAND G.S. 1ST IX. HOME. WON.

Result : School, 3½ ; Upholland, 3.

JULY 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCHOOL 1ST IX. AWAY. LOST.

Result : School, 3 ; Winckley Square, 3½.

JULY 15TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. THE STAFF IX.

Result : School, 1½ ; Staff, 6.

## ROUNDERS LEAGUES

House	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Farington .....	6	5	0	1	10
Cuerden .....	6	4	0	2	8
Worden .....	6	3	0	3	6
Clayton .....	6	0	0	6	0

## ROUNDERS KNOCK-OUTS

1. Worden defeated Clayton.
2. Cuerden defeated Farington.

Winners : Worden.

## TENNIS, 1948.

Captain : J. Rodda

This was a more enjoyable season than that of last year, since we managed to fit seven school matches into the term. Although the first team still has much to learn, it is steadily improving, and at the end of the season all six members were playing with more confidence

## 1st Couple :

J. Rodda has a good strong service and her style is pleasing.

M. Elliott played well with her partner. Speedier footwork would improve her game.

## 2nd Couple :

E. Almond always plays a steady game but is sometimes slow on the ball. Her style could be improved, but with her partner, she held her own against practically all opponents.

J. Barker places her shots extremely well, particularly in long drives, and is a useful member of the team.

## 3rd Couple :

O. Penlington has good natural style and anticipates well. Tends to play too carefully but with experience should gain confidence and develop into a really good player.

H. Burnie. Rather erratic, but keen and alert and will play a steadier, more accurate game with practice.

C.I.P.

## TENNIS MATCHES, 1948

SAT., MAY 1ST. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. PARK SCHOOL, PRESTON. HOME. LOST.

„ „ „ SCHOOL 2ND VI v. PARK SCHOOL, PRESTON. „ „

It was unfortunate that we had to play the Park School for our first match of the season, as our team was handicapped by lack of practice and experience. On the whole our second team played a better game than the first, only losing by a few games. The Park School played a good game and the matches were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Result : School 1st VI, 27 games ; Park School 1st VI, 54 games.

School 2nd VI, 33 games ; Park School 2nd VI, 48 games.

SAT., MAY 8TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. WIGAN HIGH SCHOOL. HOME. WON.

The team gained in confidence in the second match of the season. The play improved and everyone played to the best of their ability ; but we still needed more practice to enable us to play an equal game with a stronger team.

Result : School, 53 games ; Wigan H.S., 28 games.

SAT., MAY 29TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. BLACKPOOL COLLEGIATE. HOME. LOST.

Blackpool played an extremely good game of tennis, their drives and especially their



net play being superior to ours. We were, however, able to pick up many valuable hints from watching their style.

Result : School, 24 games ; Blackpool C., 57 games.

SAT., JUNE 5TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. HOME. WON.

The team had gained experience from the previous match and all couples played well. The end of the match was, unfortunately, spoilt by rain and we had to play in between the showers.

Result : School, 55 games ; Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S., 26 games.

SAT., JUNE 19TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. UPHOLLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL. HOME. WON.

By now the school team was playing a better game of tennis than at the beginning of the season. The strokes were stronger and more polished and more members of the team were playing at the net. This was a particularly good match and the school team had a hard struggle to win.

Result : School, 48 games ; Upholland G.S., 33 games.

THURSDAY, JULY 1ST. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. OLD GIRLS. HOME. LOST.

The Old Girls had once again a strong team. They played well and gave us a good game, both sides playing energetically and with many good rallies.

Result : School, 31 games ; Old Girls, 50 games.

SAT., JULY 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCH. 1ST VI.

AWAY. WON.

Although two of our players were absent our team was still quite strong. The match was played on grass courts, which were unfamiliar to us but we soon settled down and enjoyed our games. The Convent School played well considering that this was their first match and they lacked experience.

Result : School, 70 games ; Convent School, 11 games.

#### SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MATCHES

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
7	4	0	3

#### TENNIS LEAGUE TABLE, 1948

House	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Cuerden .....	6	5	0	1	10
Worden .....	6	4	0	2	8
Clayton .....	6	2	1	3	5
Farington .....	6	0	1	5	1

Winners : Cuerden.

#### TENNIS KNOCK-OUTS

Worden defeated Clayton in the finals of the Tennis Knock-outs.

## CHESS

This year, the School Chess team is competing in the newly-formed Preston and District Chess League. Indeed, Balshaw's provide the only schoolboys playing in these matches, so at least our boys are getting valuable experience.

Our first match of the new season was against Leyland Chess Club on Thursday, October 21st. We won by  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in spite of the fact that we had one of our best players (Porter) missing. Details were :—

1. Mr. B. L. Wilkinson,  $\frac{1}{2}$  ; Rev. E. H. Townson,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
2. B. G. Broadbent,  $\frac{1}{2}$  ; Mr. J. Parker,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
3. J. Becconsall,  $\frac{1}{2}$  ; Mr. W. E. Curtiss,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
4. G. N. Chase, 1 ; Mr. T. L. Robinson, 0.
5. J. Nelson, 0 ; Mr. W. Lowe, 1.
6. F. Livesey, 1 ; Mr. J. Wright, 0.
7. S. Kay, 1 ; Mr. T. A. Hart, 0.
8. K. Mather, 0 ; Mr. R. H. Hargreaves, 1.

Our chances of heading the League are quite promising, for we have yet to be defeated by any neighbouring team—even after three years. I hope that this record will be intact by the end of the season !

Since the last issue of this magazine we have met and defeated Bamber Bridge Training College and the County Offices once more. The latter win was a meritorious achievement, for the County Offices have G. B. Lewis, the Bolton champion, at Board 1, and L. L. Lees, Preston's 1947 Champion, at Board 2.

A new idea this year is my Chess instruction classes on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in II.A room. The purpose of these classes is to train boys for the School team when the present team leave. Most of our present team are VIth form boys who will soon be leaving, and therefore it is necessary to start training at once if a new team is to be built.

If any boy would like to come along to these classes he may do so, for we cater for all stages of play. Anybody can start at any time. I would like a few more middle school boys who are thinking of stopping two years in the Sixth.

B. L. WILKINSON.

## HOUSE NOTES.

### CLAYTON HOUSE.

House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull.

House Mistress : Miss A. Doherty.

House Captains : Broadbent, B. G. (Boys) ; B. Hinchcliffe (Girls).

Although in the past year we were not outstanding on the playing field, we did honour to Clayton House in the intellectual arena—the Silver Griffin now graces our House Room.



On Sports Day we were defeated by Cuerden by only a slight margin, and in the summer the girls lost the Tennis Knockouts by the infuriating difference of one game.

The House Party was, as usual, a great success, due to the almost superhuman efforts of Miss Doherty and the rest of the Clan (although the males did little but masticate the remains).

We say 'hello' to all the 'freshers' of the House and hope they will be happy and do all in their power to uphold the standard of the House by hard work, initiative and co-operation.

We hope that during the coming session the Claytonites will maintain their usual buoyancy under the guidance of Miss Doherty and Mr. Bull. So, Claytonites, "Press on, regardless!"

## CUERDEN HOUSE.

*House Master* : Mr. R. A. Bennison.

*House Mistress* : Miss K. Whewell.

*House Captains* : Waring, J. M. (Boys) ; M. Farnell. (Girls).

First of all we should like to welcome all new Cuerdenites. We know that they will support the House in every way and help to uphold the high standards set by their predecessors, both in work and play.

Cuerden has had a very successful year. The boys carried all before them and won the Rugby Knock-outs, Rugby Leagues, Cricket Knock-outs and Cricket Leagues, the Cross Country Cup, and Waring won the Victor Ludorum. The girls won the Tennis Leagues and together we won the House Championship Cup and the Relay Cup. Well done, Cuerden!

The Silver Griffin, unfortunately, is not yet back in 3.A room but we hope this will be remedied in the coming year.

Many of our members have left us. To them we say "Au Revoir" for we hope to see them at our House Parties in the future.

## FARINGTON HOUSE

*House Master* : Mr. W. J. Downer.

*House Mistress* : Miss A. Milroy.

*House Captains* : Entwistle, E. D. (Boys) ; Z. E. Dawson (Girls).

First we must welcome all new Faringtonians who come to swell our ranks. We hope that they will help to fill those shelves in II.B form room which are now, unfortunately, empty.

During the past year our only success on the games field has been in the Rounders Leagues. The boys, may we whisper in shame, scored not a single victory. As for Sports Day—well, the less said about that the better.

However, there is one thing which is always a success and that is our House Party. Last year was no exception and our thanks must go to Miss Milroy, Mr. Downer, the House Captains, and all others concerned, especially those who took part in the stage show.

Well, Faringtonians, we must try again this year. For the last few years we have been unlucky, but there is bound to be a bend in the road somewhere. May we soon reach it.

## WORDEN HOUSE.

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

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

*House Captains* : Brindle, R. (Boys) ; J. Spencer (Girls).

We in Worden have every reason to be proud of ourselves (the female element, that is) having won the Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Knockouts, the Victrix Ludorum and the Hockey Leagues. But the girls have a tendency to rest on the laurels of hockey victories throughout the summer months, forgetting that the winning of Tennis and Rounders Leagues requires a certain degree of enthusiasm and co-operation as well.

Turning to the boys, we must admit disappointment. They, either from lack of enthusiasm or athletic ability, did not manage to carry away any trophies. Also Wordenites need not remind themselves too often of the low position held by them at the last Athletic Sports.

We must not forget to mention the successful House party which was held in April : very successful we may say, for the boys, as the 'feed' was unanimously proclaimed the best of the season.

But we must look forward to the coming season—are we going to make it a successful one? We hope so, and appeal to all Wordenites, boys and girls, first formers and sixth, to combine together to form a match-winning house, and do not forget that there is a cup to be won for scholastic ability as well as those for athletic prowess.

Wordenites, we shall triumph *this* year.

## "NON SIBI SED ALIIS."

February 5th, 1948—Dr. Barnardo's Homes (*per Miss Royle*)—£17-16-6.

March 16th, 1948—Dr. Barnardo's Homes—£2-16-0½.

April 24th, 1948—Royal Naval Lifeboat Institution—£3-13-1½.

May 31st, 1948—Alexandra Rose Day—£3-7-0.

July 3rd, 1948—National Institute for the Blind—£1-15-9.

July 15th, 1948—Dr. Barnardo's Homes (*per Miss Royle*)—£9-14-11.

September 17th, 1948—St. John Ambulance Brigade (*Leyland Division*)—£3-15-0.



## OLD BALSHAVIANS' NOTES.

## OLD BOYS' SECTION

It is a good many years since the above title appeared in a copy of the *Balshavian*, years for many of us "which the locusts have eaten," long years spent in highly uncomfortable foreign travel and an unwilling seeking after unsought experiences. There was an oracular quality in Mr. Bull's, "Ah my boys, you'll just be in time for the next War," which he may have realised but which we regarded as Pontifical jesting. Gray and Collins figured in the "Higher" Syllabus that year and perhaps a "Distant Prospect of Eton College" has a perennial quality which was lost upon us in those carefree days. Carefree! "The very word . . . ."

An Old Students' Association has various functions to perform, not the least of which is to retain a little of that elusive quality, lost upon us when we are at school and lost to us when we leave. There is an astonishing balm in the recollection of scholastic occasions engendered by Old Students' Reunions, recollections mellowed and magnified by the years, and yearly more and more worth the telling.

So, the Old Boys' Association, has, after a long lapse, been revived, and, though not yet the flourishing organisation which it was in 1939, will continue to grow. It is still a puny infant dependent upon the support of all Old Boys and of those who leave in the future. The Subscription is five shillings per annum, though only 2/6 for the first three years after leaving school. We appeal to all Old Students to join now.

There is no record this year of past activities, though a cricket match was played against the school which resulted in a humiliating blow to our pride. However, various functions are being organised to take place during the Winter months, and we are hoping for good support. Perhaps next year, if the Editor is generous and the paper supply improved, we may command—and fill—our customary quota.

R. SHEPHERD,  
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## CALENDAR.

## 1948

## SEPTEMBER

W.	8	Autumn Term Begins. Supervision Duty : Mr. Bull Z. E. Dawson Wright, R. W.
Th.	9	
F.	10	
S.	11	
M.	13	Supervision Duty : Miss Bromley B. Norris Entwisle, E. D.
Tu.	14	
W.	15	
Th.	16	
F.	17	
S.	18	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Upholland G.S. 1st XV (h). School Bantam XV v. Upholland G.S. Bantam XV (a). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Chorley G.S. 1st XI (a). School 2nd XI v. Chorley G.S. 2nd XI (a).
M.	20	Supervision Duty : Mr. Morgan, J. F. Rodda, Bennison, R. A. D.
Tu.	21	
W.	22	
Th.	23	
F.	24	
S.	25	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Kirkham G.S. 1st XV (h). School 2nd XV v. Kirkham G.S. 2nd XV (a). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Preston Convent 1st XI (h). School 2nd XI v. Preston Convent 2nd XI (h).
M.	27	Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy ; J. Spencer ; Toze, A. C.
Tu.	28	
W.	29	
Th.	30	

## OCTOBER

F.	1	2-45 p.m. Lecture : 'Sweden—The country and the people,' by Alvar Ellegard, Mag. Phil. Applications for Entrance to Training Colleges and University Training Departments.
S.	2	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Preston Grasshoppers Extra 'A' XV (a). School Bantam XV v. Kirkham G.S. Bantam XV (h).
M.	4	Supervision Duty : Miss Johnson ; B. Butcher ; Brindle, R.
Tu.	5	Last date of application for County Advanced Course Exhibitions.
W.	6	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (1) ; F. v. W. (1). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. F. (1) ; Cu. v. W. (1).
Th.	7	
F.	8	
S.	9	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. A Rossall School XV (h). School Bantam XV v. Wigan G.S. Bantam XV (h). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Rivington G.S. 1st XI (h). School 2nd XI v. Rivington G.S. 2nd XI (h).
M.	11	Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson ; E. M. Hinchcliffe ; Broadbent, R. G.
Tu.	12	Last date for receipt of contributions to 'The Balshavian,' Vol. XXIV No.1.
W.	13	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. F. (1) ; Cu. v. W. (1). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. W. (1) ; Cu. v. F. (1). Visit of School Musical Society to Liverpool Philharmonic Concert in Preston.
Th.	14	2-45 p.m. Film Show.
F.	15	
S.	16	Hockey : School 1st XI v. Hindley G.S. 1st XI (a).
M.	18	Supervision Duty : Miss Markland ; M. Farnell ; Waring, J. M.
Tu.	19	
W.	20	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. W. (1) ; Cu. v. F. (1). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (1) ; F. v. W. (1).



Th.	21	School Chess Club v. Leyland Chess Club (h).
F.	22	
S.	23	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. A Sedbergh School XV (a).
M.	25	Supervision Duty : Mr. Rigby ; E. Bennett ; Ball, A.
Tu.	26	
W.	27	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. A Stonyhurst College XV (h).
Th.	28	School Chess Club v. Fulwood & Broughton Chess Club (a).
F.	29	2-45 p.m. Central Office of Information Film Show.
S.	30	

## NOVEMBER

M.	1	& Tu. 2 Half Term Holiday.
W.	3	Supervision Duty : Miss Twist ; M. B. Langton ; Becconsall, J. K. Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (2) ; F. v. W. (2). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. F. (2) ; Cu. v. W. (2).
Th.	4	
F.	5	
S.	6	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Upholland G.S. 1st XV (a). School Bantam XV v. Upholland G.S. Bantam XV (h). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Newton-le-Willows G.S. 1st XI (a). School 2nd XI v. Newton-le-Willows G.S. 2nd XI (a).
M.	8	Supervision Duty : Mr. Downer ; A. D. Standige ; Fowler, D.
Tu.	9	
W.	10	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Bamber Bridge Training College XV (a). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st XI (a). School 2nd XI v. Ormskirk G.S. 2nd XI (a).
Th.	11	
F.	12	Farington House Party.
S.	13	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Leyland Motors 'A' XV (a). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. 1st XI (a).
M.	15	Supervision Duty : Mr. Speakman ; J. P. Williams ; Meadows, A.
Tu.	16	
W.	17	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. F. (2) ; Cu. v. W. (2). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. W. (2) ; Cu. v. F. (2).
Th.	18	
S.	20	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Hutton G.S. 1st XV (h). School Bantam XV v. Kirkham G.S. Bantam XV (a). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Upholland G.S. 1st XI (h). School 2nd XI v. Upholland G.S. 2nd XI (h).
M.	22	Supervision Duty : Miss Lewis ; V. Newsham ; Watkinson, A.
Tu.	23	School Chess Club v. Preston County Offices Chess Club (a).
W.	24	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. A Stonyhurst College XV (a).
Th.	25	
F.	26	
S.	27	Hockey : School 1st XI v. Chorley G.S. 1st XI (h). School 2nd XI v. Chorley G.S. 2nd XI (h).
M.	29	Supervision Duty : Mr. Bull ; M. J. Turner ; Taylor, A.
		School Examinations (First Day).
Tu.	30	School Examinations (Second Day).

## DECEMBER

W.	1	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. W. (2) ; Cu. v. F. (2). School Examinations (Third Day).
Th.	2	
F.	3	Cuerden House Party.
S.	4	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st XV (a). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Blackpool Collegiate 1st XI (a). School 2nd XI v. Blackpool Collegiate 2nd XI (a).
M.	6	Supervision Duty : Miss Bromley ; E. Nelson ; Wright, J. ff.

Tu.	7	
W.	8	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. A Rossall School XV (a). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (2) ; F. v. W. (2).
Th.	9	Publication of 'The Balshavian,' Vol XXIV, No. 1.
F.	10	2-45 p.m. Central Office of Information Film Show.
S.	11	Hockey : School 1st XI v. Preston Park School 1st XI (h). School 2nd XI v. Preston Park School 2nd XI (h).
M.	13	Supervision Duty : Mr. Morgan ; E. Wood ; Entwisle, E. D. 7-30 p.m. Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes.
Tu.	14	
W.	15	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Bamber Bridge Training College XV (h).
Th.	16	2-0 p.m. School Carol Service.
F.	17	School Chess Club v. Preston Chess Club (h). Autumn Term Ends. Spring Term commences : Jan. 5th, 1949. Spring Term ends : Apr. 8th, 1949. Midsummer Term commences : Apr. 26th, 1949. Midsummer Term ends : July 15th, 1949. Autumn Term commences : Sept. 7th, 1949.

## MISCELLANEA.

<i>Clayton House :</i>	House Mistress : Miss A. Doherty, B.A. House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull, M.A. House Captains : Broadbent, B.G. E. M. Hinchcliffe House Colour : Green. House Room : IV B.
<i>Cuerden House :</i>	House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell, A.R.C.A. House Master : Mr. R. A. Bennison, M.Sc. House Captains : Waring, J. M. M. Farnell. House Colour : Red. House Room : III A.
<i>Farington House :</i>	House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy, B.A. House Master : Mr. W. J. Downer, M.A. House Captains : Entwisle, E. D. Z. E. Dawson. House Colour : Gold. House Room : II B.
<i>Worden House :</i>	House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill, B.A. House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A. House Captains : Brindle, R. J. Spencer. House Colour : Blue. House Room : I A.
<i>Boys :</i>	<i>Head Prefect :</i> Waring, J. M. <i>Prefects :</i> Entwisle, E. D., Wright, R. W., Bennison, R. A. D., Toze, A. C., Brindle, R., Broadbent, B. G. <i>Sub-Prefects :</i> Ball, A., Becconsall, J. K., Fowler, D., Meadows, A., Watkinson, A., Taylor, A., Wright, J.
<i>Girls :</i>	<i>Head Prefect :</i> M. Farnell. <i>Prefects :</i> E. M. Hinchcliffe, Z. E. Dawson. J. Spencer, B. Norris, J. F. Rodda, B. Butcher. <i>Sub-Prefects :</i> B. M. Hargreaves, M. B. Langton, A. D. Standige, E. Wood, J. P. Williams, V. Newsham, M. J. Turner, I. Walton. E. Nelson, E. Bennett.
<i>Captain of Rugby Football :</i>	Waring, J. M.
<i>Captain of Hockey :</i>	E. M. Hinchcliffe.

*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. via Penwortham, at 8-10 a.m. via Bamber Bridge, and from the Ribble Bus Station, Chorley, at 8-25 a.m. daily, and pick up pupils en route. The return buses leave the School gates at 4-8 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 :	9-0 to 9-10 a.m.	Prayers.
	9-10 to 9-20 a.m.	Form meetings.
	9-20 to 10-0 a.m.	First Period.
	10-0 to 10-45 a.m.	Second Period.
	10-45 to 11-0 a.m.	Break.
	11-0 to 11-45 a.m.	Third Period.
	11-45 to 12-30 p.m.	Fourth Period.

**Afternoon Period : (a) Mondays to Thursdays**

1-50 to 1-55 p.m.	Form meetings.
1-55 to 2-30 p.m.	Fifth Period.
2-30 to 3-15 p.m.	Sixth Period.
3-15 to 4-0 p.m.	Seventh Period.

**(b) Fridays :—**

1-50 to 1-55 p.m.	Form meetings.
1-55 to 2-20 p.m.	Fifth Period.
2-20 to 2-50 p.m.	Sixth Period.
2-50 to 3-20 p.m.	Seventh Period.
3-20 to 4-0 p.m.	Societies.

**School Societies :**

Arts and Crafts	.....	Miss Whewell (Art room).
Books	.....	Mr. Bennison (Staty. Room).
Chess	.....	Mr. Bull (IV.B room).
Dancing	.....	Miss Probert (Gymnasium or Hall).
Debating	.....	Miss Johnson (III.A room).
Dramatic	.....	Mr. Downer (Library or Hall).
French Circle	.....	Miss Bromley (I.B room).
Gardening	.....	Mr. Leathley (Chem. Lab. or School grounds).
Geographical	.....	Miss Markland (Geography room).
Gymnastic	.....	Mr. Brown (Gymnasium or II.C room).
Junior Classical	.....	Mr. Leithead (Biology Lab.).
Junior Dramatic	.....	Miss Milroy and Miss Lewis (I.A room).
Junior Historical	.....	Mr. Morgan (II.B room).
Junior Play Reading	.....	Miss Rahill (IV.C room).
Knitting	.....	Miss Twist (V.B room).
Musical	.....	Mr. Wilkinson (IV.A room).
Needlework	.....	Miss Ball (Dom. Sc. room).
Photographic	.....	Mr. Speakman (Dark Room or II.A room).
Scientific	.....	Mr. Rigby (Physics Lab.).
Topical Subjects	.....	Miss Doherty (I.C room).

**Meetings :**

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

**"The Balshavian" :** The Official Organ of Balshaw's Grammar School.

**Broadcast Lectures :**

Mondays :	10-05 to 10-15	News Commentary (IA, IB, IC).
	11-20 to 11-40	How Things Began (IA).
	2-05 to 2-25	Stories from World History (IB).
	2-30 to 3-00	Orchestral Concert (IIA, IIB, IIC).

Tuesd ays:	10-05 to 10-15	News Commentary (IA, IB, IC).
	11-20 to 11-38	History (IA, IB, IC).
	2-35 to 3-00	Senior English (IVA).
Wednesdays:	11-00 to 11-18	General Science (IIA).
Thursdays :	2-00 to 2-13	Nature Study (IA, IB, IC).
Fridays :	10-05 to 10-15	News Commentary (IA, IB, IC).
	2-00 to 2-15	Travel Talks (IA, IB, IC).

**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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