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EDITORIAL

In a year in which the international horizon has been shrouded in gloom, and whose weather, in this part of the country at any rate, has been similarly affected, it is pleasant to sponsor something which will alleviate, by its brightness, this drab and dreary outlook. In the modest pages which follow will be found, not only a factual record of the school's activities but also contributions of varied type from those of our schoolfellows who have answered the editor's cry for help.

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SCHOOL NOTES

PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys. *Head Prefect* : Manchester, L. *Prefect* : Blyth, W. A. *Sub-Prefects* : Barr, B., Chapman, M. A., Dawson, J. M. G., Jackson, G., Lawson, W., Livesey, F., Moore, A. H., Palmer, K., Pritchard, H. D., Seed, W. T., Sharples, G., Wrennall, E.

Girls. *Head Prefect* : D. Rigby. *Prefects* : B. Blundell, A. J. Todd, G. Topping. *Sub-Prefects* : A. J. Bradley, R. M. Brennand, D. Brown, O. B. Coates, E. Croft, I. Gardner, F. B. Hamer, E. Holden, M. H. Hosker, B. E. Hunt, V. Kite, M. Lister, A. Mannion, R. B. Maughan, M. Riding, B. Watson, M. I. Withnell.

There have been several changes of Staff since our last issue. We welcome back, once more, Mr. Hilditch who now occupies the position vacated by Miss Johnson, Miss Cummings, who takes the place of Mrs. Chisnall, Mr. Rudd, our new Science Master, Mr. Black, who is to take Music, and Miss Hutchings, our new Physical Training teacher. Our best wishes go with Mrs. Chisnall and Miss Johnson, whom we are sorry to lose.

During the past year, each House has held a House Party. These parties were all enjoyed as usual, as also the Prefects' Social and the newly-instituted Play Party.

After the very successful Carol Service last Christmas, another enjoyable party was held for Choir members, prefects and Old Students.

Speech Day was held on December 19th, when the prizes were presented by Professor T. H. Pear, M.A., Professor of Psychology at Manchester University.

The School Dramatic Society has presented "Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure," by Walter Hackett, since our last issue. We congratulate everyone concerned with the success which the play met with at its three presentations. An appreciation will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Two new form rooms of modern design have been built between the Gymnasium and the Geography Room. The occupiers of them are III.c and Lr.VI.

The Annual Athletic Sports were, as usual, very enjoyable. We congratulate the Victor Ludorum, Moore (Cl.), and the Victrix Ludorum, Eileen Holden (Cl.).

Accounts of the many film shows and lectures which proved to be of interest to all, will be found in this issue.

Several changes have been made in the School Societies. We have no longer a Geographical, a Junior Debating or a Photographic Society. Mrs. Sherlock is now in charge of the Knitting Society in Mrs. Chisnall's place. We have several new Societies: the Debating Society is under the care of Mr. Hilditch, Mr. Hewartson has a Hobbies Society, Miss Cummings takes the Junior Arts and Crafts Society, Mr. Black has a Junior Musical Society, Mr. Speakman has started a Natural History Society and Mr. Rudd has instituted a Meteorological Society.

We are happy to announce that a School Rugby Team reached the quarter-finals in the Public Schoolboys' Seven-a-side Tournament at Manchester.

We are equally pleased to announce that seven of our boys were picked to play for Preston Public Schoolboys against the Fylde. They were: Wright, J. P., Broadbent, B. G., Yates, V., Manchester, L., Mather, K., Blundell, K., Howcroft, J. M.

Yates also played for Fylde and Preston Public Schoolboys versus Waterloo.

We congratulate Jean Montague, an old pupil, who has won the Alex Foster Gold Medal for the "best nurse of the year."

Our congratulations go to Anne Judith Bradley, who gained a Kemsley Travelling Scholarship to Sweden in July.

We are proud to announce that our School Chess Team Captain, Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, won 1st prize in the Major Section at the Chess Congress which took place at Hastings in January. He also gained 2nd prize in the 1st Class Section "A" competition at the British Chess Congress at Buxton in August. We congratulate him on his successes and on having become the Chess Champion of Preston since our last issue.

Our congratulations go also to Mr. Speakman and Miss Ball, two of our teachers, who won the Mixed Doubles Handicap in the Preston and District Tennis Tournament.

We congratulate Miss Brenda Pickburn who, at the same Tournament, won the Ladies' Doubles, and also, two other old students, Ronald Pickburn and Fanny Bell, who were runners-up in other events.

The Hocking Memorial Prizes once more went to two pupils of our school—Eileen Wood and Milligan, A. The presentations took place on November 18th, 1949, in the School Hall, and were made by the Chairman of the Trust. Other trustees of this Memorial were present.

We report with pleasure the success of Mr. R. Bellis, an old student, who has become a Justice of the Peace and Headmaster of Brinscall Methodist School. Our best wishes go to him and to Mr. R. Shepherd, a former Head Boy, who has been made Headmaster of Kirkham Church of England School.

We congratulate Ruth B. Maughan on her recent musical successes. She won 1st prize in the Under Sixteen Class on two occasions during the Southport Musical Festival. We wish her success in her future Festivals.

We have heard of many marriages of Old Students and we send our best wishes to Mr. T. E. Hope and Miss M. Holding, who were both Old Students and are now married. We congratulate Miss E. Fernley on her marriage to Mr. J. Derrick, Miss M. Tullis to Mr. L. Hocking, Miss R. Senior to Mr. L. Kirkham, Miss B. Rawcliffe to Mr. T. S. Jones, Miss A. Farrington to Mr. J. Norman, Miss O. Hargreaves to Mr. G. Heyes, Miss E. Wilson to Mr. G. Baynes, Mr. D. Ashcroft to Miss H. Banks, Mr. G. Wightman to Miss A. Shorrocks, Miss I. Thornley to Mr. B. McKittrick, Mr. D. Butterworth to Miss J. Todd, Mr. F. G. Standidge to Miss E. Wallace, Miss E. Derbyshire to Mr. P. Eagle, and Mr. A. Sharples to Miss M. Singleton. We must apologise for any omissions.

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

The 29 pupils who gained the full Higher School Certificate were:—

K. M. Abbott, B. Blundell, M. Hargreaves, M. Harrison, G. B. Hornby, K. M. Marsden, E. Nelson, V. Newsham, M. K. Spencer, A. J. Todd, Blundell, K., Blyth, W. A., Broadbent, B. G., Chapman, E. T., Clarkson, R., Cook, B. A., Fowler, F. D., Jackson, G., Kay, S., Lawson, W., Milligan, A. E., Nelson, J. R., Porter, J. K., Smith, D., Swift, F. N., Watkinson, A., Wrennall, E., Wright, J. P., Yates, V. H.

The 60 pupils who received the Oxford School Certificate were:—

F. M. Allen, M. Bagshaw, E. Beardsworth, D. Bowes, D. Dack, D. Dalton, S. K. Dawson, A. Dobson, M. H. Farrer, M. Farrimond, I. Gardner, A. Harper, D. B. Harrison, P. R. Higgins, M. D. Jenkinson, B. Jones, P. M. Kirkham, J. M. Lowe, J. Lowry, B. M. Mitchell, M. Morris, I. Ogden, D. Pails, M. I. Prescott, J. M. Robinson, K. M. Sanderson, I. Sharples, A. Singleton, E. Singleton, E. A. Sutton, D. A. Tomlinson, A. Topping, M. Ward, P. Wilkins, A. Withnell, M. I. Withnell, J. Wright, Brown, A., Darbyshire, J. B., Glover, J., Greenwood, F. W., Harrison, F., Heginbotham, C., Johnston, A., Lavender, A. C., Maden, D., Mather, K., Moores, R., Parker, J. W., Peacock, R., Proffitt, P., Robertson, D., Rukin, J., Sanderson, G. O., Smalley, A., Smith, R. K., Taylor, K., Walsh, J., Walton, R., Watkinson, S.

Our congratulations go to Clarkson, R., Blundell, K., and Fowler, D., who have won County Major Scholarships to Universities.

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

L. Latham and K. Marsden, to Edge Hill Training College, Ormskirk; B. Clithero, M. Barber and M. Tickle, to Matlock Training College, Derbyshire; N. Hindle and A. Standidge, to Leeds Training College; V. Newsham and J. Williams, to Goldsmiths Training College, London; E. Nelson and Swift, F. N., to London University; J. Barker, to Avery Hill Training College; H. Burnie, to Worcester Training College; M. Hibbert, to St. Gabriel's College, London; M. Acton, to Southlands College, London; Smith, D., and Milligan, A., to Birmingham University; Clarkson, R., to Hull University; Busfield, H. J., to Worcester Training College; M. Harrison, to Manchester University; Nelson, J., Kay, S., and Broadbent, B. G., to Wigan Technical College; Fowler, F. D., Blundell, K., to Manchester University; Cook, B. A., to Manchester College of Technology; Wright, J. P., to Bangor University; Chapman, E. T., to Durham University.

We congratulate:—

Cuerden on winning the Hockey and Rugby Leagues, the Rounders and Cricket Knockouts, and the Cross-Country Cup; Worden on winning the Tennis and Cricket Leagues; Farington on winning the Rounders Leagues; Clayton on winning the Hockey, Rugby and Tennis Knockouts, the Silver Griffin, and the Sports House Championship Cup; Mr. Wilkinson and Joan Fleetwood on defeating Mr. Bennison and Glenda Topping in the Final of the Tennis Tournament; Johnston, Nelson, Manchester, Howcroft, Watkinson, Blundell, Wright, Broadbent and Yates on gaining their Rugby colours; Moore and Busfield on gaining their Cross Country Running colours; O. Penlington, O. Coates, H. Burnie and M. Hargreaves on gaining their Hockey Colours; Moore and E. Holden on gaining their Athletic Colours; J. Barker and O. Penlington on gaining their Tennis Colours; O. Coates, V. Kite and J. Higham on gaining their Rounders Colours; Wright, Nelson, Maden, Watkinson, Howcroft and Allsup on gaining their Cricket Colours; and the Old Girls' Hockey team on winning the English Cup.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following magazines :—Preston Catholic College Magazine, Wigan Grammar School Magazine, Blackpool Grammar School Magazine, The Rossallian, The Chorleian, The Georgian, Queen Mary School Magazine, Fleetwood Grammar School Magazine, Winckley Square Convent Magazine, The Huttonian, Preston Grammar School Magazine, The Kirkhamian, The Magazine of the Ormskirk Grammar School, Ubique Reminisci, and the Rivingtonian.

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SALVETE.

To Farington House : I. Ainsworth, M. V. Ashton, S. A. Barnes, A. Bradshaw, B. L. D. Dean, B. M. Floyd, P. Gordon, E. Greenwood, S. M. Hooper, K. M. Kershaw, A. Lambert, B. E. Mathews, J. McConnell, R. Paul, K. Pinder, A. H. Sanderson, D. Staton, I. Thompson, A. L. Wilson, Ainscough, E., Ainsworth, J. M., Barker, M., Cardwell, F., Graham, W., Jolly, W., Mee, D., Slattery, R. L., Thwaite, B., Worthington, A. A., Davidson, M.

To Worden House : J. Ayrtton, P. J. Bache, S. M. Bache, B. Botham, J. Cairns, M. F. Chippendale, M. V. Collinson, M. L. Cross, J. Eccles, V. J. Elliot, F. A. Forshaw, P. H. Gow, M. Hesketh, A. Hilton, J. Lumb, J. M. Nutter, S. M. Pennington, A. M. Pilkington, J. Rennie, W. M. Riddell, M. A. Salmon, M. G. Smethurst, D. Starkie, B. Stirk, M. Taylor, A. J. Tyson, D. Taylor, Bretherton, D., Fishwick, G., Grimshaw, J. A., Haydock, R., Iddon, M. I., Marsden, J. B., Ormand, T. A., Pinder, T. A., Rutter, B. J., Summers, J., Ward, D. W.

To Cuerden House : R. I. Cronkshaw, S. J. Harrison, A. P. Heaton, May Hesketh, S. A. Hughes, M. L. Hunt, V. A. Keene, B. J. Little, B. S. Livesey, M. Lyons, A. Manchester, D. R. Parkinson, D. Sumner, M. Turner, G. Priestley, K. Walmsley, I. Wilson, D. Wright, Bidwell, F., Knapman, R. K., Malley, B., Southworth, A., Johnson, T., McCracken, J.

To Clayton House : A. M. Atherton, B. D. Bleasdale, C. H. Booth, J. J. Boswell, L. C. Butterfield, C. M. Chapman, E. Cook, A. K. Edwards, K. M. Flowers, D. Halon, J. Haworth, W. M. Heddon, K. A. Hosker, N. Iddon, V. Kelly, F. K. Maddison, G. T. M. Marsden, J. I. Miller, B. G. Moore, W. Robinson, B. Smith, N. Wilcock, Barton, E., Battersby, A., Brennan, D., Dawber, R. P. R., Ditchfield, D. P., Harper, A. R., Hardwick, J. H., Heaton, P., Ingham, M. F., Jackson, D., Ryding, G. N., Stringfellow, C., Thomas, D. C., Walmsley, S.

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VALETE.

Boys :—

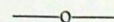
Broadbent, B. G.—U.VI (Cl.). Head Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1947. Higher School Certificate 1950. School 1st Rugby XV 1947-50. School 1st Cricket XI 1947-50. Rugby Colours 1949-50. Cricket Colours 1949-50. School Chess Team. *Fowler, D.*—U.VI (Cu.). School Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1947. Higher School Certificate 1949-50. County Major Scholarship. School 1st Rugby XV. Cricket Leagues. *Nelson, J.*—U.VI (F.). School Sub-Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. School 1st Rugby XV. School 1st Cricket XI. Rugby Colours 1950. Cricket Colours 1950. School Chess Team. *Wright, J. P.*—U.VI (W.). School Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1947. Higher School Certificate 1949-50. School 1st Rugby XV. School 1st Cricket XI. Rugby Colours 1949-50. *Watkinson, A.*—U.VI (Cl.). School Prefect. School Certificate 1947. Higher School Certificate 1949-50. School 1st Rugby XV. School 1st Cricket XI. Rugby Colours 1949-50. *Milligan, A. E.*—U.VI (F.). School Prefect. School Certificate 1947. Higher School Certificate 1949-50. School 1st Rugby XV 1948-49. School Cross-Country Team 1949. *Kay, S.*—U.VI (F.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1947. Higher School Certificate 1950. Rugby Knockouts. School 1st Cricket XI 1950. *Chapman, E.*—U.VI (F.). School Sub-Prefect. Higher School Certificate 1950. School Play. *Blundell, K.*—U.VI (Cl.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. County Major Scholarship. School 1st Rugby XV 1949-50. Cricket Leagues. Rugby Colours 1950. School Play 1947-50. *Busfield, H. J.*—U.VI (Cl.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1947. School 2nd Rugby XV. School Cross-Country Team (Captain). Cross-Country Colours 1949-50. *Howcroft, M.*—U.VI (Cl.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. School 1st Rugby XV 1947-50. School 1st Cricket XI 1947-50. Rugby Colours 1950. Cricket Colours 1949-50. *Allsup, S.*—U.VI (Cu.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. School 2nd Rugby XV. School 1st Cricket XI 1947-50. School Cross-Country Team 1947-50. Cricket Colours 1949-50. *Smith, D.*—U.VI (F.). School Sub-Prefect.

School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. Scholarship to Birmingham University. Rugby Knockouts. School 2nd Cricket XI. *Clarkson, R.*—U.VI (Cl.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. County Major Scholarship. Open Scholarship to Hull University. Rugby Knockouts. Cricket Knockouts. *Cook, B. A.*—U.VI (W.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. Rugby Knockouts. Cricket Leagues. School Cross-Country Team. *Yates, V. H.*—U.VI (Cu.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. School 1st Rugby XV 1949-50. School 1st Cricket XI 1950. Rugby Colours 1950. *Swift, F. N.*—U.VI (F.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1947. Higher School Certificate 1949-50. Editor of the 'Balshavian' 1949-50. *Porter, K.*—U.VI (W.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1947. Higher School Certificate 1950. Rugby Knockouts. Cricket Knockouts. School Chess Team. *Ogden, D.*—U.VI (Cl.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1947. School 1st Rugby XV. Cricket Knockouts. *Marland, H. B.*—L.VI (F.). School Certificate 1949. School 2nd Rugby XV. Cricket Leagues. School Play Technician and Decorator. *Bamber, D.*—L.VI (Cl.). School Certificate 1949. Cricket Knockouts. School Cross-Country Team. *Hurst, B.*—L.VI (Cu.). School Certificate 1949. School 2nd Rugby XV. School 2nd Cricket XI. School Cross-Country Team. *Harrison, F.*—L.VI (W.). School Certificate 1949. Rugby Leagues. Cricket Leagues. *Parker, J. W.*—L.VI (Cl.). School Certificate 1950. Rugby Leagues. School 2nd Cricket XI. *Rukin, J.*—V.C (Cl.). School Certificate 1950. School 1st Rugby XV 1950. *Croston, B. E.*—V.C (W.). Rugby Leagues. *Buxton, B.*—V.C (W.). Rugby, Cricket Leagues. *Glover, G.*—V.C (Cu.). School Certificate 1950. Cricket Leagues. School 2nd Rugby XV. *Robertson, D. A.*—V.C (W.). School Certificate 1950. Rugby Leagues. Cricket Knockouts. *Lavender, A. C.*—V.C (F.). School Certificate 1950. Rugby, Cricket Knockouts. School Cross-Country Team. *Heginbotham, C.*—V.C (Cl.). School Certificate 1950. Rugby Knockouts. School 2nd Rugby XV. Cricket Leagues. *Greenwood, F.*—V.C (Cl.). School Certificate 1950. Rugby Knockouts. Cricket Knockouts. *Moore, R.*—V.C (W.). School Certificate 1950. School Bantams XV. Rugby Knockouts. School 1st Cricket XI. School Cross-Country Team. *Maden, D.*—V.B (Cl.). School Certificate 1950. School 2nd Rugby XV. School 1st Cricket XI 1949-50. Cricket Colours 1950. *Watkinson, S.*—V.B (Cl.). School Certificate 1950. Rugby, Cricket Knockouts. *Allen, B. W.*—V.C (W.). School 2nd Rugby XV. Cricket Knockouts. *Brown, J. A.*—V.A (F.). School Certificate 1950. Rugby Leagues. Cricket Knockouts. *Johns, T. IV.* (Cu.). School Certificate 1950. Rugby Leagues. *Swarbrick, B.*—IV.C (Cu.). School 2nd Rugby XV. School 1st Cricket XI 1949-50. IV.C (Cu.). Rugby Leagues. *Whittaker, C.*—IV.C (Cu.). School 2nd Rugby XV. *Evans, R.*—IV.B (W.). Rugby, Cricket Leagues. *Hayes, G. L.*—III.B (F.). Rugby Leagues. *Ridgill, B. V.*—III.C (Cl.). *Aspin, D. T.*—II.B (F.). *Cookson, I. B.*—I.B (Cl.). *MacBratney, M. R.*—I.C (F.). *Yeall, W.*—I.C (Cl.). *Horton, P. T.*—I.C (W.).

GIRLS :—

A. Standidge.—U.VI (F.). Head Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1947. Higher School Certificate 1949. *J. Williams.*—U.VI (Cl.). School Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1947. Higher School Certificate 1949. *V. Newsham.*—U.VI (W.). School Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1947. Higher School Certificate 1949, 1950. Tennis Knockouts. Choir Leader. *E. Nelson.*—U.VI (W.). School Prefect. School Certificate 1947. Higher School Certificate 1950. Tennis Leagues. *M. Tickle.*—U.VI (F.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. *K. Abbot.*—U.VI (Cu.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. School Librarian. *N. Hindle.*—U.VI (F.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Hockey Knockouts. Tennis Leagues. *G. Hornby.*—U.VI (F.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. Hockey Leagues. *L. Latham.*—U.VI (Cu.). School Sub-Prefect. Rounders and Hockey Knockouts. *L. Collison.*—U.VI (W.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. *J. Barker.*—U.VI (W.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Tennis Captain. School 1st Tennis VI. Rounders Knockouts. School 1st Hockey XI. *M. Hibbert.*—U.VI (Cl.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Hockey Leagues. Tennis Knockouts. Junior Librarian. *M. Harrison.*—U.VI (F.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. *M. Hargreaves.*—U.VI (F.). School Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. School 1st Hockey XI. Hockey Colours 1950. Rounders Knockouts. Tennis Leagues. *B. Clithero.*—U.VI (F.). School Certificate 1948. School 1st Rounders IX. Hockey Leagues. *M. Barber.*—U.VI (Cu.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Hockey Leagues. *K. Marsden.*—U.VI (W.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. *M. Acton.*—U.VI (F.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. *O. Penlington.*—U.VI (W.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. School 1st VI. School 1st XI. Captain of Hockey. Tennis Colours 1950. Hockey Colours 1947-48-49-50. *S. Snell.*—U.VI (W.). School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. *B. J. Swift.*—U.VI (W.). School Certificate 1948. Hockey, Rounders, Tennis Knockouts. *J. M. Barwise.*—L.VI (F.). School Certificate 1949. Hockey Knockouts. Rounders Leagues. *J. Taylor.*—L.VI (W.). School Certificate 1949. School 1st Hockey XI. School 1st Rounders IX. Tennis Knockouts. *B. Wilson.*—L.VI (W.). School Certificate 1949. *E. Gill.*—L.VI (Cl.). School Certificate 1949. Rounders, Hockey Leagues. *E. Hazell.*—L.VI (F.). School Certificate 1949. *D. Hesketh.*—L.VI (Cl.). School Certificate 1949. *H. A. L. Burnie.*—L.VI (Cl.). School Certificate 1949. Rounders Knockouts. School 1st Tennis VI 1948-49-50. School 1st Hockey XI 1948-49-50. Hockey Colours 1949-50. Games Secretary 1949-50. *J. Fleetwood.*—L.VI (W.). Rounders, Hockey Leagues. School 1st Tennis VI. School Certificate 1949. *D. Tomlinson.*—L.VI (F.). School

Certificate 1950. *S. Smith.*—V.I (Cu.). School Certificate 1949. *A. Calderbank.*—V.A (Cl.). *J. Dawber.*—V.A (W.). Rounders Leagues. Junior Hockey Team. *A. Singleton.*—V.A (Cu.). Rounders, Hockey Knockouts. School 2nd Hockey XI. School Certificate 1950. *M. Bagshaw.*—V.A (W.). Rounders Leagues. School Certificate 1950. *I. Sharples.*—V.A (W.). Rounders, Hockey Leagues. School Certificate 1950. *J. Lowe.*—V.A (F.). School Certificate 1950. Hockey Knockouts. *D. Bowes.*—V.A (Cu.). School Certificate 1950. *M. Gates.*—V.A (W.). *M. Struthers.*—V.A (Cu.). Rounders Leagues. *D. Dack.*—V.B (F.). School Certificate 1950. *J. Robinson.*—V.B (W.). School Certificate 1950. *B. Rowley.*—V.B (Cu.). Rounders, Hockey Knockouts. *D. Dalton.*—V.B (W.). School Certificate 1950. *E. Spenser.*—V.B (W.). *D. Robinson.*—V.C (Cl.). *K. Gaskell.*—V.C (Cl.). Hockey, Rounders Leagues. *E. Bell.*—V.C (W.). *A. Topping.*—V.C (Cu.). School Certificate 1950. Hockey Knockouts. *A. Hobson.*—V.C (W.). *E. Sutton.*—V.C (Cl.). School Certificate 1950. Hockey Knockouts. Rounders Leagues. *D. Pails.*—V.C (Cl.). School Certificate 1950. *M. Morris.*—V.C (Cl.). School Certificate 1950. Hockey Leagues. *A. Dobson.*—V.C (F.). School Junior Hockey XI. Rounders Knockouts. School Certificate 1950. *B. Harrison.*—V.C (Cu.). School Certificate 1950. *M. Allen.*—V.C (W.). School Certificate 1950. *M. Vickers.*—V.C (Cu.). School 2nd Hockey XI. *A. Harper.*—V.C (Cu.). School Certificate 1950. School 2nd Hockey XI. *S. Summer.*—IV.A (Cu.). *M. Gardener.*—IV.A (Cu.). *G. Derbyshire.*—IV.A (Cl.). *C. Williamson.*—IV.A (Cl.). *E. Saunders.*—IV.A (W.). *S. Robinson.*—IV.A (Cl.). *J. Ball.*—IV.B (F.). *I. Hall.*—IV.B (F.). *D. Oldland.*—IV.B (F.). *D. Gill.*—IV.C (Cl.). Hockey Leagues. *J. Wilson.*—IV.C (Cu.). *I. Derbyshire.*—IV.C (Cl.). *E. Waddington.*—IV.C (W.). *C. Martin.*—III.C (W.). *S. Rothwell.*—III.C (W.). *J. Harker.*—II.B (Cl.). *J. Howard.*—II.C (W.). *M. J. Cattle.*—II.C (Cu.). *C. S. Kay.*—I.A (Cl.). *R. Halsted.*—I.B (Cu.). *B. A. MacBratney.*—IV.C (F.).



“AMBROSE APPLEJOHN’S ADVENTURE.”

“Ambrose Applejohn’s Adventure,” by Walter Hackett, was a rather unusual and unexpected choice for the School Dramatic Society’s production this year. The play, a modern comedy, skirts uncertainly round the edge of farce, and as a whole is lacking in dramatic unity and tension. On the other hand the author has given his actors recognisable, if stock, characters to portray, and the dialogue moves smoothly and with humour.

Briefly the plot tells the story of the outwitting of two rival gangs of thieves by the modest, unassuming hero, who is inspired by a dream of a swashbuckling previous existence. The first and last acts tell the main story, the second concerns itself with the dream. Altogether it is a very slender peg on which to hang a full length play.

The Society’s production was once again notable for its precision and attack. Chapman E., as Ambrose, had the burden of carrying the play almost throughout its length, and he showed considerable skill in his portrayal of the hero of the first and last acts. Once again his sense of timing was remarkable, and his use of his hands almost professional. Perhaps he was less happy as the Ambrose Applejack of the Dream Scene but it was here that the play nearly degenerated to slapstick. His confidence and self possession were notable throughout and the way he struggled to rouse a somewhat lethargic audience on the Saturday night was very impressive.

In the opening moments of the play Chapman was greatly assisted by the authentic portrayal of the Maiden Aunt Agatha by Marjory Riding. As played here one felt that the author might have allowed her more than one brief re-appearance. As the demure cousin Poppy, and as the Cabin Boy, Kathleen Abbott had rather difficult roles to contend with. As the cabin boy she entered well into her part, but she perhaps played Poppy on rather too monotonous and querulous a note. Her performance, however, was obviously an intelligent one, and she improved noticeably on the second and third evenings.

Judith Bradley as the crook disguised as the beautiful Russian spy gave a performance of great vivacity, but one cannot help but feel that Ambrose would have run for dear life before allowing himself to be embroiled in the slightest with such an obvious man-eater. As the Spanish captive in the pirate scene she outlined just the right amount of Southern fire and spirit. Her confederate, Manchester, both as the supposed secret police agent,

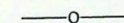
and as the gang leader, worked tremendously hard, and like Poppy, was obviously acting with intelligence. He never quite gave the impression that he was really relaxed into his part. As the Mate of the pirate ship he provided Chapman with an excellent foil.

The rival gang and ultimate allies, the Rengards, were played by Audrey Mannion and Chapman, M. A. The latter, as a bogus hypnotist, displayed an affinity with, and a penchant for the “spirits” that was truly admirable. Mrs. Rengard was undoubtedly the brains and drive behind the crooked partnership and Audrey Mannion portrayed this aspect of her character very well. As the Chinese bosun, Chapman was impressive in gesture but unfortunately largely inaudible. As a bogus policeman, Allsup was unconvincing, but when he reverted to type he became the essence of “spivery.” Nelson, as Dennet, the friend of Ambrose, appeared to be over self-conscious but Audrey Salt made a very trim, self-possessed maid.

Lastly, no criticism would be complete without mention of the pirates—a more villainous, murderous bunch of cut-throats it would be hard to imagine. Viewing them with mingled apprehension and regret, one member of the audience found himself wishing that they had displayed the same ferocity on the Rugger Field as they did on the stage.

The settings, costumes, stage construction and management, and the lighting, all carried out by the experts of former years, were quite up to the usual standard. Further comment is superfluous.

D.S.M.



RAIN

Rain, which the dictionary mildly defines as “moisture falling in drops,” has been favouring us with its presence for almost seven weeks now.

Personally, I either love or loathe rain, depending on certain circumstances.

For instance, to me, nothing is quite so depressing as an April shower, when summer and winter try unsuccessfully to combine. The sky is primarily blue, but slashed, as one might say, across the horizon, with an eerie yellow, mixed enigmatically with grey—splodged carelessly with black. The rain, quite unexpected, begins to patter down in a maddeningly perpendicular fashion; then, when the last macintosh is on, and the final umbrella shot up, mocking, it abates. The watery sun takes its cue from the last raindrop, and begins to shine half-heartedly in to the puddles, and on to the wet pavements and roofs, but never, it seems, drying them up.

Perhaps this type of rainfall should be no more criticised than that which turns the crisp, clean snow into filthy slush, or which ruins a long-anticipated “day-out” or picnic, but my misery has reached its bounds, and I must resort to my favourite type of rain to enliven me.

This is the fierce rain, accompanied now and then by a high wind, or thunder and lightning—the rain which floods the fields and swells the unpretentious rivers and streams to fierce torrents, and which, I ashamedly must admit, causes considerable damage. I have, of course, to be on the right side of shelter, and have no appointments, to appreciate rain of this sort, but in those circumstances, I never fail to be impressed by the sound and speed, the hiss and rush of it all, as though each drop were a competitor in a great race from the sky.

I enjoy seeing heavy rain by night, as well as by day, for it carries my imagination back to Edwardian days, when “. . . the gaslight glimmering through the rain on to the

wet pavements of the long, dark street . . .” seemed to be a stock phrase in every novel. Now that I come to think of it, even today that scene is the background of many ‘thrillers’—films or otherwise.

Again, I have known many a walk which has been enhanced by rain, not the heavy type which soaks to the skin, but the light drizzle which always refreshes, and which gives the countryside an attractive, ethereal mistiness.

Naturally, I prefer a hot, sunny day to any rain, but it is an element which just has to be accepted, and so, when I see the distant hills looking near, and the cat sitting with his back to the fire, I always remember that, if rain ceased to fall, with it would cease all life on this earth.

B.T., L.VI. (W.).

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SPEECH DAY AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

Our fourth annual Speech Day since the war was held on Monday, December 19th, 1949, and the School Hall was once again filled with parents and friends who were interested in school activities. As always, the school excelled itself in the acceptability of the prizes and the perfection of the platform decorations. Professor Pear, from the University of Manchester, had kindly consented to distribute the prizes, and Mr. G. H. Redman, Vice-Chairman of the Governors of the School, presided as Chairman in the absence of Mr. J. B. Cardwell.

The first item on the programme was a group of songs by the School Choir. The first, “Leonidas,” is a two-part song which refers to the Spartans’ custom of combing the hair before they were about to die in battle. It was written by E. Farjeon, and set to music by Martin Shaw. This was followed by “The Trees of England,” which is a setting by Charles Wood of the words of Walter de la Mare. The Choir concluded with a fifteenth-century carol, “Lullay My Liking.”

The Headmaster then gave an account of the School’s activities during the previous year and stressed the importance of the various school societies, lectures and the School visits to places of interest and to plays and recitals.

Following this, the Chairman introduced Professor Pear, who gave an interesting speech which was considerably enlivened by the inclusion of several amusing anecdotes from his own schooldays. He applauded all the features of our school life but was disappointed that a male-voice choir was not one of them. The Professor then presented the prizes and the certificates to the many pupils who had been successful in public examinations. Afterwards, a Vote of Thanks to Professor Pear was proposed by Mr. F. Ley and seconded by Mr. J. Tomlinson.

Mr. J. Jackson then proposed a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman; this was seconded by Mrs. W. S. Woodcock.

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

P.W., L.VI. (Cu.); J.W., V.A. (Cu.).

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DENOUEMENT

Patiently I’d waited for noon the other day,
Then switched on the radio to listen to a play
As advertised—a thriller with a really gripping theme,
The leading role a murderer—in his eyes a vicious gleam.
The story reached its climax, the moment now was near
For the criminal to be exposed, his villainy made clear.
The set went ‘dead’—long silence—I fiddled with the switch.
A voice then said “Apologies, there’s been a technical hitch!”
R.R.A., V.B. (Cu.).

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BALSHAVIANS ABROAD

(1) MY IMPRESSIONS OF SWEDEN

From my tour of Sweden as a Kemsley Travelling Scholarship winner, I have received many impressions, both great and small, which are so indelibly stamped on my mind that I do not think I shall ever forget them. These memories I shall treasure throughout my life, for even if I go abroad again, my first visit will ever remain vivid and clear in my mind.

I am happy to say that my greatest impression concerns the people of this Scandinavian country. We scholars first met their friendliness and readiness to help when we boarded the “*Saga*”; both stewards and passengers gave us a friendly smile and a helpful word if we were lost or confused by unusual customs or notices. And then on the Gothenberg-Malmö express came the overwhelming hospitality of Herr Rohlin. Impressed by the appearance and behaviour of our group, he invited us to a cocktail party at his lovely home. I myself can still see that creeper-covered house of quaint design, the large garden from which we might pick fruit of wide variety, the smorgashbord of nearly a hundred dishes; I can remember how our host and hostess welcomed us until we were absolutely “at home,” how they praised our home country and pressed fruit and chocolates on to us with such generosity that we felt it must be a dream. The traveller abroad appreciates nothing more than friendliness, and the Swedes, living up to their world-wide reputation, were our friends in every way possible.

I noticed that the Swedish people all had the greatest respect and admiration for England. In these days when our Imperial powers are less, when our command of the seas is challenged by larger nations, we do not seem quite so strong but the Swedes still look on us as a great nation and greedily devoured any information about the government, the cities and anything to do with England. Never will I forget how greatly impressed the people of Malmö looked when the officers of the two British destroyers, which had lately docked there, appeared at the town-hall in full dress uniform with many ribbons and with swords traditionally touching the floor.

The country of Sweden itself has many different aspects but we found the flat, slightly undulating land around Malmö pleasant; then we were thrilled at the prospect of what was to come when we saw the land north of Stockholm becoming more wooded and we breathed sighs of admiration and awe when we first beheld Lake Siljan, surrounded by densely wooded mountains.

The cities of Sweden were a great source of wonder to us ; from the very moment when we looked at Gothenberg Harbour with grass plots in between large cranes, we knew that, as we had been told, Sweden was going to prove one of the cleanest countries in the world. Secondly, our eyes fell on the huge blocks of flats ; each of these apartments has a balcony and on each the Swede tends his few gay flowers. Next to the flats we saw park spaces, with trees for shade, providing safe playground and a place to relax for a tired housewife.

One great piece of architecture must impress the beholder from wherever he hails—Stockholm Townhall. I could have looked at this building all day, with its cloisters, its shining copper figures high upon the towers, its stately courtyard and its dignified waterside position, but more wonders were to come when we went inside. The groined roof of the great stairway with a hundred arches, the "Golden Chamber" with gold foil mosaic and porcelain designs, the hand-carved bricks of the "Blus Hall," the forceful frescoes and the mammoth organ are things which we will remember without the aid of photographs. In the same way we will carry the image of the Civic Theatre at Malmo, with its gigantic revolving stage, the statues of the comedy Muse and of Winge, the great actor, of its perfectly-planned dressing-rooms and the workshop of large undertakings in the décor sphere.

Thus I have come to appreciate different kinds of landscape from the sea-bordered, castle-dotted plains of Scania to the timber-clad hills and the deep calm lakes of Delecarlia ; I have seen new styles in architecture, used both for housing and churches, with no English equivalent ; I have learnt new systems of government, one for the whole of Sweden and one for the local administration of Stockholm ; I have met young people who were products of another educational system, and especially I have come to realize how much the spirit of companionship matters both between fourteen boys and girls and between the peoples of two nations. I know now that if the countries of the world were all more like Sweden, a great peace could exist. I have returned from my tour with a greater belief in the goodness of human nature and with the conviction that we young people, the citizens of the future, can approach the urgent question of world peace with more understanding and sympathy, by meeting the people of other countries as has been the privilege of my thirteen friends and myself.

A.J.B., U.VI. (Cu.).

(2) FRANCE

In the summer holidays I was lucky enough to be able to go to France for three weeks. The first part of my holiday was spent near the famous Mont St. Michel.

My sojourn with a typical French family taught me many of their customs because, naturally, I had to practise the maxim "When in Rome do as Rome does." However, I still have not learnt how to drink coffee out of a large bowl without letting it drip down my chin, or how to enjoy biscuits dipped in wine. Nevertheless, there was one dish whose popularity I could easily understand and that was the chocolate sandwich which consisted of two thick slices of bread and butter with a piece of chocolate between them.

There were two things which struck me particularly about the French, and these were, firstly, their polite friendliness and, secondly, the volubility with which they voice their opinions. I remember hearing two men arguing and, though I was quite a distance away, I could hear their voices distinctly.

After a fortnight at this delightful holiday resort I went to Paris for a few days and, though I had heard how beautiful and interesting a city it was, it certainly surpassed all my expectations. I made the most of my stay in this town by going on two sight-seeing tours round the city itself and also on one to the palaces of Versailles and Malmaison. On the city tours I saw the Notre Dame cathedral, the main shopping centres (which I explored in more detail later) and the beautiful galleries and museums that are to be found in Paris.

My night-mare in this town was the crossing of the wide roads. The drivers seem to enjoy making a noise with their horns and do so at the slightest provocation, and, as there are so many of them, the noise is incessant. One day I ventured underground on the Metro, which is reputed to be a confusing labyrinth to the unwary, but after travelling round in a circle twice, I managed to get off and find my way back to where I began, and after *that* it held no terrors, though I do admit that every time I stepped out into the open I heaved a sigh of relief.

After spending a very cold and windy night aboard ship returning to England, I decided I should certainly like to re-visit France next year.

E.F., V.B. (Cl.).

(3) A CONTINENTAL TOUR

This year I had my first holiday abroad, which I sincerely hope will not be my last. I was one of a party of twenty-four, all Youth Club members, and in the eighteen days of our holiday, we visited ten countries.

We travelled all the way from Ostende to Munchen on the same train, but at the Belgian frontier we soon found ourselves involved in the strike against the return of King Leopold. The engine was taken off our train at Belimes, but after two hours, it returned and we continued on our way.

On our way to Munchen, we travelled down the Rhine, through the country of castles and vineyards. Passing through Colne we were impressed by the extent of the bomb damage ; the only building left standing, that we could see, was the Cathedral. People were living in ground floors of tenement houses, the walls of which were propped up by wooden poles.

I do not remember much about Munchen, but as one person remarked, "It is like a second, small New York." It is in the American Zone of Germany, you see.

We continued to Oberammergau, calling at Urfeld on our way. This is the most beautiful place that I have ever seen. It is a tiny village on the edge of a lake so clear that no matter what the weather was like, you could always see the bottom, because it contains copper. The lake is surrounded by mountains, which are always covered with snow.

At Oberammergau the Hostel was composed of large tents, surrounded by a wire fence. The first thing that I did on arriving there after a two mile tramp was to fall in the mud. It had been raining continually for three days. While we were here, we visited the Passion Play, on the Sunday. It lasted for eight hours, commencing at eight o'clock a.m. and finishing at six o'clock p.m., with a two hour break from twelve o'clock to two o'clock.

From here we made a trip by 'bus to Schloss Hohenswanghau and Schloss Neuschwemstein, which we recognised as the castle portrayed on the advertisement for Gibbs' Toothpaste !

We then went on to Innsbruck, one of the largest towns in Austria. We had saved most of our currency to spend here, on presents for people at home. This town is divided

into two parts, the old part and the new part. The old part is the more interesting, because of its narrow, winding streets, which have archways over them, and the small shops with latticed windows. From Innsbruck we made a trip to Italy, visiting Brennerzsee and Brennergrenze, just over the border between Austria and Italy. Here all the male members of the party bought cigarette lighters for the equivalent of one shilling and threepence.

I do not remember much about Arosa, which was the last place that we visited, because I was in bed with influenza. By Sunday I was well enough to get up and go to Church, where, in the evening, we had a special service in English. The next morning we left for home and after a few minor mishaps we arrived in London forty-eight hours later, after a most enjoyable and interesting tour.

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

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(4) PARIS

The journey to Paris was uneventful compared with the all too short fortnight we spent there during the Whitsun Holiday.

Paris ! The word conjures up visions of wide streets bordered by trees, cafés with people sitting outside in the shade of large, multi-coloured umbrellas and drinking a varied assortment of iced drinks, watching the swiftly-moving traffic and the never-ending procession of the city's cosmopolitan population. While seated at one of these open-air cafés one can see representatives of all nations, black, brown, white and yellow, strolling along enjoying all the amenities offered by this "Ancient and Modern City"; for Paris is also the capital of France. It is steeped in tradition and boasts of beautiful old buildings reminiscent of past glories, and recalling such romantic names as Napoleon, Marie Antoinette and the Louis. These buildings are full of interest. We were able to go by escalator to the top of the Arc de Triomphe, where there is a picture gallery, and then, emerging on to the roof, we found a little shop.

The Pantheon is a vast place built in the first instance as a church but never used as such ; now it is the French National Shrine, the equivalent of our Westminster Abbey, where many famous Frenchmen of the past lie in the gloomy vaults beneath the great hall.

The French people hold Napoleon in great esteem, and his tomb in Les Invalides is shared only by his wife and son. This son had been buried in Germany, but before the last war, Hitler, in an endeavour to win over the French nation, allowed the body to be removed to its present resting place with his father.

From Les Invalides you can easily reach the Eiffel Tower, which was much higher than I expected. We went to the top of the tower and I, who previously thought I had a head for heights, felt a slight qualm on gazing down from a height of some nine hundred feet : the view was marvellous. We spent over an hour there and wished we had come up on the first day as we could see so many interesting places which we knew we would now have no time to visit. What struck us most favourably was the view of the Palais de Chaillot on the opposite side of the river, because, from this great height, we could see the general plan of this comparatively modern building, set in its fine gardens.

Another outstanding building in Paris, to my mind, is the Sacré Coeur, which is a very large church, the main features being the huge central dome with its two lesser brothers in attendance, one on either side, looking very impressive in white stone on raised ground overlooking the city. By this church is the Montmartre, a quaint district frequented by artists and which is, I believe, very colourful and gay at night.

I can here make only passing mention of some of the many famous places, such as the Louvre, Notre Dame and Versailles, which I visited, but the memories which they impressed upon my mind will remain for many years to come.

B.L., IV.A. (Cl.).

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A RUDE AWAKENING

One gloomy morning, late in December,
I awoke with a start and tried to remember
What dreaded thing would happen that day.
I thought and I thought as in bed I lay,
Then—a clatter of footsteps, a noise at the door,
The "plop" of the mail as it fell to the floor—
"Now I remember, as well I ought,
For in that envelope lies—my report."

D.B., V.B. (Cl.).

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FISHING

Have you ever been fishing ? You really must try it sometime. Just find some pleasant, smooth-flowing stream with crystal-clear water, so that you can see the minnows or 'tiddlers' as they dart forward, or drift lazily backwards with the current, their tails waving leisurely to and fro. You sit down underneath the shady boughs of a willow tree, and you see a shoal of these fish as they make their way upstream. When your line is weighted and baited and your cast has been made, you are not really concerned whether you catch any fish or not. You just sit there gazing dreamily at the smooth-flowing river. A young trout is seen merely as a flash of silver as it jumps up and falls back into the water with a splash. You watch with fascination as the ripples formed by the trout's jump, grow larger and larger until they reach the willow leaves, gracefully dipping and waving in the water.

Suddenly, like a bolt from the blue, a kingfisher makes his catch, and, with a scuffle of wing beats, and a scurry of water, the keen-eyed bird makes off with his prize. Your eyes sub-consciously fall on the rod and line, and then with a jerk and a jolt you remember the reason for your being here : you look for the float but nothing can be seen of it ; you grasp your rod and wind in the line, not daring for one moment to think you have made a catch. Then, as the float comes into view, you see your prize, a young trout of fairish size, hooked to the line, and gazing at you with soulful eyes. As you land your catch, you think twice : shall it be trout for supper, or shall I wait till this time next year when this young lady will have laid enough eggs to give me trout for supper every night of the year ?

With a sigh you place the trout in the water where it lies recovering for a while and, with a flick of the tail, moves off into the shadows of the bank. Fishing is one of the most enjoyable pastimes as I, and many other people know.

M.D.S., V.B. (Cu.).

SCHOOL VISITS

(1) SIXTH FORM VISIT TO 'L'Avare.'

On Tuesday, November 8th, the French section of the sixth form attended a performance of Molière's 'L'Avare,' given by La Coupe Francaise at the Palace Theatre, Blackpool. There were many pupils present, from other local grammar schools, who were both attentive and appreciative.

Gaston Richer and his wife, Pamela Stirling, directed the company and reached a very high standard. The central character of the comedy was the miser, Harpagon, and this role was filled by Georges Odet. Although he is not a regular member of the troupe, he gave a magnificent performance, his acting never failing to hold the attention of the youthful audience. There is not room here to criticise each separate player but it is sufficient to say that the Balshaw's party thought that Valere and Cleante, as the typical young men of that period, were not outstanding, while Froisine, played by Hona Ference, was especially fascinating as the matchmaker.

The actors spoke slowly and clearly and at this theatre they found the acoustics were much better than those at most, thus giving the décor expert more scope.

The play was carried swiftly along and our attention was never allowed to flag between the acts. The curtain was just lowered long enough, at such times, for the actors to take a deep breath and before the first three acts, we listened in vain for the "coups de baton."

The actors were word perfect and never hesitated to pick up their cues. The make-up and dresses were good and the production was polished in every way.

The cast received great applause, for the audience showed great appreciation at the end of the play. We were informed that they had been further encouraged by two French lions who were taking part in the variety show at the theatre that week. In conclusion may we thank the lions' keeper who successfully kept his charges quiet (we heard some roaring during the long interval), and the officials of the Modern Language Association who so kindly and ably arranged the visit.

A.J.B., U.VI. (Cu.).

(2) VISIT TO "MACBETH."

On Thursday, May 18th, 1950, there was a special matinée for school-children, at the Royal Hippodrome, Preston. The Salberg Players were presenting Shakespeare's tragedy, "Macbeth."

The fifth and sixth forms were taken to Preston by 'bus. Miss Rahill, Miss Doherty, Mr. Downer and Mr. Leithley were in charge of us.

Although John Dearth played the part of Macbeth to the best of his ability, it was obvious that he was not ideally suited to the role. The dialogue, on the whole, went smoothly, but Macbeth's soliloquies were too long and there were many unnecessary pauses in them.

The part of Lady Macbeth was portrayed excellently throughout by Nancy Mansfield. Her performance was particularly outstanding in the banquet scene, and in the scene where she was sleep-walking.

The witches were, at all times, very blood-curdling and many a heart was chilled with fear when they performed their weird dance around the cauldron.

Derek Benfield, as Macduff, played his part with understanding and expressed very well the distraught father and husband, when he learnt of the slaughter of his family.

The human touch was brought to this otherwise grim tragedy by the moving scene between the gentle Lady Macduff and her young son.

The minor characters all gave excellent support to the leading players.

The same set was used throughout the play and only slight variations were made. This arrangement was in the true Shakespearean fashion.

The performance provoked much discussion and criticism but, nevertheless, it was very much enjoyed by everyone.

A.M., U.VI (Cu.) ; J.L., L.VI (F.).

(3) SIXTH FORM CLASSICAL CONFERENCE AT HULME HALL, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

Our three representatives arrived at Hulme Hall on March 31st, prepared for good meals and hard lectures. After being welcomed by Professor Semple, the head of the Classics Dept., we partook of our first dinner. In the evening we had our first lecture, "Our knowledge of the Ancient World," by Professor Westlake, who told us how inscriptions, coins, papyri and literature are of great help to us in reconstructing the past.

On the Saturday we had lectures on "The Latin Language and its Relations," by Professor Skutch and on "Ovid," by Mr. Booth. The former dealt with philology and the latter with aspects of Ovid's life as seen from his works. In the afternoon we paid a visit to Manchester Museum where we inspected, and were even allowed to handle, various examples of Ancient Greek vases. After this we had a talk by Professor Zuntz on the other and better examples of pottery, death-marks and daggers in the Egyptian Gallery.

After tea came the Verse Reading Competition, which was keenly contested, and after this we had an informal social evening with games and dancing.

We had a short service in the Hall Chapel the next morning after breakfast, followed by our last lecture, "The Transmission of Classical Texts," by Professor Marlowe, in which he pointed out to us the methods whereby the texts which we now use have been handed down to us, some of them being preserved on the backs of such things as household bills. We finished off the morning with a debate, the motion being "that the Classics are of no practical use in modern education." There was an overwhelming majority against the motion.

In the afternoon the conference was rounded off by the reading of "The Bacchae," by Euripides (translated).

So ended a most enjoyable weekend, and we hope that next year's representatives will enjoy the facilities granted by Manchester University as much as we did.

E.N., K.M., and V.N., U.VI. (W.).

(4) SIXTH FORM VISIT TO MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

On Friday, June 23rd, the members of the Upper VIth visited Manchester University. On their arrival in Manchester the party split up into two groups, the Arts people going to a lecture on 'Mohammed and the rise of Islam.' Then they visited the magnificent University library, the McDougall Physical Education Centre, where they saw students bathing, weight-lifting, playing basket-ball and practising ju-jitsu.

The Science people, in the meantime, went to a lecture entitled 'Life under the deep sea,' then on to the Science Museum, and the various Science Laboratories. Then we all met for tea in the University Refectory.

In addition Mr. Speakman had arranged for us to visit a Hall of Residence—Dalton Hall. We were greeted by the Principal, who gave us a second tea in the library. Then we were shown students' bedrooms, the common-room, dining hall and, in the grounds, the fives court and tennis courts. Thus we gained a very clear impression of University College life.

The party then returned to Worden House Party, a perfect ending to a very enjoyable day.

D.R. (Cl.), A.J.T. (F.), U.VI.

(5) THE VISIT TO "OTHELLO."

On Wednesday, September 20th, a party of the senior pupils of the School, under the supervision of Miss Rahill and other members of the staff, went to a performance of "Othello" at Highways Hostel, Euxton, presented by the Arts Council of Great Britain.

Everyone arrived safely and in good time and we were conducted into our seats, only to jump up again in a few minutes to hurry to the back of the theatre to buy the usual 'programme'! A hush fell on the audience as the curtain rose, and at last the play, sometimes called "the most perfect of Shakespeare's tragedies," began.

We both admired and sympathised with Othello, the Moor of Venice, right from the beginning, whereas Iago, by sheer force of character, equally as soon earned our contempt. This evil, passionless, intellectual character was admirably portrayed and we writhed under some of his insinuations against Cassio.

The heroine, Desdemona, whose purity was in direct contrast to the evil of Iago, and who was to bear the consequences of all his wicked plotting, was soon endeared to us all and we wondered that Othello could ever doubt her flawless fidelity.

Though Cassio was, on the whole, acted with competence, he did not appear the kind of man who was capable of carrying on a secret love-affair with another man's wife, even far enough to rouse Othello who, thanks to Iago, was already obsessed by jealousy. The comic part of the play was Roderigo; this corpulent, dull-witted character was very popular and deservedly earned our applause. He is the foil of Iago, and though we felt indignant at the way this malicious person treated him we could not help but laugh at the way he swallowed the rascal's every word as "Gospel truth."

Emilia appeared rather too vivacious at the beginning but she gradually calmed down and she and Desdemona were a relief from an otherwise practically all masculine cast. The minor characters of the play all deserve praise for none of them was portrayed unconvincingly. The actual murder of Desdemona and the suicide of Othello were very realistic—the suicide being so realistic, in fact, that one of the younger girls was seen to hide her face behind her programme to shut out the 'terrifying spectacle.'

The make-up and costumes throughout the play were extremely good, and considering the limited facilities of the theatre the play was well staged, fifteen scenes being arranged on only one set. The intervals were remarkably short and were sweetened by some haunting melodies played on a guitar by one of the actors.

The performance was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and our spirits were not even dampened by the true Lancashire weather which greeted us as we left the Hostel.

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

(6) A VISIT TO A BISCUIT BAKERY.

On Tuesday the 26th September, Mr. Speakman took the Lower Sixth Science section to look round Parkinson's Biscuit Bakery in Preston.

We arrived at half past two, and were divided into two parties. A pleasant young lady led us round, taking us first into the Transport Department, where hundreds of boxes of biscuits were stacked, ready to be sent to different parts of the country. From there we went into the Stockroom, where there were boxes of Dutch chocolate, packets of sweetened fat, sacks of sugar and many other ingredients. At the end of this room there was a large sugar grinder which ground granulated sugar into icing sugar.

We then went to the next floor, which was part of the bakery. In large tubs there were masses of fat, sugar and treacle ready to be creamed together by huge machines.

There were delicious aromas issuing from the next room and we soon discovered why, for here on a continuous belt the different mixtures were rolled out, painted with milk, cooked, cooled and finally collected by the packers; then the boxes were packed, weighed, sealed and sent to the Transport Department.

Here we saw the "Fruit Cookies," "4 o'clock" and chocolate biscuits being made. By this time our mouths were really watering, for all the biscuits looked so tempting. We proceeded to another floor, where the marshmallow tea-cakes were being made.

We were now at the end of the bakery and we all got a lovely surprise when our guide said, "Now come along to the canteen to sample the biscuits." We went through the next door and there the boys were "tucking in" to tea and biscuits. We sat down at a table upon which there were six different kinds of biscuits, and we sampled them all, chocolate, sweetmeal, fruit cookies, ginger-nuts, 4 o'clock biscuits and, best of all, chocolate marshmallows.

All too soon came the time for us to leave after having spent a very interesting afternoon.

P.M.K., L.VI. (Cu.).

(7) THE SIXTH FORM TRIP TO BOLTON.

On Tuesday, September 26th, a party of sixth form students, under the leadership of Miss Bromley and Mr. Manfield, went to Bolton to see an exhibition of 19th century French Paintings. We arrived safely at the Exhibition and spent an enjoyable 2 hours looking at the paintings. The work of many famous artists was shown, as well as that of others not so famous; among the most discussed were "Zola's House," by Cézanne, "The Dancing Class," by Degas, "The Mill," by Michel, and "The Steeple at Noisy-le-Roi," by Sisley.

Some paintings were complex and needed a certain amount of thought before the artists' ideas could be grasped and the pictures appreciated. Some artists paid more attention to line than subject matter and these, too, had to be studied closely. Others preferred to paint flowers and fruit, which could be more easily understood. The artists chose many different media for their work, and it was most interesting to observe the

different effects ; there were some interesting paintings by Crawhall, who had used gouache on linen to portray animal life. On the whole, the exhibition showed typical examples of each painter's work, and the different styles could be compared with advantage.

All the paintings were examined with great interest and appreciation, and everyone was sorry when the time came to depart. We arrived home rather tired, but completely satisfied with the afternoon's activities.

B.B., U.VI. (Cl.).

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(8) A VISIT TO THE MILLS AT LOSTOCK HALL.

One Friday morning during the Christmas holidays a party of fifth formers arrived at Lostock Hall at 9 a.m., ready to be taken on a conducted tour of two mills. Although it was raining a little, everyone looked cheerful, and we all proceeded to Moss's mill. After having introduced ourselves we were taken to the canteen for a drink and cakes ; we were then split up into two parties, one party going along to the spinning mill, the other carrying on through the weaving mill.

We were first shown the huge bales of cotton sent to these mills from America and Egypt. We saw how it is cleaned, scutched, pressed out, and all the long, detailed process of stretching and twisting it into very fine strands of cotton. It is then sent along to the weaving mill, where we now returned.

Here we were escorted round by a young lady who showed us how the huge bobbins are set up on to the looms. We saw many different kinds of looms, weaving rolls and rolls of materials, and if necessary, patterns being woven into it. It is at this mill that there is the largest and newest electric power motor in Lancashire to drive these looms. Linen, dress materials, handkerchiefs, umbrella materials and sheetings are all being woven.

So we ended our very interesting tour of the mills feeling that we knew all there was to know about cotton spinning and weaving.

M.H.F., L.VI. (Cu).

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SCHOOL LECTURES

On November 4th, 1949, Miss B. Moor, Mus.B., L.R.A.M., gave a lecture to the middle and upper forms on "The evolution of the modern orchestra". Miss Moor began by distinguishing between the various types of bands and the orchestra, though she impressed upon us that they are fundamentally the same. Next we were given a more detailed description of the construction of the orchestra and shown how its success depends on many people, from the instrument-maker to the conductor and composer.

After this we began to see how the musical combinations of Solomon's time grew, were sorted, mixed and varied until, in 1600, the first group of musicians recognisable as what we call an orchestra came into being.

By 1800, composers such as Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven were really selecting their instruments with care : as in the case of all her other points, Miss Moor illustrated this with gramophone records.

Miss Moor rounded off an excellent lecture by guiding us through the overture to "Carnival Romaine"; which we stored away with the rest of the afternoon's enjoyable knowledge.

On Friday, February 24th, Dr. W. A. Singleton gave a lecture on "Architecture and design," to the school, illustrating his talk with a number of picture slides.

Our lecturer first gave us some general points on buildings which we may see every day and then went on to illustrate more particular factors which may enhance or ruin a house, or any other edifice.

Design must depend on the materials used for a construction and, moreover, a well-designed house must blend with its surroundings ; thus it is a good thing to use local materials.

Next we come to tidiness. Bill-posting is a bad habit and can, as we were shown, ruin a picturesque village. Untidiness is not always the fault of the gardener ; it can be inherent in the design of a building ; but, on the other hand, we should not indulge in too much uniformity. The headquarters of the Royal Institute of British Architects shows excellently how good design avoids these two extremes.

On behalf of the school, I thank Dr. Singleton for his lecture, which we appreciated as much as we now (I hope) appreciate architecture.

"Careers for Girls," by Miss Norwood, and "Careers for Boys," by Mr. Jamieson, both of which lecturers are Regional Advisory Officers of the Ministry of Labour, on the 19th and 21st of June, proved to be as helpful and interesting as ever.

A.J.B., U.IV (Cu.) ; M.A.C., U.VI (F.) ; G.S., L.VI (F.).

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THE SCHOOL FILM SHOWS

On Thursday the sixth of October we had our first film show of the school year. The programme consisted of four films : the first contained a short description of cattle-rearing in Scotland, the tale of the conversion of scrap metal into steel pipes and the story of the many uses to which seaweed is put.

The second film told us of the interesting work of customs and excise officers, after which we learned some very enlightening facts about the life, design and history of the Australian Capital—Canberra.

Our show ended with "Wonders of the Deep," a very interesting film on the work of the Frogmen, and on underwater photography, which was voted, by the boys at least, an excellent show.

The next show we had consisted of a wide variety of films, the first one, to the great delight of the audience, being a cowboy film ! One fact which emerged from the story was that the "Calgary Stampede" had nothing whatsoever to do with the daily invasion of a dining hall.

Next we saw a cartoon, "The Flying Trunk." The hero of this gripping drama—you will doubtless be glad to hear—eventually rescued his princess but they only gained true happiness with—Yes ! National Savings.

Then came three more serious films. The first was about Africa and its people, with the emphasis on sport. It was followed by the story of the fight against "Polio" in both children and adults.

On December 14th we had a show consisting of six pictures. The first, number 37 in "This is Britain" series, was on atomic physics. Passing hastily over this subject we were next given some information on weaving in Cumberland, followed by pictures of English houses and architecture.

After this came a film on Local Government—from cave to council chamber : and lastly “The History of Money,” showing us how the great banks of today have developed from the days when the rate of exchange was twenty turkeys to half a heifer.

The next date on which the staff were called upon to perform that difficult task of dragging us from our studies was February 17th. On this occasion we were shown several very good technicolour films, which held for us a personal interest, since they gave us some idea of what life is like on one of Doctor Barnardo's homes. We saw how the children in the homes are taught to fend for themselves and also how much joy our easily afforded gifts and donations can bring. Miss Hamlet later appealed to us to do our utmost to help in bringing happiness to the Barnardo children.

May 5th brought us another visit from the man with the large black box. He gave us three films, the first of which, one of the “This is Britain” series, provided us with glimpses of various industries of topical importance. The second, “Working in a Store,” told us of the training needed in order to become a shop assistant.

Our finale was “The Five Towns,” a description of life in The Potteries. The most notable fact in the film was that the grime of the towns did not besmear the happy lives of the inhabitants : a fact which also applies to Lancashire dust.

G.S., V.A (F.) ; M.L., U.VI (F.).

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

May 1st, 1950

The Sports were postponed from Saturday, April 29th, because of persistent rain, and were held on Monday, May 1st. On this second occasion a very heavy shower, soon after the start, threatened further postponement. However, most of the events were carried through, the wet, slippery turf ruling out only the hurdle and high jump events, which were completed later in the week.

Under these rather trying circumstances, it is remarkable that many fine performances were made. Five records were broken—the throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 13) by Hill (Cu.), the Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 15) by A. Pritchard (W.), the 100 yards, Girls (Open), by H. Burnie (Cl.), the 60 yards Hurdles, Girls (Under 15), by A. Dears (F.), and the House Relay, Girls (Open), by Clayton.

Clayton wrested the House Championship Cup from Cuerden, but the latter managed to hold on to the Relay Cup, for the fourth year in succession.

The new Victor Ludorum was Moore (Cl.), whose fine all round performance fully merited the honour. His best efforts were, however, in the 880 yards and the Mile, both done in times which promise well for next year.

E. Holden (Cl.), was the new Victrix Ludorum, doing particularly well in the 75 yards Hurdles and High Jump events.

At the close of the proceedings on the Monday afternoon, Miss E. M. Kirby, County Organiser of the Physical Training Branch, kindly presented the cups and shields for the events which had been decided. Mr. Oldland, during Assembly, some days later, presented the remaining prizes.

BOYS' EVENTS.

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Open)—1, Walsh (Cl.) and Moores (W.) ; 3, Manchester (Cu.) and Pritchard. *Points* : 17. *Standards* : Heginbotham, Howcroft, Moore, Parker, Smith, Walsh, Watkinson, A. (Cl.) ; Ackers, Allsup, Glover, Hurst, Livesey, Manchester, Mather, Seed, Turner, Yates (Cu.) ; Kelsall, D., Kelsall, K., Smalley (F.) ; Allen, Barr, Buxton, Howard, Moores, Pilkington, Pritchard, Randall (W.).

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Under 15)—1, Charles (Cl.) ; 2, Johnson, T. (Cu.) ; 3, Green (Cu.). *Points* : 15. *Standards* : Charles, Crofts, Walmsley (Cl.) ; Ainsworth, Green, Johnson, T., Marsden, Woosey (Cu.) ; Gordon, Hayes, Robinson, Swarbrick, J. (F.) ; Brewer (W.).

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Under 13)—1, Bourn (Cl.) ; 2, Swarbrick, R. (F.) ; 3, Norcross (Cl.). *Points* : 20. *Standards* : Bourn, Norcross, Strickland (Cl.) ; Hill, Stanbridge, Vickers (Cu.) ; Almond, C., Hall, Slater, Swarbrick, R. (F.) ; Speakman (W.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open)—1, Broadbent (Cl.) ; 2, Proffitt (W.) ; 3, Manchester (Cu.). *Distance* : 95 yards 1 foot 9 inches. *Standards* : Broadbent, Derbyshire, Howcroft, Moore, Peacock, Smith, Walsh, Watkinson, A. (Cl.) ; Harrison, Manchester, Mather, Sharples, Swarbrick, Taylor, Yates (Cu.) ; Kelsall, K., Lavender, Nelson, Smith, D. (F.) ; Lawson, Moores, Pritchard, Proffitt (W.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 15)—1, Johnson, T. (Cu.) ; 2, Place (Cu.) ; 3, Green (Cu.). *Distance* : 71 yards 0 feet 4 inches. *Standards* : Charles, Forrest, Gill, Knowles, Parkinson, Porter, Walmsley (Cl.) ; Bullon, Green, Hunt, Johnson, T., Place (Cu.) ; Swarbrick, J. (F.) ; Harrison, Wright, P. (W.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 13)—1, Hill (Cu.) ; 2, Williams (F.) ; 3, Nelson (F.). * * *Distance* : 59 yards 1 foot 9 inches. *Standards* : Bourn, Norcross, Pinder, Singleton, Swarbrick, Wareing, Williams (Cl.) ; Hill, Hurst, Riding, Watson (Cu.) ; Almond, C., Goff, Hall, Nelson, Ryding, Slater, Smith, C., Smith, R., Williams (F.) ; Dewhurst, Greenall, Gynes, Haydock, Hibbert, Houghton, Laraway, Owen, Speakman, Swarbrick (W.).

Long Jump (Open)—1, Smith (Cl.) ; 2, Broadbent (Cl.) ; 3, Moore (Cl.) and Manchester (Cu.). *Distance* : 17 feet 10 inches. *Standards* : Broadbent, Moore, Smith (Cl.) ; Manchester, Mather, Sharples, Wrennall (Cu.) ; Kelsall, D., Kelsall, K. (F.) ; Lawson, Proffitt (W.).

Long Jump (Under 15)—1, Robinson, P. (F.) ; 2, Crofts (Cl.) ; 3, Place (Cu.). *Distance* : 13 feet 7 inches. *Standards* : Crofts, Harrison (Cl.) ; Green, Place (Cu.) ; Robinson P. (F.).

880 yards (Open)—1, Moore (Cl.) ; 2, Busfield (Cl.) ; 3, Proffitt (W.). *Time* : 2 mins. 14-4/5 secs. *Standards* : Busfield, Moore (Cl.) ; Mather, Sharples, Wrennall (Cu.) ; Allen, Proffitt (W.).

100 yards (Open)—1, Cook (W.) ; 2, Smith (Cl.) ; 3, Broadbent (Cl.). *Time* : 10-3/5 secs. *Standards* : Broadbent, Busfield, Moore, Smith (Cl.) ; Manchester, Mather, Seed, Wrennall (Cu.) ; Kelsall, D., Kelsall, K., Nelson (F.) ; Allen, Cook, Moores, Proffitt, Robertson (W.).

100 yards (Under 15)—1, Charles (Cl.) ; 2, Harrison (Cl.) ; 3, Gill (Cl.). *Time* : 12-1/5 secs. *Standards* : Charles, Crofts, Gill, Harrison (Cl.) ; Bullon, Johnson, T., Place (Cu.) ; McWilliam (W.).

100 yards (Under 13)—1, Norcross (Cl.) ; 2, Hall (F.) ; 3, Hill (Cu.). *Time* : 12-3/5 secs. *Standards* : Norcross (Cl.) ; Hill (Cu.) ; Almond, C., Egerton, Hall, Swarbrick, R. (F.) ; Hibbert (W.).

80 yards (Under 12)—1, Almond, C. (F.) ; 2, Swarbrick (Cl.) ; 3, Almond, E. (W.). *Time* : 18-3/10 secs. *Standards* : Bourn, Strickland, Swarbrick (Cl.) ; Farrer, Hurst, Martland (Cu.) ; Almond, C., Slater (F.) ; Almond, E., Campbell, Greenall, Swarbrick (W.).

High Jump (Open)—1, Manchester (Cu.) ; 2, Moore (Cl.) ; 3, Ackers (Cu.). *Height* : 5 feet 3 inches. *Standards* : Moore (Cl.) ; Ackers, Allsup, Manchester (Cu.).

High Jump (Under 15)—1, Charles (Cl.) ; 2, Gordon (F.) ; 3, Place (Cu.). *Height* : 4 feet 4½ inches. *Standards* : Charles, Draper (Cl.) ; Green, Johnson, T., Place, Woosey (Cu.) ; Gordon (F.).

High Jump (Under 13)—1, Egerton (F.) ; 2, Williams (F.) ; 3, Swarbrick, R. (F.). *Height* : 4 feet 0 inches. *Standards* : Norcross (Cl.) ; Hill, Vickers (Cu.) ; Egerton, Swarbrick, R., Williams (F.) ; Gynes, Wright (W.).

100 yards Hurdles (Open)—1, Proffitt (W.) ; 2, Mather (Cu.) ; 3, Moores (W.). *Time* : 14-4/5 secs. *Standards* : Mather (Cu.) ; Moores, Proffitt (W.).

75 yards Hurdles (Under 15)—1, Charles (Cl.) ; 2, Place (Cu.) ; 3, Hunt (Cu.). *Time* : 11-9/10 secs. *Standards* : Charles, Harrison (Cl.) ; Green, Hunt, Place (Cu.) ; Wright, P. (W.).

220 yards (Open)—1, Smith (Cl.) ; 2, Cook (W.) ; 3, Proffitt (W.). *Time* : 25-1/5 secs. *Standards* : Broadbent, Busfield, Smith (Cl.) ; Glover, Manchester, Mather, Wrennall (Cu.) ; Kelsall, K. (F.) ; Allen, Cook, Moores, Proffitt (W.).

220 yards (Under 15)—1, Charles (Cl.) ; 2, Harrison (Cl.) ; 3, Bullon (Cu.). *Time* : 29½ secs. *Standards* : Charles, Gill, Harrison, Kevill (Cl.) ; Bullon, Johnson, T., Place (Cu.) ; Heyes (F.) ; Wright, P. (W.).

440 yards (Open)—1, Busfield (Cl.) ; 2, Moore (Cl.) ; 3, Proffitt (W.). *Time* : 58½ secs. *Standards* : Broadbent, Busfield, Moore (Cl.) ; Manchester, Mather (Cu.) ; Proffitt (W.).

440 yards (Under 15)—1, Harrison (Cl.) ; 2, Charles (Cl.) ; 3, Wright, P. (W.). *Time* : 66-4/5 secs. *Standards* : Charles, Gill, Harrison (Cl.) ; Bullon, Johnson, T., Lucas (Cu.) ; Wright, P. (W.).

180 yards (Under 13)—1, Hall (F.); 2, Norcross (Cl.); 3, Hill (Cu.). Time : 25 secs. Standards : Norcross, Wareing (Cl.); Hill, Hurst, Watson (Cu.); Almond, C., Egerton, Hall, Swarbrick, R., Williams (F.); Bradshaw, Greenall, Hibbert (W.).

Mile (Open)—1, Moore (Cl.); 2, Ackers (Cu.); 3, Busfield (Cl.). Time : 5 mins. 11½ secs. Standards : Busfield, Moore (Cl.); Ackers (Cu.); Barr, Buxton, Moores (W.).

House Relay (Open)—1, Clayton; 2, Cuerden; 3, Worden. Time : 1 min. 44½ secs.

House Relay (Under 15)—1, Clayton; 2, Cuerden; 3, Worden. Time : 2 mins. 2½ secs.

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

House Tug (Open)—Won by Clayton.

House Tug (Under 15)—Won by Clayton.

GIRLS' EVENTS.

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Open)—1, A. Arthurs (Cl.); 2, E. Saunt (F.); 3, B. Ward (W.). Distance : 82 yards 2 feet 1 inch. Standards : A. Arthurs, S. Atherton, D. Berry, O. Coates, G. Derbyshire, E. Holden, B. Norcross, D. Rigby, E. Sutton, E. Taylor, J. Turner (Cl.); M. Farrer, M. Gardner, A. Harper, M. Hosker, B. Harrison, E. Jones, V. Kite, L. Latham, E. Mercer, B. Mitchell, J. Standen, A. Taylor, G. Topping, M. Vickers, J. Walmsley, B. Watson, M. Wrathall (Cu.); I. Burns, J. Chadwick, B. Clithero, S. Dawson, A. Dobson, D. Grimshaw, M. Hargreaves, B. Hamer, K. Harrop, S. Highfield, M. Hindle, G. Hornby, J. Lowe, M. Riding, E. Saunt, A. Standidge, J. Todd, D. Tomlinson (F.); H. Ashcroft, S. Ashton, M. Bagshaw, J. Barker, A. Grundy, B. Jones, A. Makin, C. Martin, V. Newsham, O. Penlington, J. Robinson, M. Rowlands, L. Sinfield, E. Spencer, M. Stazicker, B. Tyrer, B. Ward, M. Ward, I. Withnell (W.).

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 15)—1, A. Pritchard (W.); 2, U. Badger (Cu.); 3, M. Semple (Cu.). * * Distance : 80 yards. Standards : V. Ball, A. Brennand, N. Cunliffe, F. Entwistle, E. Fleischmann, J. Heaton, O. Howarth, M. Maidment, J. Robinson, D. Rogers, P. Roskell, C. Sumner, J. Swift, G. Waddecar, M. Ward, B. Whittle (Cl.); J. Astley, J. Brooks, C. Green, J. Harrison, M. Hesmondhalgh, K. Hosker, M. Lyon, P. Megson, M. Semple, M. Swindlehurst, D. Wareing, D. Woodburn, E. Wright (Cu.); M. Alston, A. Dears, E. English, J. Ingham, B. Kenyon, K. Louisa, P. Leach, P. Marshall, K. Moss, J. Quinn, M. Robinson, J. Singleton, B. Unwin, J. Waddington, M. Worrell (F.); S. Bamber, P. Barker, M. Beardwood, J. Cairns, M. Dawber, B. Haydock, V. Higgins, S. Mayor, A. Pilkington, A. Pritchard, J. Ritchie, A. Singleton, K. Smith, D. Swarbrick, R. Williams, R. Wilson (W.).

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 13)—1, M. Bamber (F.); 2, K. Parr (F.); 3, J. Whitehead (Cu.). Distance : 51 yards 1 foot 11 inches. Standards : F. Bolton, J. Hesketh, M. Sutcliffe, A. C. Thomas, J. Whittle, N. Wilcox (Cl.); E. Duckworth, J. Gregson, R. Halstead, C. Hayes, P. Hickling, A. Johnson, P. Lawson, P. Robinson, M. Stewart, J. Whitehead (Cu.); M. Bamber, M. Bolton, J. Harris, G. Hothersall, J. Parkinson, K. Parr, J. Sherlock, J. Tomlinson (F.); V. Barker, S. Campbell, M. Davidson, M. Johnson, L. Mayor, J. Oliver, M. Rodgers, M. Rowley, M. Stott, C. M. Topping, J. Tragen, I. Ward (W.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball (Open)—1, B. Mitchell (Cu.); 2, M. Hosker (Cu.); 3, J. Barker (W.). Distance : 55 yards 0 feet 3 inches. Standards : S. Atherton, D. Berry, R. Brennand, E. Holden, E. Sutton, M. Walne (Cl.); M. Barber, J. Bradley, M. Gardner, J. Higham, M. Hosker, M. Jenkinson, V. Kite, B. Mitchell, G. Topping, M. Wrathall (Cu.); K. Blundell, J. Chadwick, B. Clithero, I. Gardner, P. Gates, M. Hargreaves, E. Saunt (F.); H. Ashcroft, J. Barker, J. Dawber, A. Hodson, B. Jones, V. Newsham, O. Penlington, E. Singleton, M. Spencer, A. Withnell (W.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball (Under 15)—1, J. Brooks (Cu.); 2, P. Leach (F.); 3, M. Semple (Cu.). Distance : 44 yards 2 feet 6 inches. Standards : M. Barker, A. Brennand, S. Martland, J. Thomas, G. Waddecar (Cl.); J. Brooks, P. Farrer, C. Green, K. Hosker, M. Rigby, M. Semple (Cu.); M. Chisnall, B. Hammond, B. Kenyon, P. Leach, M. Robinson, J. Singleton (F.); S. Bamber, A. Pritchard, J. Ritchie (W.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball (Under 13)—1, J. Whittle (Cl.); 2, J. Howard (W.); 3, M. Davidson (W.). Distance : 34 yards 2 feet 6 inches. Standards : M. Gilbert, J. Whittle (Cl.); E. Duckworth (Cu.); K. Parr, D. Saycell, M. Waddington (F.); S. Campbell, M. Davidson, J. Howard, M. Johnson, J. Oliver, I. Ward (W.).

100 yards (Open)—1, H. Burnie (Cl.); 2, I. Sharples (W.); 3, B. Jones (W.). * * Time : 11-9/10 secs. Standards : H. Burnie, E. Taylor (Cl.); B. Goodier, P. Kirkman, G. Topping (Cu.); K. Blundell, E. Jump, J. Lowe, C. Penney (F.); B. Jones, P. Lawson, O. Penlington, J. Robinson, I. Sharples, E. Spencer, M. Spencer, B. Tyrer, B. Ward (W.).

100 yards (Under 15)—1, A. Dears (F.); 2, J. Ritchie (W.); 3, M. Beardwood (W.). Time : 12-7/10secs. Standards : B. Lawson, M. Pownall, E. Taylor, J. Thomas (Cl.); U. Badger, J. Brooks, C. Green, A. Ireland, M. Rigby, M. Sharples (Cu.); M. Alston, S. Cook, A. Dears, J. Houlden, K. Louisa, J. Quinn (F.); S. Bamber, M. Beardwood, J. Cairns, B. Harvey, A. Pritchard, J. Ritchie (W.).

100 yards (Under 13)—1, M. Stott (W.); 2, M. Bamber (F.); 3, P. Dixon (Cu.). Time : 12-4/5 secs. Standards : T. Aspey, D. Cook, R. Dickinson, P. Oliver, J. Whittle (Cl.); J. Cookson, P. Dixon, R. Hardie,

P. Hickling, M. Sample, J. Whitehead (Cu.); M. Bamber, E. Hughes, K. Parr, J. Sherlock (F.); J. Oliver, E. Riding, M. Stott, I. Ward, V. Westwater (W.).

High Jump (Open)—1, C. Penney (F.); 2, E. Holden (Cl.); 3, G. Topping (Cu.). Height : 4 feet 7 inches. Standards : H. Burnie, E. Holden (Cl.); J. Bradley, B. Harrison, E. Jones, P. Kirkman, I. Prescott, J. Standen, G. Topping, M. Vickers, B. Watson (Cu.); I. Burns, D. Grimshaw, M. Hargreaves, C. Penney, E. Saunt, M. Strickland, J. Todd (F.); J. Fleetwood, B. Jones, A. Makin, K. Marsden, E. Nelson, E. Spencer, M. Spencer (W.).

High Jump (Under 15)—1, J. Brooks (Cu.); 2, B. Lawson (Cl.); 3, A. Bleasdale (Cl.) and A. Meakin (W.). Height : 4 feet 6 inches. Standards : V. Ball, A. Bleasdale, A. Brennand, N. Cunliffe, B. Lawson (Cl.); U. Badger, J. Brooks, G. Hall, J. Harrison, B. Philipson, S. Robinson, M. Swindlehurst (Cu.); S. Bretherton, A. Dears, P. Leach, P. Marshall, M. Robinson, J. Waddington (F.); M. Beardwood, J. Cairns, A. Meakin, A. Pritchard, A. Singleton, D. Swarbrick (W.).

High Jump (Under 13)—1, P. Oliver (Cl.); 2, R. Hardie (Cu.) and J. Parkinson (F.). Height : 4 feet 1 inch. Standards : P. Oliver (Cl.); P. Dixon, R. Hardie (Cu.); J. Parkinson, K. Parr (F.); J. Oliver (W.).

80 yards (Under 12)—1, E. Ryding (W.); 2, T. Aspey (Cl.); 3, I. Ward (W.). Time : 11-3/10 secs. Standards : T. Aspey, A. Calland, M. A. Noblet, A. C. Thomas (Cl.); B. Bowcott, J. Cookson, P. Lawson (Cu.); E. Yates (F.); E. Riding, R. J. Roby, D. Rutter, I. Ward (W.).

75 yards Hurdles (Open)—1, E. Holden (Cl.); 2, B. Jones (W.); 3, B. Watson (W.). Time : 11-4/5 secs. Standards : S. Atherton, E. Holden (Cl.); M. Barber, P. Kirkman, I. Prescott (Cu.); C. Penney (F.); B. Jones, J. Robinson, E. Spencer, B. Watson (W.).

60 yards Hurdles (Under 15)—1, A. Dears (F.); 2, J. Brooks (Cu.); 3, J. Quinn (F.). * * Time : 9-3/5 secs. Standards : M. Barker, A. Scott (Cl.); J. Brooks, P. Dixon, A. Ireland, M. Lyon, M. Rigby, M. Smith (Cu.); M. Alston, V. Bamber, A. Dears, P. Leach, J. Quinn, A. Salt, J. Sherlock (F.); S. Bamber, M. Beardwood, A. Pritchard, J. Ritchie, D. Swarbrick (W.).

House Relay (Open)—1, Clayton; 2, Cuerden; 3, Farington. * * Time : 51½ secs.

House Relay (Under 15)—1, Farington; 2, Cuerden; 3, Clayton. Time : 55½ secs.

House Relay (Under 13)—1, Worden; 2, Farington; 3, Cuerden. Time : 60-3/5 secs.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

During the past year our members have enjoyed a very industrious and profitable series of meetings. Certain members did book-binding, and lino cuts, and others did some canework. Owing to lack of time, not very much could be accomplished during one session. Some of the members assisted with the scenery for the school play "Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure." Miss Whewell gave useful guidance and original ideas for future activities. Altogether during the year the Society progressed satisfactorily.

J.M.G.D., U.VI (F.).

THE DANCING SOCIETY

We completely changed the nature of the Society this year and introduced ballroom dancing for the first time. It had been noticed at House parties that most of the boys were reluctant to dance, so the seniors were invited to join the Dancing Society. A group of thirty-six boys and girls was formed, and our efforts met with considerable success, everyone being able to dance at least a quick-step and a waltz by the end of the year.

C.I.P.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Again much of our time was occupied in rehearsing for the school play, which proved to be a happy piece, both for the actors and actresses and for those who merely had to sit and criticize. Many of the members did valuable work other than acting, by helping to make our own set, and by painting and decorating it.

We spent several sessions in reading Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," when most of the members had a chance to exhibit their ability. There was much promising material in the society and we hope that next year's plays, "Antigone" and "Pygmalion and Galatea," will prove that we have learnt a great deal of dramatic art.

A.J.B., U.VI (Cu.).

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS

The primary object of the society is to make contacts in foreign countries and find pen-friends for the members of the society, thus encouraging a wider knowledge of people and their ways in other parts of the world. Considerable progress was made in this direction during the year. The number of countries to which members wrote gradually increased until it included France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, U.S.A. and many parts of the Commonwealth.

In a few cases the correspondence has led to invitations to spend holidays at the homes of the pen-friends; this development is obviously most valuable and we hope to see it increase.

Another unexpected but most welcome result was the number of gifts from generous foreign friends. It was striking evidence of the regard felt in most countries for our people. We do our best to reciprocate but one or two members who are writing to several different pen-friends are finding it rather a strain!

In the coming year we hope to widen the scope of our contacts even further.

R.H.L.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

L'année dernière la plupart des membres étaient dans la première ou dans la deuxième année et quatre dans la troisième et une dans la quatrième année.

Nous avons joué à beaucoup de petits jeux français et nous nous sommes amusés énormément. Nous avons eu un jeu avec "Topical Subjects"; c'était "Twenty Questions."

Nous avons eu, certainement, une année très heureuse.

L.R., IV.C (Cl.).

GARDENING SOCIETY

During last year the weather has not been too kind to us so we were unable to go to the gardens very often and really get down to turning the soil over. With the Spring, however, there came a spell of fine weather and this helped us enormously. Later, prolonged heavy rain encouraged the rapid growth of innumerable weeds. The girls showed their worth with flowers and vegetables, as was expected.

D.R., IV.A (Cl.).

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

During the year 1949-50, the members of the society, mostly drawn from the Junior forms, have taken part in a varied programme of activities. These included the making of picture charts of various countries, film shows, lectures by members of the society, notably "New Zealand," by Margaret Cattle, and a number of the ever-popular quizzes and competitions, which were (we hope) both instructive and enjoyable.

E.A.S.

GYMNASTIC SOCIETY

Apparatus work, of various kinds, was again the main occupation of the Society. Other activities included minor games and occasional short periods of boxing and wrestling. Sometimes, when it was necessary to go outside, shot putting, discus and javelin throwing were tried, with quite promising results.

J.S.

THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society has, this year, consisted almost exclusively of Form I girls, who have proved themselves most enthusiastic and efficient. They have undertaken debates and discussions with great gusto. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Audrey Standidge and Ruth Brennand for their invaluable help and we hope that the Society will continue to flourish.

I.J.

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

An enthusiastic Junior Dramatic Society has met during the year. The performances have been varied; during the first term we acted charades and discovered much talent; we launched into play reading later and eventually had some very enjoyable productions by different groups in the society. However impromptu the efforts they were received with the greatest appreciation by all of us. Much hard work, too, was put in by many members and this provided entertainment at several school functions.

A.M.

JUNIOR LITERARY SOCIETY

The members of our Society this year have read many books and have benefitted by the explanations of certain words and points given by Mr. Bull. Our interest in literature has been greatly enhanced by the Friday afternoon meetings.

U.B., II.A (Cu.).

JUNIOR PLAY READING SOCIETY

IV.C Form Room, Friday, 3-20 p.m., sees the meeting of some thirty-odd small folk, ready to take up the play where they left it the previous week. Last year's members came from the II'S, for the most part, and one and all knew their Alphabets, and could read words of one syllable!

We haven't had a chance to sample the dramatic reading of the Form I's, from which forms we draw our present readers, but no doubt they will be keen to try, and prepared to enjoy that last half hour of the last afternoon of the school week.

M.A.R.

KNITTING SOCIETY

This year the knitting society has had a very successful year. Many garments have been completed under the watchful eye of Mrs. Chisnall. The Society was composed mainly of fourth formers.

We send our best wishes to Mrs. Chisnall, who has left and we welcome Mrs. Sherlock.

A.G., V.C (Cl.).

THE NEEDLEWORK SOCIETY

The Society was revived this year, and as so many girls were anxious to join, a junior branch was formed under the supervision of Miss Doherty.

The senior section, meeting in the Domestic Science Room, worked—and chattered—with great enthusiasm and produced examples of nearly every type of needlework. One outstanding achievement was the combined effort of the group to complete new colours for Sports Day.

The junior section held their meetings in III.C, and as the sewing machines were not available, all the work was done by hand and consisted mainly of embroidery.

The year's activity showed that there is an increasing interest in needlework, especially in garment making and in all types of embroidery.

A.D., K.M.B.

MUSIC SOCIETY

The concerts attended last year by the Music Society were too numerous for justice to be done to each in the brief space at our disposal. The Hallé Concerts were well attended by school members, but as there were bigger school attendances at the four Liverpool Philharmonic concerts a short account of these is preferable.

At the first concert on Oct. 19th (1949), we heard Brahms's Academic Festival Overture, Schuman's Pianoforte Concerto in A minor, Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony and Tchaikowsky's Theme and Variations from Suite No. 3. These items had been previously played over in Societies as usual, though none of them can be termed "difficult." The soloist was Lance Dossor.

For some reason or other, the Schumann Concerto leaves most pupils unimpressed; which is a pity, for the work is charming from beginning to end. It has many ideas, and fully justifies the composer in attempting a larger art form than was customary with him.

The Italian Symphony had a better reception—not that we grudge this, far from it. It is a perfect work of its type. The music is energetic, and the orchestration very precise. Perhaps the design is not broad, but then Mendelssohn was a young composer. How many others could produce such a work at the age of 21?

The second concert on Dec. 14th, was by way of being an after-exams-end-of-term celebration. From the pupils' point of view it would be hard to improve on the opening item—the Hebrides Overture. Probably the same could be said of the Grieg Pianoforte Concerto which followed, but we would venture to remark that this work has been overworked lately. Then followed the slight "La Traviata" Prelude and, after it, Schubert's Unfinished Symphony. An item in the programme new to many Preston listeners was the Royal Hunt and Storm and March of the Trojans by Berlioz.

The third concert on Jan. 25th included (much to the delight of the Upper Sixth boys) Beethoven's Symphony No. 8. I found this work very easy to "put over" in Societies; indeed its tunes could be heard whistled all over the school for days afterwards! (rivalling in this respect Scheherazade the previous year).

The Concerto at this Concert was Rachmanninoff's "Third"—a change from the usual "Second," though this is not to disparage the latter work. Cyril Smith was the soloist.

The last Concert on Mar. 22nd, again delighted the boys; we had Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony. Two Beethoven symphonies in one season! As the symphony was being played the boys followed every note with intense interest, and when the work eventually came to a finish their looks plainly stated: Well, can you beat that?

The pianist in the Liszt E Flat Concerto was Weingarten. I can only say that I have not heard such flawless playing of this concerto for many years.

Since a large amount of our time in Societies was taken up with the above items, it follows that little was left for other things. The two largest items I tackled with them were Brahms' Fourth Symphony and Sibelius' Third.

A large concert programme is, as usual being arranged for the present year. Besides the four visits of the Liverpool Philharmonic, and the Hallé Orchestra's visit, Pouishnoff is giving a pianoforte recital on Feb. 8th.

We welcome this Term, Mr. Black, who has taken over the music teaching in the school and who is also in charge of a Junior Musical Society. This will provide a powerful stimulus to musical appreciation in the school and we look forward to the time when Balshavian attendances at concerts will number, not merely 90 or so, but double that number.

B.L.W.

THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

This Society, although only in its first year, proved itself to be popular and the membership was good. We had various activities which included film-shows, and lectures by various members of the Society. When the weather permitted we went outside to study the birds and altogether we had a most interesting year.

C.G.S., V.B (Cl.).

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Owing to the difficulties of blacking-out the dark room, little developing and printing was done. However, some of the junior members produced excellent tinted prints. At one or two combined meetings with the Scientific Society, lectures of advantage to both societies were given.

T.S.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

This year we have had a very varied programme which has included quizzes, lectures and demonstrations. Allen opened the session with a very interesting talk on "Perpetual Motion," illustrated by many blackboard diagrams showing 'perpetual motion' machines. Later Palmer gave us a talk on "Cotton." Other talks were given by Kelsall, K., on the "Camera," and Rukin, on "A Tin of Sardines." Demonstrations were given on "The Induction Coil," "Electrolysis," and various sound phenomena.

W.R.

TOPICAL SUBJECTS SOCIETY

Competing, as we were, both with Mr. Morgan and the B.B.C., variety was the keynote of the Society this year to avoid the atmosphere of yet another "period."

After watching the world and its incessant turmoil we came back through Europe via the Saar and crossed the Channel in time for the General Election and the visit of Monsieur Vincent Auriol. We stayed long enough to discuss such earthly things as brown bread, and then left again for Europe to match our knowledge against that of the cercle francais, with Miss Bromley as Question Master.

We should like to apologise to any of our readers who were deprived of their daily newspaper during the researches of our more enthusiastic members.

J.R.M.

THE CHOIR

We have had a very interesting and successful year. After much hard yet enjoyable, work, we were once more praised for the high standard of our singing at both Speech Day and the Carol Service.

The party, after long and eager waiting, was a great success, owing to the untiring preparation of Miss Rahill and the senior members, not forgetting Mr. Wilkinson who organised the games.

We take this opportunity of thanking Miss Rahill, who has now handed her baton to Mr. Black, for all her work and devotion to the choir.

We welcome Mr. Black into our midst. He is always on the look-out for new talent: the girls are responding gallantly, but where are the boys?

R.B.M., U.VI (F.).

THE SAVINGS GROUP

The total sum saved by the group during the year 1949-50 was £214 8s. This represents a very satisfactory total, although too large a proportion was contributed by Forms I and II. There is some slight evidence, however, that the savings habit is advancing slowly up the school, like the mercury in a thermometer on a very foggy day. We would assure all members, present and future, that the savings thermometer is ever ready and waiting to record a heat wave.

F.K.L.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Accessions have been so considerable again this year that, if the rate is maintained, our present book accommodation should fairly soon be filled to capacity. It is very gratifying, too, to find that the book market has improved so considerably during the last few years that a good proportion of the books applied for have been obtained.

K. Abbott put in a very useful and conscientious year's work as Librarian, her successor being Livesey. The County Library Side has been most satisfactorily supervised by B. Blundell and M. Hibbert, who also managed the Fiction section.

M. Farrimond and P. Higgins have continued their good work as Library orderlies.

W.J.D.

CHESS

It is with great regret that I have to announce the suspension of school matches with outside clubs. Last July saw a clean sweep as far as the Chess Team was concerned, and as sufficient numbers of juniors willing to study the game are not forthcoming, there is no alternative but to close down.

This is a great pity, for the school team made a name for itself in Preston and District chess. Last year we were the champion team in the Preston and District League, unbeaten and defeating such teams as Preston, Leyland, Chorley, Bamber Bridge Training College and Fulwood. We finished well ahead of the field and, out of 42 individual games, only lost three—an excellent performance.

This result reflects great credit on the school, for it must be remembered that ours was the only team in the League consisting (apart from myself) entirely of schoolboys. It is no easy matter to defeat a team like Preston which can draw on a wide area and does indeed contain players of wide experience.

The School team has been in existence for five years, and in the course of that time has played over 30 matches. Only two of these have been lost, a record which will probably never be surpassed even if some day, another school team materialises.

J. K. Becconsall is now playing for Liverpool University. G. N. Chase is playing for Leyland—indeed he is Secretary for that club.

B.L.W.

RUGBY, 1949-50

The 1st XV had a rather disappointing season and failed to fulfil expectations. This was mainly because the forwards, who were individually quite good, failed to blend into a lively pack. As a consequence of this the outsides, who improved steadily throughout the season, seldom received a sufficiently rapid supply of the ball. The cardinal faults were high tackling and failure to bind together and watch the ball in the loose. It is only fair to add that because of injuries the team seldom played at full strength.

2nd XV and COLTS.

Owing to lack of standardisation among other schools we played matches at no less than 3 variations of age and size. Quite a lot of promising talent was revealed which ought to develop into good 1st XV material next season.

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XV.

Wright (Capt.). Has shown great enthusiasm. He lost a little confidence after being injured but was back in his best form before the end of the season. A sound captain.

Broadbent. Played some rather variable games in the pack. At the end of the season he was tried on the wing where he ran with great determination and defended well.

Yates. Has developed into a really good forward who plays hard right up to the end of the game.

Howcroft. Hooked successfully throughout and improved his general play considerably in the second half of the season.

Nelson. A very safe and reliable full-back. Needs to concentrate now on accuracy rather than length in his kicking.

Blundell. Played consistently up to his own best form but is rather handicapped by lack of speed.

Watkinson. Developed into one of the best forwards in the pack and was always trying to improve his game. A useful place kicker.

Johnston. Fulfilled the promise of the previous season. His backing up and defensive covering are first class.

Manchester. Moved into the centre he developed into a strong runner and sound defender. His handling and his timing of passes improved noticeably as the season progressed.

Mather. Unfortunately he was out of action for most of the season but his work in the centre in the last few matches was very promising.

Ogden was the XV's utility man who played in many positions. He was probably at his best at wing forward.

Proffit is a fast, lively forward, always on the ball.

Wrennall defends well and goes hard on the wing but needs to introduce a little more subtlety into his running.

Smith possesses all the natural aptitudes for a fly-half, and should become really good as he gains experience.

Walsh played steadily at scrum half but needs to quicken up his passing.

Bamber played quite soundly on the wing until he left at Christmas.

Fowler performed soundly in the forwards when called upon but was not quite fast enough to command a regular place. He deserves special commendation for the cheerful and willing way in which he accepted the vagaries of selection.

Lawson is a promising half-back who is handicapped by his size. His falling on the ball is a lesson to many.

Hunt, Pritchard, Rukin and Harrison also played with credit when called upon.

BANTAMS and CHICKS.

In the early season games, weak tackling allowed opponents to run through and hesitant running could not produce the required penetration. Late in the season these basic faults were overcome and consequently the last match was the best, the whole team playing well, backing up strongly, running with determination, and tackling hard. It was a very promising note on which to end.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

SAT., SEPT. 24TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. KIRKHAM G.S. 1ST XV. AWAY. WON.

The school took the field with 14 men and kicked off in sultry heat. Play was even for 15 mins. and then Manchester scored after good work by the forwards. A few minutes later, after a good run by Johnston, Mather went over at the corner. Kirkham replied with a penalty goal shortly after the interval but the school then took control and further tries were scored by Mather (2), Wright and Smith. Wright converted two of these and Smith one. Nelson at full back backed exceptionally well all through.

Result : School, 24 pts.; Kirkham, 3 pts.

SAT., OCT. 1ST. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. HUTTON G.S. 1ST XV. AWAY. LOST.

The school pressed strongly at the start and took the lead after 5 mins., Wright breaking away from the line out to score. The kick failed. Hutton were soon on level terms, Royle crossing on the right after some weak tackling. Soon afterwards, more weak defensive play allowed Hutton to take the lead. Throughout the game the school forwards were slightly on top but the backs failed to make use of a very generous share of the ball. Hutton added two more tries in the second half, the final score being a true reflection of the game. The match was not without its lessons, and the school display was not without promise.

Result : School, 3 pts.; Hutton, 12 pts.

SAT., OCT. 8TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. LEYLAND MOTORS "A" XV. HOME. WON.

Playing uphill the school were quickly on the attack but the first score was a penalty goal kicked by Watkinson. Play remained even for the remainder of the first half, both sets playing spoiling football. The school pack gradually got on top and the backs began to combine much more satisfactorily. Johnson scored at the corner after good play all round, Blundell forced his way over from a loose scrum, and after several near misses Broadbent scored a last try. None of the tries was converted.

Result : School, 12 pts.; Leyland Motors, Nil.

WED., OCT. 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. STONYHURST COLLEGE 2ND XV. AWAY. LOST.

Though they were without Smith and Mather the school managed to hold their own throughout the first half and at half time the score was three points each, Watkinson having replied to a Stonyhurst try with a penalty goal. The Stonyhurst forwards were, however, superior in the loose and in the second half, playing as a pack, they broke through repeatedly. Tries were scored by each of our opponents' wings after quick heeling. Finally, just before time, the full back scored after making the extra man in attack.

Result : School, 3 pts.; Stonyhurst, 12 pts.

SAT., OCT. 15TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. WIGAN G.S. 1ST XV. AWAY. LOST.

The school were further weakened by injuries, Johnston and Blundell having to be replaced. The first half was very keen but Wigan took the lead with a penalty goal and a try. Broadbent was injured trying to save this and had to leave the field. Wigan increased their lead with another try shortly after half-time and then the school's seven forwards took control. Watkinson kicked a penalty goal and then, 5 mins. from the end, he scored a good try. The last few minutes saw an all-out attack on the Wigan line but the defence just held.

Result : School, 6 pts.; Wigan, 9 pts.

SAT., OCT. 22ND. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. ROSSALL SCHOOL 2ND XV. AWAY. LOST.

Smith returned to the team but Ogden was absent through injury. Straight away from the kick off Manchester broke through and narrowly failed to score. Then the Rossall forwards took control and the school were kept on the defensive. Scores came fairly regularly as the school pack were much slower in the loose. Near the end Smith, who had moved into fly-half when Lawson was injured, scored a good try as a consolation.

Result : School, 3 pts.; Rossall, 20 pts.

SAT., NOV. 5TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. BLACKBURN "B" XV. HOME. WON.

Playing uphill after winning the toss the school were soon on the attack, and Smith scored two tries in quick succession, neither being converted. Yates added another try after a forward rush and Watkinson converted. The forwards played well, and gave the backs plenty of the ball but they tended to hang on too long. In the second half tries were scored by Broadbent, Proffit, Manchester and Yates. Smith, Howcroft and Watkinson each converted one, the latter adding a penalty goal.

Result : School, 32 pts.; Blackburn, Nil.

SAT., NOV. 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. ARNOLD SCHOOL 1ST XV. HOME. LOST.

The ground was very heavy and rain was driven at gale force across the ground all through the match. The school opened strongly but were soon 5 pts. down through a defensive blunder. Arnold scored twice more in the first half, and just on half-time Broadbent scored for the school after a well-executed wheel on the Arnold line. At the beginning of the second half Wright had to leave the field with an injury. The school played valiantly after this setback but press as they might they could not score again. Arnold scored an unconverted try near the end, but play was much more even than the score suggests.

Result : School, 3 pts.; Arnold, 18 pts.

SAT., NOV. 19TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. SEDBERGH SCHOOL 3RD XV. HOME. LOST.

The school kicked off downhill and soon took the lead through an excellent try by Smith, who ran half the length of the field, beating several men; Smith also converted. Sedbergh reduced this lead by an unconverted try after faulty defensive play, and just before half-time they took the lead with a penalty. The school played hard in the second half but were just lacking that little bit of "snap" in their play. Yates, Johnston and Watkinson shone in the pack, Watkinson narrowly failing to score after a spectacular 75 yds. dribble. Sedbergh increased their lead with an unconverted try.

Result : School, 5 pts.; Sedbergh, 9 pts.

SAT., NOV. 26TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS "EXTRA" A. XV. AWAY. LOST.

The pitch was very heavy and the ball was soon difficult to handle. Consequently play was mostly confined to the forwards. The school were 6 pts. down at the interval, and both tries might have been avoided with better tackling. The superior weight and size of the "Hoppers" forwards began to tell in the second half, and the school did well to prevent any further scores.

Result : School, Nil; Preston Grasshoppers, 6 pts.

SAT., DEC. 3RD. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. KIRKHAM G.S. 1ST XV. HOME. WON.

As conditions were again bad for handling the forwards dominated most of the game. The first half was a scrambling affair and neither side looked effective. In the second half the school pack improved and Watkinson scored after they had followed up a kick through. Smith converted from an acute angle. The school then attacked strongly and only good touch-finding by Kirkham saved several awkward situations. Yates scored a second try after a forward break-through.

Result : School, 8 pts.; Kirkham, Nil.

TUES., DEC. 13TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. HUTTON G.S. 1ST XV. HOME. LOST.

This match had been postponed because of snow and the pitch was very wet. The school was soon on the defensive and Hutton opened the scoring with an unconverted try. This setback seemed to spur on the school, who, for a time, penned Hutton in their own half; Wright equalised with an unconverted try from a line-out near the Hutton line. Hutton's play improved and they became superior in all departments of the game; their backs looked much more dangerous than the school backs, and their forwards were yards faster on the ball. Hutton scored two more tries, both being converted.

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

SAT., JAN. 7TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. UPHOLLAND G.S. 1ST XV. AWAY. LOST.

Upholland were on the attack most of the first half and crossed over with a three points lead. Play was even in the second half and after Upholland had increased their lead with an unconverted try the school took up the attack. Watkinson was just wide with a penalty, and after a quick heel, the ball went to Manchester, who scored an excellent try. The school forwards did not impress—only in the later stages of the game did they play as a pack.

Result : School, 3 pts.; Upholland, 6 pts.

SAT., JAN. 14TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. ORMSKIRK G.S. 1ST XV. AWAY. LOST.

Up to half time neither side had managed to score, although both lines had had narrow escapes. Ormskirk scored a good try early in the second half, after which the school's play seemed to fall to pieces. Ormskirk scored 4 more tries, 3 being converted, and a dropped goal. The school did not play as a team. Better tackling all round, and livelier play in the loose by the forwards could have averted most of this score.

Result : School, Nil; Ormskirk, 24 pts.

SAT., FEB. 4TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. BLACKPOOL G.S. 1ST XV. HOME. LOST.

The school kicked off uphill and were soon on the defensive. Blackpool scored 4 tries in the 1st half, the 2nd being rather a lucky one. In the second half the school improved all round, and took the lead. The finishing, however, was atrocious and at least 3 easy tries were bungled. Watkinson hit the post with a difficult penalty kick, and although we were beaten by a better side the margin would not have been so great with reasonable luck.

Result : School, Nil; Blackpool, 20 pts.

WED., FEB. 8TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. STONYHURST COLLEGE 2ND XV. HOME. WON.

Blundell and Nelson were absent for this return fixture. Kicking off downhill the school went into the attack and Yates very nearly scored. Since the school pressed continuously it was no surprise when Manchester scored, Mather making the opening. The kick failed. A few minutes later Howcroft touched down after a good dribble and Watkinson converted. The school did not look as dangerous in the second half, but Oden scored a further try, Watkinson again converting. Stonyhurst replied with an unconverted try near the end. This was the best performance of the season.

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

SAT., FEB. 11TH. SCHOOL 1ST XV v. WIGAN G.S. 1ST XV. HOME. LOST.

Further weakened by the absence of Johnston the school were soon in arrears when a Wigan centre broke through to score a try which was converted; soon Wigan increased their lead with a penalty. The second half was mostly a series of attacks on the Wigan line but the defence held out. Near the end Watkinson scored, at the second attempt, with a penalty. The forwards played hard and were lively in the second half and the backs improved as the game progressed.

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

"7-A-SIDE" COMPETITIONS.

A school seven was sent to competitions organised by the Fylde R.U.F.C. on March 1st, and by the Manchester University R.U.F.C. on April 1st. At the Fylde the school was beaten in the first round by Birkenhead Park High School by 9 pts. to 6 after two periods of extra time. The victors, even after this gruelling, were only defeated 8 pts. to 3 by Barrow G.S., the winners of the competition.

There was a very strong entry at Manchester and the young, light School Seven did remarkably well to reach the last 8, beating King Edward's G.S. Stourbridge by 13 pts. to 3, and a much heavier King's

School, Macclesfield seven by 5 pts. to nil. A very tired team was beaten by 16 pts. to nil by Wallasey G.S. in the quarter-final.

HOLIDAY MATCHES.

In the Christmas holidays, Yates, Blundell and Manchester played for Preston Schoolboys against the Fylde. Yates was selected for the joint Preston-Fylde team against Waterloo Schoolboys.

RESULTS.

	Pl.	W.	D.	L.
1st XV	17	5	—	12
2nd XV and Colts	8	2	2	4
Bantams	6	1	—	5

RUGBY KNOCK-OUTS.

In the 1st round Worden easily defeated Farington and Clayton just defeated Cuerden in a closely contested game. Clayton, as anticipated, were successful in the final.

RUGBY LEAGUES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Cuerden	5	5	0	0	10
Farington	5	2	0	3	4
Worden	5	1	1	3	3
Clayton	5	1	1	3	3

HOCKEY, 1949-50

Captain : O. M. Penlington

We were less fortunate with the weather this year, being able to fulfil only nine of our eighteen fixtures, but the results were satisfactory on the whole.

Once the players realized that not only the forwards, but the team as a whole must attack from the start, the game improved enormously.

Again this year, we took part in the Lancashire Schools Tournament held at Manchester at the end of the season, and thoroughly enjoyed the event. As winners of our section, we went into the Semi-Final with high hopes. The excitement was intense when the game ended as a goal-less draw and had to be replayed. It was a grim tussle in which neither side would give way, and, a third game still resulting in a draw, the match was awarded to our opponents, who had a higher total of points in their previous section games than we had, and so entered the Final. Although the School team failed to reach the Final it is to be congratulated on its performance, having won five games, drawn four, including the Semi-Final, and lost none.

The second eleven had a successful season, winning all but the first match of the year, and promises well for the future.

TEAM CRITICISMS.

Goalkeeper : O. Coates. An active and reliable goalkeeper, in whom the team has great confidence.

Right Back : J. Taylor. A very good full-back and we were sorry she left half-way through the season. B. Hamer took her place. Marks well and is quick, but needs more control.

Left Back : J. Barker. Tackles courageously and clears well; a little slow in moving at first, but has improved.

Right Half : E. Holden. Has rapidly developed into a speedy and efficient half, combining well with the right wing.

Centre Half : O. Penlington. One of the best centre halves we have ever had : tireless and resourceful, she captained the team with great success.

Left Half : M. Jenkinson. A hard-working half. Tackles well but must be more tenacious and hit with more force.

Right Wing : H. Burnie. Speedy and dependable, with very good stickwork.

Right Inner : M. Hargreaves. Has developed into a very useful forward, attacking with more confidence.

Centre Forward : M. Hosker. Quick to attack and very determined, with a good goal score to her credit, but shooting still occasionally inaccurate. Concentration on footwork will give additional control.

Left Inner : V. Kite. A very promising forward who will do well if she continues to improve her dodging tactics and stickwork.

Left Wing : M. Spencer. A conscientious forward with great determination, who gave useful support to the inner and centre-forward.

C.I.P.

OCT. 8TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. LOST, 0-1.

Ormskirk proved the better team and it was only the constant determination of our team which prevented a higher goal score against us. Our forwards tried hard, but seemed unable to make a good finish in the opponents' goal.

OCT. 15TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON, 3-0.

Our team, during the first half, was quite good, yet the forwards still lacked "finish." The team tackled the second half with confidence, and deserved the three goals. Winckley Square put up a fierce resistance at first, but gradually weakened under the attacks of our forward line.

OCT. 22ND. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. DRAWN, 1-1.

We attacked strongly throughout the first half but failed to score more than one goal. Chorley's turn to attack came early in the second half, and they scored a goal, but in spite of our persistent attempts the Chorley goalkeeper prevented us from adding to our score.

NOV. 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST, 2-4.

The ground was heavy and wet, but the teams tackled each other with spirit, and moved remarkably quickly considering the heavy showers and the condition of the pitch. The school scored two goals in the first half. In the second half, Ashton displayed more drive and determination and were rewarded by four goals.

NOV. 19TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HINDLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON, 8-0.

The school was constantly on the attack, and had the upper hand throughout the game. Hindley's attempts to score were speedily foiled by our backs, who were in great form.

NOV. 26TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. WIGAN HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. WON, 11-0.

The team-spirit was well in evidence in this game, and resulted in some particularly good passing in and around the Wigan circle.

JAN. 21ST. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ST. ANNE'S COLLEGE 1ST XI. HOME. WON, 8-0.

Conditions were ideal except for a slight ground frost. The College played well but lacked practice. Our forwards took advantage of every chance to shoot and scored eight times.

JAN. 28TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. WON, 4-1.

The ground was hard after continued frost, and both sides had difficulty in controlling the ball. The school proved quicker because we adopted long-passing tactics and kept the play in our opponents half.

FEB. 8TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST, 2-4.

Newton were definitely the faster team. The school forwards were slow in shooting and missed many chances, while the halves had difficulty in keeping up with the Newton forwards.

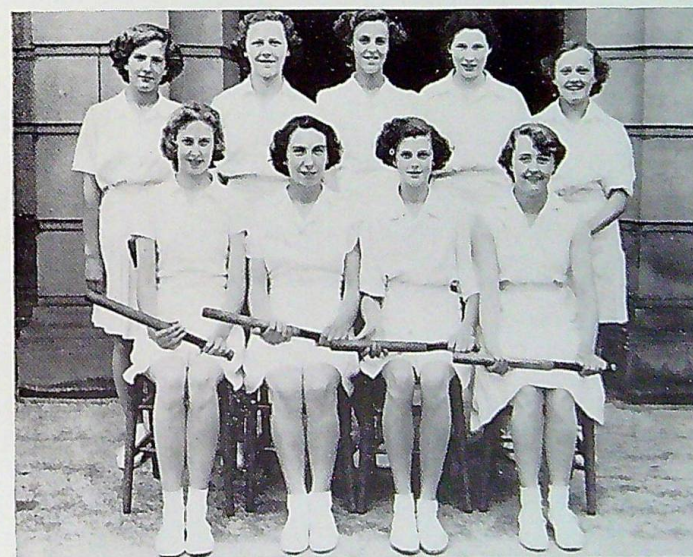
SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MATCHES.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	9	5	1	3
2nd XI	6	5	0	1



SCHOOL TENNIS VI, 1950.

Back row : (left to right) I. P. Gardner, S. E. Atherton, J. P. Fleetwood.
Front row : (left to right) M. H. Hosker, J. M. Barker, E. Holden.
Played 7 Won 3 Lost 4 Drawn 0



SCHOOL ROUNDERS IX, 1950.

Back row : (left to right) E. Taylor, E. Saunt, M. Strickland, B. M. Mitchell, P. E. Gates.
Front row : (left to right) V. Kite, O. B. Coates (Captain), R. M. Brennand, J. Higham.
Played 4 Won 2 Lost 1 Drawn 1

LEAGUES.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Points
Cuerden	6	4	1	1	9
Clayton	6	3	1	2	7
Farington	6	1	2	3	4
Worden	6	2	0	4	4

KNOCK-OUTS.

Clayton defeated Farington. Worden defeated Cuerden.
Final : Clayton defeated Worden 3-1.

CROSS COUNTRY, 1950

The 1950 season was mainly one of experiment. At the outset Busfield and Moore were the only boys with past reputations. Busfield soon showed that his broken leg of the previous year was not going to reduce his value to the team. Moore fulfilled all expectations, finishing first of the school team in all matches.

Of the newcomers, Ackers made most progress during the season and steadily improved. He must be regarded as one of the mainstays for the 1951 season. Sharples ran very hard. Illness interrupted his training and perhaps prevented him from showing to the best advantage. Allsup could always be relied on to finish well and was consistently well-placed. Moores also always ran very strongly.

If we can find one or two promising new-comers to improve the "tail" of the team, we can look forward to a successful season in 1951. Greater attention to regular training will probably produce results here.

In the House Championship, Cuerden proved to be much too strong in both "runs." The results were :

Senior : 1.—Cuerden.
 2.—Worden.
 3.—Clayton.
 4.—Farington.

Junior : 1.—Cuerden.
 2.—Clayton.
 3.—Farington.
 4.—Worden.

Results of School Matches :—

v. KIRKHAM G.S. (home). BALSHAW'S, 35 pts.; KIRKHAM, 45 pts.

v. RIVINGTON G.S. and R.A.F. KIRKHAM (home). R.A.F. KIRKHAM, 34 pts.; RIVINGTON G.S., 44 pts.; BALSHAW'S, 49 pts.

Preston H. and A. Club—PICKLES TROPHY RELAY RACE—The School team finished third out of an entry of fourteen teams.

R.H.L.

ROUNDERS, 1950

Captain : O. B. Coates

The School 1st IX had only four matches, the summer season being so much shorter than the winter one, and most schools, like us, concentrating on the Tennis VI.

The batting was variable, the players finding it difficult to adapt themselves quickly enough to meet the different styles of bowling. Fielding was usually good, though occasional lapses gave our opponents easy rounders. It cannot be emphasized too often that it is essential to watch the ball all the time.

Bowler : O. Coates. *Backstop* : M. Strickland. *1st Base* : J. Higham. *2nd Base* : B. Hamer. *3rd Base* : E. Taylor. *1st Deep* : E. Saunt. *2nd Deep* : R. Brennand. *3rd Deep* : V. Kite. *4th Deep* : P. Gates. B. Mitchell and A. Withnell also played on two occasions.

C.I.P.

MAY 6TH :

SCHOOL 1ST IX v. WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCHOOL 1ST IX. HOME. LOST, 6-6½.
SCHOOL 2ND IX v. WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCHOOL 2ND IX. HOME. WON, 13½-0.

MAY 20TH :

SCHOOL 1ST IX v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST IX. AWAY. DRAWN, 0-0.
SCHOOL 2ND IX v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND IX. AWAY. WON, 7½-1.

JUNE 24TH :

SCHOOL 1ST IX v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST IX. HOME. WON, 8-2.

JULY 8TH :

SCHOOL 2ND IX v. UPHOLLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND IX. AWAY. LOST 1-4.

JULY 13TH :

SCHOOL 1ST IX v. THE STAFF IX. LOST, 4½-10.

HOUSE LEAGUES.

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

HOUSE KNOCK-OUTS.

Farington defeated Clayton. Cuerden defeated Worden.
Final : Cuerden defeated Farington.

CRICKET, 1950

After a rather hesitant early period, marked by fielding lapses, the first XI settled down into a good team, which gained in strength and confidence with every match.

The batting was strong and reliable throughout the season, most of the early batsmen building up considerable aggregates. The bowling was good and often very good, suffering only from the lack of consistently hostile change-bowling to back up the fine work of Watkinson and Allsup, who practically shared the wickets between them. The fielding, after the early mistakes, improved considerably and played its important part in the success of the side.

It was, altogether, a good season.

COLTS

Again, the season was disappointing. Matches were lost, by narrow margins, when a little more determination to "stay" on the part of batsmen, or more alertness in the field, would have turned the scales in our favour. However, many individual performances were very good and hold out great promise for the future.

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI.

Watkinson (Capt.) handled the team well. Worked hard and successfully with his bowling and added steadiness to the middle of the batting order.

Howcroft was a good opening bat, who had many fine scores. It is a pity his fielding was not always of the same class.

Maden proved a stylish player who had an extremely good season. His determination to "stay" increased, with obvious results.

Wright, a rather unorthodox batsman, nevertheless played many fine innings, and became a much improved fielder.

Nelson. A much more confident batsman, making runs in fine forcing style throughout the season, should not, however, neglect his bowling.

Broadbent was out of luck this season. Very keen, he worked hard with the bat but saw little return for his efforts.

Allsup bowled very well, on occasion brilliantly. A very good fielder and a more than useful "tail ender," he is at his best running "short singles."

Harrison is a promising batsman who hits the ball hard. With quicker footwork he will get many runs next year.

Ackers. Although his bowling did not reach the expected standard, his batting was very good and his fielding an example to other members of the team.

Yates came into the team halfway through the season and proved himself a very capable wicket-keeper, always alert and on top of his job.

Johnston is capable of getting many runs, with his forceful hitting, when he learns that big scores are laid on a foundation of sound defence.

Taylor. With more confidence he will get many runs next year. His fielding needs attention.

Manchester proved himself a capable batsman, an inspiring fielder and a more than useful change bowler.

J.B.

SAT., MAY 13TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON G.S. AWAY. DRAW.

The School batted first and as a result of over cautious batting lost the first five wickets for 25 runs. Thanks to a very good innings by Nelson, well backed up by Ackers and Swarbrick, the School were able to declare at 112 for 9. Preston opened their innings, obviously intending to force a draw and, although the school attack was good, the pitch was unhelpful and the opposition achieved their aim.

Result : School, 112 for 9 ; Preston G.S., 68 for 4.

SAT., MAY 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HUTTON G.S. HOME. LOST.

The game started in drizzle, with Hutton taking first knock. They scored at a steady rate, thanks to a good innings by their captain. However, the wet conditions hampered the school bowlers and, in addition, many runs were given away by poor fielding, to enable the visitors to reach a final score of 126. When the School reached 96 for 4, victory appeared certain, but the remaining 6 wickets were lost for a meagre 19 runs. It was altogether a very exciting game which the school should have won easily.

Result : School, 115 ; Hutton G.S., 126.

THURS., MAY 25TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HUTTON G.S. AWAY. WON.

Taking first innings, the school did not fare too well, as the score of 39 for 6 will indicate. At this stage, Howcroft and Broadbent practically shared the total between them and things would have been black if Wright and Swarbrick had not given the scoreboard a healthier look. The final school total was 94. Hutton were in trouble from the start of their innings and in face of good bowling by Watkinson, Allsup and Ackers, backed up by good fielding, were dismissed for 21.

Result : School, 94 ; Hutton G.S., 21.

WED., JUNE 7TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. KIRKHAM G.S. HOME. DRAW.

Maden and Howcroft gave the school a very good start, the total reaching 78 before Howcroft was out for 29. Maden made a stylish 50, and after he had gone runs came freely against a moderate attack, until the school declared at 137 for 9. Kirkham just managed to hang on till stumps were drawn at 89 for 9. The visitors were allowed to escape defeat by poor fielding, several catches being dropped.

Result : School, 137 for 9 ; Kirkham G.S., 89 for 9.

SAT., JUNE 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. WIGAN G.S. AWAY. DRAW.

Wigan batted first and scored at quite a good pace, in spite of steady bowling by Watkinson and Allsup. At tea the total was 115 for 5, which became, thanks to a good spell by Allsup, 142 all out. The School started well but soon got themselves into trouble, Watkinson and Howcroft being "run out" victims. Wright and Ackers saved the school from defeat by good defensive batting against a very capable attack. It was a good game with an exciting end.

Result : School, 80 for 8 ; Wigan G.S., 142.

WED., JUNE 14TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON IMPERIAL C.C. HOME. WON.

The School were given another fine start by Maden and Howcroft, the first wicket falling at 77. Maden

finally reached 43 and Howcroft 29. A further good innings, 39 not out by Wright, enabled the School to total 130 for 3 in 25 overs. One of the visitors' opening batsmen played extremely well and reached a well-deserved 50 but he received little support from his colleagues, the final total being 93.

Result : School 130 for 3 ; Preston Imperial C.C. 93.

SAT., JUNE 17TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. BLACKPOOL G.S. HOME. WON.

Blackpool batted first and were soon 13 for 4, owing to a very good spell by Watkinson. Allsup then bowled well and as the Blackpool middle batsmen were not unduly stubborn, the innings closed at 72. Against some good fast bowling, the school lost two wickets for 10 and appeared to be in trouble. A magnificent stand between Wright and Nelson took the score to 62 before Nelson was rather unfortunately bowled off his pads. Although Wright was also out soon afterwards, victory was in sight and the winning hit was made with five wickets to spare.

Result : School, 73 for 5 ; Blackpool G.S., 72.

WED., JUNE 21ST. A SCHOOL XI v. OLD BOYS' XI. HOME. LOST.

The Old Boys fielded a strong side and batted first on an easy wicket. Thanks largely to a good knock of 27 not out by McKittrick, they reached 75 for 6 in 25 overs. The school fared badly at the start of their innings, being 7 for 4. However, a valiant effort by Mr. Brown and Ackers just failed to bring success, the overs running out with the score at 72 for 7.

Result : School, 72 for 7 ; Old Boys, 75 for 6.

SAT., JUNE 24TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ARNOLD SCHOOL. AWAY. DRAW.

Rain delayed the start. Eventually play began, with school taking first innings. Howcroft batted well and was 36 not out when more rain caused abandonment of the game, with the school total at 66 for 3, after an hour's play.

Result : School, 66 for 3.

WED., JUNE 28TH. A SCHOOL XI v. MR. CUERDEN'S XI. HOME. LOST.

The school fielded a weak batting side, anticipating a fairly easy game. The opposition were very much stronger than expected and the school were put out for a meagre 46 in 24 overs. However, when Mr. Cuerden's XI batted, a very fine spell of bowling by Watkinson soon had them in serious trouble, and it was only after their seventh wicket had fallen that they managed to pass the school's total.

Result : School, 46 ; Mr. Cuerden's XI, 47 for 7.

SAT., JULY 1ST. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK G.S. HOME. DRAW.

Electing to bat first, the school quickly built up a good total, the main contributors being Wright with 55 and Maden with 38, so that Ormskirk were set to bat against a total of 139 for 5. They were quickly in trouble, being 25 for 6. From that point onwards, their batsmen made very little attempt to score and were, in fact, successful in playing out time with the last two men at the wicket.

Result : School, 139 for 5 ; Ormskirk G.S., 46 for 9.

WED., JULY 5TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. OLD BOYS XI. HOME. WON.

The school, batting first, had to thank Nelson, Howcroft and Watkinson for reaching a total of 87 for 5, in 25 overs. Nelson batted extremely well and fully deserved his 37 and Watkinson supported him in good style with 20 not out. The Old Boys' batting failed against some brilliant bowling by Allsup, who finished with 6 for 16 ; a very fine performance considering the calibre of some of his victims.

Result : School, 87 for 5 ; Old Boys, 37.

SAT., JULY 8TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON C.C. 3RD XI. HOME. WON.

Again, the School had first use of the wicket and amassed a total of 105 by rather restrained batting. When Preston batted, wickets began to fall regularly, but a spell of hitting by one or two of the later batsmen put the school in danger of defeat. In the end, victory was achieved by a narrow margin, Watkinson and Allsup sharing the wickets taken.

Result : School, 105 ; Preston C.C. 3rd, 92.

TUES., JULY 11TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. OLD BOYS XI. HOME. WON.

On this occasion, the Old Boys turned out with a hastily gathered side and offered little serious opposition. When they batted their resistance to Watkinson and Allsup, bowling unchanged, was not prolonged, and they were all out for 38 in 23 overs. The School knocked off the runs for the loss of two wickets, Howcroft making a good 26 before retiring.

Result : School, 42 for 2 ; Old Boys, 38.

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

The school batted first and lost Howcroft and Wright fairly quickly, both to Mr. Bennison. Then Nelson and Maden batted brilliantly, to take the score to 98 before Nelson was out for 40. Maden finally reaching 73 and Watkinson, with a useful 22, helped the school to a position in which declaration was



SCHOOL CRICKET XI, 1950.

Back row : (left to right) Darbyshire (scorer), Ackers, Johnston, Wright, Harrison, Maden, Mr. Brown.

Front row : (left to right) Nelson, Yates, Broadbent, Watkinson, Howcroft, Allsup.
Played 13 Won 7 Lost 1 Drawn 5

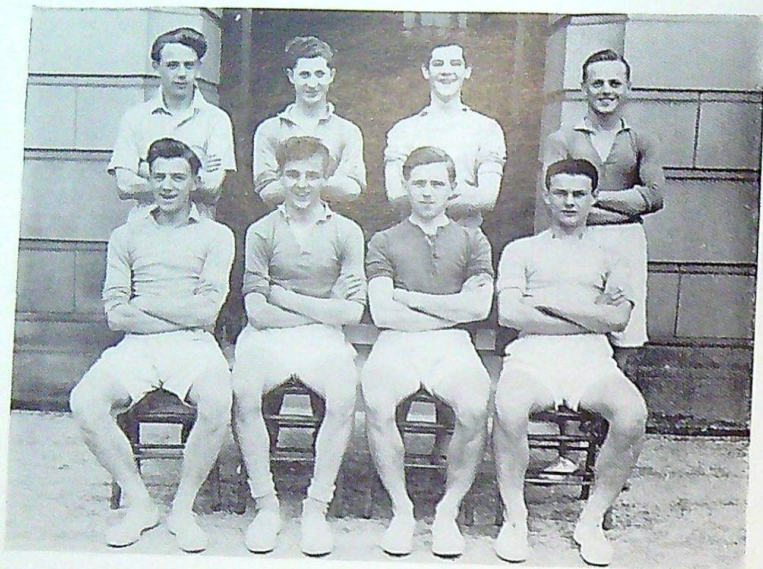


SCHOOL HOCKEY XI, 1949-50.

Back row : (left to right) J. M. Barker, F. B. Hamer, M. Hargreaves, V. Kite, E. Holden.

Front row : (left to right) M. D. Jenkinson, H. A. L. Burnie, O. M. Penlington (Captain), M. H. Hosker, M. K. Spencer.

Played 9 Won 5 Lost 3 Drawn 1



CROSS COUNTRY VIII, 1950.
Back row : (left to right) Sharples, Cook, Lavender, Moores.
Front row : (left to right) Allsup, Moore, Busfield, Ackers.



SCHOOL 1st XV RUGGER, 1949-50.
Back row : (left to right) Johnston, Ackers, Wrennall, Proffitt, Ogden, Walsh, Smith, Mather.
Front row : (left to right) Blundell, Howcroft, Broadbent, Wright (Captain), Yates, Watkinson, Manchester.
Played 17 Won 5 Lost 12 Drawn 0

possible, at 169 for 7. The School attack soon had Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Leithead back in the "pavilion" but Mr. Rigby hung on stubbornly for a most useful 21. With Mr. Brown and Mr. Bennison together, at 98 for 4, both batting well and keeping the score moving, it looked as if the finish was to be close. Mr. Brown was caught at cover forcing the pace. After this, the school never looked like losing and eventually dismissed the Staff for 119. Altogether it was a very good game which finished well, after the school had put up what looked like an unbeatable score.

Result : School, 169 for 7 ; Staff, 119.

FRID., JULY 14TH. A SCHOOL XI v. CANON WYATT'S XI. HOME. DRAW.

Against a moderate attack, the school quickly built up a big total, eventually reaching 163 for 2, Maden getting a fine 85 not out and Mr. Bennison a good 39. Canon Wyatt's XI were soon struggling, particularly against Allsup and when time was called, their last two men were at the wicket and the total 65.

Result : School, 163 for 2 ; Canon Wyatt's XI, 65 for 9.

RECORD OF 1st XI MATCHES.

P.	W.	D.	L.
13	7	5	1

LEAGUES.

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

In the play-off Worden defeated Clayton.

KNOCK-OUTS.

In one semi-final, Cuerden disposed of Farington fairly easily. In the other, Worden played extremely well to defeat a powerful Clayton side, which appeared to take the opposition too lightly. Cuerden saw to it, in the final, that Worden's shock tactics were not repeated and were comfortable winners.

TENNIS, 1950

Captain : J. Barker

This was a very enjoyable season and the school attacked the game with much more spirit and confidence. The standard of play is steadily improving, but most players have not yet fully realized the importance of speedy footwork and mobility. Although we lost four of our seven matches, it is encouraging to note that two of them were by the very narrow margin of one game.

1st Couple :

J. Barker. A good, steady player who drives particularly well.

O. Penlington. Good but erratic. Plays extremely well on occasions but is apt to lose confidence.

2nd Couple :

H. Burnie. Promised well but had to give up tennis for a while, owing to a strained back. Her place was taken by.

M. Hosker, who has a good service and plays a steady game. Footwork could be improved.

E. Holden. A pleasing, open service, and must now aim at greater accuracy, particularly in long drives.

3rd Couple :

I. Gardner and S. Atherton were a keen and enthusiastic pair, whose play improved rapidly with practice and match experience.

J. Fleetwood also played twice for the School VI. She has a good, easy style and was a useful member of the team.

C.I.P.

MAY 6TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCHOOL 1ST VI. HOME. LOST, 40-41.
The school rather lost confidence at the beginning, and although they rallied in the second round, they finished just one game behind the Convent School team.

MAY 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST VI. HOME. LOST, 32-49.
Ashton were particularly good at net play, and on the whole, more accurate than the school.

JUNE 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL 1ST VI. AWAY. WON, 44-37.
This was a great occasion as it is some years since we defeated the Park School in a tennis match. There were some very good games, with long rallies, and our net play was considerably improved.

JUNE 17TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD 1ST VI. AWAY. LOST, 40-41.
The school played a much better game than in the previous match with Ashton, and there were some very pleasing shots. We were hampered, however, by the walls which enclose the Ashton school courts, and prevent a run back or to the side.

JULY 5TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. THE OLD GIRLS' 1ST VI.
Although defeated once again by the Old Girls, the school's performance was very creditable, and there were some good games. The school team always benefits from this match, when it meets more experienced players.

JULY 8TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. UPHOLLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST VI. AWAY. WON, 49-12.
As we were pressed for time, short sets of seven games only were played. The school tackled the match with confidence, and early took the lead, finishing with a very good score.

JULY 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. THE STAFF VI. WON.
As the Staff could produce only five players, Judith Todd ably filled the gap. In spite of an extremely good performance by Miss Ball and Miss Whewell, the school won with a comfortable margin.

HOUSE LEAGUES.

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

HOUSE KNOCK-OUTS.

Cuerden defeated Farington. Clayton defeated Worden.
Final: Clayton defeated Cuerden.

HOUSE NOTES

CLAYTON HOUSE NOTES

House Master: Mr. A. J. Bull.

House Mistress: Miss A. Doherty.

House Captains: Blyth, W. A. (Boys); D. Rigby (Girls).

First of all may we welcome all the 'freshers' to the House; we hope that they will work and play hard to put many cups and shields in our House Room. We must also wish many of the stalwarts who have left us "All the Best" in their new spheres of life.

During the past year Clayton has had many successes; we succeeded in winning the Rugger, Hockey and Tennis Knockouts. Sports Day, though stormy, gave us the Athletics Cup for the first time for seventeen years. Two members of our House were successful in winning the Victor and Victrix Ludorums; they are to be congratulated on these great achievements. Once more we have shone in the intellectual arena by winning again the much coveted Silver Griffin.

The House Party was, as usual, a great success, and it can truly be said that "a good time was had by all." In closing may we say to those who have striven and are striving "well done—but keep it up!"

CUERDEN HOUSE NOTES

House Master: Mr. R. A. Bennison.

House Mistress: Miss K. Whewell.

House Captains: Manchester, L. (Boys); G. Topping (Girls).

Once again it is time to record our achievements, and, unfortunately, our failures during the past year. Perhaps our most unfortunate loss is that of the House Championship cup. However, Sports Day was not a complete failure for we managed to retain the Relay Cup. Now we must turn to our League and Knockout teams to see what they gained for us. In this sphere we were quite successful, winning the Rounders and Cricket Knockout Cups and the Hockey and Rugby League Shields. The boys also came out on top of the Cross-Country table, thus bringing home another cup.

Now to another aspect of Cuerden activities—our House Party. As usual this was a great success. Miss Whewell and the girls put forward an excellent "spread" which was only equalled by the quality of the entertainment provided by Mr. Bennison and the boys. We offer our sincerest thanks to all those who helped to make our party a success, and hope our next party, which we are proposing to hold this term, will be as popular.

Our prowess at holding parties, however, far outweighs our mental achievements. The Silver Griffin still disdains to make its home in Cuerden House Room. We must try to remedy this in the near future; if everyone pulls his weight I am sure it is possible.

It only remains to send our best wishes to those who have left us, and welcome all newcomers. Then, of course, we remind you all of the cups and shields we can win. Let us hope our victories will spur you on to greater efforts.

To bigger and better efforts, Cuerdenites, and keep up the fine Cuerden tradition!

FARINGTON HOUSE NOTES

House Master: Mr. W. J. Downer.

House Mistress: Miss A. Milroy.

House Captains: Kelsall, K. (Boys); A. J. Todd (Girls).

May we first of all wish all the old stalwarts who have just left us, every success in the future. We are sorry to lose them, but at the same time we welcome to our ever-increasing ranks all the new Faringtonians. We are hoping for great things from you!

Alas, we must unwillingly record our achievements on the games field. Our house room now possesses one solitary shield, which was won by the girls in the Rounders League. On Sports Day we sank from the second position to the bottom. But now is our chance! While the other houses are resting on their laurels we must take them by surprise. It can and must be done!

Now to turn to brighter things. Our House Party was again a huge success. Everyone turned a willing hand and we had, as usual, a grand feast. As a result of this and other things I think it can be said that everyone had a really good time.

So we must not despair. The good old Farington Spirit is still there. Let us show the other houses what we are made of—stick to it!

WORDEN HOUSE NOTES

House Master: Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

House Mistress: Miss M. A. Rahill.

House Captains: Lawson, W. (Boys); M. I. Withnell (Girls).

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to all newcomers to Worden House, and we wish them every success both on the playing fields and in the classroom.

Although last year our efforts did not meet with much success, we look to the newcomers to improve our standard in the future.

Sports Day provided little in the way of consolation, but we came up one place; the girls were successful in winning the Tennis Leagues and were in the final of the Hockey Knockouts (in spite of playing with three reserves); the boys won the Cricket Leagues and the Senior Cross-country. However, in the other events we cannot claim any credit other than that of trying.

The House Party last term was, as usual, a great success, and in the early evening we had a hectic game of cricket against members of the staff. We hope that everyone will enjoy our next party, to be held, as of old, during this term.

Just a little more work, Wordenites, from you this year will fill those hitherto almost empty House Room shelves with cups and shields.

Finally, let us wish all members of the House who have now left, the very greatest success in their brave, new ventures. While we cannot invite them to our House Party tea, they are welcome to join in the fun and frolic later in the evening, and maybe "gnaw a sandwich" then.

Remember our motto, "Up the Blues."

"NON SIBI SED ALIIS"

Nov. 11th, 1949—Poppy Day (Earl Haig's Fund)—£6-3-5.

Dec. 20th, 1949—Dr. Barnardo's Homes—Xmas gifts and £4-10-0½.

Mar. 24th, 1950—Save the Children Fund—632 used garments and pairs of footwear.

Mar. 31st, 1950—Royal Naval Lifeboat Institution (per Mrs. J. Tomlinson)—£2-1-3.

May 24th, 1950—Dr. Barnardo's Homes—£8-2-3.

Sept. 14th, 1950—St. John Ambulance Brigade (Leyland Division)—£3-16-5.

Oct. 25th, 1950—Save the Children Fund (per Mr. Downer)—£19-18-4½.

THE OLD BALSHAVIANS

Last Autumn, those hitherto separate and inviolate sections of the "Old Balshavians"—the "Old Boys" and the "Old Girls"—decided to merge and to be known henceforth simply as the "Old Balshavians," a long-delayed proceeding, which, having for years defied all the canons of Logic and Economy, eventually materialised. At a Joint General Meeting it was decided that the Amalgamation of the Sections should take place and that the "Old Balshavians" should come into existence. Mr. V. U. Oldland consented to become President of the Society and Miss Rahill to become Vice-President.

The Old Girls' Hockey Team, in winning the English Cup last season, were instrumental in keeping our name in the public eye. They had a most successful season, and to those who played and to those who helped in any way our thanks are due. We hope that this present season, which at the time of writing seems to have opened most auspiciously, will be equally fruitful.

The Hockey Team are in fact, the only section of the Old Balshavians which seems to flourish. Maybe it is the fact that the school now draws on a wide area which makes advertising problematical and cohesion difficult. Perhaps it is to some extent the demands of National Service. Maybe it is that social functions in Leyland, in these days when travel has still to return to the halcyon conditions of pre 1940, are not held at the most convenient place for the majority. We have even considered holding the Annual Reunion in Preston in an effort to attract more people from the Penwortham and Preston areas. Suffice it to say, no social function last year was a financial success, not even the Reunion, despite every effort to advertise each event as wisely as possible.

One effort which deserved success was the production of the play "The Women Have Their Way," in the School Hall. Though not particularly well-known, this play by Quintero proved a most happy choice and was most beautifully done. All concerned, producer, performers and those genii with light and colour who created and sustained the illusion of a hot, oppressive Andalusia, deserve our praise and thanks. And in hoping that these enthusiasts will give us more performances like this, may we thank Mr. Oldland and his staff for their help, and above all, for their patience and forbearance.

The Old Boys' Dinner was revived last year and proved most enjoyable. The guest of the evening was Mr. A. Parkinson, well-known in Leyland and to many Old Balshavians as a Councillor and Governor of the School.

And finally a word of thanks to those Old Students responsible for arranging Tennis and Cricket Matches against the School. The effort involved deserved better than a resounding defeat.

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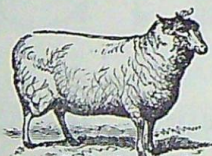
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