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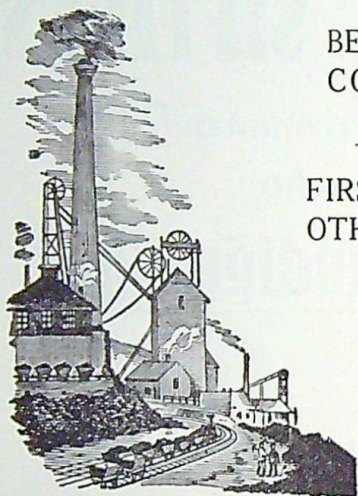
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EDITORIAL.

Since the last issue, a prince has been born : we wish Prince Charles long life and happiness, and extend our loyal congratulations to his parents.

We would like to welcome all newcomers to the School, and hope the years ahead of them may be filled with happiness, and that they may grow up to a world where "crises" are a thing of the past.

Our best wishes go with all who have gone on to university or college, or started work.

Finally, a word of thanks to all contributors and all those who have helped in preparing the magazine. The editor and sub-editors also wish to thank Miss Doherty, whose help has been indispensable.

SCHOOL NOTES.

PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys. *Head Prefect* : Broadbent, B. G.

Prefects : Fowler, F. D., Watkinson, A., Wright, J. P.

Sub-Prefects : Chapman, E. T., Kay, S., Ogden, D. G., Porter, J. K., Swift, F. N., Blundell, K., Blyth, W. A., Busfield, H. J., Clarkson, R., Cook, B. A., Nelson, J. R., Yates, V. H.

Girls. *Head Prefect* : A. D. Standidge.

Prefects : E. Nelson, V. Newsham, J. P. Williams.

Sub-Prefects : K. Abbott, M. Acton, M. Barber, J. M. Barker, M. Hargreaves, M. Harrison, N. P. Hindle, G. B. Hornby, K. Marsden, O. M. Penlington, D. Rigby, M. K. Spencer, M. Tickle, A. J. Todd, G. Topping.

We welcome Mr. Manfield who has come to take French after two years' teaching at The Lycée Charlemagne in Paris.

We congratulate "Miss Twist" on her marriage to Mr. Harry Chisnall, and also "Miss Markland" on her marriage to Capt. A. S. L. Sherlock. The School wish them every happiness.



THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1949.

1. Distribution of Prizes by Mrs. G. Johnston (Mather, K.).
2. Victrix Ludorum (Jean Spencer).
3. Victor Ludorum (Waring, J. M.).
4. Girls' High Jump (Under 15) (Brenda Lawson).

We also extend our congratulations to several old pupils of this school who have been married recently : to Miss Joyce Nixon, on her marriage to Mr. Varley ; to Miss Margaret E. Church, who has married Mr. L. W. Powell ; to Miss Jill E. Haydock, on her marriage to Mr. W. G. Taylor ; to Miss Margaret B. Andrew, now in S. Africa, who was married at Grahamstown Cathedral to the Rev. C. L. Davies ; to Miss Barbara Skelton on her marriage to Mr. Arthur Lane ; to Miss Edna Yates, who married Mr. Jas. Gordon Lancaster ; Doreen Whittaker to Mr. F. B. Burt, and finally to Miss Beulah Sage, who was married recently in Natal.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a letter from Betty Beal, who left the School to emigrate to Australia with her parents and her sister Jean, who is also an old pupil of the School. We wish them every happiness and success in their new home.

We extend hearty congratulations to Geoff. Barrett, who has been awarded a First Class Honours Degree in Chemistry, and a research scholarship tenable for three years at Leeds University ; and also to W. Riding who has obtained the degree of B.Sc. at Manchester University.

We also congratulate Beconsall on winning State and County Major Scholarships. from School this year.

The various House Parties held during the year, and the Prefects' Social, were again a great success.

An appreciation of this year's School Play, "St. Joan," by George Bernard Shaw, will be found in the magazine.

Once again the Carol Service was most enjoyable. Our thanks go to the Choir, who would probably say the Party which followed was an even greater success.

Sports Day this year was held on Saturday, May 7th. We congratulate Waring (Victor Ludorum), Jean Spencer (Victrix Ludorum), and Cuerden House (winners of the House Championship).

An account of the Sports, together with the results, is included in this issue.

Speech Day was held on December 13th last. The prizes were presented by the Rev. R. H. Priestnall, an Old Balshavian who left the School in 1939.

An account of the proceedings will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Appreciations of the many and varied film shows and lectures given during the past year will be found in the magazine.

Once again this year the School was well represented among those taking part in the Leyland Festival of Singing and Dancing. In spite of the fact that the first night's performance had to be cancelled owing to heavy rain, the people of Leyland enjoyed the Festival as much as in former years, if not more.

There have been some changes in the School Societies. The Junior Classical, Junior Historical and Chess societies have been discontinued. New societies include a Foreign Correspondents Society with Mr. Leithead, and an Ornithological Society with Mr. Morgan. There are now separate Needlework Societies for Seniors and Juniors ; Miss Doherty has taken charge of the Junior Society and handed over the Topical Subjects Society to Mr. Manfield. Modern dancing is now practised in the Dancing Society, which this year also includes boys for the first time. The Debating Society is now for Juniors only, and the Gardening Society admits girls.

Congratulations to the following twenty pupils who gained the full Higher School Certificate of the N.U.J.M.B.:-

Z. E. Dawson, M. B. Langton, V. Newsham, B. Norris, J. Spencer, A. D. Standidge, J. Williams, C. M. Withnell, E. Wood.

Ball, A., Beconsall, J. K., Bond, J., Fowler, F. D., Milligan, A. E., Singleton, D., Swift, F. N., Taylor, A., Waring, J. M., Wright, J. P., Wright, R. W.

The record number of 67 pupils obtained the Oxford School Certificate :-

S. Atkinson, J. Barwise, M. Beardwood, E. I. Bluck, A. J. Bradley, R. M. Brennand, D. Brewer, D. Brown, L. Brownrigg, H. A. L. Burnie, O. B. Coates, E. Croft, J. P. Fleetwood, E. Gill, J. S. Gowanlock, R. Greenwood, F. B. Hamer, K. M. Harrison, E. J. Hazell, D. F. Hesketh, M. M. Higham, E. Holden, M. H. Hosker, B. E. Hunt, R. E. Kirkham, V. Kite, M. Lister, A. Mannion, R. B. Maughan, S. Norcross, J. Parkinson, G. Reilly, M. Riding, S. M. Smith, J. Taylor, B. Watson, S. M. Williams, B. T. Wilson, E. B. Wilson.

Bamber, D. D., Barr, D., Chapman, M. A., Chase, G. N., Chetham, W. K., Chisnall, W. K., Dawson, J. M. G., Harrison, F., Haydock, J., Hurst, B., Kelsall, D., Kelsall, K., Livesey, F., McCalla, I. G., Manchester, L., Marland, H. B., Moore, A. H., Pilkington, J. A., Pritchard, H. D., Robertson, G., Seed, W. T., Sharples, G., Sumner, J. R., Taylor, I., Tuson, J., Wareing, V. R., Withnell, T. M., Wood, P.

We extend good wishes to the following, who left School to enter University or Training College this summer :-

B. Langton (to Goldsmith's College, London) ; B. Norris, M. Turner and M. Withnell (to Berridge House Domestic Science College, London) ; J. Spencer (to the University of Birmingham) ; E. Bennett (to St. Katherine's College, Tottenham) ; J. Rodda (to St. Katharine's College, Liverpool) ; S. Lawson (to Kenton Lodge College, Newcastle) ; Margaret Farnell (to Homerton College, Cambridge) ; Brenda Butcher (to Wentworth Castle, Barnsley) ; E. Wood (to the University of Manchester—Faculty of Medicine) ; Z. E. Dawson (to the University of Liverpool) ; Bennison, R. A. D. (to Manchester College of Technology) ; Beconsall, J. K. (to the University of Liverpool) ; Waring, J. M. (to University College Leicester).

Our congratulations go to Mr. Oldland and Madge Barber who defeated Brindle and Jean Rodda in the final match of the School Tennis Tournament.

We also congratulate :—

Cuerden House on winning the Rounders Knockouts, Cross Country Championship, House Championship (Athletics), the Relay Cup, the Hollins Cup, and the Rugby, Cricket, Hockey, and Tennis League Shields;

Clayton House on winning the Rugby, Cricket, and Tennis Knockouts, and also the Silver Griffin;

Farington House on winning the Rounders Leagues;

Worden House on winning the Hockey Knockouts;

The Staff on winning the "Staff" Rounders Match;

Waring, J. M., and *J. Spencer*, Victor and Victrix Ludorum respectively.

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MR. FRED BLACKBURN

In his address on Speech Day, the Headmaster referred to the impending retirement of Mr. Fred Blackburn, the School Caretaker. The feelings of the whole School were expressed in the words which Mr. Oldland used on that occasion.

"This year I have to tell of the retirement of another man who has given some of the best years of his life to this School. For more than 17 years that little world which is ours has been privileged to have Fred Blackburn, the school caretaker, daily in its midst. Service is a word which is often loosely used but if ever a man gave service in its best and finest sense it has been he. Hundreds of boys and girls will remember for a very long time his cheerful countenance, his insistence upon scrupulous tidiness, the high standards he set himself even when performing the most trivial tasks. Yes, many have much to learn from Fred Blackburn's way of life. Though we saw less of Mrs. Blackburn, we shall always remember her too with affection and esteem and it is the supreme wish of everyone connected with this school that Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn will be granted many years in which to enjoy the retirement which they have both so richly deserved."

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SALVETE (Girls).

To Clayton House : B. G. Ashwin, T. Aspey, F. P. Bleasdale, F. Bolton, A. R. Byrom, A. Calland, D. I. Cook, R. A. Dickinson, A. Fiddler, M. J. Hesketh, C. S. Kay, M. A., Noblet, V. D. Stansfield, E. Taylor, A. C. Thomas, L. Thompson, D. Ion.

To Cuerden House : M. Allison, U. M. Badger, J. Berry, B. Bowcott, D. Capstick, J. A. Cookson, M. Durran, K. A. Garnett, J. Gregson, E. Grimshaw, R. V. Halstead, P. Hammond, R. R. Hardie, E. C. Hayes, K. Hosker, V. M. Howard, A. A. Johnson, P. S. Lawson, E. P. Miles, J. E. Parkinson, P. A. Hickling, J. L. Singleton.

To Farington House : I. M. Bamber, M. E. Beardsworth, M. E. Clegg, E. M. English, P. I. Hackett, J. Harris, G. Hothersall, E. M. Hughes, B. A. McBratney, J. Parkinson, K. N. Parr, D. Saycell, M. E. Ryding, M. Taylor, J. M. Tomlinson, I. A. Williams, P. J. Wolstencroft, E. Yates, B. Worsley, S. C. Robinson, J. E. Relf.

To Worden House : J. A. Brennand, B. A. Cooke, M. Hart, C. H. Harvey, V. A. Higgins, M. Johnson, K. L. Mayor, A. E. Pilkington, B. A. Pilkington, G. Pottenger, E. Riding, R. J. Roby, M. Rodgers, M. M. Rowley, D. J. Rutter, M. Stott, V. Swarbrick, A. A. Taylor, A. Thomas, C. M. Topping, J. Tragen, A. E. Tunbridge, I. Ward, V. A. Westwater, J. P. Cairns.

SALVETE (Boys).

To Clayton House : Baldwin, K., Baxendale, E., Bourn, A. J. R., Cookson, I. B., Norcross, W., Singleton, A. D., Stickland, D. P., Swarbrick, J. G., Wareing, J., Williams, R., Yewlett, M. G., Parkington, B. W., Randall, B. N.

To Cuerden House : Farrer, C. D. H., Grime, E. K., Hurst, A. W., Martland, J. R., Ryding, R. I., Smith, B., Vickers, P. J., Watson, E. J.

To Farington House : Almond, C., Deacon, J. T., Farish, R. V., Goff, G. C., McBratney, M. B., Nelson, P., Rigby, J., Ryding, G., Slater, P. H., Smith, R., Walker, F. J.

To Worden House : Almond, E., Brennand, W. J., Campbell, R. J., Chamberlain, D. Greenall, C., Gynes, S., Haydock, M., Hibbert, H. A., Hoole, A., Horton, P. T., Houghton, D., Laraway, D. E., Owens, J. H., Speakman, T., Swarbrick, J. M., Wright, P. D., Palmer, K., Dawson, K.

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VALETE (Girls).

M. Farnell.—U.VI, Cuerden. House Captain. Head Prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Higher School Certificate, 1948. Tennis Knockouts. Assistant Producer of Play, 1949. School Play.

Z. E. Dawson.—U.VI, Farington. House Captain. Prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Higher School Certificate, 1949. Sub-Editor of *The Balshavian*. School Play, 1946-49. Assistant Producer of Play, 1949.

E. Hinchcliffe.—U.VI, Clayton. House Captain. Prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Higher School Certificate, 1948. 1st Rounders IX and Captain. Captain of Hockey XI. Tennis Knockouts. Rounders Colours, 1947, 48, 49. Hockey Colours, 1949.

J. Spencer.—U.VI, Worden. House Captain. Prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Higher School Certificate, 1948, 49. Sub-Editor of *The Balshavian*. 1st Hockey XI. 1st Rounders IX. 2nd Tennis VI. Victrix Ludorum, 1948, 49. Athletic Colours, 1948, 49.

J. Rodda.—U.VI, Clayton. Prefect. School Certificate, 1947. Captain of 1st Tennis VI, 1948, 49. Tennis Colours, 1948, 49.

B. Butcher.—U.VI, Worden. Prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Higher School Certificate, 1948. Editor of *The Balshavian*. Tennis, Rounders, Hockey Leagues.

M. E. Bennett.—U.VI, Clayton. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1947. 1st Hockey XI, 1st Rounders IX, 1st Tennis VI, Tennis Colours, 1949. Hockey Colours, 1948, 49.

M. J. Turner.—U.VI, Cuerden. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1947. 1st Tennis VI. Captain of 2nd Hockey XI. Rounders Knockouts. *Victrix Ludorum*, 1947. Athletic Colours, 1947, 48, 49.

C. M. Withnell.—U.VI, Worden. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1947. Higher School Certificate, 1949.

B. Norris.—U.VI, Worden. Sub-Prefect. School Librarian. School Certificate, 1947. Higher School Certificate, 1949.

S. Lawson.—U.VI, Worden. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1947.

E. Wood.—U.VI, Farington. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Higher School Certificate, 1948, 49. 1st Hockey XI. Rounders Knockouts. Tennis Leagues.

E. M. Whittle.—U.VI, Farington. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1947. Hockey, Rounders Knockouts. Tennis Leagues. Assistant Librarian.

M. B. Langton.—U.VI, Worden. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1947. Higher School Certificate, 1949. Leader of School Choir.

B. M. Hargreaves.—U.VI, Cuerden. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1947. Hockey Leagues.

E. K. Robinson.—L.VI, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1948. 2nd Hockey XI and Knockouts. Rounders Knockouts. Tennis Leagues.

I. Crompton.—L.VI, Worden. School Certificate, 1948. 1st Rounders IX. Hockey Knockouts.

J. Moss.—L.VI, Worden. School Certificate, 1948. 1st Hockey XI. 1st Rounders IX. Tennis Knockouts. Hockey Colours, 1948, 49.

M. Iddon.—L.VI, Worden. School Certificate, 1948. Hockey Leagues.

E. Beal.—L.VI, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1948. Hockey Knockouts.

M. Dallas.—L.VI, Worden. School Certificate, 1948. Hockey Leagues.

B. E. Brian.—L.VI, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1948. Hockey Leagues.

J. S. Gowanlock.—L.VI, Clayton. School Certificate, 1949. Hockey Leagues.

R. Kirkham.—L.VI, Clayton. School Certificate, 1949.

M. Higham.—L.VI, Clayton. School Certificate, 1949.

M. Beardwood.—V.A, Worden. School Certificate, 1949. Hockey and Rounders Leagues.

D. Brewer.—V.A, Worden. School Certificate, 1949.

S. Norcross.—V.A, Clayton. School Certificate, 1949. Rounders and Hockey Knockouts. Tennis Leagues.

S. M. Williams.—V.A, Farington. School Certificate, 1949.

S. Wood.—V.A, Farington. Hockey Knockouts. Rounders Leagues.

M. H. Lea.—V.A, Farington.

S. Atkinson.—V.B, Clayton. School Certificate, 1949. Tennis and Rounders Leagues.

I. Bluck.—V.B, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1949. Rounders and Hockey Knockouts.

R. Greenwood.—V.B, Farington. School Certificate, 1949.

J. Parkinson.—V.B, Worden. School Certificate, 1949. 2nd Rounders IX. Tennis and Hockey Knockouts.

E. B. Wilson.—V.B, Worden. School Certificate, 1949.

G. Reilly.—V.B, Worden. School Certificate, 1949.

L. Brownrigg.—V.B, Worden. School Certificate, 1949. Rounders and Hockey Leagues.

K. M. Harrison.—V.B, Worden. School Certificate, 1949.

D. Bretherton.—V.B, Worden. 1st Rounders IX. 2nd Hockey XI. Tennis Knockouts.

F. B. Lashbrook.—IV.B, Cuerden.

B. Dewhurst.—IV.C, Clayton.

D. Pollard.—IV.C, Clayton. Hockey and Rounders Leagues.

J. Saycell.—III.A, Farington.

M. Wallbank.—III.A, Clayton.

F. M. Atkinson.—III.A, Farington.

B. A. Turner.—III.B, Cuerden.

W. C. McIntyre.—II.A, Cuerden.

J. Nuttall.—II.A, Clayton.

E. J. Werry.—II.B, Worden.

D. J. Hall.—II.B, Farington.

L. M. Sanderson.—II.C, Farington.

H. J. Oliver.—I.A, Farington.

J. Hindle.—I.A, Clayton.

J. Y. Dempsey.—I.B, Cuerden.

M. Bretherton.—I.B, Worden.

VALETE (Boys).

Waring, J. M.—U.VI, Cuerden. House Captain. Head Prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Higher School Certificate, 1948, 1949. Captain of 1st Cricket XI, 1949. Captain of Rugby XV, 1948, 49. 1st Cross Country VI, 1948-49. Cross Country Colours, 1948, 49. Cricket Colours, 1948, 49. Rugby Colours, 1948, 49. *Victor Ludorum* in 1948, 1949. Athletic Colours, 1948, 49.

1948, 49. Cricket Colours, 1948, 49. Rugby Colours, 1948, 49. Victor Ludorum in 1948, 1949. Athletic Colours, 1948, 49.

Brindle, R.—U.VI, Worden. House Captain. Prefect. School Certificate, 1946. 1st Rugby XV, 1947-49. 1st Cricket XI. Cricket Colours, 1949.

Entwistle, E. D.—U.VI, Farington. House Captain. Prefect. School Certificate, 1947. Captain of Cross Country VI, 1948, 49. 1st Rugby XV. Cricket Knockouts. Cross Country Colours, 1948, 49.

Beaconsall, J. K.—U.VI, Clayton. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1947. Higher School Certificate, 1949. State and County Major Scholarships. Chess Team, 1946-49.

Bennison, R. A. D.—U.VI, Cuerden. Prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Rugby Leagues. Play Technician.

Wright, R. W.—U.VI, Worden. Prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Higher School Certificate, 1949. Rugby and Cricket Knockouts.

Toze, A. C.—U.VI, Farington. Prefect. School Certificate, 1946. Rugby Leagues.

Ball, A.—U.VI, Clayton. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1947. Higher School Certificate, 1949. 1st Rugby XV. Cricket Knockouts. Cross Country VI.

Taylor, A.—U.VI, Worden. Sub-prefect. Higher School Certificate, 1948, 49. Rugby Knockouts.

Bond, J.—U.VI, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1947. Higher School Certificate, 1949.

Singleton, D.—U.VI, Worden. Higher School Certificate, 1949. 1st Rugby XV. 1st Cross Country VI. Cricket Knockouts.

Meadows, A.—U.VI, Clayton. Sub-prefect. School Certificate, 1947. 1st Rugby XV. 1st Cross Country VI. Rugby Colours, 1947, 1948. Cricket Knockouts.

Brown, A.—L.VI, Clayton. School Certificate, 1948. 1st Cricket XI. 1st Rugby XV. Cricket Colours, 1948.

Heginbotham, T.—L.VI, Clayton. School Certificate, 1948. Rugby Knockouts.

Parker, J. H.—L.VI, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1948. Rugby Leagues.

Robertson, G.—V.A, Worden. School Certificate, 1949. Rugby and Cricket Knockouts.

Simmons, M.—V.A, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1948. Rugby Leagues.

Dunmow, H. J.—V.A, Worden. Rugby Leagues.

Wareing, V. R.—V.B, Farington. School Certificate, 1949. Rugby and Cricket Knockouts.

Haydock, J.—V.B, Farington. School Certificate, 1949. Rugby and Cricket Leagues.

Ismay, J. S.—V.B, Farington. 1st Cricket XI. Rugby Knockouts.

Wood, P.—V.B, Worden. School Certificate, 1949. 2nd Rugby XV and Knockouts. Cricket Knockouts.

Chase, G. N.—V.B, Farington. School Certificate, 1949. Rugby and Cricket Knockouts. School Chess Team, 1947, 48, 49.

Tuson, J.—V.B, Clayton. School Certificate. 2nd Cricket XI and 2nd Rugby XI and Knockouts.

Chetham, M. K.—V.B, Worden. School Certificate, 1949. Rugby Knockouts. Cricket Leagues.

Chisnall, W. K.—V.B, Farington. School Certificate, 1949. Rugby and Cricket Knockouts.

Summer, J. R.—V.B, Cuerden. School Certificate, 1949. Rugby Leagues.

Withnell, T. M.—V.B, Worden. School Certificate, 1949. Cricket and Rugby Knockouts.

McCalla, I. G.—V.B, Worden. School Certificate, 1949. 1st Rugby XV. Cricket Knockouts.

Booth, P. F.—IV.B, Farington. Rugby Knockouts. Cricket Leagues.

Baxendale, D.—IV.B, Clayton. Cricket and Rugby Leagues.

Blundell, H.—IV.C, Worden. 2nd Rugby XV. Cricket and Rugby Knockouts.

Smalley, Alan (L).—III.C, Cuerden. Rugby and Cricket Knockouts.

Aspin, D. N.—II.B, Worden.

Hollin, J. L.—I.B, Clayton.

—o— "ST. JOAN"

The School Dramatic Society's production this year was Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan." This play, with its large, predominantly male cast, its many changes of scene and its technical mastery of construction, must, of necessity, be produced with meticulous care if the performance is not to appear amateurish in the baser sense of that word. It says much for Mr. Downer's production and for the unflagging energy of the cast that this pitfall was avoided.

The central character of St. Joan was played with great vitality and real insight by Judith Bradley. On the stage continuously, she never lost her grip of a part which calls for an extreme range of dramatic emotions. If she appeared happier in the earlier lively and martial scenes she still brought out a very great deal of the pathos of Joan's collapse in the trial scene and her triumph over defeat in the closing moments was excellent.

Three of the boys, Broadbent, Blundell and Chapman, played double parts. Chapman as the Dauphin handled congenial material with great skill, and his sense of timing was professional; most of the laughs in the play were his and worthily earned. As the Promoter he played with incisiveness.

Blundell and Broadbent, as Cauchon and Warwick, had the task of carrying some of the more difficult scenes of the play. Blundell, as the Bishop, skilfully portrayed a man desperately anxious to act rightly and yet not certain in himself as to the course to follow. Broadbent brought to the character of Warwick a cool, calculating maturity apt to a great political leader in times of upheaval. As de Baudricourt, Blundell achieved a bluff heartiness and as La Tremouille, Broadbent achieved pompous self-satisfaction.

Of the other parts, that of Dunois, the French General, was ably taken by Bamber, who created the impression of watchfulness, and latent force under the control of a strong personality. Clarkson, as Lemaitre, the Inquisitor, gave a very polished performance, a portrait in half tones, this, but beautifully complete. De Stogumber, the choleric English

padre, was played by Bond, who was at his best when giving his excitable patriotism full rein but perhaps a little over-vehement in his collapse after the execution. Yates, as the rough, blunt, hot-headed La Hire, was exactly that. Swift as the Archbishop, was a little inclined to rush his part on the first night but his performance on the second and third evenings had acquired considerable poise and authority. Sumner, as Courcelles, "the learned fool," treated us to a delightful little cameo of unconscious and impetuous stupidity. Nelson, as L'advenu, perhaps got less into his part than most of the others, but his performance was not without a certain sincerity. Chapman Jnr., as the Steward, helped Blundell ably to get the play under way in the first scene, but Beconsall did not appear to attack the part of de Poulengy with real conviction. The Executioner of Wright was presented with terrifying immobility. It was unfortunate that illness prevented him from appearing after the first night but Milligan, who made a memorable courtierly entrance as Bluebeard, took over the part unrehearsed and showed in no way at all that he was a last-minute substitute.

Christina Green, Audrey Salt, and Livesey, played the parts of pages and all made the most of rather limited opportunities. Finally Zoe Dawson packed the maximum of feminine viciousness into the two brief lines allowed her by the author. The attitude of the whole cast to the play is well illustrated by Manchester, one of the Assessors, who took his place uncomplainingly on the last night, the unwilling recipient of six stitches in his arm.

Of Mr. Downer's first production it is enough to say that he achieved the cardinal virtues of word perfection, audibility and tempo. Never, even in Shaw's most argumentative passages, was the pace allowed to flag. Miss Whewell produced tasteful and convincing settings and Miss Whewell and Miss Ball costumed the show very adequately indeed. Mr. Bennison and his team of stage hands worked with their usual unostentatious efficiency; Mr. Speakman manipulated the lighting, especially the realistic glow of the fire, with the air of a man producing rabbits from a hat. Finally Mr. Hewartson devoted hours of painstaking toil to the erection of the set.

Altogether we can say that this year's play not merely continued but added to the tradition which has been built up during the past years.

D.S.M.

TO THE MOON

Where is the moon?
Is she shy, because the clouds have come
To fill the sky, and take her place
Above the sleeping earth,
Where oft' at eve her birth
Is welcomed by the stars?
But they are absent too,
And darkness mars the silvered orchard trees,
Where, late, the bees
Sipped nectar all day through,
And spread the dusty pollen of the flowers.

I.P., V.B. (Cu.).

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

May 7th, 1949.

For the second successive year, we were favoured by very pleasant weather conditions.

During keenly contested events, six records were broken—the 880 yards (Open) by Waring (Cu.), the High Jump, Girls (under 15), by B. Lawson (Cl.), the 75 yards Hurdles (under 15) by Mather (Cu.), the Mile (Open) by Waring (Cu.), the House Relay, Girls (under 13) by Farington and the House Relay, Girls (Open), by Worden. Mather (Cu.) equalled the existing record in the 100 yards (under 15) event.

Cuerden retained their hold on the Relay and House Championship Cups. For this "repeat performance" they owed much to the efforts of Waring, Mather and M. Turner.

Waring (Cu.) became Victor Ludorum, again. The highlights of his fine performance were very well judged efforts, in the 880 yards and the Mile, in both of which events he set up new records.

M. Turner (Cu.) offered a very strong challenge to J. Spencer (W.) before the latter finally triumphed as Victrix Ludorum for a second time. The issue was only decided in the last event.

Other good performances were by B. Lawson (Cl.), who has no difficulty in breaking High Jump records, by Mather (Cu.) in all the under 15 events, by H. Burnie (Cl.) in the 100 yards (Open), by the Relay teams of Farington in the Girls (under 13) event and of Worden in the Girls (Open) event.

Perhaps the best event of the whole afternoon was the Mile (Open), in which Waring (Cu.) and Entwisle (F.), a yard or two between them, both finished well inside the old record.

At the end of the day, it was a pleasure to welcome an old friend and former member of the Staff, Mrs. Johnston, who kindly consented to present the cups and certificates.

J.B.

BOYS' EVENTS.

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Open)—1, Harrison (Cu.) and Wright (W.); 3, Haydock (F.). *Points*: 20. *Standards*: Heginbotham, C., Moore, Parker, Smith, Walsh (Cl.); Harrison, Livesey, Manchester, Sharples, Swarbrick, Taylor, Waring, Yates (Cu.); Chase, Chisnall, Haydock, Ismay, Kelsall, D., Milligan, Nelson (F.); Buxton, Cook, McCalla, Pilkington, Robertson, G., Wood, Wright (W.).

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Under 15)—1, Smalley (F.); 2, Randall (W.); 3, Ackers (Cu.) and Turner (Cu.). *Points*: 22. *Standards*: Crofts, Kevill (Cl.); Ackers, Bullon, Hunt, Mather, Proudlove, Turner, Woosley (Cu.); Smalley, Swarbrick, Walton (F.); Evans, Howard, Randall, Wright (W.).

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Under 13)—1, Knowles (Cl.) and Marsden (Cu.); 3, Gordon (F.). *Points*: 20. *Standards*: Hollin, Knowles, Walmsley (Cl.); Lucas, Marsden, Singleton, Stanbridge, Williams (Cu.); Cross, Gordon, Robinson, Williams (F.); Barnes (W.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open)—1, Broadbent (Cl.); 2, Taylor (Cu.); 3, Brindle (W.). *Distance*: 101 yards 0 feet 1½ inches. *Standards*: Ball, Broadbent, Heginbotham T., Howcroft, Moore, Tuson, Walsh, Watkinson, A. (Cl.); Harrison, Manchester, Sharples, Taylor (Cu.); Entwisle, Haydock, Kelsall, K., Milligan, Nelson (F.); Brindle, McCalla, Proffitt (W.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 15)—1, Mather (Cu.) ; 2, Derbyshire (Cl.) ; 3, Glover (Cu.). Distance : 59 yards 2 feet 5 inches. Standards : Derbyshire, Kevill, Rukin (Cl.) ; Ackers, Bullon, Glover, Mather, Place, Simpson (Cu.) ; Pye, Smalley, Taylor G. S. (F.) ; Evans (W.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 13)—1, Green (Cu.) ; 2, Harrison (W.) ; 3, Parkinson (Cl.). Distance : 50 yards 1 foot 6 inches. Standards : Hollin, Knowles, Parkinson, Pinder, Walmsley (Cl.) ; Green, Marsden (Cu.) ; Cross, Gordon, Hall, Heyes, McIlwaine, Owen, Riding, Robinson, Smith, Williams (F.) ; Barnes, Harrison, Remington (W.).

Long Jump (Open)—1, Entwisle (F.) ; 2, Waring (Cu.) ; 3, Smith (Cl.). Distance : 17 feet 7½ inches. Standards : Johnston, Moore, Smith (Cl.) ; Allsup, Manchester, Seed, Sharples, Waring, Wrennall (Cu.) ; Entwisle, Kelsall, K. (F.) ; Allen (W.).

Long Jump (Under 15)—1, Mather (Cu.) ; 2, Walton (F.) ; 3, Ackers (Cu.). Distance : 15 feet 6½ inches. Standards : Charles (Cl.) ; Ackers, Mather (Cu.) ; Walton (F.).

880 Yards (Open)—1, Waring (Cu.) ; 2, Entwisle (F.) ; 3, Milligan (F.). * * Time : 2 mins. 8 4/5 secs. Standards : Moore (Cl.) ; Allsup, Sharples, Waring, Wrennall (Cu.) ; Entwisle, Milligan (F.) ; Allen (W.).

100 Yards (Under 13)—1, Hall (F.) ; 2, Robinson (F.) ; 3, Barnes (W.). Time : 13 secs. Standards : Draper (Cl.) ; Egerton, Hall, Heyes, Robinson (F.) ; Barnes (W.).

100 Yards (Under 15)—1, Mather (Cu.) ; 2, Walton (F.) ; 3, Ackers (Cu.). * Time : 11½ secs. Standards : Charles, Harrison (Cl.) ; Ackers, Glover, Mather (Cu.) ; Walton (F.).

100 Yards (Open)—1, Waring (Cu.) ; 2, Broadbent (Cl.) ; 3, Milligan (F.). Time : 10 3/5 secs. Standards : Bamber, Broadbent, Busfield, Clarkson, Ogden, Smith, (Cl.) ; Fowler, Manchester, Seed, Sharples, Waring, Wrennall (Cu.) ; Chase, Entwisle, Haydock, Kelsall, K., Milligan (F.) ; Allen, Brindle, Chetham, Cook, Proffitt, Robertson, G., Taylor I. (W.).

80 Yards (Under 12)—1, Hall (F.) ; 2, Egerton (F.) ; 3, Hill (Cu.). Time : 10 7/10 secs. Standards : Kirkham (Cl.) ; Hill, Singleton, Stanbridge (Cu.) ; Hall, Egerton, Smith, Williams (F.).

High Jump (Under 13)—1, Gordon (F.) ; 2, Draper (Cl.) ; 3, Barnes (W.). Height : 3 feet 11 inches. Standards : Draper, Parkinson, Walmsley (Cl.) ; Lucas, Robinson (Cu.) ; Gordon, Williams (F.) ; Barnes, Harrison (W.).

High Jump (Under 15)—1, Ackers (Cu.) ; 2, Charles (Cl.) and Walton (F.). Height : 4 feet 6 inches. Standards : Charles, Harrison (Cl.) ; Ackers, Woosley (Cu.) ; Walton (F.).

High Jump (Open)—1, Manchester (Cu.) ; 2, Milligan (F.) ; 3, Moore (Cl.). Height : 5 feet 1 inch. Standards : Moore (Cl.) ; Allsup, Manchester (Cu.) ; Milligan (F.) ; Allen (W.).

100 Yards Hurdles (Open)—1, Milligan (F.) ; 2, Bamber (Cl.) ; 3, Wrennall (Cu.). Time : 14 1/5 secs. Standards : Bamber (Cl.) ; Wrennall (Cu.) ; Milligan (F.).

75 Yards Hurdles (Under 15)—1, Mather (Cu.) ; 2, Charles (Cl.) ; 3, Ackers (Cu.). * * Time : 10 3/5 secs. Standards : Charles (Cl.) ; Ackers, Glover, Mather (Cu.) ; Randall (W.).

220 Yards (Under 15)—1, Mather (Cu.) ; 2, Walton (F.) ; 3, Glover (Cu.). Time : 27 1/5 secs. Standards : Harrison (Cl.) ; Ackers, Glover, Mather (Cu.) ; Walton (F.).

220 Yards (Open)—1, Waring (Cu.) ; 2, Broadbent (Cl.) ; 3, Smith (Cl.). Time : 24 3/5 secs. Standards : Bamber, Broadbent, Busfield, Smith (Cl.) ; Waring (Cu.) ; Milligan (F.).

440 Yards (Under 15)—1, Mather (Cu.) ; 2, Walton (F.) ; 3, Ackers (Cu.). Time : 63½ secs. Standards : Charles, Harrison (Cl.) ; Ackers, Glover, Mather (Cu.) ; Walton (F.) ; Croston (W.).

440 Yards (Open)—1, Waring (Cu.) ; 2, Milligan (F.) ; 3, Broadbent (Cl.). Time : 56 9/10 secs. Standards : Bamber, Broadbent, Busfield (Cl.) ; Allsup, Manchester, Waring, Wrennall (Cu.) ; Milligan (F.) ; Brindle (W.).

180 Yards (Under 13)—1, Hall (F.) ; 2, Robinson (F.) ; 3, Heyes (F.). Time : 26 2/5 secs. Standards : Draper, Kirkham (Cl.) ; Marsden (Cu.) ; Croft, Hall, Heyes, Robinson (F.).

1 Mile (Open)—1, Waring (Cu.) ; 2, Entwisle (F.) ; 3, Moore (Cl.). * * Time : 4 mins. 57 secs. Standards : Moore (Cl.) ; Allsup, Sharples, Waring, Wrennall (Cu.) ; Entwisle (F.).

House Relay (Under 13)—1, Farington ; 2, Cuerden ; 3, Worden. Time : 56 secs.

House Relay (Under 15)—1, Cuerden ; 2, Clayton ; 3, Farington. Time : 1 min. 57 secs.

House Relay (Open)—1, Clayton and Cuerden ; 3, Worden. Time : 1 min. 56 4/5 secs.

House Tug (Open)—Won by Worden.

House Tug (Under 15)—Won by Cuerden.

GIRLS' EVENTS.

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Open)—1, M. Turner (Cu.) ; 2, M. Struthers (Cu.) ; 3, B. Hinchcliffe (Cl.). Distance : 71 yards. Standards : E. Bennett, H. Burnie, B. Hinchcliffe, D. Rigby, E. Sutton (Cl.) ; M. Hosker, J. Standen, M. Struthers, M. Turner (Cu.) ; J. Lowe (F.) ; J. Barker, M. Beardwood, O. Penlington, J. Spencer, J. Taylor (W.).

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 15)—1, B. Ward (W.) ; 2, E. A. Taylor (Cl.) ; 3, V. Kite (Cu.). Distance : 72 yards 2 feet 4 inches. Standards : S. Atherton, M. Blews, D. Brown, N. Cunliffe, A. Jennings, M. Maidment, B. Norcross, P. Roskell, E. A. Taylor, J. Turner, M. Wood, A. Arthurs, A. Brennand, S. Cook, G. Derbyshire, B. Lawson, S. Martland, I. Robinson, M. Swift, E. Taylor, M. Wallbank (Cl.) ; E. Aston, J. Brooks, P. Kirkman, V. Kite, E. Mercer, B. Rowley, V. Smalley, M. Swindlehurst, A. Taylor, J. Walmsley, J. Webster, H. Williams, M. Wrathall (Cu.) ; B. Baybutt, K. Blundell, I. Burns, J. Chadwick, J. Charnley, B. Hammond, K. Harrop, B. Kenyon, P. Leach, M. Robinson, M. Roocroft, A. Salt, M. Strickland, D. Ward, P. Wright (F.) ; H. Ashcroft, S. Ashton, M. Beardwood, D. Grimshaw, A. Grundy, P. Higgins, B. Jones, A. Pritchard, J. Ritchie, S. Rothwell, J. Robinson, L. Sinfield, A. Singleton, E. Singleton, M. Smith, M. Stazicker, B. Tyrer, E. Waddington, B. Ward, A. Withnell, I. Withnell (W.).

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 13)—1, K. Louisa (F.) ; 2, A. Dears (F.) ; 3, R. Wilson (W.). Distance : 63 yards 2 feet 10 inches. Standards : V. Ball, B. Gowanlock, A. Haworth, D. Howard, N. Kirkham, A. Marsden, P. Oliver, J. Riding, G. Waddecar, B. Whittle (Cl.) ; B. Coulton, P. Dixon, E. Duckworth, P. Farrer, G. Hendry, E. Hoyle, A. Morris, R. Parr, B. Philipson, M. Rigby, P. Robinson, M. Robson, M. Semple, M. Stewart, S. Tanner, P. Tullis (Cu.) ; V. Bamber, D. Butterworth, M. Chisnall, S. Cook, A. Dears, S. Dowling, J. Hall, M. Hull, P. Jones, K. Louisa, K. Moss, J. Ravenscroft, J. Sherlock, B. Unwin, D. C. Wilford (F.) ; M. Appleton, P. Barker, E. Brennand, M. Bretherton, M. Dawber, S. Mayor, A. Meakin, J. Oliver, A. Riding, S. Robinson, M. Rowlands, M. Shimmell, J. Wild, R. Williams, R. Wilson (W.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball (Open)—1, M. Hosker (Cu.) ; 2, J. Barker (W.) ; 3, R. Brennand (Cl.). Distance : 60 yards 2 feet 9 inches. Standards : E. Bennett, R. Brennand, O. Coates, E. Holden, D. Pollard, E. Sutton (Cl.) ; M. Barker, I. Bluck, A. J. Bradley, M. Gardner, M. Hosker, M. Jenkinson, L. Latham, B. Mitchell, E. Robinson, A. Singleton, M. Turner (Cu.) ; E. Beardsworth, B. Clitherow, S. Dawson, I. Gardner, M. Hargreaves, S. Highfield, E. Wood (F.) ; J. Barker, L. Brownrigg, I. Crompton, J. Dawber, J. Moss, V. Newsham, O. Penlington, J. Spencer, M. Spencer, B. Swift, J. Taylor, B. Wilson (W.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball (Under 15)—1, P. Gates (F.) ; 2, E. Singleton (W.) ; 3, V. Kite (Cu.). Distance : 49 yards 0 feet 3 inches. Standards : S. Atherton, A. Beardmore, A. Brennand, S. Martland, J. Swift, J. Winder (Cl.) ; J. Brooks, E. Jones, V. Kite, B. Rowley, H. Williams, M. Wrathall (Cu.) ; J. Chadwick, P. Gates, B. Hammond, B. Kenyon, M. Robinson, E. Saunt, D. Tomlinson (F.) ; H. Ashcroft, A. Grundy, B. Jones, A. Pritchard, J. Ritchie, E. Singleton, A. Withnell, I. Withnell (W.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball (Under 13)—1, M. Semple (Cu.) ; 2, P. Farrer (Cu.) ; 3, M. Chisnall (F.). Distance : 38 yards 1 foot 9 inches. Standards : M. Marsden, P. Oliver, J. Riding, E. Waddecar, J. Whittle, (Cl.) ; E. Duckworth, P. Farrer, M. Rigby, M. Semple, H. Towers (Cu.) ; M. Chisnall, A. Dears, M. Marland, P. Marshall, M. Waddington (F.) ; S. Bamber, M. Bretherton, S. Campbell, M. Dawber, J. Howard, R. Wilson (W.).

100 Yards (Under 13)—1, A. Dears (F.) ; 2, J. Houlden (F.) ; 3, M. Semple (Cu.). Time : 13½ secs. Standards : B. Gowanlock, J. Harker, A. Marsden, M. Marsden, P. Oliver, P. Stott, B. Whittle, J. Whittle (Cl.) ; B. Carsley, P. Dixon, A. Morris, B. Philipson, S. Robinson, M. Semple, S. Tanner (Cu.) ; M. Chisnall, S. Cook, A. Dears, E. Eastham, J. Hall, J. Houlden, M. Hull, P. James, P. Marshall, K. Moss, J. Oliver, F. Ravenscroft (F.) ; M. Appleton, S. Bamber, M. Dawber, B. Harvey, A. Meakin, R. Wilson (W.).

100 Yards (Under 15)—1, B. Jones (W.) ; 2, P. Kirkman (Cu.) ; 3, E. Taylor (Cl.). Time : 12 2/5 secs. Standards : S. Atherton, A. Brennand, F. Entwisle, D. Gill, B. Lawson, M. Pownall, E. Taylor, M. Waite (Cl.) ; J. Brooks, E. Goodier, P. Kirkman, E. Mercer, A. Taylor (Cu.) ; M. Alston, K. Blundell, D. Grimshaw, C. Penney, M. Robinson, E. Saunt (F.) ; M. Beardwood, A. Grundy, V. Harman, J. Harvey, B. Jones, A. Makin, J. Ritchie, J. Robinson, E. Sanders, A. Singleton, E. Singleton, E. Spencer, D. Swarbrick, I. Withnell (W.).

100 Yards (Open)—1, H. Burnie (Cl.) ; 2, I. Sharples (W.) ; 3, P. Lawson (W.). Time : 12 1/10 secs. Standards : H. Burnie, B. Hinchcliffe, E. Holden (Cl.) ; S. Sumner, G. Topping, M. Turner, B. Watson (Cu.) ; I. Gardner, E. Jump, J. Lowe, S. Wood (F.) ; M. Beardwood, J. Fleetwood, P. Lawson, J. Moss, J. Parkinson, O. Penlington, I. Sharples, J. Spencer, M. Spencer, B. Swift, B. Wilson (W.).

High Jump (Under 13)—1, P. Oliver (Cl.) ; 2, B. Philipson (Cu.) and M. Semple (Cu.). Height : 4 feet 2 inches. Standards : V. Ball, A. Haworth, M. Marsden, P. Oliver, P. Stott, G. Waddecar, B. Whittle (Cl.) ; P. Dixon, A. Ireland, B. Philipson, M. Semple, S. Tanner (Cu.) ; M. Chisnall, A. Dears, P. Jones, P. Marshall, K. Moss, J. Oliver, J. Quinn, B. Unwin (F.) ; S. Bamber, M. Dawber, J. Howard, A. Meakin, R. Wilson (W.).

High Jump (Under 15)—1, B. Lawson (Cl.) ; 2, J. Brooks (Cu.) and P. Kirkman (Cu.). * * Height : 4 feet 8 inches. Standards : S. Atherton, D. Berry, A. Bleasdale, D. Gill, B. Lawson, B. Norcross, M. Ward (Cl.) ; J. Brooks, E. Goodier, E. Jones, P. Kirkman, V. Kite, M. Swindlehurst, P. Titterton (Cu.) ; S. Bretherton, I. Burns, J. Chadwick, D. Grimshaw, M. Parkinson, C. Penney, M. Rigby, M. Robinson, E. Saunt, M. Strickland, J. Waddington (F.) ; H. Ashcroft, S. Ashton, M. Beardwood, J. Cairns, A. Grundy, B. Jones, A. Makin, A. Pritchard, J. Robinson, M. Rowlands, A. Singleton, E. Spencer, D. Swarbrick, B. Tyrer, B. Ward (W.).

High Jump (Open)—1, J. Spencer (W.); 2, G. Topping (Cu.); 3, E. Robinson (Cu.). *Height* : 4 feet 7 inches. *Standards* : H. Burnie, B. Hinchcliffe, E. Holden, M. Morris, S. Norcross, D. Robinson (Cl.); B. Harrison, I. Prescott, E. Robinson, A. Singleton, J. Standen, G. Topping, M. Turner, M. Vickers (Cu.); B. Hamer, M. Hargreaves (F.); J. Fleetwood, P. Lawson, I. Sharples, J. Spencer, M. Spencer, B. Wilson (W.).

80 Yards (Under 12)—1, J. Whittle (Cl.); 2, P. Oliver (Cl.); 3, J. Harker (Cl.). *Time* : 11 1/5 secs. *Standards* : J. Harker, P. Oliver, J. Whittle (Cl.); P. Dixon, J. Whitehead (Cu.); M. Bolton, J. Sherlock (F.); S. Campbell, J. Oliver (W.).

75 Yards Hurdles (Open)—1, J. Spencer (W.); 2, M. Turner (Cu.); 3, M. Spencer (W.). *Time* : 12 secs. *Standards* : E. Bennett, B. Hinchcliffe, E. Holden, S. Norcross (Cl.); I. Prescott, G. Topping, M. Turner, B. Watson (Cu.); J. Parkinson, J. Spencer, M. Spencer, B. Wilson (W.).

60 Yards Hurdles (Under 15)—1, B. Jones (W.); 2, K. Blundell (F.); 3, P. Kirkman (Cu.). *Time* : 10 3/10 secs. *Standards* : S. Atherton, A. Beardmore, A. Brennand, D. Gill, J. Heaton, B. Lawson, B., Norcross, P. Oliver (Cl.); J. Brooks, E. Goodier, J. Harvey, B. Kenyon, P. Kirkman, B. Rowley, A. Scott, M. Smith, A. Taylor, P. Titterton, J. Webster (Cu.); M. Alston, B. Baybutt, K. Blundell, P. Leach, C. Penney, S. Rainford, M. Robinson, M. Strickland, J. Waddington (F.); S. Ashton, A. Grundy, J. Harvey, B. Jones, A. Pritchard, J. Ritchie, J. Robinson, M. Smith, E. Spencer, D. Swarbrick (W.).

House Relay (Under 13)—1, Farington; 2, Worden; 3, Clayton. * * *Time* : 56 secs.

House Relay (Under 15)—1, Worden; 2, Cuerden; 3, Farington. *Time* : 53 1/2 secs.

House Relay (Open)—1, Worden; 2, Cuerden; 3, Clayton. * * *Time* : 51 9/10 secs.

BILL THE BARGEE

(who was probably a relation of Meg Merilees)

Old Bill, he was a Bargee
And lived upon a barge.
His bedroom, in the cabin,
Was not so very large.
His friend it was the barge-horse
That slowly towed him on;
Old Bill he loved that Barge horse
As if it were a son.

His hat was old and battered
(The bargee's hat, I mean),
His coat was of brown leather
And patched with emerald green.
So poor was this old Bargee
He hadn't much to eat.
He had to live on fishes
His barge might chance to meet.

But though so poor and lonely
He never took a wife;
He was content to live alone,
A simple bargee's life.
His barge was always spotless
As clean as clean could be;
His cabin it was tidy,
A sight for eyes to see.

So if you ever meet with
A Bargee known as Bill,
Just say I told you of him
I hope he's not been ill
For, oh! it would be dreadful
If ever Bill should die;
His chestnut horse would miss him,
And so, of course, should I.

S.D., III.B. (F.).

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day, this year, fell on Dec. 13th, in spite of those who think this day unlucky. Rather to the contrary, we were very fortunate, for the Rev. R. H. Priestnall kindly consented to present the prizes. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. B. Cardwell, Chairman of the governors of the school, the chair was taken by the Rev. H. Bretherton.

The School Choir sang two songs: "Meg Merrilies" by Stanford, and "Bois Epais" by Lully, after which Mr. Oldland gave his address, in the course of which he reviewed the School's successes in the academic and games fields during the last year.

The Chairman then introduced the Rev. R. H. Priestnall, who is an old Balshavian and left the school in 1939. He humourously referred to his old schooldays, and told us one or two anecdotes, recalling some laughable "clashes" with the Staff. He wished his old school further successes and especially asked that all might co-operate in achieving them.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Priestnall was proposed by Mr. J. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. G. Taylor, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. J. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. W. Nelson.

The proceedings were concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

A.J.B., V.A. (Cu.).

SCHOOL VISITS TO CONCERTS

Last year was extremely successful from the point of view of concert-going. In all, there were three concerts given by the Liverpool Philharmonic, two concerts by the Hallé and a Pouishnoff concert. Two others were given, but these took place immediately before examinations and therefore were ignored.

From the point of view of numbers, the Pouishnoff concert was the best. Nearly 120 pupils attended and we occupied almost the whole of the platform. A Chopin recital always goes down well and, of course, a close-up of Pouishnoff (we were only a few yards away from him) provided an extra thrill.

An average of 70-90 pupils attended each of the other concerts.

The chief items in the repertoire of the Liverpool Philharmonic were Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Scheherezade," Beethoven's 8th Symphony, Mozart's Pianoforte Concerto in A, Tchaikow-sky's 1st Pianoforte Concerto, Borodin's "Polovtsian Dances," Wagner's "Prelude to Tristan and Isolde" and Bizet's "L'Arlesienne Suite."

The Hallé Orchestra gave us Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, William Walton's "Façade" Suite and Weber's "Die Freischutz" Overture.

This year's concerts promise to be as numerous as last year's. On October 19th of this term, 75 pupils went to a Liverpool Philharmonic concert, the chief works performed being the Schumann Pianoforte Concerto and Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony. There are still three more concerts this term—the Hallé on November 16th, The Preston Symphony Orchestra and Choir giving Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus" on December 6th, and the Liverpool Orchestra's second visit on December 14th. Both the last two concerts take place after the exams !

B.L.W.

THE FIRST TIME

I was happy. Under the care of my sage and fond relative, I had quitted the dreary schoolroom for the space of at least one afternoon. I was seated in a room with a number of other young visitants, most of whom looked rather scared as they nervously regarded a small bell which hung on the wall opposite to me.

Suddenly the bell rang ! One of the petrified infants departed : and the first doubts assailed my mind.

Was he a "nice gentleman?" Would "it" hurt? The comforting words of my parents seemed as nothing now, and . . . the bell rang again and another unfortunate left. The time passed slowly, so slowly that every detail of that room became imprinted upon my mind. Then came my turn. I entered the room of torture.

Everything was clean and shining ; it was the first time, and the "nice gentleman" asked me to sit in a large chair. A sound, perhaps a groan, unnerved me for a moment but the "nice gentleman" (old hypocrite) told me to "bite on this," and something was clapped over my nose.

The next two words I remember were ". . . in here." I did. I was escorted from the undesirable throne to "swill out," an unpleasant and seemingly endless process.

I departed from the building much wiser than before : but I was still happy—not now at having escaped from school, but in the thought that I should not, for a long time, have to escape again.

G.S., V.A. (Farington).

AN OLD VILLAGE

Fifty houses, a cobbled street,
A public house where old men meet,
An aged church, a village store,
A children's school, and nothing more.

All day through can be heard the shout
Of children playing round about,
And every villager stops to greet
A passer by in that cobbled street.

At night the darkness gently falls
And very softly the owl calls
But no-one hears him ; they're fast asleep
In a slumber which is long and deep.

I.R., IV.B. (Clayton).

SCHOOL VISITS

(1) VISIT TO THE N.U.S. ARTS FESTIVAL AT LEEDS.

The N.U.S. Arts Festival, which took place at Leeds in the first week of 1949, was a pioneer effort on the part of the National Union of Students. The Festival was well attended by students from far and near, and Leeds undertook the position of host in a capable and praiseworthy manner.

The programme for the week offered a wide variety of entertainment. Plays, concerts, exhibitions and discussions all gave an insight into the cultural life of the universities.

Monday evening found us installed in the spacious Riley-Smith Hall of Leeds University Union, waiting for the curtain to rise on Donagh MacDonagh's Irish play in verse : "Happy as Larry."

Of the other plays we saw Shaw's "Arms and the Man," Goethe's "Egmont," Shakespeare's "Timon of Athens" and Cocteau's "The Infernal Machine," we found the last to be the most enjoyable. The standard of performance throughout the week was very high and all the various societies made excellent use of the well-equipped stage in the Riley-Smith Hall.

On Tuesday we attended a concert which lasted all the afternoon from 2 till 5 p.m. We felt that it was rather too long and evidently there were others of the same mind judging from the remarks in the Festival Bulletin published every day. This Bulletin was very interesting, giving accounts and criticisms of the previous day's events.

Unfortunately it was a very cold week and Leeds was shrouded in snow. However, the gaily coloured scarves and the bright saris of the foreign students brightened up the grey city considerably.

We were sorry to leave for home on Saturday and we felt that our visit to the Festival had been well worth while.

M.F., U.VI. (Cu.)
B.B., U.VI. (W.).

(2) THE FIFTH FORM VISIT TO "THE MERCHANT OF VENICE."

On November 25th, 1948, there was a special matinée for school-children, at the Hippodrome, Preston. That week the Salberg Players were presenting Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice."

Special buses were chartered to take the two forms, and Miss Rahill, Miss Doherty and Mr. Downer were in charge of us. We were marshalled into our seats and our adolescent hearts were further excited by the unusual feature of *SIGNED* programmes.

The gentle and meditative Antonio was, from the first, endeared to us all, just as Shylock (portrayed by John Dearth) earned our hatred at his first appearance. This versatile actor brought all his art to bear in showing the meanness and the evil of the money-lending Jew. Bassanio, in whom all the girls immediately recognised the handsome Charles Mardel, was a popular character, as also was Launcelot Gobbo. Kenneth Keeling's interpretation of the clown was extremely good; he mixed his words with the utmost ease; he fooled his father as from experience, and his false nose enhanced his popularity—at least with the elementary school children.

The great Portia was possessed of as many virtues as ever, obeying her father's wishes with the usual calmness and dignity which marks all Shakespeare's heroines. Her love for Bassanio brought out the vein of adventure when Shylock demanded the fulfilment of his bond, for she and Nerissa dressed up (rather unconvincingly, I am afraid) as clerks so that their own lovers might not know them.

Jessica seemed more avaricious in the actual flesh than just in print. The side plot of Lorenzo's elopement with her threw a sympathetic light on Shylock for most of us. However, the balcony scene reconciled us to the pair of lovers, while our momentary solicitude for her father was soon shattered by the appearance of this bearded Jew in court, carrying a pair of scales.

After the defeat of Vice in the form of Shylock and the victory of Virtue—that is, Portia—the Ring plot provided the usual humour. Nerissa's henpecking of Gratiano, and Portia's of Bassanio, when the two men give away their wives' love tokens, provoked much laughter from the youthful audience.

The whole performance was enjoyed; the intervals were short and sweet, sweetened with ice-cream; the costumes were rich and colourful and the décor was very cleverly arranged for fifteen scenes on one set only.

The Balshaw's Party had a good time, and V.A. could have had no pleasanter method of revision!

A.J.B., V.A. (Cu.).

(3) UPPER SIXTH'S VISIT TO MANCHESTER.

On Thursday, February 10th, the Upper Sixth French Section spent a day in Manchester, studying French paintings and seeing a recently released French Film.

After a rather hilarious train journey we arrived in Manchester and made our way to the Mosely St. Art Gallery, where a collection of paintings by the famous French artist, David, was being shown. Most of us were struck by the painting of the dead Marat and

by David's symbolic representation of Napoleon crossing the Alps. We all admired the painter's attention to detail and his ability to reproduce the texture of materials, especially noticeable in the portrait of his wife. The painting of the renowned beauty, Madame de Recamier, disappointed some by its coldness, although others admired it very much.

After lunch we went to the Whitworth Art Gallery to look at some of the work done by French painters of the Romantic school as a background to the Romantic poetry we were studying for Higher School Certificate.

The film was "Monsieur Vincent," with Pierre Fresner as the priest whose unceasing efforts did much to alleviate the sufferings of the poor during the reign of Louis XIV.

The return journey was uneventful—apart from the fact that two of our members, who shall both be nameless, accidentally got into the wrong train, bound for Southport. One of the eminent French scholars in our midst has recorded the event better than I can:

LE RETOUR (to the time of "Oh, no, John")

In yonder quai there stands un rapide,
Où il va je do not know,
I will venture on a journey
To gay Páree or dark Soho.
Oh ! va donc, va donc, train so slow.

Mes copains sont a crowd of moutons,
Always do as they are told,
But je voudrais bien regarder
Sea of blue and sands of gold.
Oh Ginger, c'est moi, toujours bold.

Ah ! Preston is a joli city,
Full of maisons old and fair,
But I seek une plage très mondaine
(And sandwiches I've not to share
Of ham and tongue and choses très rares).

Many thanks, Miss Bromley, for a very enjoyable day.

Z.E.D., U.VI. (F.).

(4) A VISIT TO BAMBER BRIDGE TRAINING COLLEGE.

On February 16th, the Arts section of the Sixth Form visited Bamber Bridge Training College to hear excerpts from three well-known plays.

Before each scene we were told a little about the time and placing of the play. "The Shepherd's Play," was the first one we heard. This was the story of the Nativity, although it was devoted more to the shepherds than to the actual birth. This play was typical of mediaeval plays performed by the craftsmen or guilds in the cathedral towns. Secondly we heard scenes from "Twelfth Night." This was very amusing, showing many different

characters. The scenes showed the difficulties that arose when Viola masqueraded as her twin brother Sebastian. It was very well acted and the costumes were excellent. The last one we heard was part of "The School for Scandal." This satirised life in the eighteenth century as Sheridan saw it. The actual story was of a young girl who married an older man and then fell in love with his brother. The difficulties and complications arising from this unfortunate marriage were extremely amusing.

D.R., L.VI. (Cl.).

(5) V.A GEOGRAPHY RAMBLE.

On February 21st, V.A Geography Section assembled on Chorley 'Bus Station with Miss Markland. After waiting about half-an-hour for late-comers we set off, our destination being the source of the River Yarrow on Anglezarke Moor.

Miss Markland took the lead, following the map carefully and we arrived on Anglezarke Moor, our only mishaps being two digressions from the path—one, when we entered a secret ammunition factory, the other when we walked defiantly through a farm-yard until we were turned back.

When we arrived on the moor we had our lunch and then proceeded on our way over flat ground which, from the distance, looked as though we were coming to an easier stretch. On reaching it, however, we found that we had made a great mistake. It was quite an achievement to reach the other side with one's feet dry as we found it hard to avoid the bogs and certain members of our party were frequently in water up to their knees. Then, this difficulty over, we at last found a small trickle—the source of the Yarrow. We followed the stream and eventually came to a reservoir.

Up to now the weather had been fine but when we arrived at the main road it began to rain; we arrived back in Chorley in high spirits but rather damp.

J.T., V.A. (W.); B.W., V.A. (Cu.).

(6) VISIT TO THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY RECORDS OFFICE.

On the 3rd March Miss Johnson and five members of the Upper Sixth History section visited the Records Office in Preston.

Mr. Sharpe-France, the County Archivist gave us a short talk about the records and explained how they had been collected from all over Lancashire from both rich and poor.

We were shown many documents, all in an excellent state of preservation, some of them beautifully painted and all exquisitely neat. There was an account of the Gunpowder Plot, accounts of witchcraft and plague, maps and several documents complete with the Royal Seal.

The time passed all too quickly and we were sorry to leave such a store-house of history. However, tea and cakes brought us back to the present and we felt that the afternoon had been very well spent.

M.F., U.VI. (Cu.).

(7) SIXTH FORM CLASSICAL CONFERENCE AT HULME HALL, MANCHESTER, APRIL 1st-3rd.

From their arrival at 5 p.m. on April 1st, until the late afternoon of April 3rd, thirty-six boys and girls from schools all over Lancashire enjoyed a full, informative and memorable programme. This school was represented by E. Nelson and E. Bennett.

Dinner on the first evening was followed by a lecture from Doctor G. Zuntz. He dealt with the subject of Hellenism in its broadest scope, that is, from the death of Alexander until the founding of the Roman principate. A liberal use of lantern slides was made, to illustrate the evolution of art and architecture during this Hellenistic period.

Thus warmed, the coterie was ready for a busy round on Saturday. In the morning there were two lectures—one dealing with the effect of Ennius on Virgil, while the second was devoted to Satire. After lunch, Mr. R. M. Cook escorted the group to the Whitworth Art Gallery, where an exhibition of Greek Art was being held.

Even Saturday, however, was not yet complete. After tea, a verse-reading competition was held and a keen and lively contest ensued. After a "replay" between three finalists, two were selected to share the first prize for Latin hexameters—one of these awards falling to Elsie Nelson.

Before the lecture on Sunday morning, a short service was held in the chapel. The lecture that followed was entitled "Ancient Writing and the Transmission of Classical Texts" and was delivered by Mr. A. N. Marlow. Mr. Marlow gave conclusive proof that this subject is by no means the dry-as-dust grind that it is often reputed to be. On the contrary, his lively and vivid treatment made his audience catch the enthusiasm and delight with which those many patient researchers have shaped and clarified our texts as we now have them.

The afternoon session was devoted to the reading of Gilbert Murray's translation of EURIPIDES' "MEDEA" and the results were most satisfactory—even in the difficult chorus-work—considering that there had been no preparation for the reading.

The class broke up after tea and dispersed to their various destinations, everyone taking a very happy recollection of a most stimulating encounter. The time and work given so generously by many specialists of the Manchester University Teaching faculty is greatly to be appreciated and undoubtedly has a most valuable and inspiring influence on young classicists.

W.J.D.

(8) VISIT TO MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

The VI Form's annual visit to Manchester University, conducted by Mr. Bull and Mr. Speakman, was a very enjoyable affair. After a fairly early arrival and promise of some notorious Manchester weather, we split into two groups and went to our respective lectures.

Some would-be scientists went on an unofficial tour of the chemistry and physics laboratories, conducted by a present and an old boy of the school respectively.

When the time came the whole science section assembled in Room 7, where, after apologies had been made for the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, they were given a most

interesting lecture by Mr. West on "*Electrical Automatic Control: Mechanized Trial and Error*." Although they had some good demonstrations they were warned to be prepared for failure since the Elements had been none too kind to the instruments during transportation to the lecture room.

After the lecture some were conducted to the research laboratories and shown some photographs of the tracks of protons, neutrons, etc., all connected with cosmic rays. They then changed places with the other group who had been looking round the museum where interest was aroused in varying degrees by Geological specimens, Egyptian mummies, and animal and insect life.

The Arts people, meanwhile, enjoyed a talk on modern poets and poetry given by Mr. J. E. Jump. They were then taken through the University library seeing old manuscripts and rare editions of familiar authors such as Dickens, or Mrs. Gaskell, and then had the privilege of going through the library's vaults, where valuable volumes are stored.

Coming out into the fresh air again we had a short walk to the finely equipped gymnasium where we gazed enviously at the tiled swimming pool, where several students were displaying their skill in the water.

Back we went to the dining hall to a light tea with plenty of jam tarts, then into the coach and back to school—to a House Party. A perfect ending to an enjoyable day.

M.E.B., U.VI. (Cl.).
E.T.C., U.VI. (F.).

A MAN OF THE SEA

The mighty sea around me
Mast heads against the sky,
That is all I wish for,
For a man of the sea am I.

The spray upon my forehead,
While waves are riding high,
And the song of the sea, mean all to me,
For a man of the sea am I.

And when these things are no more for me
Pray God to let me lie
'Neath the waves, the spray, the song of the sea,
For a man of the sea am I.

E.J., H.C. (Cu.).

A VISIT TO THE MOON

Last Wednesday I decided that I should like to visit the moon. It has always fascinated me and I really felt that I wished to know if there were any people living on it.

Accordingly I went to a nearby garage and borrowed a rocket-ship. I chose a bright

red one to fit in with my exuberant spirits. I also thought that it might help me to feel warm if the climate on the moon was cold. I looked in the rocket-ship and saw that there was a pair of fur-lined boots, plenty of fur-rugs, and also an oxygen tank.

The rocket-ship was put on a pedestal, I got in it and the pedestal was raised until it was ten feet from the ground. It was then tipped on its side until it was in an almost vertical position. I pressed a button and off I went on my long journey into space.

It really was very comfortable and I leaned back among my fur-rugs. There was not much to see, however, and I was just becoming bored when I saw a small cupboard on the left side of my rocket-ship. I opened the door and found that there was a book-shelf inside it. I glanced at the titles and found that there was a very good selection of books. I selected one which was entitled, "*This Crazy World*." It seemed appropriate, so I began to read. It was most interesting, and I was loth to leave it, but, truth to tell, I was feeling rather hungry. I noticed a little button on the left of the cupboard in which the books were kept, and on pressing it, a cup of hot "*Ovaltine*" appeared. I was just wishing that there was something to eat with it, when a biscuit tin fell off a small shelf into my lap. I investigated its contents and found to my delight that it was full of chocolate biscuits.

I was munching a biscuit when I began to wonder what time it was. I turned on my portable radio, which I had brought with me, and was just in time to hear the ten-o'clock news. That meant that I had been on the way about four hours. Suddenly the wireless went off and I twiddled the knobs in vain to make it come on again. It remained off for some minutes, and then I heard a crackling noise and a voice saying, "*The Moon Broadcasting Corporation presents 'Moony Melodies'.*"

I concluded, by this time, that I had traversed most of the 238,000 miles from the earth to the moon. I was not surprised therefore, to see a strange object in sight, which I supposed was the moon. We came nearer still and I began to wonder how I was to land my rocket-ship. I need not have worried, because it glided to rest on a plateau.

I ventured outside my rocket-ship and found that it was very cold indeed. I wondered if there were any inhabitants living around, so I set off to find out. I had not gone far when I saw a queer sight coming towards me. It appeared to be just a mass of bubbles at first, but I saw as it drew closer that it was in the shape of a human being. This queer creature suddenly began to pursue me with a club. I wondered how he had the strength to hold it because I could see right through his body of bubbles and there appeared to be no muscle there. He came nearer still and emitted grunts and snorts which sounded like a car which will not start.

I fled back to my rocket-ship in terror and climbed inside. I pulled out the lever which made it go, but to my horror it began to move upwards again. I hastily pushed the lever in as far as it would go and my rocket-ship began to go down.

The journey back was much more speedy than the one going had been. It was far too fast for my liking and I felt as if I had left my tummy behind on the moon. I was soon back again and I returned the rocket-ship to the man at the garage. He said that he had heard that people were unfriendly on the moon. Well, really—he might have told me!

P.W., IV.A. (Cu.).

We were greatly impressed by the hospitality of the French people and the great interest shown by them all in England and the English. Also standing out among my impressions is the cooking, which we had the pleasure of tasting a number of times ; on each occasion the food was cooked by a man.

We soon became familiar with the landmarks of Paris and we were able to find our way from any part of the city to any other. The transport system, although a little confusing at first, also soon became familiar.

I had the pleasure, while staying in Paris, of meeting my pen friend, as he lives on the outskirts of the city. He was dressed in the height of fashion, in a yellow and brown check shirt tied with a lace at the neck. We spent an afternoon walking around different parts of Paris visiting a number of places of interest, including the beautiful cathedral of Notre Dame, and the Palais du Louvre and Palais de Justice. It was while walking along the side of the river that I saw some very peculiar sights. First among these were the rows and rows of fishermen with rods and lines hoping for a bite they never seemed to get. About fifty yards further down the river were a number of men stripped to the waist washing their shirts in the current and one even shaving. There were also a number of women with parcels of dirty clothing making use of nature's resources as a laundry.

It was a holiday I shall remember for a very long time to come, and I will always have very pleasant memories of France and the French. One day I hope to visit France again, this time to explore the countryside, of which one gets a glimpse from the train between Paris and the coast.

E.T.C., U.VI. (F.).

THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR

January brings with it the snow,
I'm afraid we can't possibly go for a row,
For the ponds froze over during the night,
And the trees are robed in shining white.

In February it's usually cold,
Then surely the little snowdrop is bold,
For sometimes she peeps her tiny head,
From underneath her winter bed.

March winds are chilly, I suppose you know,
Hold tight your hat or it's sure to go,
For March winds are young and love a game
Of making you chase them down the lane.

The new green leaves of all the trees
Sway gently to each passing breeze,
But look out for the April showers,
And after that some sunny hours.

In May the birds begin to nest,
The trees in large green leaves are dressed,
And from the swinging five barred gates
Birds are calling to their mates.

In June the sun shines warm and bright
For bathing the weather is perfectly right ;
The rabbits are burrowing deep in the ground,
Getting scared at the tiniest sound.

July is hot as hot can be,
Everyone's ready for a picnic tea,
Down by the river or out in the wood,
Ready for ice-cream, minerals and food.

August for holidays is perfectly right,
The sky is blue, the water is bright,
The burning sand stretches out for miles,
And each child's face is wreathed in smiles.

September warns us that Autumn is near,
For during this month days are warm and clear,
The farmer is gathering in his hay
Until the close of a wonderful day.

October brings us back to cold,
The trees are turned from green to gold,
And children stand with open dresses
To catch the apples when a strong breeze passes.

When November brings the rain and fog
Everyone's heart sinks with a jog,
But bother the fog, the snow and the wet,
Christmas follows, don't forget !

And December brings its fun and joys,
Feasts and presents for girls and boys,
And with Christmas trees and lights aglow,
We'll forget the coldness and the snow.

M.R., III.B. (F.).

LECTURES

The most popular lecture of the year was undoubtedly that on "Olympic Champions," by Guy Butler. Mr. Butler illustrated his talk with some very fine films on all aspects of athletics, some of which seemed to be quite "new" to many pupils. The lecturer was himself a former Olympic athlete—now a coach—and had therefore not only a vast fund of personal experience on which to draw, but also inside knowledge, as it were, of technique.

He did his best to pass on some of this useful knowledge to us, using slow-motion films, especially in the case of hurdling; later he gave quite a few "tips" to would-be athletes. The questions which were fired at Mr. Butler at the end of his lecture were very intelligent and gave rise to some interesting answers.

On Wednesday, the 18th of May, the School heard a lecture on a vastly different subject. The title was "The Old and Modern Architecture of the Netherlands"; Mr. A. van der Wyk was the lecturer. As the title suggests, the lecture gave us an insight into all the different kinds of building to be found in country and in town. Some of the big modern public buildings of the cities afforded an excellent contrast in age and style with examples of the traditional architecture to be found in small towns and in the country.

"Sweden—the people and the country," was the title of an interesting lecture given on October 1st last, by Mr. Alvar Ellegard, Mag. Phil. Mr. Ellegard began by sketching the history of the Scandinavian countries before proceeding to concentrate on modern Sweden. And "modern" is certainly the word to describe it! Strangely enough we hear very little about the Swedes, a people whose outlook is said to be very similar in many respects to our own. The lantern-slides used to illustrate the lecture covered a wide range of subjects. From the ultra-modern buildings of the cities to the fine views of typical scenery in the North of the country, and of the great rivers such as are used for generating hydro-electricity, is a far cry; we all thought, nevertheless, that Sweden looked a grand country. Incidentally, Mr. Ellegard's lecture took the form of an imaginary journey from the ferry-port of Malmö, in Scania, the most southerly part of the country, via Stockholm (the capital), to the far North.

Our thanks go to Mr. Ellegard, Mr. Butler and Mr. van der Wyk.

The annual "Careers" lectures were given on Monday, May 16th (Boys) and Tuesday, 31st May (Girls), by the respective Regional Careers Advisory Officers of the Ministry of Labour. We are sure those who attended the lectures support us in thanking Mr. Jamieson and Miss Norwood.

F.N.S., U.VI. (F.).

THE SCHOOL FILM SHOWS

Since the last issue of the magazine went to the printers, we have had five Central Office of Information Film Shows. These were on Fridays, the 29th October, 10th December and 28th January; Thursday, 2nd June; and this term on Thursday, 6th October.

We saw many interesting films on technical subjects, besides the usual run of films on life in foreign countries, while features of the "This is Britain" type showed us all sorts of interesting activities and industries. Outstanding among the year's films have been one on the many varied uses to which seaweed can be put, one on the survey work of the Navy, and now one on the "Frogmen."

Thank you, Central Office of Information.

F.N.S., U.VI. (F.).

CROWNING GLORY

"Have you always longed for a curly-haired cat? Do you want to win prizes for the originality of your pet's fur? Then send for OSOCURLY guaranteed waving lotion, and let your cat be the envy of your neighbour's pets."

Thus ran the advertisement in the daily newspaper. As I glanced down at our black, smooth-haired puss, I thought how we had often remarked, that it would be nice if cats had curls; here was my opportunity; I would surprise our family by turning Enoch into a marvel of animal beauty.

A week later the lotion arrived. It was in a little white bottle, with a curly cat painted on the side. The directions said "Place the animal on a clean newspaper, pour the liquid over it and rub well in. While still wet, brush it with a clean stiff brush, then divide the fur into twelve sections, and put two of the enclosed curlers in each section."

"It sounds easy! Well, here goes!" I thought; but, alas and alack, it was easier said than done. Enoch jumps several feet off the ground if you so much as splash him, so the effect of pouring liquid over him may be imagined. However, I eventually succeeded in getting all the curlers in, after many howls of annoyance from Enoch, and many expressions which I may not pen, from me, as he scratched and bit, in an attempt to free himself from the strange rattling things all over him.

These had to stay in until the fur was dry, and finally they were ready to be taken out. I started at the tip of his tail, with a thrilling sense of anticipation at the prospect of viewing my long-suffering cat, preening his remarkable curls. I managed to restrain him from damaging my hands too much during this exasperating process, and now all that remained was to comb the curls into place.

I started at his head, and was alarmed to discover that the fur just frizzed out all around his face, but worse was to follow, for when I combed his neck, the fur dropped off, and left it as bare as a newly plucked Christmas fowl.

When I had finished, he looked like some ferocious animal out of a fairy story, for the fur only remained down his back bone, and in two narrow stripes on both his sides. His tail looked like knots on string, for it had blobs of fur down it, and between each bit, there was a white space of about an inch-and-a-half in length. Even the fur that was on was frizzed and discoloured, and there was even one patch of emerald green.

Suddenly, I heard Mummie's voice calling me, and my heart jumped into my mouth; what *would* she say? She said, "Wake up, it's time for supper!"

It had all been a dream; I had fallen asleep while reading an advertisement for a permanent wave for human hair. I have never been so thankful as I was then, to see Enoch purring gently on my knee, with his fur as sleek and black and *straight* as it could ever be.

M.F., IV.B. (Farington).

AT NIGHT

At night when I should be asleep
I creep out on the stairs;
I play with bats and beetles
Which steal out from their lairs.

At night when I should be asleep
I curl up very small;
I think I am a dormouse
Which has run out from the wall.

At night when I should be asleep
I scream out in the night;
I'm being chased by robbers
And wish that it were light.

At night when I should be asleep
I think of Devon cream,
But as I'm sure you are aware
This only is a dream.

P.R., III.C. (Cl.).

CANINE EXPLORERS

The train rattled into the station, and with a shrill whistle, pulled to a standstill. Immediately, doors began to bang, porters began to shout, the loud speaker burst forth into something like a speech, and everyone rushed about in a hurry.

Jock kept close to his master's heels, shrinking back from the luggage trucks that rattled past, and was not in the least unhappy when his master and he turned into a street, and left the noisy station behind.

This street, he thought, was in no way unusual, but resembled most of the main streets he had seen before. There were several large, brightly painted vehicles, which he understood to be called 'buses,' crawling along the road. There were, too, many shops, some dull, and some with the most intriguing smells. He sniffed at them, but as there were many people about, he did not venture far from his master. Perhaps he might return later when the street was empty, and explore them at leisure.

Now they were leaving the busy street, and turning into a smaller road, bordered by many large houses, one of which they entered.

Later, when they were installed in their new quarters, Jock gazed round the room, and then jumped on to the window-seat and looked out. Across the street were many large houses similar to this one. To the left was the busy street in which the station stood, and to the right was another road. But this road was different. It was clean and quiet, and at the far side of it was a wall. Past that Jock couldn't see, but he could smell such

a curious, unfamiliar smell. He was gazing at the wall, wondering what was beyond it, when a terrific clang made him jump. He turned round, and followed Master to the dining room. During the meal he crouched by Master's chair, and kept very quiet.

After what seemed hours, the diners stood up, and walked out. Master ran upstairs, grabbed a book and his hat, and set off with Jock, along the road to the right. Jock ran ahead, anxious to see what mysterious thing or things lay behind the grey stone wall, When they reached the wall, they clambered down some stone steps, and on to something yellow, soft and warm. This yellow 'stuff' stretched for quite a distance on both sides, and also in front. Beyond it was a great expanse of water. The waves were lashing up on to the shore and many children were darting about, shrieking with laughter.

Master bought a weird contraption of wood and canvas, and proceeded to pull and push it about. Eventually he sat on it, pulled his hat over his eyes, opened his book and settled comfortably down. For a while Jock regarded the chair with much curiosity, but at last he turned his head and looked about him. Then Master began to snore. Jock cast him one quick glance and then stood up, shook the sand from his back and head because it tickled, and trotted off to explore.

For a long time he played and swam with various groups of children, but dogs, too, can grow tired, and at last he trotted back to Master and lay panting at his feet. Master was awake now, and when Jock had rested they set off along the promenade for a brisk walk, after Master had taken his "seat contraption" back. Master bought some ice-cream and gave Jock some. It tasted very good.

That night, when Jock curled up by master's bed to go to sleep, he sniffed at the air. It was exciting air, and now it meant such a lot. Now it meant all those things behind the grey wall, even to the ice-cream cart—and so a tired explorer settled down for a good night's rest.

G.H., IV.B. (Cu.).

JUNE

When the sky is deepest blue,
When the flowers bloom every hue,
When the days are bright and long,
When the woods resound with song,
When the brooklets dance in tune,
Then 'tis merry, merry June.

M.S., II.C. (Far.).

MY FAVOURITE WAY OF SPENDING
A HOLIDAY

Some people like a holiday of lazy, lounging days, others enjoy the rowdy vacations to be had at Blackpool, but I am a cycling "fan" and my favourite holiday leaves memories of happy, healthy days "awheel."

The layman thinks of the cyclist as a sort of maniac, tearing along the road with an utter disregard of anything except his front wheel but, alas, how wrong this impression is. True, there are "fast men" but there is also the tourist. His is the joy of setting out in the "nip" of the early morning air, through the still sleeping town and into the silvery countryside. Perhaps he will meet another rider and the two will journey on together although they are complete strangers for they share the universal companionship of the cycling world.

Perhaps I have wandered a little from my holiday, but the freedom and friendliness of the road are wonders which are hidden from those who travel in motor vehicles. When you gaze effortlessly through a window at a swiftly-passing landscape you are merely a foreigner to the countryside; but when you toil up the hill, sit by the roadside and chat with the farmer and then spin downwards to the valley with the wind rushing past your ears, you become part of the land through which you travel. And again, the beautiful lakes, fields and trees spread like a carpet below you are so much more beautiful when you have laboured to reach your point of vantage.

These are just one or two of the delights of an open-air holiday but an even greater delight is the feeling of satisfaction as the sun sets, the last mile of the tour rolls by and you turn into the gateway—home again.

G.S., V.A. (Farington).

THINGS I LIKE

I like chocolate biscuits,
Cream cakes and ice cream,
Also Uncle's peppermints,
Strange though it may seem.

I like robin redbreasts,
Sunflowers and bees,
And climbing o'er the wooden fence
Around the apple trees.

I like to fish for tadpoles,
Swimming in the pond;
There are lots and lots of other things
Of which I'm very fond.

I sometimes like my lessons
Though that may seem quite queer,
But, holidays, when they come round,
I like them—never fear!

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

VISITS TO THE CONTINENT, 1949.

(1) SWITZERLAND RE-VISITED

I had already spent a very pleasant holiday in Switzerland in the summer of 1947, and when my parents decided that we should go there again I was naturally delighted.

The route was via Folkestone and Calais. We were very lucky and had perfect weather and a smooth crossing. Calais still showed much evidence of the war. On our journey across Northern France we passed through St. Omer, Lille, Laon and Belfort. Arriving in Basel on the Swiss Frontier, we enjoyed the usual continental breakfast of coffee and rolls at the famous buffet. Boarding the train once more, we arrived in Lucerne before lunch, the journey from London having taken about 21 hours.

Lucerne is very beautiful, with quaint squares, fountains, and bridges. It is a good centre for many tours. We had many trips by lake steamer and mountain railway to various places of interest including the William Tell country, Alpnachstadt, and Mount Rigi. As the weather was sunny and temperatures in the region of 90° we had many opportunities for swimming at the Lido.

August 1st is the Swiss National Day, and many celebrations take place, including firework displays. Special menus are served in the hotels, national costumes are worn, and trips on the Lake are arranged.

After staying seven days in Lucerne, we continued our holiday in Interlaken. Here, we had the pleasure of meeting Swiss friends we had made in 1947. From Interlaken we visited Grindelwald and took the chair lift, which is a wonderful experience. The Blue Lake was well worth a visit. The lake itself is very clear and teeming with trout.

In Interlaken the play "William Tell" is performed every Sunday in the open air. The woodland setting is ideal and the play is very dramatic when performed in these natural surroundings. Although spoken in German the play is so well-known that it is easy to follow. Previously we had visited the Rhone Glacier and the St. Bernard Hospice from Montreux.

Throughout my stay in Switzerland I was much impressed by the cleanliness of the streets, which are free from litter, and the kind-hearted and hard-working people.

S.G., IV.C. (Cu.).

(2) FRANCE, 1949

This summer, I was one of the hundreds of English people who flocked to France, by air and sea.

We spent a day or two in Paris, and during that time were able to see most of the sights, which, in Paris, are never lacking. My first impression of Paris was one of noise, for most drivers put their hands on their hooters, and don't take them off till they are far from the city. The courtesy of the Parisians also struck me.

We then went right down to the South, through villages with sweet little shuttered green and white cottages, with many dogs straying round the streets, for the French do not believe in having pets in their houses. We were now getting used to hearty French food

and the many strange customs. We travelled through country where every field is used, and everyone, man, woman or child, helps in the fields. Along many straight, long, roads we went, with trees on either side forming an arch; through the resistance country, with every mile or so a memorial to a resistance member. Then, near Toulon, we reached the Mediterranean; bright blue, it was, and the sun was brilliant.

Our stay in the South came to an end all too soon, but there was more to come! Our journey back was via the French Alps. We went through the most magnificent gorges, with water-falls cascading out of sight, through tunnels, and along roads with a breathtaking drop on one side, and a sheer cliff wall on the other. For days we travelled in this scenery, then back to the typical French roads and villages.

We returned by way of Dunkirk and Dover, and when I once more set foot in England's "green and pleasant land" (it is indeed very green compared with France), I felt how grand it was to be back home again.

D.M.O., IV.B. (F.).

(3) CAMPING AT VERSAILLES

In this attempt to give a picture of the wonderful holiday enjoyed by my brother and myself in France, I am trying to avoid writing something which could be aptly titled "A Guidebook to Paris"! Instead I shall air my personal views.

We set off from Preston for London by coach on the sunny morning of Friday, August 5th, and crossed the rather breezy Channel via the Newhaven to Dieppe route.

We arrived at Versailles in the evening, after a short train journey from Paris, and after walking for half an hour finally reached the site where we were to pitch camp for the week. On searching the area we were able to find the person in charge, and my shy little brother, with that persuasive way he has, got me to put on my best French accent and speak to the man, who finally made me understand that he was going to "show us round."

Although we were camping at Versailles we spent a great deal of time in Paris (a 68 Fr. train journey). We spent many happy hours walking in the hot sun along the boulevards of the drought-stricken city, where the leaves were already showing signs of autumn colouring. Despite the drought, it did rain one morning while we were there, which is nothing unusual when I go on holiday.

We visited most places of interest which we were able to locate with the help of two guide books, one kindly lent by Miss Bromley and the other a present from the Boy Scouts of France.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

Owing to the popularity of the Society, our members are drawn chiefly from the fifth and sixth forms.

During the year a variety of articles have been made. A number of the girls have made basketwork trays, whilst others concentrated on needlework. Several boys did



SCHOOL ROUNDERS IX, 1949.

Back row : (left to right) R. Brennand, O. B. Coates, M. Hosker, B. Clithero, I. P. Gardner.
Front row : (left to right) J. Taylor, J. Spencer, E. M. Hinchcliffe, V. Kite.

Played 5 Won 2 Lost 3

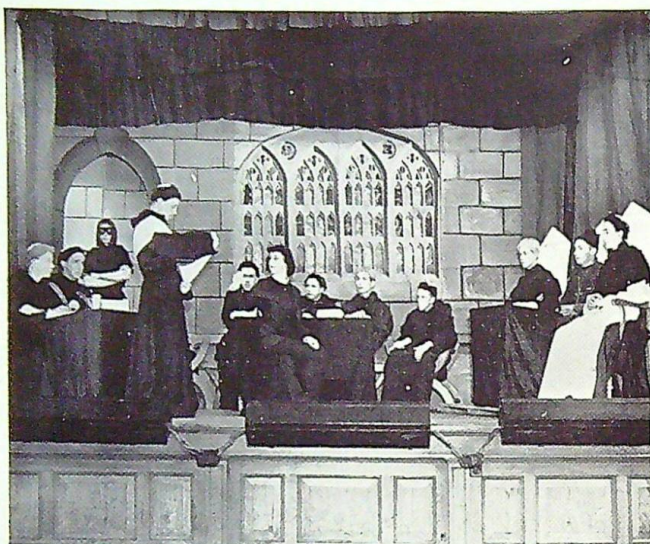


SCHOOL TENNIS VI, 1949.

Back row : (left to right) E. M. Bennett, M. J. Turner, H. A. L. Burnie, O. M. Penlington.
Front row : (left to right) J. F. Rodda, J. M. Barker.

Played 5 Won 2 Lost 3

"ST. JOAN"
March 31st, April 1st and 2nd, 1949.



Joan: "Give me that writing!"



Joan: "Who is for Orleans?"

leatherwork. Several members have been making glove puppets and it is hoped to give a performance later on. The Society put in a lot of time sewing and painting for the School Play, and now with the approach of Christmas various soft toys are being turned out.

J.M.G.D., V.B. (Far.).

THE CHESS SOCIETY

It is 3-20 p.m. on Friday afternoon in 4.B classroom of Balshaw's Grammar School. Suddenly the air is rent by the shrill ringing of a bell. Quiet is turned into confusion. Sheets of cardboard, on which are painted squares of contrasting colours, are quickly set up, and upon them, as if by magic, appear rows of savage fighting men, soldiers eager for blood. A stately queen sees an easy victim in a defenceless pawn. Crash! With a majestic sweep the pawn is hurled from the board. But what is this?—A scurvy knight has been lingering, waiting to trap the mighty ruler of the battle-field and now that his mate is safely occupied elsewhere, the coast is clear. A hop, a jump and victory! The war-cry which all contestants of the sixty-four squares have in common; the cry which means triumph to some but disaster to others, rings out and echoes and re-echoes, vibrating from wall to wall of this mighty arena, tearing the silence asunder—CHECKMATE!

This is—the Chess Society!

F.L., V.A. (Cu.).

THE DANCING SOCIETY

The programme of dances for the year was much as usual, and we used as a basis for our efforts the English Country Dances and Folk Dances from many lands included in the Leyland Schools' Display. Jean Spencer, Eileen Bennett and Margery Turner helped throughout the year, Jean and Eileen each taking charge of a group which practised in the dinner-hour once a week, while Margery acted as pianist occasionally.

C.I.P.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

This year, the Society was rather small in number, but as it consisted entirely of VI formers, what it lacked in quantity, it of course made up in quality!

Miss Johnson was our president; Toze was elected chairman, assisted by A. D. Standidge and S. Lawson as vice-chairmen, and Wright, secretary.

Before starting our discussions and debates, we got used to the sound of our own voices by giving each other lectures on subjects ranging from Birds and Bicycles, to the Art of Making Gramophone records, each member submitting to criticism from the rest.

Impromptu speeches followed, and it was surprising how long members could keep speaking on such seemingly impossible subjects as "The Qualities needed by an Ice-Cream Seller in Northern Siberia"!

We had many lively discussions, including "The effect of the Cinema on Young People," "Corporal Punishment," and more formal debates such as "That the subjects

taught in Grammar Schools fully equip the pupil for adult life," which developed into a heated argument between the Science and Arts Section as to the relative value of each type of education.

For several weeks we compared classical and the more modern kinds of music, with the aid of gramophone records. The different types of record were played more or less alternately, so our ears had to readjust themselves very quickly from "Tin Roof Blues" to such records as Bartok's Violin Concerto. Explanations were given with each record—explanations which were greatly needed at times, as several more ignorant members did not even know what "bebop" was (in fact some, including this scribe, do not know yet!).

Thus was spent a most instructive, amusing and enjoyable year.

A.D.S., U.VI. (F.).

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Naturally, much of our time was spent on rehearsing for the school play, but this, with its varied requirements, gave widely differing scope to the proficiencies of many members of the Society. Indeed, by the time such theatrical adjuncts as costume-making, scenery painting and the host of technical mysteries behind the stage had been explored and attacked, it would not be too much to claim that we acquired an astounding amount of dramatic experience in the broadest sense.

We were able to devote some sessions to the reading of short plays and, occasionally, to have groups within the society perform, competitively, excerpts from scenes which particularly called for acting proficiency. This gave some of the younger enthusiasts a chance to display and develop their capacity. A lively and critical interest has been shown throughout the year and it was particularly satisfactory that the discussions which arose from time to time provoked a readiness for lively debate.

W.J.D.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

Cette année nous avons fait beaucoup de choses. Nous avons joué a de petits jeux français. Quatre élèves qui avaient passé les grandes vacances en France, nous ont raconté leurs aventures. Nous avons fait une collection d'images à coller dans un cahier et surtout nous avons eu une exposition d'objets rapportés de la France, de la Suisse et de la Belgique, que des amis ont bien voulu nous prêter. Nous avons eu, certainement, une année très heureuse.

J.W., IV.A. (F.).

THE GARDENING SOCIETY

The prolonged fine weather and accompanying drought were not ideal for the cultivation of vegetables, the rather utilitarian end to which most of our labours were this year directed.

During the coming year we hope to lay greater emphasis on growing flowers, and in this respect we welcome the addition to our ranks of several girls, to whom we look for encouragement in the more aesthetic aspects of gardening.

J.H.L.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

The Society has had a very interesting year. At some of the meetings, we had short talks on different parts of Britain, in the form of a tour. The enthusiastic members did geographical jigsaw puzzles and the odd moments were filled by quizzes. The epidiascope came in useful for lectures on different countries by means of postcards and photographs. It is hoped that new and more varying subjects will be used in next term's society.

G.M.P., III.A. (W.).

J.P., III.A. (F.).

GYMNASTIC SOCIETY

Our programme was made up, for the most part, of hard work at vaulting and agility. Occasionally, minor team games were enjoyed by the younger members of the Society. Especially enjoyable were the few periods, in the summer, when the apparatus was taken out on the field and we performed out of doors.

J.B.

JUNIOR CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The varied programme for the year included such well-trying favourites as the Quiz, Brains Trust, and Debates. A well-supported feature was the Scrapbook. Contributions to this came from many sources. The Charades, which concluded the programme, produced some ingenious and well-performed scenes.

R.H.L.

THE JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

This society, formed a year ago, is providing an excellent training ground for juniors with a flair for amateur dramatics. Early results reveal a promising number of would-be heroines, but a strange absence of budding heroes.

Numerous short plays were read, and occasionally acted, but up to now the society has not been venturesome enough to rise to a performance before the rest of the school. However, the juniors may surprise the seniors by one day entering into competition with them. Until then, we wish them good acting, and hope the society will prove to be as interesting and enjoyable as last year.

M.S., IV.A. (Cl.).

THE JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This society occupied itself with its usual round of activities—quizzes, Twenty questions and historical charades. In addition various syndicates worked on notebooks tracing such items as transport, clothing, furniture, etc., through the ages.

D.S.M.

JUNIOR PLAY-READING SOCIETY

Once again our members are called from Forms I and II with very few third-formers to give the meeting 'tone.'

Last year, we had one boy who strayed into the 'hen-party' presumably by accident or oversight. He did not allow himself to be intimidated into "asking for his card," but remained throughout the year to keep the girls in order. This year we are boy-less—and very select!

There is certainly more talent than usual among this year's readers, and, as usual, everyone is anxious to take part in the One Act Plays to which we, as a rule, confine ourselves.

Altogether the rendezvous in Form IV.C room each Friday winds the week up happily.
M.A.R.

THE KNITTING SOCIETY

This Society has had a very successful year, and many knitted garments were completed under the helpful guidance of Miss Twist. Those who were unable to knit on entering the Society were making themselves jumpers and cardigans before the end of the year.

The friendly air of the Society was created by the constant chatter of the knitters, whose work seemed to grow quicker when the noise was at its height.

A.H., IV.C. (Cu.).

MUSIC SOCIETY

Last year there was some turbulence abroad in the Society. The quiet and decorous atmosphere was rudely shattered by revolutionary spirits who were ill-disposed to listen to the romantic and exotic music of Puccini or the simple melodiousness of Verdi. These rebels demanded the masculine and rugged Beethoven, and the poor, harassed creature at the gramophone had a difficult time striking a balance between the two opposing schools of thought. Should he put on "Your Tiny Hand is Frozen" (to please the girls), or should he put on Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony (to please the boys)?

One solution would be to have two Musical Societies—one for adventurous spirits who scorn well-trodden paths, and one for those who like the more (superficially) attractive classical and romantic music. But one cannot be in two places at once.

However, a new situation has arisen this year. Every member of the Society belongs to the Sixth Form and therefore one can take some risks with lesser-known works. Accordingly we propose to give the following works during this season:—

Brahms : Variations on a Theme by Haydn.

Elgar : Enigma Variations.

R. Strauss : "Don Juan" and "Death and Transfiguration."

Liszt : Les Preludes.

Brahms : Symphony No. 4.

Beethoven : The "Eroica" Symphony.

Stravinsky : Rite of Spring.

Sibelius : Symphony No. 3.

Cesar Franck : Prelude, Chorale and Fugue. Symphonic Variations.

Wagner : The Valkyrie.

B.L.W.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This year we attempted printing and developing in spite of inadequate blackout. Tinting proved to be the most popular, a prize being given for the best coloured photograph.

Altogether we enjoyed a very successful year.

J.T., A.D. and N.C., III.C. (Cl.).

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

This society was re-formed last year, and although we have been small in numbers we have had some very interesting meetings.

Our activities have been varied, including quizzes, experiments, and lectures by individual members.

At the quiz meetings we divided ourselves into two teams and gave each member ample opportunity of displaying his scientific knowledge. This proved very enlightening.

Allen gave an interesting talk on 'Constellations,' and another week we had a talk by Howcroft on 'Guns.'

We also had demonstrations on the spectrum, heat radiation, and certain phenomena connected with sound waves, and performed experiments with Geissler tubes and the induction coil.

Allen also demonstrated his portable battery wireless receiver at a later meeting.

W.R.

THE TOPICAL SUBJECTS SOCIETY

Again we had a successful year and enjoyed a full programme. Members showed their interest by the enthusiastic way in which they carried out several new ideas.

S.R., II.C. (W.).

THE CHOIR

We wish to welcome all newcomers to the Choir and hope that they will both enjoy the practices and profit from them as we older ones have done.

Once again we are busily practising for Speech Day, but no final decision has been reached at the time of going to print as to the items we shall then sing. We seem to be learning songs so quickly that already we have a choice of four widely different ones. We sincerely hope that our songs this year will be received as well as were those which we sang last year.

We are also preparing for the Carol Service, which will this year be held on the last Wednesday of term, the day before we break up. In addition to the usual well-known carols, we are preparing several new ones to be sung by the Choir with soloists. This year's newcomers seem almost good enough to form a choir of their own, and will no doubt sing one or two items as a group, as well as providing soloists.

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

NATIONAL SAVINGS GROUP

The Group has had a very successful year owing to the splendid support of Forms I. and IV.C, the fairly adequate support of form II.—and very, very slight support from other forms. The total sum saved during the year 1948-49 was £238-13-6; a very creditable total, which indicates clearly what could be achieved if the senior members of the school continued to cultivate, in their old age, the habit of saving which started with such promise in their youth.

F.K.L.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

This has been an unusually busy year. Our Accessions Register shows that, between March 31st, 1948, and the same date in 1949, we added 345 books. The expansion necessitated some revision of our shelving and current progress seems to indicate a need for a further similar change this year too.

As far as practicable, emphasis has been placed less on adding books which cater for examination needs and more on such sections as Careers and Junior non-fiction and, indeed, all types of books that encourage spontaneous reading. It is gratifying to observe that literature within these categories has always a ready market.

Patient and zealous work has been contributed all through the year by B. Norris and E. Whittle, who settled in very quickly to the varied aspects of school librarianship and were most generous with the time and trouble which they spent on the work.

Also, M. Farrimond and P. Higgins have performed the duties of Library orderlies most competently.

W.J.D.

RUGBY, 1948-49

The mild winter allowed us to get in a full and uninterrupted season's play. The 1st XV were only moderately successful. The backs suffered much from injuries but when all were present they were safe in defence and had considerable possibilities in attack. Unfortunately the forwards were not able to give them much of the ball. The pack as a whole was sluggish and apt to give up. Forwards must learn the virtues of solid scrummaging and playing as a pack in loose scrums, line outs and in following up. There was too much hanging about and lack of drive in their play.

BANTAMS

The Bantams had a fairly successful season. The forwards were generally good but the backs, though sound in defence, were not fast enough in the centre to penetrate any but a weak defence. The value of a good goal kicker was shown in the match v. Ormskirk when Swarbrick scored 9 pts. from kicks. More attention could be paid to this aspect of the game, especially amongst the Juniors.

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XV

Waring (Capt.). One of the best captains and all-round footballers we have had. A clever tactician and a great-hearted player at all times.

Milligan. Adapted himself well to fly-half position. Handicapped by injuries he was, when fit, full of thrust in attack and strong in defence.

Mather. After a diffident start he played well at scrum half. He has a natural aptitude but must learn to use his head during the game.

Brindle. A neat centre three quarter who would have done well if he could have played more regularly.

Manchester. Has a good physique and will be difficult to tackle when he goes really hard on the wing.

Entwisle. A fast wing three quarter who improved as the season progressed.

Nelson. Came into the side late in the season—too late—as full back, where he did very well. Showed much promise.

Meadows. A lively, energetic forward who supplied some much-needed dash.

Wright. A good all-round forward. Always played hard.

Broadbent. Another solid forward who worked hard. At times seemed to lose the whereabouts of the ball.

Brown. Although rather spasmodic in his efforts he was always good in the line-out and sometimes was very effective in the loose.

Howcroft. Rather cumbersome but improved in his hooking. Should try to speed up his loose play.

Blundell, K. A useful, plodding forward who always kept going.

Johnson. Looks like making a first-class forward in every way.

Yates. Showed signs, near the end of the season, of making a really good forward.

Bamber, McCalla and Wrennall also performed creditably in the backs, and *Proffitt, Sanderson and Ogden* showed promise in the forwards.

Ball. After playing quite well at full back he played well as a forward, infusing more life into the pack.

R.A.B.

SAT., SEPT. 18TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. UPHOLLAND G.S. 1ST XV. HOME. WON.

Conditions for the opening game were ideal and having won the toss the school played uphill. First Meadows touched down at the corner, Waring converting with a good kick. Upholland fought back, and, owing to the weak defence of the school, took the lead with two unconverted tries. The school only played well in spells. After a good back movement, however, Entwisle swerved inside the opposing full back, to score a try which was converted. After half-time good tries were scored for the school by Manchester (2), Brindle and Wright. Waring converted two of these tries. Upholland scored just before full time.

The school did not play together and although Meadows tried to lead them their play was weak.

Result: School, 26 pts.; Upholland, 9 pts.

SAT., SEPT. 25TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. KIRKHAM G.S. 1ST XV. HOME. WON.

The School again won the toss and started with the advantage of a breeze blowing against the slope. Play was even at first, after the Kirkham stand off had cleared with some good kicks, but Waring gave the school an eight point lead by kicking a penalty goal and following up with a try which he converted.

Brindle scored underneath the posts after a kick through had bounced luckily. The pack, especially Meadows, played whole-heartedly in the first half, but after half-time did not do so well except in a few good "takes." Entwisle scored two good tries and Waring converted one. Kirkham scored a late consolation try.

Although the school played well, they were rather flattered by the score.

Result : School, 21 pts.; Kirkham G.S., 5 pts.

SAT., OCT. 2ND. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS "EXTRA A." HOME. DRAW.

Conditions were good but few good moves were seen owing to strong tackling on both sides. The School backs could not stand up to the bigger opposition and for the first half, play was mostly in the school half. Preston scored one unconverted try. In the second half, the school pressed forward from the start. The school spent the last fifteen minutes on the 'Hoppers' line, trying to break through a solid defence. Although going close many times the school failed to score a try. Waring managed to even the score with a penalty kick.

This was a good, strong game, a draw being a fair result.

Result : School, 3 pts.; 'Hoppers "Extra A," 3 pts.

SAT., OCT. 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. ROSSALL SCHOOL 2ND XV. HOME. LOST.

Having played Rossall's 3rd XV in previous years, the school looked forward to this game with mixed feeling. During the first half Rossall had the advantage of a strong breeze and scored 14 pts. Though failing to score the school team played well. In the second half the school tried desperately hard to gain a lead and went close many times before Waring scored two tries, one of which was converted. The Rossall team were tired but they had a good strong scrum and the school were unable to score again. Rossall increased their lead by a penalty goal.

The school were defeated, but not by any means disgraced, in what was a good, open game of football.

Result : School, 8 pts.; Rossall 2nd XV, 17 pts.

WED., OCT. 27TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. STONYHURST COLLEGE 3RD XV. HOME. WON.

The whole team had been looking forward to this first week-day match of the season, but although we won, the play of the school was not particularly good. In the first half tries were scored by Sharples Waring and Mather (2), Waring converting 3. The pack played a bustling game in the second half and play was mostly confined to them. Meadows, Manchester and Entwisle scored tries, one of which was improved.

Stonyhurst were rewarded for their hard play by an unconverted try. If the play had been more open the school might have won more convincingly.

Result : School, 29 pts.; Stonyhurst 3rd XV, 3 pts.

SAT., NOV. 6TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. UPHOLLAND G.S. 1ST XV. AWAY. LOST.

Although without Milligan, Entwisle and Brindle and with two forwards playing three quarter, the school hoped to complete a double victory over Upholland. This was denied them by the strong play of a lively Upholland pack, coupled with the poor tackling of the school. The score at half-time was 3-6, Manchester having scored in the corner. In the second half Upholland scored five more tries without the school looking really dangerous.

This was the school's weakest display up to date and it was to be hoped that the standard of play all round would improve.

Result : School, 3 pts.; Upholland G.S., 21 pts.

WED., NOV. 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. BAMBER BRIDGE TRAINING COLLEGE XV. AWAY. WON.

The school took a long time to settle down and the score at half time was, School, nil, College, 6 pts. Play had been very scrappy but in the second half the school pack played very well, keeping up on the ball, and Brown scored a good try. The school continued to press and took the lead when Waring scored a try which he converted. Although the college regained their earlier lead, the school were not discouraged and the whole team played whole-heartedly. Waring dropped a goal and scored a try to give the school a good win and the final whistle saw the school still pressing.

Result : School, 14 pts.; Bamber Bridge Training College, 9 pts.

SAT., NOV. 13TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. LEYLAND MOTORS. AWAY. DRAW.

Rain fell all the morning and continued to fall throughout the game. Although the School did not score, they went close many times. The pack played well and heeled the ball many times but the state of the ground and ball hampered the backs. The school defence was sure and seldom looked like failing.

If the team continue to play so well they will win many games.

Result : School, nil ; Leyland Motors "A," nil.

THURSDAY, NOV. 18TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. SEDBERGH SCHOOL 3RD XV. AWAY. LOST.

The School began snappily and gained an early lead when Brown dropped a good goal and Brindle scored an unconverted try. After this, however, Sedbergh began to take command of the game and had drawn level 6 pts. each at half-time. In the second half Sedbergh scored an early try. The School covering was particularly good now and Sedbergh gained little ground with their back movements.

The School backs, because they did not get a share of the ball, seldom looked like scoring and the School were a beaten team at full time.

Result : School, 6 pts.; Sedbergh, 3rd XV, 11 pts.

SAT., NOV. 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. HUTTON G.S. 1ST XV. HOME. LOST.

After a slow start the School recovered and the backs covered well, but keen tackling produced a "pointless" first half. Although they got a good service from the scrum the School "threes" were sluggish. A penalty was kicked and a try was converted against the school. Two more tries were scored but the game ended with the School still pressing.

Result : School, 0 pts.; Hutton G.S., 18 pts.

WED., NOV. 24TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. STONYHURST 3RD XV. AWAY. WON.

Having played three games without a victory the School were determined to win and strengthened by the return of Milligan and Brindle, they defeated a good Stonyhurst team. The pack played well and got a good share of the ball from scrums and line outs. The School backs had improved since their match against Hutton and in his debut as full back, McCalla did well. In the first half Waring and Manchester scored tries, and after the interval further tries were scored by Waring and Brown. A penalty and a dropped goal were kicked by Waring and Brindle dropped a neat goal. The school defence was good and on the whole the game was a heartening performance.

Result : School, 21 pts.; Stonyhurst, 0 pts.

SAT., DEC. 4TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. ORMSKIRK G.S. AWAY. LOST.

The School were nine points down in as many minutes. The pack dribbled well but the backs could not penetrate Ormskirk's defence. Three penalty shots went wide in the first half and the score at half-time was 0-9. In the second half the school did most of the attacking. Milligan crossed the line but could not touch down and Waring had a try disallowed. Just before the whistle Ormskirk backs broke through and although tackled, their left winger regained the ball to score well out.

Although playing well the School was beaten by a team which was stronger on the day's play.

Result : School, 0 pts.; Ormskirk G.S., 12 pts.

WED., DEC. 8TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. ROSSALL 2ND XV. AWAY. LOST.

The School were beaten by a better team and could make no excuse. Rossall were stronger and fitter and because of this they "backed up" a great deal and had some lovely close-passing moves. As some of their passes went astray, if the school pack had been on the ball they might have scored. The clever Rossall pack were adept at wheeling and scored three times by doing this.

The School backs showed several clever moves but seem to have lost their penetrative power. Blundell, K., provided what little "dash" the pack possessed.

Result : School, 0 pts.; Rossall, 22 pts.

WED., DEC. 15TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. BAMBER BRIDGE T.C. XV. HOME. LOST.

The game was played under difficult conditions, the pitch being very muddy. The college had several new players and were a much improved side. The School backs never had a good move and although playing hard the School pack could not hold their heavier opponents. In the first half the college scored a converted try. In the second half, though trying hard, the School could only score once more through Wright, while the college scored twice.

Result : School, 3 pts.; Bamber Bridge T.C., 11 pts.

SAT., JAN. 15TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. LEYLAND MOTORS "A" XV. HOME. LOST.

The School were again unlucky in having to play the Motors under conditions which kept most of the play to the forwards. The Motors were stronger all round and in the first half scored two tries, both of which were converted. The School tried hard in the second half but could not score a try. Waring converted two penalties but the game, even then, reached no great heights as a rugby match.

Result : School, 6 pts.; Motors "A" XV, 10 pts.

SAT., JAN. 22ND. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. HUTTON G.S. 1ST XV. AWAY. LOST.

Although playing against the wind the School were only 8-3 down at the interval—Waring having scored a try. After the interval Hutton scored six further tries, while Waring, for the School, kicked two penalty goals. The tackling and covering of the forwards was very poor while the backs lacked power in attack. Yates was hurt in the second half and had to leave the field but Hutton were well in front and deserved their double victory over the School.

Result : School, 9 pts.; Hutton G.S., 28 pts.

SAT., FEB. 13TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS 3RD XV. AWAY. LOST.

The pitch was very bad and although only eleven points down at half time the school team were beaten. Mather, who was hurt in the first 10 mins., did not play in the second half. The 'Hoppers scored several tries after the interval and a wet and dejected School team offered little resistance. Wright did well in the pack and in his first game Nelson was cool at full back. The School had not got the same spirit as the keen Preston side.

Result : School, 0 pts.; Preston Grasshoppers, 39 pts.

SAT., FEB. 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. WIGAN G.S. 1ST XV. AWAY. LOST.

The pitch was dry and a very open, fast game resulted. Both teams were always willing to throw the ball about. Though losing 6-0 at half time, the school fought back strongly, mostly led by Ball. It was against the run of play when Wigan increased their lead to 11 pts. The school still played hard but it was almost full time when Waring scored a try which he converted.

Result : School, 5 pts.; Wigan G.S., 11 pts.

WED., FEB. 24TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. STONYHURST COLLEGE 2ND XV. HOME. LOST.

The ground was soft and the ball greasy, and the visiting pack took control of the game. The School backs, without the ball, could make no progress. Stonyhurst scored two rather scrappy tries in the first half. The school took the lead in the second half. Milligan broke through and Waring, backing up well, scored between the posts. Then Waring intercepted near his own line, made ground and kicked up and Meadows touched down. Then the threequarter defence broke down and Stonyhurst regained the lead. This was very disappointing, but because of the strong play of their forwards, Stonyhurst deserved their narrow victory.

Result : School, 8 pts.; Stonyhurst, 9 pts.

1st XV

P.	W.	D.	L.
19	5	2	12

RUGBY KNOCK-OUTS

In a replayed 1st round Clayton beat Cuerden. Farington created something of a surprise by beating Worden. They could not, however, hold the powerful Clayton pack and after a pointless first half, Clayton won easily.

RUGBY LEAGUES

				P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Cuerden	..	..	..	9	8	1	0	16
Farington	..	..	..	9	5	4	0	10
Worden	..	..	..	9	3	6	0	6
Clayton	..	..	..	9	2	7	0	4

HOCKEY, 1948-49.

Captain : B. Hinchcliffe

This has been a full and enjoyable season in which we fulfilled all but three of our nineteen fixtures.

The honours go to the half-backs, to whom the success of the team was mainly due. The forwards lacked speed and were at first too easily intimidated ; too often they failed to finish off successfully some very good moves, but with such excellent support from their halves, they developed much more determination and tenacity as the season progressed.

This year, for the first time, we entered the Lancashire Schools Tournament held at Liverpool in March. It was a most satisfactory finish to the season and all the players found the short matches with such a variety of schools a most useful and enjoyable experience. Excitement reached a very high pitch when we defeated a previously unbeaten team which afterwards reached the Semi-Final, and we felt that this atoned for an otherwise rather mediocre performance.

The second eleven proved a very promising side and scored no less than seventy-one goals in thirteen games.

TEAM CRITICISMS

Goal : O. Coates. Has again proved a sound and dependable goalkeeper.

Right Back : J. Taylor. Tackles quickly and efficiently, combining well with the right half.

Left Back : E. Wood. A determined but rather erratic defender who, however, proved her worth later in the season.

Right Half : J. Moss. A most reliable half. Very sure and quick to intercept.

Centre Half : O. Penlington. Tackles confidently and with smooth efficiency, and controls much of the game because she thinks ahead.

Left Half : E. Bennett. A lively and hard-working half whose stickwork has developed considerably this season.

Right Wing : H. Burnie. Quick off the mark every time, and judges her passes accurately.

Right Inner : M. Hargreaves. Stickwork good and plays an intelligent game but is a little unsure. With more speed and determination should develop into a useful forward.

Centre Forward : B. Hinchcliffe. Inclined to be erratic but strong and forceful, and when roused puts real dash and fire into her attack.

Left Inner : M. Hosker. A hard-working forward with plenty of grit. Will prove a most useful member of the team if more control is developed.

Left Wing : J. Spencer. Has gained in speed and accuracy, though not always forceful enough.

C.I.P.

SEPT. 19TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. WON, 6-1.

The first match of the season was played in glorious weather. The shooting of the forwards was not up to standard but the halves proved themselves tireless and the mainstay of the team.

SEPT. 25TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. WON, 5-3.

We gained another victory but the game was played much more skilfully and quickly than the first of the season.

OCT. 9TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. RIVINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON, 4-0.

Our opponents were not a particularly strong team and this slowed down the game. Neither our forwards nor backs were as quick as they might have been, but the half-backs again marked very well.

OCT. 16TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HINDLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. AWAY. LOST, 1-4.

Our first defeat this season was also the first our team has ever suffered at Hindley. The Hindley forwards were much speedier than ours and added determination to their attack, foiling all the attempts of our halves and backs to prevent them from scoring. However, we hope to profit from the lessons learnt from our opponents.

NOV. 6TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST, 1-3.

Luck seemed against us from the start in this game. We made valiant attempts to score but our judgement was hasty and shooting was rather wild and inaccurate. This second defeat rather discouraged us but we are determined to rise again.

NOV. 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. DRAWN, 2-2.

This was an exceedingly quick game, both sides maintaining a good standard of play for seventy minutes. We were winning by 2 goals at half-time but Ormskirk scored twice in the second half, making the final score even.

NOV. 13TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. AWAY. DRAWN, 2-2.

We arrived at Ashton in a downpour and after a great deal of discussion and delay, decided to enter into combat on a quagmire of a pitch. The game was more a test of endurance than of skill or tactics and under such bad conditions a draw was the most satisfactory result that could be hoped for.

NOV. 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. UPHOLLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON, 5-1.

This was a good game in which our team played extremely well as a whole. The shooting showed a marked improvement, being quick and accurate. Although we had the advantage of being on our own ground we did seem to be the better team.

NOV. 27TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON, 7-1.

In this second match against Chorley we again won by a wide margin. Our forwards found the defence rather easy to break through and scored seven times.

DEC. 4TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. BLACKPOOL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. WON, 2-0.

The teams were well matched and neither managed to score in the first half. Our centre half scored the first goal of the game, and spurred on by this, the forwards pressed harder and scored again to win.

DEC. 11TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON, 7-1.

We were surprised to discover that our nearest rivals were not as formidable as we had expected, and in a game which rather lacked excitement or enterprise we scored seven times to the Park School's one goal.

JAN. 22ND. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON, 6-1.

Although at the beginning it appeared that both teams were evenly matched, Ormskirk's defence became rather flurried in the second half while ours remained a tower of strength, tackling stubbornly and unflinchingly. The forwards pressed strongly and scored three goals in quick succession during the last ten minutes.

JAN. 29TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD 1ST XI. HOME. WON, 3-1.

Ashton had an outstanding forward line, including an extremely competent centre forward, but all except one of their attempts to score were thwarted by our stalwart and dependable backs, who enabled our forwards to score three times.

FEB. 5TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. WON, 3-0.

An icy wind, a pitch frozen hard and consequently a bouncing ball difficult to control, were really unsuitable conditions for a hockey match. Nevertheless we played, and although neither team found it possible to play "all-out" we proved ourselves more tenacious in tackling and speedy in delivering the ball, winning by three goals to none.

FEB. 25TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. WIGAN HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON, 10-0.

A lack of combination in the Wigan team, with an absence of any determined attack, turned this into an easy victory for us. Our halves and backs combined so well that they made it impossible for the Wigan forward line to make any reply to our ten goals.

FEB. 26TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. UPHOLLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST, 1-2.

If we went to Upholland in too confident a frame of mind after our recent easy victory, this game proved a salutary shock. The home team played with an aggression and a deadly determination which we failed to overcome, and although we kept the play in and around the Upholland circle for practically the whole game, we could only reply once to Upholland's two goals.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MATCHES

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	16	11	2	3
2nd XI	13	11	1	1

LEAGUES

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points
Cuerden	9	6	1	2	13
Farington	9	2	4	3	8
Worden	9	2	3	4	7
Clayton	9	2	2	5	6

KNOCK-OUTS

Clayton beat Farington. Worden beat Cuerden.

Final: Worden beat Clayton.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING, 1949.

It is probable that the School has never witnessed a higher standard of proficiency in this sphere and it is regrettable that it was not possible to obtain more fixtures to allow the School team to display its very competent prowess. However, as this stage of the year is a busy one in several activities for all schools, we found ourselves limited to only two fixtures.

Even of these two, however, one—that against Blackpool Grammar School, on our course—was rendered impossible by bad weather. A fortnight later, we defeated Kirkham Grammar School and an R.A.F. team on the Kirkham course. Points were as follows:—

Balshaw's: 35.

Kirkham: 57.

R.A.F.: 87.

In the Inter-house matches, the first man home in the Junior course was Smith, K. R. (Cl.), his time being 15 min. 3 sec.—a creditable performance considering there was a strong wind blowing. The Senior run had to be postponed until the beginning of the Summer term but the field had the compensation of excellent weather conditions. The competition too was made spectacular by the fact that Waring, J. M. (Cu.), broke the record (his time being 21 min. 52 sec.) and Busfield came very near to equalling it. The cup went to Cuerden again this year, points scored being as follows:—

	Senior	Junior	Total
Cuerden	128	222	350
Clayton	162½	278	440½
Farington	190½	335	525½
Worden	123½	402	525½

Colours were re-awarded to Entwisle and Waring, and awarded to Busfield. All worked keenly throughout the season and did much to inspire the rest of the team, and Entwisle especially is to be congratulated on his painstaking captaincy.

W.J.D.

ROUNDERS, 1949.

Captain : B. Hinchcliffe

Although we had few matches the standard of play was generally good, owing to the fact that there is much more opportunity and space for large numbers to play rounders, rather than tennis, every day during the summer term. Fielding was good and the deep fielders covered each other well, while the batting was rather variable.

Betty Hinchcliffe was unfortunately absent for most of the matches, and Jean Spencer was an able acting-captain in her absence.

Bowler : O. Coates.

Backstop : J. Taylor.

1st Base : M. Hosker.

2nd Base : J. Spencer.

3rd Base : B. Clithero.

1st Deep : R. Brennand.

2nd Deep : J. Gardner.

3rd Deep : V. Kite.

4th Deep : E. Wood or B. Wilson.

I. Crompton also played until she left in mid-term.

C.I.P.

MAY 14TH :

SCHOOL 1ST IX v. BLACKPOOL COLLEGIATE 1ST IX. AWAY. LOST, 4-4½.

SCHOOL 2ND IX v. BLACKPOOL COLLEGIATE 2ND IX. AWAY. WON, 5-2½.

MAY 21ST :

SCHOOL 1ST IX v. HINDLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST IX. HOME. WON, 7-3½.

SCHOOL 2ND IX v. HINDLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND IX. HOME. WON, 12-3.

MAY 28TH :

SCHOOL 1ST IX v. WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCHOOL 1ST IX. AWAY. LOST, 2½-3½.

SCHOOL 2ND IX v. WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCHOOL 2ND IX. AWAY. WON, 4-2.

SCHOOL 1ST IX v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST IX. HOME. WON, 9-0.

SCHOOL 2ND IX v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND IX. HOME. WON, 22½-1½.

JULY 14TH :

SCHOOL 1ST IX v. THE STAFF IX. LOST, ½-11.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MATCHES

Played	Won	Lost
5	2	3
	46	

HOUSE LEAGUES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Points
Farington	3	3	0	0	6
Cuerden	3	2	0	1	4
Worden	3	1	0	2	2
Clayton	3	0	0	3	0

HOUSE KNOCK-OUTS

Clayton beat Farington. Cuerden beat Worden.

Final Winners : Cuerden.

CRICKET, 1949.

We had a summer of sunshine, hard wickets and lots of runs. The 1st XI had another very successful season, once again only losing the first match, and rather surprisingly winning the last. The bowling was good, the fielding much improved and the batting, while not as good, was usually adequate. The batting was, at times, rather negative and batsmen were too early kept on the defensive for too long. More attention to stroke-play will remedy this.

THE COLTS

The Colts had a disappointing season. This was due, almost entirely, to weak or timid batting which allowed the opposing attack to take wickets very cheaply. The bowling was adequate and if the batsmen had played their part, in accordance with their abilities, a much more successful season would have been enjoyed.

Many of the team were very young and will be available next year, so we look forward to more confident displays as experience is gained.

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI

Waring (Capt.). A good captain and a much improved bat. He also fielded well behind the wicket.

Watkinson. Although not finding many wickets to his liking he bowled very well and had a good season.

Howcroft. Developed into a good opening bat. Is careful and has a good defence. Should now put more power into his shots.

Brindle. A very useful all-rounder. An attacking bat, a good change bowler and quick in the field.

Maden. A very promising young player. Has a good style in batting and should get many runs with increased power and experience.

Ismay. Should make a good fast-medium bowler. Brings the ball down from a good height and did well on the hard wickets.

Nelson. Had an unlucky season. Is rather too careful. With a little luck will get plenty of runs this next year.

Broadbent. A keen, if unorthodox, bat, he had his moments.

Wright. Played some useful innings. Fielding needs practice.

Harrison. Another young player of promise; should try to speed up his footwork and reactions.

Allsup. A useful left arm bowler who improved in length and direction; we expect more of him this year. A keen and successful fielder.

Kay. Batted well and was a useful change bowler.

R.A.B.

SAT. MAY 15TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON CATHOLIC COLLEGE. HOME. LOST.

The School lost the toss and the college batted on a very hard wicket. After being 33 for 4 they reached 92. The school fielded badly and several catches were put down. Watkinson took 4 for 31 and Brindle 2 for 5. Only Waring (16), Howcroft (13) and Maden reached double figures. Maden was undefeated after scoring 30 when the School were all out for 76.

Result: School, 76; Preston Catholic College, 92.

THURS., MAY 19TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HUTTON G.S. AWAY. DRAWN.

The School fielded and the field-work was good. Watkinson and Ismay bowled steadily and Hutton could not score quickly. The last Hutton wicket fell at 82 after 135 mins. Brindle took 4 for 16. The school did badly in their innings, only Howcroft (10) and Broadbent (13) reaching double figures. The last batsmen were at the wicket when "time" came with the score at 52 for 9.

Result: School, 52 for 9; Hutton G.S., 82.

SAT., MAY 22ND. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. KIRKHAM G.S. 1ST XI. HOME. WON.

Kirkham fielded first and the School batsmen could only score slowly owing to their opponents' steady bowling. Howcroft once again steadied the School and he was top scorer with 21. Watkinson made 10 runs. The School were all out by lunch and Kirkham were set 69 to get. After Ismay had taken a wicket before they scored, Kirkham never looked like winning.

Ismay (5 for 14) and Watkinson (5 for 18) bowled unchanged.

Result: School, 68; Kirkham G.S., 36.

WED., MAY 25TH. A SCHOOL XI v. COUNTY OFFICES XI. HOME. WON.

The School batted first on a good wicket. Howcroft (34) and Brindle (23) scored 57 for the opening stand. The innings was closed with the score at 104 for 6; Harrison (17) was the only one to get double figures apart from these two. The County Offices offered little resistance to some good bowling and were dismissed for 48 runs. Ismay took 4 for 12 and Allsup 3 for 12.

Result: School, 104 for 6; County Offices, 48.

WED., JUNE 1ST. A SCHOOL XI v. BAMBER BRIDGE T.C. WON.

It rained continually throughout the game but despite this it was enjoyed by all. The School scored 94 for 8; Waring (11), Brindle (32), Mr. Morgan (11) and Wright (15) reached double figures. The College scored 68 for 8, being unable to score quickly against the steady bowling of Ismay and Watkinson who shared the wickets.

Result: School, 94 for 8; Bamber Bridge T.C., 68 for 8.

WED., JUNE 22ND. A SCHOOL XI v. A COUNTY OFFICES XI. HOME. WON.

County Offices batted first on a hard wicket but due to the steady bowling of Mr. Bennison and Ismay they never got on top. County Offices were all out for 65 runs. Mr. Bennison took 7 wickets for 25 runs. Waring and Taylor put 46 on for the second wicket before Taylor was out. The School scored 66 for the loss of these two wickets in seventeen overs. Waring was 21 not out.

Result: School, 66 for 2; County Offices, 65.



CROSS COUNTRY VIII, 1949.

Back row: (left to right) Allsup, Singleton, Bamber, Hurst, B.
Front row: (left to right) Ball, Entwisle (Captain), Waring, Busfield.

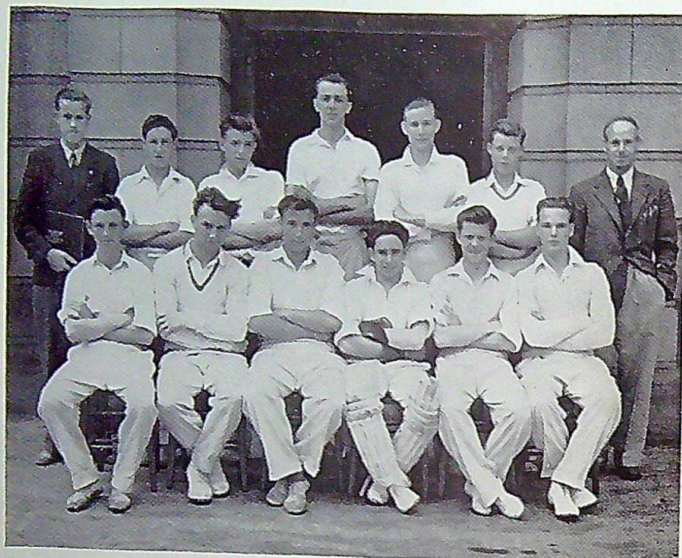


SCHOOL 1st XV RUGGER, 1948-49.

Back row: (left to right) Nelson, Broadbent, Manchester, Yates, Howcroft, Singleton, Johnston, Ball.

Front row: (left to right) Entwisle, Blundell, Meadows, Waring (Captain), Milligan, Brindle, Bamber.

Played 19 Won 5 Drawn 2 Lost 12



SCHOOL CRICKET XI, 1949.
Back row : (left to right) Darbyshire (scorer), Harrison, Allsup, Ismay, Wright, Maden, Mr. Bennison.
Front row : (left to right) Nelson, Broadbent, Watkinson, Waring (Captain), Brindle, Howcroft.
Played 7 Won 4 Lost 1 Drawn 2



SCHOOL HOCKEY XI, 1948-49.
Back row : (left to right) E. M. Bennett, O. M. Penlington, J. Moss, J. Taylor, E. Wood, O. B. Coates.
Front row : (left to right) H. A. L. Burnie, M. Hargreaves, E. M. Hinchcliffe (Captain), M. Hosker, J. Spencer.
Played 16 Won 11 Drawn 2 Lost 3

THE BALSHAVIAN

Autumn Term, 1949

SAT., JUNE 25TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. CHORLEY G.S. 1ST XI. HOME. DRAW.

The School started badly but thanks to Maden, Brindle, Nelson, Broadbent and Watkinson, the School were able to declare at tea with the score 169 for 7, made in two hours. After getting two easy wickets the School bowlers seldom looked like getting the Chorley team out, although Ismay was unlucky on many occasions. At the close Chorley were 75 for 4.

Result : School, 169 for 7 ; Chorley G.S., 75 for 4.

WED., JUNE 30TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. OLD BOYS XI. HOME. WON.

The School batted first but could not score quickly against a good attack. Only Nelson, Watkinson and Wright could reach double figures and the School scored 75 for 8.

The light was bad when the Old Boys batted, and Ismay, who took 6 for 22, was dangerous throughout. The Old Boys scored more slowly than the School and had 8 wickets down for 55 runs after 25 overs.

Result : School, 75 for 8 ; Old Boys, 55 for 8.

WED., JULY 7TH. A SCHOOL XI v. PRESTON IMPERIAL C.C. HOME. WON.

Preston batted first but collapsed against Mr. Bennison (5 for 19) and Ismay (4 for 20), who were backed up by some good fielding. They were all out for 40 runs in sixteen overs.

The school took 16 overs to knock off the runs for the loss of six wickets. Howcroft was top scorer with 22.

Result : School, 42 for 6 ; Preston Imperial C.C., 40.

SAT., JULY 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. KIRKHAM G.S. AWAY. WON.

Kirkham batted first and Watkinson took a wicket in his first over. Kirkham were all out for 55. Watkinson took 6 for 16.

On a very hard, dusty wicket this was not a bad score, as the School found out for only Waring batted confidently. The School made 62 for 5. Waring, who was out in the last over, after the Kirkham score had been passed, scored 44.

Result : School, 62 for 5 ; Kirkham G.S., 55.

TUESDAY, JULY 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. THE STAFF. WON.

The wicket was softer than those of the previous weeks. School batted first and were soon in trouble, having 3 wickets down for 28 runs. Then Nelson and Broadbent put on 70 runs for the third wicket. The School were all out for 140 and the Staff had 130 minutes in which to get the runs. Except for a stand between Mr. Bennison and Mr. Leithead (32) they seldom looked like avoiding defeat. They were all out for 88. Nelson took 4 for 26 and Allsup 3 for 28.

Result : School 1st XI, 140 ; Staff, 88.

RECORD OF 1ST XI. MATCHES

P.	W.	L.	D.
7	4	1	2

LEAGUES

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Cuerden	..	3	1	0	4
Worden	..	3	1	0	4
Clayton	..	3	0	1	2
Farington	..	3	0	1	2

In the play-off Cuerden defeated Worden.

KNOCK-OUTS

Clayton beat Farington and Cuerden beat Worden in the semi-finals. Clayton, after a good first innings, were always on top and won easily.

Clayton, 120 and 75.

Cuerden, 90 and 35.

Cuerden won the Hollins Cup for schoolboys under fifteen, defeating a Leyland Secondary Modern School team in the final.

TENNIS, 1949.

Captain : J. Rodda

Again the tennis season seemed all too short but the weather was good and the team worked hard in an effort to improve strokes. Poor footwork is still our main drawback, however, and the players must realize that a greater readiness to anticipate and move accordingly will enable them to time and produce every kind of stroke with more accuracy and finish.

TEAM CRITICISMS

1st Couple :

J. Rodda. Has very good style and plays with confidence.

J. Barker. A steady player with an accurate service, but must improve her footwork.

2nd Couple :

O. Penlington. Forehand and backhand drives and net play good, but is rather tense and should aim at a free and open service.

H. Burnie. An alert and promising player with a very good drive, but must aim at greater accuracy.

3rd Couple :

M. Turner and *E. Bennett* made a very steady and reliable pair who proved a great asset to the team, invariably winning more games than they lost.

C.I.P.

MAY 14TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. BLACKPOOL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL 1ST VI. AWAY. LOST.

The team had not had enough practice before the first match of the season and consequently the standard of tennis was not very high. The Collegiate as usual played a good game of tennis and they showed us that our net play and court technique would have to be more polished before we could hope to play a better game.

Result : School, 35 games ; Blackpool Collegiate, 46 games.

MAY 18TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ASHTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST VI. HOME. LOST.

It was unfortunate that this match followed on so quickly after the match with Blackpool as we had not had the time to correct our mistakes. We were also handicapped by having to play a reserve. The team had a hard struggle and only lost by one game.

Result : School, 40 games ; Ashton Grammar School, 41 games.

JUNE 18TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. WIGAN HIGH SCHOOL 1ST VI. HOME. WON.

By the middle of the season the team had, with practice, improved considerably. Most of our strokes were more polished, but the service stroke and the net play were weak in some cases. We also tended to play a defensive game instead of attacking and going out for our shots.

Result : School, 49 games ; Wigan High School, 32 games.

JUNE 25TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST VI. AWAY. WON.

This match at Ormskirk was played on grass courts and the team took a little while to settle down. The team was, however, more confident and went out for every stroke. It proved to be a good match and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Result : School, 50 ; Ormskirk Grammar School, 31.

JUNE 30TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. THE OLD GIRLS. HOME. LOST.

The standard of tennis was much higher when we played the Old Girls than it had been at the beginning of the season. All members of the team played a good game and we were able to give the Old Girls a good match. The second couple played exceptionally well and managed to beat the Old Girls' first couple.

Although the School was defeated this was certainly the most enjoyable match of the season.

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

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MATCHES

	Played 5	Won 2	Lost 3					
LEAGUES								
		P.	W.	D.	L.	Points		
Cuerden	3	3	0	0	6		
Worden	3	1	1	1	3		
Clayton	3	1	0	2	2		
Farington	3	0	1	2	1		

KNOCK-OUTS

Winners : Clayton.

CHESS, 1948-49

Last year we had a very successful year. Although the Balshaw's team contained the only schoolboy players in any team in the newly-formed Preston Chess League, we finished the season only $\frac{1}{2}$ point behind the leaders.

Preston Chess Club, itself, was expected, of course, to finish in the lead. It contains many of the more experienced players in the district and has many reserves to fall back on. Nevertheless, before the last match of the season was played (between Preston and Balshaw's) we were $\frac{1}{2}$ point ahead. Actually, on the date appointed for the match, the whole of the Balshaw's team turned up at the Preston Club, only to find that three of the best Preston players were down with 'flu. Had we played it there and then, we should most likely have won the match and, with it, the Championship. But we allowed Preston a few days grace, and when the game was finally played, we lost $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, and so finished second.

A feature of the season was G. N. Chase's success in the Preston and District Knock-out Tournament. All the best players in the district entered, but Chase reached the final. He was beaten by L. L. Lees, a Lancs. County player and former champion of Preston. I decline to reveal whom Chase "polished off" in the semi-final !!

Full details of the League matches played were as follows :—

Rival Clubs :	Result :
Leyland C.C.	Won, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.
Fulwood and Broughton C.C.	Lost, $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$.
Preston County Offices	Won, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.
Preston C.C.	Drawn, 4-4.
Leyland C.C.	Drawn, 4-4.
Preston County Offices	Won, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.
Fulwood and Broughton C.C.	Won, 5-3.
Preston C.C.	Lost, $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$.

B.L.W.

HOUSE NOTES.

CLAYTON HOUSE

House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull, M.A.*House Mistress* : Miss A. Doherty, B.A.*House Captains* : Broadbent, B. G. (Boys) ; J. Williams (Girls).

In the past year Clayton was somewhat more successful than of late in the field of Sport. The boys succeeded in winning the Rugby and Cricket Knock-outs, and the girls, the Tennis Knock-outs.

On Sports Day, when we were second in the field, fate stepped in—Busfield was unfortunate enough to break his leg at the beginning of the Open Hurdles Race. This meant that we lost points in most of the events in which he excelled and fell to third place. Still, better luck next time !

Once again we showed our prowess in the intellectual sphere—retaining for a further year the much coveted Silver Griffin.

The House Party was a great success—the “feed” being in the capable hands of Miss Doherty and the entertainment in those of Mr. Bull, assisted by many willing minions.

It only remains for us to welcome the new members of the House and to wish them happiness and success, both at work and at play. Once again we urge you on with the cry “Press on, Regardless !”

CUERDEN

House Master : Mr. R. A. Bennison, M.Sc.*House Mistress* : Miss K. Whewell, A.R.C.A.*House Captains* : Fowler, F. D. (Boys) ; G. Topping (Girls).

Once again it is time to record our successes and failures on the sports field and in the classroom. On looking back we find we have had a fairly successful year.

Our House room is looking very bright with the cups and shields we have gained in the past year. A proof of our enthusiasm is in the five cups and four shields. Waring retained the Victor Ludorum Cup and he and many other Cuerdenites strained hard and brought home the House Championship and Relay cups on Sports Day. We take this opportunity of congratulating all Cuerdenites upon their achievement. Another notable achievement by the Junior boys is the winning of the Hollins Cup. Also adorning our room are the Cross Country and Rounders Knock-out Cups. The shields are for Hockey, Tennis, Rugby and Cricket Leagues.

Unfortunately the Silver Griffin eluded our grasp, so, as far as learning is concerned, we must make still greater efforts.

And now to social activities. The House Party, which was held during the Christmas Term, was as popular as ever. The entertainment maintained the high standard we have always kept in the past. The food was excellent and disappeared miraculously under the onslaught of so many ravenous Cuerdenites. Quite a number of old Cuerdenites were present and a good time was had by all.

Finally, let us send our very best wishes to all those who have left us and extend a welcome hand to the new members who have joined us. Let us hope that we will have another successful year.

Go forward, Cuerden, and Good Luck !

FARINGTON HOUSE

House Master : Mr. W. J. Downer, M.A.*House Mistress* : Miss A. Milroy, B.A.*House Captains* : Nelson, J. R. ; A. D. Standidge.

As we commence another year in the history of Farington House, we pause to reflect on our attainments and disappointments of the last year.

We were not over-successful on the games field—the boys managed to reach the finals of the Rugby Knock-outs, but were eventually defeated by Clayton. The one and only shield that graces our House room was gained by the girls, who won the Rounders Leagues. All the knock-out cups, alas, adorn the rooms of other houses.

The Silver Griffin, which in ages past used to feel “quite at home” with Farington has still not returned to us—we could climb no higher than second in the Order of Merit.

What Farington *does* excel at, though, is giving good House Parties, and the last one upheld this tradition both in the spheres of entertainment and (of great importance) food.

On Sports Day we seem to have been nearer our goal than in the last few years, but we have not quite attained it. We were nearer the top of the table than usual, mainly due in the Senior Events to Entwisle and Milligan (the former also played a great part in the Cross-Country). The Juniors helped in no mean way too—Hall being very prominent in the Boys' events, and the girls' under 13 relay team actually breaking the record !

It is to these budding athletes and the up and coming generation of Faringtonians that we look to bring the house in the very near future to its rightful position—at the top !

WORDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A.*House Mistress* : Miss M. A. Rahill, B.A.*House Captains* : Wright, J. P. ; V. Newsham.

We wish to welcome all our new members and hope that they will remain loyal to Worden and strive to restore the House to its former position at the top of the House tables.

The girls saved us from complete ignominy by winning the Hockey Knock-outs. Boys and girls did indifferently in both the Hockey and Rugger Leagues.

Sports Day was redeemed for us by Jean Spencer, our House Captain, who was Victrix Ludorum, and by the boys who pulled harder and stronger than their opponents in the finals of the Tug-of-War.

On the 20th May we had our yearly House Party, which seemed to be as popular as ever (plenty of good "baggin"), the games being as usual under the able supervision of Mr. Wilkinson.

CORRESPONDENCE

Flat 2,
51, Mitford Street,
Elwood S.3,
Victoria,
Australia.
31st July, 1949.

Dear Editor,

This is Australia calling, that large island twelve thousand miles away, a journey which takes about four weeks by sea !

My mother, father and myself left Liverpool at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 8th. Our home for the next few weeks was the 'M.V. Georgic,' a 27,000 ton P. & O. liner. We all enjoyed our voyage although we were a little sick passing through the Bay of Biscay. We only saw the lights on the rock at Gibraltar as we passed through the straits at 2 a.m.

Port Said was our first port of call. We arrived there in the evening as it was getting dark. The ship was soon surrounded by small boats, their owners selling things 'over the side.' One could buy anything from them, from carpets to nylons. Many Arabs, [redacted] set up shops on the main promenade deck, and no-one went to bed before midnight.

We went through the Suez Canal the next day, which was a Sunday. This was one of the most enjoyable days of our voyage. The canal is so narrow that only one ship can pass through at a time. We had therefore to stop in some of the Bitter Lakes which join up the sections of the canal, while other ships passed through.

We saw numerous canal stations with lovely colourful gardens which broke up the long stretches of desert. Everyone seemed to be working, even though it was Sunday. There were Arabs repairing the sides of the canal and others with their camels loaded waiting to cross it by ferry. We reached the end of the canal late in the afternoon and then we were in the hot Red Sea.

We reached Aden the following Thursday. Everyone was up early trying to recognise the ships in the Bay. Aden itself would be rather pleasant except for the background of brown hills, which resembled slag heaps at a coal mine, but much worse.

We did not visit anywhere else and when we reached Melbourne it was the first time we had been on dry land since we left Liverpool. We passed through the Customs quite easily and were then taken to our new home.

Elwood is a suburb about three and a half miles from Melbourne, while St. Kilda, near-by, is a sea-side place with amusements like Blackpool. It took us a short time to get used to the different conditions here. Transport to and from the city is mainly by trams which are packed to capacity during the peak hours.

Australia is a great country for sport. There are public tennis courts in every town and they are used all the year round. Swimming is also very popular, and as well as the sea there are plenty of swimming baths. Each town has its own cricket ground on which Australian football is played during the winter.

Soccer is not played very much here ; the Australian football is a mixture of soccer and rugby, but mainly rugby.

I have been into the country, or bush, which is its common name, several times. The scenery is very different from that of England. Most of the gum trees I have seen are tall with narrow trunks, but if one goes farther north the trunks are very broad. There are many tree ferns to be found and also many wattle trees. The wattle or mimosa is now beginning to bloom as spring is approaching, the bright yellow making a startling contrast with the green leaves of the trees.

We are all settling down well now and are gradually getting used to the changes. It seems grand to be able to go into a shop for food and really expect to get it. We are rationed for butter and tea but we get sufficient. I enjoy my eggs and bacon for breakfast every morning and also having meat each dinner-time.

Well, I could write much more about food and similar things but it might make you feel envious and hungry, so I will close, hoping you have enjoyed a brief glimpse of Australia.

Yours sincerely,

ELIZABETH BEAL.

"NON SIBI SED ALIIS."

Save The Children Fund (per Mr. Downer)—£18-0-10.

November, 1948—Earl Haig's Poppy Fund—£3-12-3.

April, 1949—Royal Naval Lifeboat Institution—£3-2-2½.

May 7th, 1949—Shepherd Street Mission (per Mrs. Townson)—£5-10-6.

July 1st, 1949—Dr. Barnardo's Homes (1948) (per Miss Royle)—£25-17-3.

September 16th, 1949—St. John Ambulance Brigade (Leyland Division)—£2-17-5.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Only 39 immediate replies were received to the questionnaire sent out in May, 1948, to 570 Old Students, asking them to become members of the newly re-formed Association, and enquiring about their wants and preferences in order to be able better to satisfy them. Others have joined since, and the membership now stands at 95.

The main event of the year was the Re-union at the Masonic Hall last January. It was a very great success socially and financially, there being about 300 present. Its success was due almost entirely to the efforts of those people who contacted almost every "contactable" Old Student in Leyland and district, Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall, Chorley, Eccleston and Longridge. Evidently, personal contact is the most successful method of engendering enthusiasm. We hope that this year's Re-union, on January 4th, will be early enough for those Old Students who have to return to University or Training College. We hope too for the same co-operation we found last year.

Other social events during the year were :

1. A Dance in the School Hall on November 13th : our first venture, with rather discouraging results.
2. A Hot-Pot Supper and Social Evening in the School Hall. This included two plays by the re-formed Dramatic Society. This most successful event will be repeated, as it attracted Old Students not usually interested in Dancing.
3. An Old Students' Evening, during which Cricket and Tennis Matches were played against the School and Staff.

We have not yet succeeded in forming an Old Boys' Rugger XV. We feel sure there are sufficient Old Students who would enjoy occasional games ; all we need is one or two enthusiasts willing to do all the necessary spadework.

The Cricket Team already has an organiser, Mr. W. McKittrick, to whom our thanks are due. It is hoped that there will be several matches next season.

The Dramatic Society has been successfully launched by the Old Girls' Section, and the names of all who expressed an interest in Drama were passed on to Mrs. Lee. At present, lack of men threatens the Society with premature extinction.

If this is to be a successful Association, it must have a number of flourishing sub-sections. The profit on the past year's working is only the beginning of the job of building up a financial reserve, and although we hope most sub-sections will become completely self-supporting, they will have to be financed in the first place from the General Account.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Oldland for his constant help and his readiness at all times to permit us to make use of all facilities the School has to offer. And finally, our thanks are due to Miss Moss, the School Secretary, who has been of enormous help in compiling vast lists of Old Students.

R. T. SHEPHERD.

OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

The Croft,
Church Lane,
Farington,
Nr. Preston.
Tuesday, Oct. 25th.

Dear Editor,

The Old Girls' Association has now been revived and we hope that our small membership of the past year will increase as our activities become more widely known.

The subscription is 5/- per annum though only 2/6 for the first three years after leaving school.

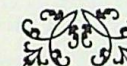
We have had many interesting gatherings throughout the past year, including the Re-union, a Sports Evening and Dances which were enjoyed by all present.

For the coming season we have arranged Social Evenings and Dances.

The Dramatic Society, in conjunction with the Old Boys, is now busy rehearsing a three act play. We also have an Old Girls' Hockey team.

We hope there will be good support for these future events and that all Old Students will join the Association now.

MARGARET SUTTON, *Hon. Sec.*



CALENDAR.

1949		SEPTEMBER
W.	7	Autumn Term Begins. Supervision Duty : Mr. Downer ; J. Williams ; Watkinson, A.
Th.	8	
F.	9	
S.	10	
M.	12	Supervision Duty : Miss Bromley ; E. Nelson ; Fowler, F. D.
Tu.	13	
W.	14	
Th.	15	
F.	16	
S.	17	
M.	19	Supervision Duty : Miss Lewis ; V. Newsham ; Wright, J. P.
Tu.	20	
W.	21	Old Boys' Annual General Meeting.
Th.	22	Old Girls' Annual General Meeting.
F.	23	
S.	24	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Kirkham G.S. 1st XV (a). School 2nd XV v. Kirkham G.S. 2nd XV (h).
M.	26	Supervision Duty : Mr. Bull ; A. Standidge ; Broadbent, B. G.
Tu.	27	
W.	28	
Th.	29	
F.	30	

		OCTOBER
S.	1	Applications for Entrance to Training Colleges and University Training Departments. Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Hutton G.S. 1st XV (a). School 2nd XV v. Hutton G.S. 2nd XV (h). School Bantam XV v. Hutton G.S. Bantam XV (a). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Rivington G.S. 1st XI (a). School 2nd XI v. Rivington G.S. 2nd XI (a).
M.	3	Supervision Duty : Mr. Leithead ; M. Acton ; Busfield, H. J.
Tu.	4	
W.	5	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. F. (1) ; Cu. v. W. (1). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (1) ; F. v. W. (1).
Th.	6	2-45 p.m.: Central Office of Information Film Show.
F.	7	
S.	8	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Leyland Motors 2nd XV (h). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st XI (h). School 2nd XI v. Ormskirk G.S. 2nd XI (h).
M.	10	Supervision Duty : Mrs. Chisnall ; M. Barber ; Ogden, D. G.
Tu.	11	Chess : School v Preston (h).
W.	12	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Stonyhurst 2nd XV (a).
Th.	13	
F.	14	Last date for receipt of contributions to 'The Balshavian,' Vol. XXV, No. 1.
S.	15	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Wigan G.S. 1st XV (a). School Bantam XV v. Wigan G.S. Bantam XV (a). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Winckley Square School 1st XI (h). School 2nd XI v. Winckley Square School 2nd XI (h).
M.	17	Supervision Duty : Mr. Morgan ; M. Hargreaves ; Porter, J. K.
Tu.	18	
W.	19	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (1) ; F. v. W. (1). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. W. (1) ; Cu. v. F. (1).
Th.	20	
F.	21	
S.	22	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Rossall 2nd XV (a). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Chorley G.S. 1st XI (h). School 2nd XI v. Chorley G.S. 2nd XI (h).

M.	24	Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy ; M. Harrison ; Chapman, E. T.
Tu.	25	
W.	26	
Th.	27	
F.	28	
S.	29	
M.	31	& Nov. 1st Half Term Holiday.

		NOVEMBER
W.	2	Supervision Duty : Mr. Manfield ; N. Hindle ; Yates, V. H.
Th.	3	
F.	4	2-45 p.m. : Lecture "The History of the Orchestra" —Miss B. Moor, Mus. B. L.R.A.M.
S.	5	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Rossall 2nd XV (h). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Blackpool G.S. 1st XI (h). School 2nd XI v. Blackpool G.S. 2nd XI (h).
M.	7	Supervision Duty : Miss Johnson ; D. Rigby ; Blyth, W.
Tu.	8	School party to Blackburn to production of Moliere's 'L' AVARE'
W.	9	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. W. (1) ; Cu. v. F. (1). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. F. (1) ; Cu. v. W. (1).
Th.	10	Chess : School v Fulwood & Broughton (a).
F.	11	
S.	12	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Arnold House School 1st XV (h). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. 1st XI (a).
M.	14	Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson ; M. Spencer ; Swift, F. N.
Tu.	15	
W.	16	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. F. (2) ; Cu. v. W. (2). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (2) ; F. v. W. (2).
Th.	17	
F.	18	Farington House Party.
S.	19	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Sedbergh School 3rd XV (h). School 2nd XV v. Ormskirk G.S. 2nd XV (a). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Hindley G.S. 1st XI (a). School 2nd XI v. Hindley G.S. 2nd XI (a).
M.	21	Supervision Duty : Mr. Downer ; M. Tickle ; Kay, S.
Tu.	22	Chess : School v County Offices (h).
W.	23	
Th.	24	
F.	25	
S.	26	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Preston Grasshoppers Extra A. XV (a). School Bantam XV v. Upholland's Bantam XV (h). Hockey : School 1st XI v. Wigan 1st XI (a).
M.	28	Supervision Duty : Miss Bromley ; J. Todd ; Clarkson, R.
Tu.	29	
W.	30	School Examinations (First Day). Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (2) ; F. v. W. (2). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. W. (2) ; Cu. v. F. (2).

		DECEMBER
Th.	1	School Examinations (Second Day).
F.	2	School Examinations (Third Day).
S.	3	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. Newton-in-Makerfield G.S. 1st XI (h). School 2nd XI v. Newton-in-Makerfield G.S. 2nd XI (h).
M.	5	Supervision Duty : Miss Lewis ; G. Topping ; Blundell, K.
Tu.	6	
W.	7	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. W. (2) ; Cu. v. F. (2). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. F. (2) ; Cu. v. W. (2).
Th.	8	Publication of 'The Balshavian,' Vol. XXV, No. 1.

		Chess : School v Leyland (a)
F.	9	Cuerdon House Party.
S.	10	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Hutton G.S. 1st XV (h). School 2nd XV v. Hutton G.S. 2nd XV (a). School Bantam XV v. Hutton G.S. Bantam XV (h).
		Hockey : School 1st XI v. Preston Park School 1st XI (h). School 2nd XI v. Preston Park School 2nd XI (h).
M.	12	Supervision Duty : Mr. Bull ; K. Abbott ; Nelson J. R.
Tu.	13	
W.	14	2-45 p.m.: Central Office of Information Film Show.
Th.	15	
F.	16	
S.	17	Hockey : School 1st XI v. Hindley G.S. 1st XI (a). School 2nd XI v. Hindley G.S. 2nd XI (a).
M.	19	Supervision Duty : Mr. Leithead ; G. Hornby ; Cook, B. A. 7-30 p.m.: Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes.
Tu.	20	
W.	21	2-0 p.m.: School Carol Service.
Th.	22	Autumn Term Ends. Spring Term Begins : Jan. 10th, 1950. Spring Term Ends : March 31st, 1950. Mid-Summer Term Begins : April 18th, 1950. Mid-Summer Term Ends : July 14th, 1950. Autumn Term Begins : September 6th, 1950.

MISCELLANEA.

Clayton House : House Mistress : Miss A. Doherty, B.A.
House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull, M.A.
House Captains : Broadbent, B. G. J. Williams.
House Colour : Green.
House Room : IV B.

Guerden House : House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell, A.R.C.A.
House Master : Mr. R. A. Bennison, M.Sc.
House Captains : Fowler, F. D. G. Topping.
House Colour : Red.
House Room : III A.

Farington House : House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy, B.A.
House Master : Mr. W. J. Downer, M.A.
House Captains : Nelson, J. R. A. D. Standidge.
House Colour : Gold.
House Room : II B.

Worden House : House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill, B.A.
House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A.
House Captains : Wright, J. P. V. Newsham.
House Colour : Blue.
House Room : II C.

Boys : *Head Boy :* Broadbent, B. G. *Prefects :* Fowler, F. D., Watkinson, A. Wright, J. P. *Sub-Prefects :* Clarkson, R., Swift, F. N., Nelson, J. R., Blyth, W. A., Busfield, H. J., Chapman, E. T., Ogden, D. G., Porter, J. K., Yates, V. H., Kay, S., Blundell, K., Cook, B. A.

Girls : *Head Girl :* A. D. Standidge. *Prefects :* J. P. Williams, V. Newsham, E. Nelson. *Sub-Prefects :* M. Acton, M. Barber, M. Hargreaves, M. Harrison, N. P. Hindle, D. Rigby, M. K. Spencer, M. Tickle, A. J. Todd, G. Topping, K. Abbott, G. Hornby, K. Marsden, J. M. Barker, O. M. Penlington.

Captain of Rugby Football : Wright, J. P.

Captain of Hockey : O. M. Penlington.

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 IIa, 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).
Dancing	.....	Miss Probert (Gymnasium or Hall).
Dramatic	.....	Mr. Downer (Library or Hall).
Foreign Correspondents	.....	Mr. Leithead (L.VI room).
French Circle	.....	Miss Bromley (I.B room).
Gardening	.....	Mr. Leathley (Chem. Lab. or School grounds).
Geographical	.....	Mrs. Sherlock (Geography room).
Gymnastic	.....	Mr. Brown (Gymnasium or II.C room).
Junior Debating....	.....	Miss Johnson (III.A room).
Junior Dramatic	.....	Miss Milroy and Miss Lewis (I.A room).
Junior Literary	.....	Mr. Bull (IV.B room).
Junior Needlework	.....	Miss Doherty (III.C room).
Junior Play Reading	.....	Miss Rahill (IV.C room).
Knitting	.....	Mrs. Chisnall (V.B room).
Musical	.....	Mr. Wilkinson (IV.A room).
Needlework	.....	Miss Ball (Dom. Sc. room).
Ornithological	.....	Mr. Morgan (II.B room).
Photographic	.....	Mr. Speakman (Dark Room or II A room).
Scientific	.....	Mr. Rigby (Adv. Physics Lab.).
Topical Subjects	.....	Mr. Manfield (I.C room).

Meetings :

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

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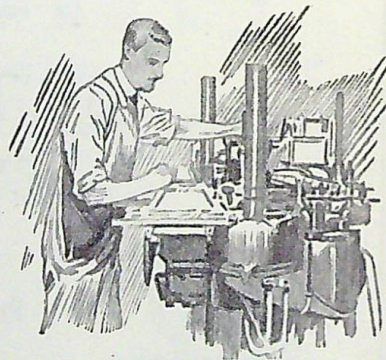
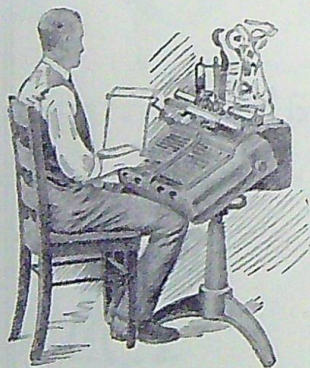
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