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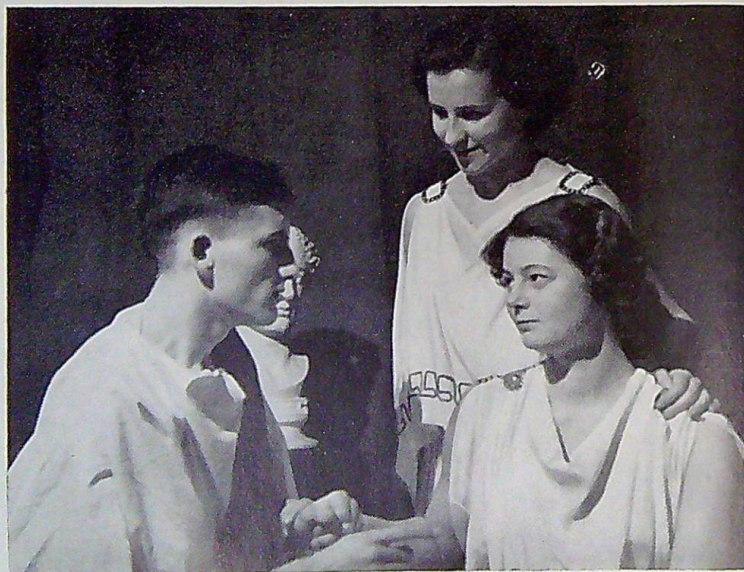
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THE BALSHAVIAN

"TRANSLATION OF SOPHOCLES' ANTIGONE
and
"PYGMALION AND GALATEA" (W. S. Gilbert)
March 15th, 16th and 17th, 1951.



Chrysos (G. Topping), Leucippus (B. Barr), Pygmalion (M. A. Chapman), Mimos (B. H. Ackers)
Myrine (A. Salt), Galatea (A. J. Bradley), Agesimos (D. Bullon), Daphne (M. Ridings), Cynisca
(A. J. Todd)



Pygmalion (M. A. Chapman), Galatea (A. J. Bradley), Cynisca (A. J. Todd).

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EDITORIAL

1951 has been a momentous year in many ways. Dark clouds hovering over international affairs have become more threatening with the Persian Oil dispute and the trouble in Egypt ; yet amidst all the gloom, the Festival of Britain stands out as a beacon to the world. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh have also played their part in carrying the goodwill of the British people to Canada and the United States. May all Balshavians go forward in this New Year, with the same spirit of endeavour, never forgetting the school motto—NON SIBI SED ALIIS !

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SCHOOL NOTES

PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL

Boys. *Head Prefect :* Manchester, L. *Prefects :* Dawson, J. M. G., Kelsall, D., Kelsall, K., Livesey, F., Moore, A. H., Palmer, K., Pritchard, H. D., Seed, W. T., Sharples, G. *Sub-Prefects :* Ackers, B. H., Harrison, F., Mather, K., Pilkington, A. J., Proffitt, P., Sanderson, G. O., Smith, K. R., Taylor, K., Topping, G., Walsh, J.

Girls : *Head Prefect :* R. B. Maughan. *Prefects :* I. P. Gardner, E. Holden, B. E. Hunt, V. Kite. *Sub-Prefects :* K. Blundell, G. Hall, V. N. Harman, M. D. Jenkinson, J. Lowry, B. M. Mitchell, I. Ogden, K. M. Sanderson, E. Singleton, B. Ward, M. R. Ward, V. Wilson, J. Wright.

There have been several changes of Staff since our last issue. We welcome Miss Nicholson, who takes the place of Mrs. Sherlock, and Mr. Wilson, who comes to us from Durham University. We also welcome Mr. Moller-Madsen, from Denmark, who is staying with us for one year : we hope he enjoys his visit. To Mrs. Sherlock and Mr. Leithead, who have now left us, we extend our very best wishes.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock, and Mr. and Mrs. Chisnall on the births of their sons.

An appreciation of last year's School Plays "Antigone," by Sophocles, and "Pygmalion and Galatea," by W. S. Gilbert, will be found in the magazine.

Speech Day was held on December 18th, when the prizes were presented by The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Blackburn.

The Annual Athletic Sports were held on Saturday, April 21st. We congratulate Barbara Jones (W.) who was Victrix Ludorum, and the Victor Ludorum, Smith (Cl.).

There have been several changes in the School Societies. The Debating and Ornithological Societies have been discontinued. Mr. Manfield is now in charge of the Foreign Correspondents' Society, and Mr. Wilson takes the Topical Subjects Society. Mr. Hilditch has once more formed a Junior Historical Society, while Mr. Morgan has set out on a new venture—a Rugby Football Society. Our new and popular Scandinavian Society is taken by Mr. Moller-Madsen.

We congratulate M. K. Spencer and Jackson, G., on being awarded The Hocking Memorial Prizes.

In the Public Schoolboys' Seven-a-side Tournament at Manchester, a School Rugby Team defeated Manchester Central High School and Keswick Grammar School, but were eliminated by The Wade Deacon 2nd Rugby Team.

We are also pleased to announce that Smith, K. R., Moore, A. H., Mather, K., Harrison, F., and Ackers, B. H., were selected to play for Preston Public Schoolboys against the Fylde.

Smith, K. R., Moore, A. H., and Mather, K., were chosen to play in the Mid-Lancashire team, Smith and Mather playing also for North Lancashire against South Lancashire. Smith has the additional honour of playing for his County, Lancashire, against Cheshire.

Our congratulations go to Ackers, B. H., Manchester, L., and Harrison, G., who played for Preston and District Rugby Football Team.

Our hearty congratulations go to Mr. Wilkinson on his success at Hastings Chess Congress.

We are very pleased to announce the victory of K. Sanderson and Sharples, G., who defeated Mr. Speakman and E. Holden in the finals of the Tennis Tournament.

We welcome Mr. Redman, the new Chairman of the Governors of the School, who takes the place of Mr. Cardwell, who has relinquished the Chairmanship after holding it for some 22 years. We are very pleased to know that Mr. Cardwell is remaining a member of the Board.

The School has, this year, been awarded a Shield from Dr. Barnardo's Homes, as a token of gratitude for our support. The presentation was made by Miss Tynan, the organising secretary, and Brenda Hunt received the Shield on behalf of the School.

We were sorry to lose our cook, Mrs. Smalley, who has been with us for many years, but welcome Mrs. Brown, the new cook-supervisor.

Once more the school has gained the Relay Cup, competed for by Chorley Grammar School, Rivington Grammar School and Balshaw's Grammar School.

After many years of faithful service to the Governors of the School, Mr. A. E. Perris retired from the Deputy Clerkship in September last. We all hope that he will enjoy to the full the retirement which he has so richly deserved.

The School was deeply grieved to hear of the deaths of two of its Governors, Miss Jackson and Mr. Bradley. We have also to report, with great sorrow, the sudden death of Eric Barwell, who was a member of the Lower VIth.

We are proud to announce that M. Semple and K. Parr won the North of England Junior Open Championships for Badminton at Bolton. They have also played at Wimbledon, reaching the semi-finals of the All England Junior Open Championships. We hope to hear of many more of their successes in the future!

Our congratulations go to Miss Ball on her golf successes. Last summer she played for Lancashire against the Welsh Northern Counties at Prestatyn.

Maurice Waring, who was captain of the School XV 3 years ago is to be congratulated on being selected for special mention when he recently played for Leicestershire.

We also extend our congratulations to the following old pupils of the school, who have recently been married: to Miss D. Ackers on her marriage to Mr. A. Parkington; to Miss J. Thorpe on her marriage to Mr. H. Tindsley and to Miss J. Heald on her marriage to Mr. Thorpe.

We congratulate the following pupils who obtained the General Certificate of Education at Advanced and Ordinary Level (N.U.J.M.B.):

ADVANCED:—

A. J. Bradley, R. M. Brennand, D. Brown, O. B. Coates, E. Croft, E. Holden, M. H. Hosker, B. E. Hunt, V. Kite, M. Lister, R. B. Maughan, D. Rigby, M. K. Spencer, G. Topping, B. Watson, Barr, B., Blyth, W. A., Dawson, J. M. G., Jackson, G., Kelsall, D., Kelsall, K., Lawson, W., Livesey, F., Manchester, L., Palmer, K., Pritchard, H. D., Seed, W. T., Sharples, G., Taylor, I., Wrennall, E.

ORDINARY:—

Pilkington, A. J.

Our congratulations go also to the following pupils who gained the Oxford Certificate of Education at the Ordinary Level:—

A. Arthurs, H. M. Ashcroft, S. Ashton, J. M. Astley, S. E. Atherton, P. J. Bache, B. D. Baybutt, A. Beardmore, D. M. Berry, K. Blundell, A. F. Brennand, K. M. Brennand, I. Burns, J. Cairns, J. T. Chadwick, D. Clarke, H. M. Cunliffe, M. M. Dawber, A. E. Dunn, A. Ellithorn, M. Fielden, I. P. Gardner, K. Gardner, P. E. Gates, S. M. Greenwood, B. J. Grimshaw, D. E. Grimshaw, G. Hall, V. N. Harman, K. M. Harrop, J. Harvey, R. M. Hewerton, J. Higham, S. Highfield, E. A. Howarth, E. Jessop, E. Jump, P. Lawson, P. M. Leach, S. B. Lees, A. E. Makin, M. Melling, E. Mercer, B. Norcross, I. Ogden, C. Penney, A. M. Pritchard, A. H. Rigby, M. Robinson, S. C. Robinson, A. J. Salt, L. Sinfield, M. Smith, J. Standen, M. Staziker, C. G. Sumner, D. L. Swarbrick, M. Swift, E. A. Taylor, A. Taylor, E. Taylor, H. Towers, J. Turner, M. E. Tyrer, D. Walmsley, E. Walmsley, J. Walmsley, M. Walne, D. Ward, B. Ward, H. G. Williams, V. Wilson, J. Winder, M. Wrathall, P. J. Wright, Ackers, B. H., Bamford, M. H., Barwell, E. J., Howard, E. J., Hurst, D. W., Kevill, D. N., Parkinson, G., Place, R. L., Pye, J., Randall, D., Simpson, M. D., Taylor, G. S., Topping, G., Turner, P. J., Wildgoose, T. W.

We congratulate A. J. Bradley and B. E. Hunt, who have won County Major Scholarships. Our congratulations go also to Jackson, G., who has been awarded a County Major Scholarship, an Open Scholarship in Classics at King's College, London, and a State Scholarship.

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

A. J. Bradley, to Manchester University, M. K. Spencer, to Birmingham University, M. Lister, to Liverpool University, R. M. Brennand, to St. Katharine's Training College, Tottenham, M. H. Hosker and G. Topping, to St. Katharine's Training College, Liverpool, F. B. Hamer, and A. J. Todd, to Whitelands Training College, London, P. J. Bache and M. I. Prescott to Gloucester Domestic Science College, M. Riding, to Edinburgh Domestic Science College, B. Blundell, to Avery Hill Training College, D. Rigby, to Chichester Training College, E. Croft, to St. Mary's College, Cheltenham, B. Watson, to Thornbridge Hall, Sheffield, S. K. Dawson, to Gipsy Hill Training College, M. H. Farrer, to Matlock Training College, Taylor, I., to Saltley Training College, Jackson, G., and Lawson, W., to London University, Chapman, M. A., to Durham University, Barr, B., to Manchester University, Wrennall, E., to Leeds University, Blyth, W. A., to Sheffield University.

Five old pupils have gained Stanning Memorial Awards. They are:—

Hughes, H. (Caius College, Cambridge), Clarkson, R. (Hull University College), Swift, F. N. (King's College, London), Smith, D., and Milligan, A. E. (Birmingham University).

Congratulations to:—

Cuerden on winning the Rugby, Tennis and Hockey Leagues and the Rugby, Cricket and Rounders Knockouts; *Worden* on winning the Cricket and Rounders Leagues, and the Relays Cup; *Farington* on winning the Tennis Knockouts; *Clayton* on winning the Hockey Knockouts, the Silver Griffin, the Sports House Championship Cup, the Relay and the Cross-Country Cups; Mather, K., Smith, K. R., Proffitt, P., Moore, A. H., Wrennall, E., Walsh, J., Lawson, W., Manchester, L., Johnston, A., on gaining their Rugby colours; Moore, A. H., on gaining his Cross-Country Running colours; Manchester, L., Taylor, K., on gaining their Cricket colours; Smith, K. R., Moore, A. H., Proffitt, P., and B. Jones, on gaining their Athletics colours; O. B. Coates and B. Hamer, on gaining their Hockey colours; O. B. Coates and V. Kite, on gaining their Rounders colours; and E. Holden, M. H. Hosker and A. J. Todd, on gaining their Tennis colours.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:—

The Huttonian, The Kirkhamian, The Rivingtonian, The Rossallian, Wigan Grammar School Magazine, Queen Mary School Magazine, The Magazine of the Ormskirk Grammar School, Preston Catholic College Magazine, Blackpool Grammar School Magazine, The Chorleian, The Georgian, Preston Grammar School Magazine, Ubiqne Reminisci, Winckley Square Convent Magazine and Fleetwood Grammar School Magazine.

SALVETE

To Farington House: J. Bailey, J. A. Burrell, M. H. Clayton, D. Crook, K. M. Dandy, E. M. Dawson, J. Hindle, C. E. Langton, A. G. Lumsden, M. Marle, J. B. Patterson, M. Pattinson, R. Price, A. Ramsdale, M. Saunt, I. Slater, P. A. Tonge, R. A. Whittaker, M. Worrell, J. Wright, Bartley, C. A., Bellis, G., Duckworth, F. H. R., Greenwood, D., Jones, S. R., Oliver, J. G., Summers, D. G., Wilford, C. J. B., Wright, A. D.

To Worden House: B. E. Hawkes, E. Hayes, J. M. Higgins, M. Hodson, G. Kirkham, P. Maddocks, S. Matoff, E. I. Peet, C. G. Seed, P. Smith, M. Taylor, R. L. Wild, D. Wright, Ball, L., Battersby, W. R., Bretherton, J. M., Crockell, F. R., Dean, K. F., Heyes, R., Hughes, M. D., Robinson, H., Salisbury, P. A., Turner, M. I.

To Cuerden House : M. Ashcroft, J. E. Bass, B. C. Beardwood, K. Butterworth, B. Cookson, D. Cowell, I. Eddleston, J. Fairclough, M. H. Green, L. E. Gregson, B. A. Grimwood, I. P. Halsall, W. Hawarden, J. P. Hill, R. C. Hosker, M. E. Johnson, B. I. Jones, D. K. Norris, M. J. Simpson, S. B. Walkden, B. M. Wilcock, K. Wilkinson, Allen, E. L., Barber, H. E., Burnett, D. P., Byers, G., Carefoot, W. C., Douthwaite, D., Entwistle, H., Griffiths, R. D., Lucas, J., Roocroft, R., Wallis, P., Waring, J. J.

To Clayton House : M. G. Anderton, J. Bartlett, B. Bennett, K. Bennett, B. Bleasdale, M. G. Clements, P. G. Dawber, B. A. Eastham, B. Harrison, P. A. Hawkins, B. J. McMillan, C. S. Morris, N. Norris, L. Parker, P. Parkinson, A. Pemberton, A. W. Pinder, J. Rae, K. M. Savage, D. Shuttleworth, A. Thompson, H. C. Turner, Ditchfield, J. B., Entwistle, J. T., Howe, P. D., Jackson, P., Lawson, S., Margetts, T. S., Sheffield, D. E., Turner, N. C., Turner, P. A., Watkinson, D.

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VALETE

GIRLS :—

D. Rigby.—U.VI (Cl.). Head Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1948. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. School 2nd Tennis VI, 1950, 1951. Hockey, Tennis, Rounders Knockouts. *A. J. Todd*.—U.VI (F.). Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. School 1st Tennis VI. Captain of School 2nd Hockey XI. Rounders and Hockey Knockouts. School Play 1951. Tennis Colours 1951. *G. Topping*.—U.VI (Cu.). Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1948. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. School 2nd Hockey XI. Tennis and Rounders Knockouts. *M. K. Spencer*.—U.VI (W.). Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. School 1st Hockey XI 1949. Rounders Knockouts. Tennis Leagues. School Play 1948. *A. J. Bradley*.—U.VI (Cu.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1949. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. County Major Schol. 1951. Kemsley Travelling Schol. 1950. Editor of *The Balshavian*, 1950, 1951. School Play 1949, 50, 51. School 2nd Tennis VI. Tennis, Rounders, Hockey Knockouts. *O. B. Coates*.—U.VI (Cl.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1949. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. School 1st Hockey XI and Captain. Hockey Colours 1948, 1949, 1950. School Rounders IX and Captain. Rounders Colours 1949, 1950, 1951. Tennis Leagues. *M. H. Hosker*.—U.VI (Cu.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1949. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. School 1st Hockey XI. School 1st Rounders IX. School 1st Tennis VI. Rounders Colours 1949. Tennis Colours 1951. *F. B. Hamer*.—U.VI (F.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1949. School 1st Hockey XI, School Rounders IX, 1950. School 2nd Tennis VI. Hockey Colours. *R. M. Brennan*.—U.VI (Cl.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1949. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. School Rounders XI. School Hockey XI. *E. Croft*.—U.VI (F.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1949. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. *B. Watson*.—U.VI (Cu.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1949. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. Rounders and Hockey Knockouts. Tennis Leagues. *D. Brown*.—U.VI (Cl.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1949. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. Hockey Knockouts. Rounders Leagues. *P. Wilkins*.—L.VI (Cu.). School Certificate 1950. *P. J. Bache*.—L.VI (W.). School Certificate 1949. *B. Norcross*.—L.VI (Cl.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. School Hockey XI. Rounders Knockouts. *S. Ashton*.—L.VI (W.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. School 2nd Hockey XI. Hockey and Rounders Knockouts. *M. E. Tyrer*.—L.VI (W.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. Rounders Leagues. *P. Kirkman*.—L.VI (Cu.). School Certificate 1950. School Junior Hockey XI. Rounders and Hockey Knockouts. *B. Jones*.—L.VI (W.). School Certificate 1950. Hockey and Rounders Knockouts. Tennis Leagues. *Victrix Ludorum* 1951. Athletic Colours 1951. *A. Withnell*.—L.VI (W.). School Certificate 1950. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Knockouts. *M. I. Withnell*.—L.VI (W.). Sub-Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1950. School 2nd XI. Hockey Knockouts. *M. H. Farrer*.—L.VI (Cu.). School Certificate 1950. School 2nd Hockey XI. Hockey and Rounders Knockouts. *E. Beardsworth*.—L.VI (F.). School Certificate 1950. Hockey Leagues. *A. Makin*.—V.A (W.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *P. Lawson*.—V.A (W.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *E. Jump*.—V.A (F.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *E. Taylor*.—V.A (Cl.). G3n. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. School Rounders IX. School 2nd Tennis VI. School 2nd Rounders IX. Tennis and Hockey Knockouts. *M. Swift*.—V.A (Cl.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *K. Gardner*.—V.A (Cu.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *J. Winder*.—V.A (Cl.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. Rounders. Leagues. *K. Harrop*.—V.A (F.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. Hockey Knockouts. *S. Robinson*.—V.A (Cl.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *E. Saunt*.—V.A (F.). School Rounders IX. Hockey Knockouts. *J. Charnley*.—V.A (F.). *M. Roocroft*.—V.B (F.). *M. Melling*.—V.B (Cu.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *P. J. Wright*.—V.B (F.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *B. J. Grimshaw*.—V.B (W.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *D. M. Berry*.—V.B (Cl.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. Rounders Leagues. Hockey Knockouts. *J. Chadwick*.—V.B (F.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. Hockey and Rounders Knockouts. *M. Robinson*.—V.B (F.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *C. Penney*.—V.B (F.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. Tennis Leagues, Hockey Knockouts. *S. E. Atherton*.—V.C (Cl.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. School Tennis VI. School Hockey XI. Rounders Knockouts. *A. E. Dunn*.—V.C (Cl.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *A. Ellithorn*.—V.C (Cl.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *A. Taylor*.—V.C (Cu.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *R. M. Hewertson*.—V.C (F.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *N. M. Cunliffe*.—V.C (Cl.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *E. Mercer*.—V.C (Cu.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *E. A. Taylor*.—V.C (Cl.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *E. A. Howarth*.—V.C (Cu.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *A. Beardmore*.—V.C (Cl.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. Rounders Leagues. *M. Smith*.—V.C (W.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *P. E. Gates*.—V.C (F.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. School Rounders IX. School Hockey XI. *D. Wareing*.—V.C (Cu.). *H. G. Williams*.—V.C (Cu.).

Annie Jackson

Member of the Board of Governors of Balshaw's Grammar
School, 1945-1951

In his Speech Day address the Headmaster referred in the following words to the death of Miss Jackson :—

"Miss Jackson was, of course, well-known in Leyland. For many years she represented St. John's Ward on the Leyland Council of which she was eventually vice-chairman. Although it is 17 years ago since she retired from the post of Head Mistress of St. John's School, she continued to retain her affection for children and her interest in their welfare. We shall not readily forget her graciousness, her gentility, her kindness, her public spirit and her services to this school from the headmastership of which her brother retired in 1931. Leyland is indeed the poorer for the loss of her example of Victorian charm and manner."

Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *M. F. Swarbrick*.—V.C (Cu.). *J. E. Relf*.—V.C (F.). *D. Ward*.—V.C (F.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. School 2nd Hockey XI. *J. M. Astley*.—V.C (Cu.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *S. M. Greenwood*.—V.C (Cu.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *M. Staziker*.—V.C (W.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *D. Walmsley*.—V.C (F.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *S. Robinson*.—IV.A (Cu.). *B. Robinson*.—IV.B (W.). *M. Rowlands*.—IV.A (W.). Hockey Knockouts. School 2nd Rounders IX. *B. Philipson*.—V.B (Cu.). *E. M. Ashton*.—IV.C (Cl.). *J. Webster*.—IV.B (Cu.). *I. Ingham*.—IV.C (F.). *E. Jones*.—IV.C (Cu.). Rounders and Hockey Leagues. *M. A. Appleton*.—IV.C (W.). *A. R. Byrom*.—II.B (Cl.). *A. Fiddler*.—II.C (Cl.). *R. I. Cronkshaw*.—I.A (Cu.). *W. B. Botham*.—I.C (W.).

Boys :—

Blyth, W. A.—U.VI (Cl.). House Captain. Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. School Cross-Country Team. Rugby Knockouts. *Lawson, W.*—U.VI (W.). House Captain. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. School 1st Rugby XV. School 2nd Cricket XI. Rugby Colours 1951. *Wrennall, E.*—U.VI (Cu.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. School 1st Rugby XV. School Cross-Country Team. Rugby Colours 1951. *Barr, B.*—U.VI (W.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1949. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. School 1st Rugby XV. School 1st Cricket XI. School Play. *Chapman, M. A.*—U.VI (F.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1949. School 2nd Rugby XV. School Cross-Country Team. Rugby Knockouts. School Play 1949-51. *Jackson, G.*—U.VI (Cl.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. County Major and State Scholarships. School Cross-Country Team. School 1st Chess Team. *Taylor, I.*—U.VI (W.). School Certificate 1949. Gen. Cert. Educ. (Adv.) 1951. School 1st Cricket XI. School 1st Rugby XV. School Relay Team. *Johnston, A.*—L.VI (Cl.). School Certificate 1950. School 1st Rugby XV 1949-51. School 1st Cricket XI 1950-51. Rugby Colours 1950, 51. School Play. *Derbyshire, J. B.*—L.VI (Cl.). School Certificate 1950. School 1st Chess Team. Cricket and Rugby Leagues. *Parker, J. W.*—L.VI (Cl.). School Certificate 1950. School 2nd Rugby XV. School 2nd Cricket XI. *Pye, J.*—V.A (F.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. *Howard, E. J.*—V.A (W.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. Cricket and Rugby Knockouts. *Randall, D. J.*—V.A (W.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. School 2nd Rugby XV. Rugby Knockouts. School 1st Cricket XI. *Simpson, M. D.*—V.B (Cu.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. Rugby Knockouts. *Wildgoose, T. W.*—V.C (Cu.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. Rugby Leagues. *Taylor, G. S.*—V.C (F.). Gen. Cert. Educ. (O.) 1951. School 2nd Rugby XV. Cricket Leagues. *Johnson, R. H.*—V.C (Cu.). Rugby Leagues. *Proudlove, J.*—IV.A (Cu.). *Gordon, W.*—IV.B (F.). Cricket Colts. Rugby Bantams. Rugby Knockouts. Cricket Knockouts. *Croasdale, K.*—IV.C (Cu.). Cricket Colts XI. Cricket Leagues. Rugby Colts XV. Rugby Leagues.

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"ANTIGONE" OF SOPHOCLES

and

"PYGMALION AND GALATEA" BY W. S. GILBERT

The choice of the 'Antigone' of Sophocles as the school play this year was a bold one. It must be admitted that Greek tragedy is not, in these rather matter-of-fact and utilitarian days, the sort of fare that is likely to be an automatic success with an audience.

In fact, it makes considerable demands of a modern English audience. The rigid conventions of Athenian tragedy, its preoccupation with divine retribution for offences, to modern ideas, comparatively venial, are foreign to our native conception of tragedy, with its heroes and its villains, and their apparent freedom of choice of action. This contrast, of course, is more apparent than real, and fundamentally the raw materials of Sophocles and of Shakespeare are the same—human beings and their behaviour in the emotional crises of life.

The 'Antigone' is an excellent example of Greek tragedy, admirably embodying the classic principles. With consummate craftsmanship and economy, Sophocles succeeded, in spite of the conventions of his age, in presenting a human story.

It was the great merit of Mr. Downer's production, that this warmth of feeling was so admirably brought out. The casting, always a matter of considerable difficulty in a school play, was extremely skilfully done.

A. J. Bradley brought to the part of Antigone great natural gifts as an actress, and a penetrating insight into the character. This latter quality enabled her to bring out fully

the tragedy of Antigone's position, the conflicting claims of human feeling and obedience to the kin. The feeling of sacrilege at the non-burial of Polynices' body—so enormous a matter in Greek eyes—was vividly expressed, and made a real issue to the audience—and this is the keynote of the play.

B. E. Hunt, as Ismene, provided an effective contrast to her stage sister, suggesting admirably a more pliant and gentle nature. A. Johnston gave a very satisfactory performance as Creon, a character necessarily unsympathetic to a modern audience, but presenting an essentially Greek point of view. It is to be regretted that he, as well as B. H. Ackers, who was a satisfactory Haemon in all other respects, and the other boys who had speaking parts, fell somewhat short of the standard set by the girls in diction and audibility.

Mention must be made of R. B. Maughan's portrayal of the prophetess, Corinna, and of her charming "Seeing Eye," M. Marland, and of P. Wilkins' very good rendering of the part of Eurydice, wife of Creon, a difficult role, worthily sustained.

Special praise, I feel, should go to M. Riding's portrayal of the Messenger; she brought to this small, but important, part a warmth of human feeling and of tragedy, that was wholly admirable.

No tribute too high could be paid to the splendid and untiring efforts of Miss Whewell and Mr. Hewartson, who were responsible for the design and construction, respectively, of the stage settings; nor to Miss Whewell again, and to Miss Ball, for the design and execution of the costumes; in both of these important departments the results were most pleasing, combining classical simplicity with charming colour effects.

The efforts of the members of the staff, and of the boys and girls already mentioned, together with those of others who played the parts of Guards, Courtiers, and Attendants to Eurydice, combined, under Mr. Downer's sympathetic direction, into a production that will be memorable in the history of Balshaw's Grammar School plays, and one which was eminently worth doing.

No more effective contrast to the main play of the evening could be imagined than W. S. Gilbert's "Pygmalion and Galatea," a contrast heightened rather than diminished by the similarity of setting.

This robust Victorian comedy is as unmistakably *sui temporis* as is "Antigone." The bluff humour of situations that our grandparents enjoyed was surprisingly effective, and gave good scope to the players of displaying their powers as actors of comedy.

A. J. Bradley again showed her versatility in the part of Galatea, the devastating simplicity of the character being well delineated. M. A. Chapman did well as Pygmalion; he succeeded in conveying the requisite sense of bewilderment, and the inevitability of his falling victim to Galatea's charms.

J. A. Todd, as Cynisca, wife of Pygmalion, entered well into the part of the injured wife, and M. Riding, as Daphne, wife of Chrysos, a nouveau-riche art patron, extracted full measure of comedy from her role. G. Topping, as Chrysos acted well, bringing out well the essential vulgarity of the man. A. J. Salt was a charming Myrine, her sisterly frankness to Pygmalion being much appreciated. D. Bullon and B. H. Ackers were amusing in their parts of slaves, boasting of their respective masters' powers. B. Barr was a fine martial figure as Leucippus.

This play, like the Antigone, was beautifully dressed, and the settings were again most effective.

The stage management was again in the capable hands of Mr. Bennison, a measure of whose efficiency was the absence of any hitch. Mr. Speakman, as bright as any of his limes or floods, was, as usual, a fount of light and clarity; the "Old Firm" of Miss Bromley and Mr. Wilkinson were the competent makers-up; effective and suitable music was provided under the direction of Mr. Black—all members of a worthy team who set the seal of success on Mr. Downer's great efforts.

D.S.M.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

As the climax to a highly successful week of festivities from June 18 to 23rd, to celebrate the Festival of Britain, it was decided to stage a pageant of Transport. The Schools were given the task of showing Transport through the ages. Local industry dealt with its 20th Century development.

To Balshaw's were allotted the 17th and 18th Centuries and as much of the 19th as we liked. It was assumed, on what grounds is not clear, that we should have least difficulty in providing costumes. Lightheartedly the representatives of Balshaw's agreed to provide a lady riding side-saddle, a sedan chair with beautiful occupant and attendants, passengers in period costume for a stage coach and a hansom (if anybody had such vehicles to spare) and a tableau "From Rollers to Wheels" for the early part of the story.

Thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Abbott, the Preston Drama Club, the Rev. Humphrey Bretherton, and the resources of Miss Whewell's Property Box, the costumes were provided. The sedan chair was the creation of Mr. Hewartson and his minions (Arch-minion McIlwaine). The stage coach and the hansom were *not*, though this was suggested and even believed.

The procession assembled at the Recreation Ground, Eden St. When the stage coach arrived it was found to be locked and full of old iron, but Ainsworth, as a Victorian parent in top hat and side burns, was bundled in head first through the window, while his "family," Barbara Grimshaw, Mavis Johnson and Haydock, contrived to hoist themselves in more gracefully. A bevy of Jane Austen beauties (mostly from V.a) escorted by two gallant Corinthian bucks (Simpson and Howard), mounted to the roof. This was one of the most popular items in the mile and a half procession, despite the youth in the open-necked shirt who accompanied the coachman, both blissfully unaware of any incongruity in his appearance.

Cross, a most raffish-looking late Victorian "masher," and Jean Thomas, looking very demure, occupied the hansom.

The sedan chair group was very pleasing and effective, though the *Chorley Guardian* professed to be mystified at the spectacle of so many bewigged gentry in silk and satin performing so menial a task. "Either the lady must have been very attractive or taxation must have been heavier in Hanoverian days than is supposed." The lady in question, Margaret Beardwood, arrived not feeling at all well but soon brightened up and became positively radiant after the attentions of the Press photographers. Even the pitching and swaying she was later to endure had no ill effects. Her very charming dress was made by her mother. The gallant bearers, McWilliam, Gill, Wright and Bullon, stayed the course, though harrassed from the rear by an impatient coachman who finally swept them aside so that 1820 went into the arena before 1760. Harrison and Joan Waddington, as attendant gallant and maid, had an easier job.

Margery Stazicker, as Miss Celia Fiennes who passed this way on her journey through England on a side saddle in 1698, and Cuerden as her attendant, deserve great credit for their handling of their horses in the procession and among the great crowds in Worden Park, Margery especially as she was riding side saddle for the second time. This elusive saddle was the most difficult item of all to procure, but finally Miss Parke, of Withnell Hall, was appealed to and came to our aid.

"From Rollers to Wheels" was, alas, banished in error by an official to the 20th Century before the procession moved off, which must have baffled those spectators who like to see a meaning in things, but the group's cheerfulness remained unimpaired.

The feeling of those who took part, even of the sweating chairmen, was that it had been well worth doing. For Balshaw's to have been left out of such a day in the life of Leyland would have been unthinkable. And had they not been filmed? Had they not, on Pamela Megson's authority, been photographed 53 times?

C.S.H.

Frederick George Bradley

Member of the Board of Governors of Balshaw's Grammar
School, 1950-1951

It was with deep regret that the School received the news of the death on New Year's Day of Mr. F. G. Bradley. Although he had been a representative of the Joint Townships on the Board of Governors for only a year he had a long connection with the School as his daughter, Anne, was Head Girl here in 1941 before she left for the University. We shall remember with gratitude the great interest which he took in the School and its affairs.

V.U.O.

A SUMMER EVENING

The purple clouds are gathering in a sky of turquoise blue.
 The air is faintly laden with the smell of summer dew—
 And o'er the house a quiet veil of calm is gently lying
 And wraps the inmates in the wonder of the sun's rays swiftly dying.
 Beneath the golden-tipped pink clouds, the sun sinks in the west,
 A fiery ball of burning gold it sinks,
 And with its fiery crest it lights each cloud—
 A shining path of purest gold—into the land of dreams.

P.W., L.VI (Cu.).

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SPEECH DAY, 1950

Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes took place on Dec. 18th, and the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Blackburn kindly consented to distribute the awards. We welcomed a new Chairman of Governors of the School, Mr. G. H. Redman; at the same time we regretted the loss of Mr. J. B. Cardwell, who we hope will enjoy better health.

The School Choir sang three songs: "O Lovely Peace," from "Judas Maccabeus," by Handel, "The Lullaby of Mary," by D. Corner (1649) and "As happy as kings," by Henry Fargeon, with words by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Mr. Oldland then gave his address in which he presented a factual record of the school's activities during the last year, emphasising especially how formation of character is achieved by a variety of physical and mental work.

The Chairman then introduced the Bishop of Blackburn, who spoke forcibly on the necessity for stability of home life where a sound training should be gained by the child. He described how the Church first started education and laid the foundation of the great building now being constructed by such steps as the 1944 Education Act. After appealing to mothers to be proud of the yoke placed upon them, the Bishop wished further successes through close co-operation, for Balshaw's.

A vote of thanks to the Bishop was proposed by Mr. J. Tomlinson and seconded by Mrs. W. S. Woodcock, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. A. Parkinson and seconded by Mr. J. Jackson.

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

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

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SPRING

Sweet-smelling flowers,
 Light-falling showers,
 New lambs are born,
 Cold winds are gone,
 Church bells ring,
 Children sing,
 This is Spring.

P.W., IV.B (Cl.)

BALSHAVIANS ABROAD

(1) A VISIT TO THE CONTINENT

On my first trip abroad I had many varied experiences, but certain memories are striking and will remain long with me.

Paris, my first halt, has a beauty that eludes description, almost a lightness and gaiety in the very air. But what most impressed me was the Arc de Triomphe seen from the Petit Arc; the Sacré-Coeur high on her hill; the awesome sombreness of Napoleon's tomb; the Venus de Milo seen from a great distance and approached with delight; the suffocating crowds at Versailles on a Sunday afternoon when it did indeed seem a League of Nations! By contrast, it was drizzling gloomily as I stood and looked at the Palais de Chaillot—perhaps a foretaste of the gloom now shrouding it.

Strasbourg, my real destination, is a beautiful old city with a Franco-German heritage, and has many attractions, yet still unspoiled by the invading cosmopolitan air of the Council of Europe. Its old houses and narrow streets in the charming 'Petite France' quarter are typical of the smaller German town but the magnificent cathedral is unique. The carvings of the apostles and the Rosace bear witness to the unbelievable genius and skill of a former age, and the astronomical clock should not be missed. But Strasbourg is a Protestant stronghold and it was in a Protestant Church that I heard Albert Schweitzer play Bach.

Strasbourg is also a flourishing inland port and across the swollen banks of the Rhine we could see the shattered remnants of the Siegfried Line. We also climbed through the sunlit forests of the Vosges to Haut-Koenigsberg; from there the view over the plain of Alsace is well worth the climb. We stayed in Niederhastach, a village on the edge of the Vosges, from where we had expeditions into the forest to pick bilberries—hindered only by the mosquitoes.

A trip to Switzerland made a very agreeable change of scenery. Most of this was spent in Basle, an ancient town with many interesting features, especially the Art Gallery. Lucerne was full of tourists but lived up to its reputation for entrancing charm.

Such are my first impressions of continental Europe and they are of a nature vivid enough to make me clamour for more.

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

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(2) ACROSS FRANCE

Calais - Lille - Paris - Versailles - Chartres - Tours - Poitiers - Rochefort - Bordeaux - Bayonne - Biarritz - St. Jean de Luz - Hendaye - Pau - Lourdes - Gavarnie!

Names, names and still more names—at least, that is what we would have said about this string of words at this time last year, but now, each one holds some pleasant memory for us.

As the train steamed slowly out of Preston station on the 12th of July, we were very excited, as we realised that this was the first stage of our first holiday abroad. After a long, but seemingly short voyage, we arrived at our destination—Lille—to be met by our French friends, who were equally excited. An introduction to the rest of the family followed.

The next morning at 5 a.m. the house was in a state of chaos, as the family, helped by their friends, made the final preparations, before leaving for a camping holiday in the south. By 5-30 a.m. everyone was ready, the caravan was securely fastened to the back of the car—We were on our way to Paris. Here, we stayed a few days, one of which was the 14th of July. Unfortunately it rained most of the time. Then, we were on the road again. Destination ??? Finally after glimpses of magnificent castles as we passed through the Loire region, we arrived at Vaux-Nauzan, near La Rochelle, a beautiful town, with few remaining scars of war.

After a week in which we made full use of the glorious weather, M. Corduant decided that it was time to be heading south to our final destination—St. Jean-de-Luz. On this part of the journey, we found the countryside to be rather different—we were passing through the Landes, a region of pine forests and intense heat. We shall never forget racing along those straight roads, the forest fires smouldering in the distance, nor shall we ever forget the jolt, the swerve of the car as we stopped suddenly, and, on further investigation—the little puddle of rubber on the road—this “was” one of the caravan tyres! However, this was a minor detail, and we were soon on the way again. Later that evening we arrived at St. Jean-de-Luz, a fashionable holiday resort and also a centre for the tunny fishing industry.

Here we set up camp on a hill overlooking the bay, with the Atlantic on one side, the unbroken line of the Pyrénées on the other, and Spain in the distance. We shall never forget the hospitality of the people of this region, the “Pays Basque.” Here we were lucky enough to see the fête of St. Jean-de-Luz, beginning with a procession of the people in their colourful and picturesque costumes, including the hunters from the Landes on their stilts, the Basques and Basquaises, and the Spanish dancers. Later all these people gave delightful performances of their national songs and dances. The day ended in an exciting “Bataille de confetti” and fireworks display. Soon came the fête at Bayonne, where we were daring enough, or, on second thoughts, foolish enough, to take part in a “course de Vaches.” We shall never forget standing in the arena as the cow charged about tugging anyone within reach, us if possible.

Our recollections of Hendaye, are of the casino, and the Spanish frontier, which we did not cross. Perhaps the most magnificent scenery of all was that at Gavarine, high in the Pyrénées. Our words cannot express the magnificence of the scene before us, the sun shining on the snow-covered mountains the “cascades” rushing down into the clear blue stream, and the peasants leading visitors on horseback, along the narrow footpath to the cirque. Beauty, too, in another form was the Basilique at Lourdes.

All too soon did we find ourselves at Dover once again, with four of our French friends with us, wondering if we, in turn, could give them such an unforgettable five weeks' holiday.

I.P.G., U.VI (F.).
M.D.J., U.VI (Cu.).

(3) MY CONTINENTAL HOLIDAY

During the recent summer holidays, I paid my visit abroad. To the fortunate among you, who have already visited a foreign country, I need not explain that feeling of excitement with which one sets foot on foreign soil for the first time. I was making an exchange with a Belgian girl, whose home was in Brussels, the capital of Belgium. The first week was spent in Brussels, sightseeing in the city itself, and visiting famous places in the vicinity, such as Waterloo, where the momentous battle was fought, the great port of Antwerp, and Bruges, the famous cathedral city.

Our second week was spent at a Youth Hostel near Ostend. I was thoroughly bewildered on my arrival, for when they heard that I was English, all the boys and girls flocked round me, and began asking questions in rapid French. It was a relatively quiet week which we spent here. We played games on the sands, swam in the sea, played tennis, went for rides on bicycle and horse, and visited the fairground. I had no sooner grown accustomed to this life, when we left Ostend and went to Paris, where we spent the last fortnight of our holiday.

What need I say about Paris? The atmosphere in the little cafés, the bustling waiters, the bookshops along the River Seine, colourful Montmartre—books have been written about the charm of Paris, and he who could not enjoy a holiday in this queen of cities is indeed a strange character! And then the night life of Paris—the bright lights reflected in the Seine, the famous staircase of the Opera House, and its foyer, in which can be seen

the cream of Parisian society, the cabarets and cafés of Montmartre, where life begins after midnight—I could continue for many pages. Nor ought I to forget the nearby towns to which we paid visits, such as Versailles, with the magnificent palace of Louis XIV, Fontainebleau, with its chateau and woods, St. Germain, etc.

When I look back, my holiday seems to have been a constant succession of changing faces and changing scenes—days of sightseeing succeeded by evenings spent at cinema, opera and theatre. It has been a holiday of new experiences, and one which has found me a new friend in the Belgian girl with whom I spent this happy month. However many visits I may be fortunate enough to pay abroad, this, my first, will remain fresh in my memory, as a truly unforgettable holiday.

A.S., L.VI (W.).

(4) PARIS

This summer I visited Paris for a month as the guest of a French family. The first typical feature of France which I encountered and enjoyed was the rich and varied food. I was also impressed by the hospitality, not only of my hosts, but of the neighbours, who invited me to their houses for a meal or for an apéritif.

I visited all the well-known places of historic or artistic interest, such as the Palace of Versailles, the Conciergerie, St. Etienne du Mont, Les Invalides, and the Panthéon, which recall the names of France's royalty, her authors and painters, and St. Geneviève.

The walks and views in Paris were many but I may only recall a few of them: the quays of the Seine, where men fish patiently in the dirty water, in imitation of their ancestors, the fisherfolk of Lutetia of two thousand years ago; here also are the ‘bouquinistes’ who sell not only second-hand books, but jewellery, pottery and pictures; the Place des Vosges, a quiet, dignified square, where Hugo once lived and which remains exactly as it was in the XVII Century; the quaint village of Montmartre and the splendid view from there of the whole of Paris. However, fascinating as Paris is by day, at night, while the most beautiful buildings are floodlit, and the white stone stands out vividly against the night sky, coloured lights twinkle in the Seine and the fountains play in the Place de La Concorde, the city is yet more captivating.

Chartres also remains in my memory, not only because of the massive and beautiful cathedral, but for the town itself, which is very old, with twisting, steep streets, and houses which are among the oldest in France. Here we saw housewives doing their laundry in the river under very dilapidated shelters.

One of the less famous, but nevertheless interesting, churches is the Mosque, with its tubs of flowers, and fountains, in the court-yard. It is decorated with delicate carving, brilliant mosaics, and elaborate tapestries.

One day I went on the Métro at six in the morning, to see “Les Halles” the wholesale market of Paris for fresh food and flowers. Lorries had been rumbling into the district since ten o'clock the previous night, and by now the meat sheds housed row upon row of carcasses, the streets were covered completely with crates of vegetables, many of varieties which are foreign to an Englishman. There were fruits such as bananas, peaches, grapes, and tomatoes as big as grapefruit. Boxes of freshly-picked flowers were piled high and terraced several streets. Every one was busy with truck or wagon, and amid this activity we were regarded balefully by “the strong men of Les Halles.” By eight o'clock the streets were cleared and swept, leaving no sign of the market.

I found that, contrary to a popular myth, French women are much less fashion-conscious than the British, probably for economic reasons, and much more domesticated.

Many plaques can be seen in Paris, in memory of people who were exterminated in concentration camps, and for young boys who fell in the vicious street battles of the Liberation. These caused the only unhappy moments of my month's holiday.

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

(5) LA SAVOIE

The 'plane turns, the engines roar and then at last we gather speed and drone away into the heavy cloud over Manchester. Soon the dense white cloud covering England thins out and below lies the Channel and then France. It is not long before Paris becomes visible with the silver thread of the Seine running through the city and twining its loops into the distance. There is a bump as the 'plane hits the "tarmac" and then the passengers descend into the burning sunshine. So that was flying? Hmm! So this is France? Ah!

On leaving the airport I was driven to the centre of Paris by a seemingly mad driver who drove, so it appeared, on the wrong side of the road. After a hasty tour of Paris and a three hundred mile journey through the night, I arrived, at five-thirty in the morning, at Aix-les-Bains. This town lies by the side of the green Lac du Bourget which, in turn, lies amid the grey cliffs and peaks and the foaming waterfalls, white snows and deep gorges of the Alps.

I soon got used to the scorching sun and also the rich and plentiful (though expensive) food. My first expedition was to Chamonix: my comrade, Edmond, took me up to the Mer de Glace on the chugging funicular railway which clings perilously to the Mont Blanc Massif. Then we descended to the shadowy depths of the Gorges de l'Arlys. The thunderstorms of the Alps are merciless, black affairs but they are brief and my memories are mainly of sunshine and colour. While thinking of colour I must mention the sunset view from La Chambotte. This is a solitary café from whose balcony there is an almost vertical drop of something like half a mile to the dark, green lake; across the lake the "Cat's Tooth" points its peak at the red sky, while, far in the distance, toward the South, the Belledonne Range lies, crystal and pink. The sun sinks: the Belledonnes vanish and the lake becomes sombre and black.

With so many new sights to see, a month passed very quickly and it was time to return to the city. Lyon cannot compare in beauty with Paris, but is, none the less, a very fine city. All its silk factories are outside the town and smoke is far from prevalent. There is an extensive park with a huge, fish-stocked lake; there are some narrow streets, but also many broad avenues lined with the usual trees. Lyon has many more bridges than Paris, since both the Rhone and the Saone flow through the city. Behind the Saone the land rises sharply: one can take the cable railway up to Fourvière, where the cathedral stands like a father above the city, gazing at the "White Mountain" towering in the distance amid the Alps.

I have said little of the French buildings, the majesty of the large ones, the cleanness of the small ones: or of the people themselves, their excitability, hospitality, patriotism and fondness for precision: I have not made your mouths water by describing the wonderful cooking of my hostess. I have, however, mentioned those things which stand out most in my mind and which I hope I may some day see again.

G.O.S., U.VI (F.).

SCHOOL VISITS

(1) A VISIT TO PRESTON DOCKS

In spite of the fact that nineteen-fifty had produced one of its wettest and windiest Autumn days, we, that is the select company of the sixth form geographers, spent a very interesting afternoon on our visit to Preston Docks.

After penetrating the iron hoarding which conceals the dockyard from the outer world we made our way over railway tracks and between waggons to the quayside. Here our first "find" was a vessel unloading pit-props from Scandinavia: on explaining this, our escort was promptly assailed with a barrage of questions on topics ranging from the

mountain heights of Scandinavia to the depths of Lancashire coal mines, a barrage which continued intermittently throughout the afternoon.

Our way next lay through a maze of steel cables alongside a rather rusty and grimy collier to a great tank transporter, employed in its latter years as a carrier of lorries from Leyland. Our expressions of grave interest as the immense steel doors in the ship's bows opened changed to mirth when there issued forth a Lilliputian figure bearing a small suitcase and a harrassed frown.

We went on, over the lock gates and between stacks of timber, to a vast warehouse. The male members of our party at first scorned a suggestion that we should ascend to the roof of the building but, yielding, as always, to the feminine request, were well rewarded by the view of the whole dock.

The highlight of our tour came when, scorning the fact that her sister ship had sunk in the dock a few days before, we boarded one of the harbour tug-boats and made a thorough inspection thereof. As a result of this, combined with the weather, we went our ways rather grimy and damped in appearance but not in spirits.

G.O.S., U.VI (W.).

(2) THE FIFTH FORM VISIT TO "SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER"

On Thursday, November 23rd, 1950, the Fifth Form was present at the special *matinée* for children at the Hippodrome, Preston, where the Salberg Players were giving a performance of Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer."

When the curtain rose, we were introduced to Mr. Hardcastle, the hearty but often boring father, and to Mrs. Hardcastle, the scheming mother, whose well-thought-out plans were invariably doomed to disappointment. These two characters were portrayed with confidence and skill.

The rotund and mischievous Tony Lumpkin, as portrayed by Frederick Jaeger, was a very popular character with the youthful audience, while Nancy Mansfield earned well-deserved applause for her vivacious portrayal of Kate Hardcastle.

Charles Mardel, as young Marlow, was undoubtedly happier in the scenes when he played the gallant. We felt that he overemphasised his bashfulness in the scene with Kate, when he found himself incapable of uttering a complete and comprehensible sentence.

Among the supporting players, Daniel Thorndike deserves special mention for his portrayal of Diggory, a very awkward and unintelligent servant.

Although the plot was somewhat naive, there were moments of exuberant comedy, which compensated for the absence of a more intricate and credible plot.

The décor, and the rich and colourful costumes, captured the spirit of eighteenth century England, and the manners of the time were given capable expression. The music was also appropriately chosen.

This was the first time that the Fifth Form had paid a school visit to the theatre, and, consequently, we had looked forward to it with eager anticipation. We were not disappointed.

A.S., V.A (W.).

(3) TWO VISITS TO THE PRESTON HIPPODROME

On the first of March, some members of the school went to see "The Importance of Being Earnest," by Oscar Wilde. The play was given by the Salberg Players at Preston Hippodrome, and the main parts were taken by Frederick Jaeger, Greta Whitely, John Baron and Nancy Mansfield, while a former Balshavian, Peter Schofield, took the part of Lane, the butler. We found the play very amusing, especially when, in the first act, we were told that "Education produces no effect whatsoever," a statement with which some of us may, or may not have agreed!

On the fifth of July, a party from the school went to see Shakespeare's "As You Like It," again given by the Salberg Players. The part of Rosalind was taken by Nancy Mansfield, and the cast included John Barron as her father, the exiled Duke, and Peter Schofield as his usurping brother. The costumes were colourful and the forest scenery gave a very realistic effect. As always, the trip to the theatre was enjoyed by all.

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

(4) A VISIT TO WIGAN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

On Wednesday, May 11th, a party from the Science section of the Lower Sixth visited Wigan Mining and Technical College, which was holding its Open Day.

This took the form of a series of displays and demonstrations, illustrating all sides of the college's activities. The party, conducted by Mr. Speakman and Mr. Bennison, visited all the departments with which it was chiefly concerned.

We visited first the department of Physics, where we saw spectrometer demonstrations and some very interesting experiments in electricity and magnetism.

In the Biology labs. there were elaborate displays of forms of plant and animal life, while in the Chemistry labs. we saw a complicated piece of glass apparatus used in gas analysis, and demonstrations of dyestuffs, and their effect on different materials. There was also a short lecture on "Light by Chemical Means."

To round off the day, most of the party went to watch the Rugby League International at Central Park.

Altogether, it was a very interesting day, and our visit to Wigan had been both profitable and enjoyable.

G.T., L.VI (Cu.).

(5) A TRIP TO MALHAM TARN

On Friday, June 22nd, the Biology section of the Sixth Form set off on a field expedition to Malham Tarn in Yorkshire.

Equipped with bulky haversacks containing 'macs' and food, and clutching wellingtons, we piled into the back of Mr. Speakman's van. We travelled the forty miles to the tarn in somewhat cramped quarters with frequent halts to stretch our legs. On arrival at the tarn at about 11-30 a.m. we decided to do an hour's work before lunch. On the pebbly shore we discovered the insectivorous plant, Butterwort in flower, and also the *Primula Farinosa*, a rare member of the primula family.

We waded into the water, and picking up stones from the bottom, we collected the specimens of marine life which were on them.

We walked back to where the van was parked, had lunch and, after a short siesta, set off to follow the course of the outflow stream from the tarn. Having walked along it for a mile, identifying grasses and flowers as we went, we came to a point where the stream disappeared into the ground in what is known as a "swallow-hole."

We made our way back to the van, and set off to Malham Tarn House, a field station on the other side of the tarn, where we obtained permission to go on to the peat bog.

On our returning to the field station, the work that was being done by the various students was explained to us by one of their tutors. Afterwards we discovered that he was Mr. Cook, the joint writer of one of our best biology text-books.

We had just time, before tea, to visit Malham Cove, so once more we set off in the van. There, a stream emerged—the very one which we had seen disappear in the swallow-hole.

We made our way back to the village of Malham to have tea. A bumpy journey home ended a very pleasant and surprisingly instructive day.

P.W., L.VI (Cu.).

(6) THE SCHOOL BIOLOGICAL SECTION'S VISIT TO AINSDALE SAND-DUNES

On Friday the sixth of July, six members of the lower sixth Biological section travelled to Ainsdale. Our aim was to study the flora of the sand-dunes, and the manner in which they had been colonised by members of the plant kingdom. The old dunes, which are farthest inland, were populated with many varieties of wild-flowers and with the familiar gorse-bushes. Mr. Speakman described the life-history of the purple marsh orchid, and explained the phenomenon which it exhibits of flowering only every third year. We found four specimens of the Bee-orchid, a beautiful plant, whose flower represents in detail a bee. We picked one of these, and studied it on returning to school.

As we approached the sea, plants and bushes gave way to mosses and lichens, and on crossing the railway, which roughly divides the old sand-dunes from the new, we noticed many "Sea-storks' bills," but these flowers were alone in a flora of mosses, lichens and grasses. Even the mosses and lichens were absent as we reached the newest sand-dunes, which were populated with grasses. Mr. Speakman now summed up the lesson we had learned about sand-dunes.

We broke our return journey at Mr. Speakman's house, near Ormskirk, where Mrs. Speakman supplied us with refreshments. I should like to thank Mrs. Speakman for providing this fitting finale to our interesting morning's activities.

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

(7) CHOIR TRIP TO LIVERPOOL

One afternoon, two coach loads of very eager choristers set off for Liverpool to visit the Rushworth and Dreaper Museum of Antique Musical Instruments; so that, in spite of the heavy rain, our spirits were still high when we arrived at our destination.

We were soon engrossed in the collection of musical instruments, many of which we had never seen or heard of before. With the help of our guide and Mr. Black, who very willingly "tried his hand" at each instrument, we were able to note the varying tones and workings of such instruments as the clavichord, venetian virginal, spinet, viola d' amore, mandoline, serpent and hurdy-gurdy. After a few brave blows on the serpent and a quick turn each on a barrel organ, we all retired to the Rushworth Tea Room where a very appetising tea awaited us.

To end the day we were taken to the Cathedral, which has still to be completed. We were at once struck by its great Gothic splendour, the massive organ and the beautiful stained glass windows, 'casting a dim religious light.' We seemed to be in a different world, but were soon to be brought back to reality; our apparent dream was soon to be shattered by the noise and bustle of the outside world as we bade goodbye to the Canon who so kindly and explicitly showed us all the mystic beauties of the Cathedral.

We hope that this trip will become an annual event, and warmly thank Miss Rahill and Mr. Black for their careful preparation.

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

(8) A VISIT TO THE BALLET

In this part of the country we do not often get a chance to see a first-rate ballet company, so it was with pleasure that we anticipated a visit to Blackpool to see the Sadler's Wells' Ballet. Two trips were arranged, for the dancing society and the Sixth Form. The Ballets seen were 'Coppelia,' 'Les Patineurs,' 'The Rake's Progress' and 'Symphonic Variations.' As it told a story, 'The Rake's Progress' impressed most people, while 'Symphonic Variations' was purely dancing set to César Franck's music. Although the absence of Moira Shearer was a disappointment, we were delighted by the grace and exquisite art of Pamela May, Violetta Elvin, Nadia Nerina, Anna Carne, Rosemary Lindsay, Henry

Legerton, Brian Shaw and John Hart. Choreography was by Ninette de Valois and Frederick Ashton. The costumes and décor were excellent and tasteful.

None of this would have been possible without Miss Probert's organisation. We thank her most heartily for this great opportunity.

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

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(9) THE SCHOOL VISIT TO "OTHELLO"

On Wednesday, October 11th, two coaches containing members of the fifth and sixth forms, left the school. Their destination was the Grand Theatre, Blackpool, where the Old Vic Company was giving a performance of Shakespeare's "Othello."

From the rise of the curtain to its last fall, the audience was held entranced by this magnificent production.

Douglas Campbell, in the title role, filled the stage with his powerful study of the tragic Moor. He played with fervour and understanding, and his rich, vibrant voice was ideally suited to the part. His timing approached perfection, and his performance was adjudged by all as first-class.

In fine contrast was Paul Rogers' portrayal of the suave, sinister Iago. Although at times he gabbled his lines, he was, after all, portraying a character with a vivacious, flexible mind, while in his soliloquies, he made us thrill with horror, as he unfolded his villainous schemes.

Irene Worth was the only player with whom one could really find fault. She found the role of the gentle, innocent Desdemona difficult for an actress of her maturity and experience, yet, to do her justice, she improved as the play progressed, and her portrayal in the last act was beautifully poignant.

Douglas Wilmer was excellent in the comparatively small role of the trusting Roderigo, while Carol Browne, as the tempestuous Emilia, Nicholas Hannen, as the father, and Robert Shaw, as Cassio, were notable in a superb cast.

In true Shakespearean fashion, the same set with only slight variations, was used throughout the play. The make-up and costumes were a striking feature of this latest "Othello," while the grouping of the players deserves our highest commendation.

Several skilful touches greatly added to the effect. For example, at the end of the second act, Emilia, by her glance at her husband, clearly expressed that she knew the truth. This tableau impressively ended an act which, under a producer less competent than Michael Langham, might have petered out ignominiously.

As the curtain fell for the last time, the staff and school were unanimous in declaring that they had spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

A.S., L.VI (W.).

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(10) THE FRENCH SECTION'S VISITS TO THE THEATRE

The French section of the Sixth Form has seen two theatre performances since the last publication of the magazine. The first was "Le Barbier de Séville," at Blackpool, the second "Le Malade Imaginaire," which La Troupe Française gave at the Catholic College, Preston, on Thursday, November 8th.

In the latter play, the two central characters, Argan and Toinette, were excellently portrayed by Jean Merrer and Catherine Ney. They were completely at home in their parts, and their performance deserved our highest commendation.

Angelique, as portrayed by Anne-Marie Servat, was very picturesque, but we felt that, to her, the speeches were mere strings of words. The same fault was to be found with Louise St. Jean Ives's Beline. Her expression and tone of voice were almost unchanged throughout the play.

But everyone took to his heart Thomas Diafoirus, the half idiot, who was here portrayed by Raymond Ricard. His make-up and costume were completely in tone with his character, and the youthful audience was frequently overcome with mirth at his ridiculous antics.

As we know, there is little dramatic instruction in Molière, and the actors, especially Argan and Toinette, interpreted the play excellently. We noticed in particular, that Argan found some pretext to walk off the stage whenever the others were intriguing. This avoided the awkward and artificial asides.

The décor was unchanged throughout, and although simple, it proved quite adequate.

When, as the play ended, a pupil of Winckley Square Convent thanked La Troupe Française for a most enjoyable evening's entertainment, I feel sure that her sentiments were echoed by every member of the youthful audience.

A.S., L.VI (W.).

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(11) THE SCHOOL VISIT TO "THE RIVALS"

Thursday, November 22nd, 1951, saw a party from the school enjoying a performance of Sheridan's "The Rivals" at the Royal Hippodrome, Preston.

The acting laurels undoubtedly went to Peggy Mount, who admirably portrayed Mrs. Malaprop. Her bewildering use of English kept the audience laughing throughout the play.

Joan Peart, as Lydia Languish, the coveted but bored niece of Mrs. Malaprop, was, on the whole, good but at times we felt Miss Peart to be too experienced an actress to portray a girl of seventeen.

Elizabeth Danby, as Julia, was somewhat shy and reserved in her part, but in contrast, Anthony Sager made a first-class, blustering Sir Anthony Absolute. Captain Absolute, as portrayed here by John Barron, was at times affected and artificial, but in the scenes with Mrs. Malaprop, he was undoubtedly amusing.

John Randall, as Acres, with his peculiar way of swearing and his desire to preserve his honour but to preserve his life, too, provoked much laughter from the audience. This was especially so in the scene when the fiery Sir Lucius O'Trigger instructs him on how to fight a duel.

Frederick Jaegar as Falkland, the self-tormented lover, was as always, good, while Greta Whiteley's Lucy, and Derek Benfield's David, deserve special mention.

There was only one interval, and the various changes of scene were skilfully managed. The décor was simple but adequate, and the costumes and make-up were good.

Thank you Salberg Players for a very enjoyable matinee.

A.S., L.VI (W.).

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(12) THE SCHOOL VISIT TO A PERFORMANCE OF THE MIME THEATRE COMPANY

On Tuesday, December 4th, a party from school visited the Playhouse, Preston, where the Mime Theatre Company were giving a demonstration of this long-neglected art. The programme was introduced by Clifford Williams—himself a member of the troupe—who explained how mime has progressed from the pagan rites of the primitive past, to the diverse sophistications of contemporary stage entertainment. The players illustrated this by miming the dumbshow from "Hamlet," and "The Hanging of Pierrot"—an amusing French pantomime, which was full of flashing movement.

After the interval we saw a finely-worked production of the Chekhov comedy, "The Bear," in which the players spoke as well as mimed. This lively play provided two delightful character studies, which were portrayed in a style fascinating to watch.

The décor and costumes were very simple, as they must have been when this art was at the height of its popularity.

After seeing this performance, I feel sure that the Mime Theatre Company will succeed in its aim of restoring Mime to its rightful place among the arts of the theatre.

A.S., L.VI (W.).

(13) VISIT TO PLATT HALL

On July 11th the Lower Sixth French section visited Platt Hall in Manchester to see the gallery of English costume from seventeen-sixty to the present day. From this extensive exhibition of very well-preserved clothes and accessories we could see the major changes of fashion in men's, women's and children's clothing in the past hundred and ninety years. The most apparent of these was the change from the comparative simplicity and freedom of early nineteenth century dresses to the ugly and cumbersome fashions of the late Victorian era.

One very interesting feature was a display of the clothes which a woman born in nineteen hundred would wear as she grew older. The most amusing fashions were the elaborate and concealing sports dresses and bathing costumes worn by former generations.

Also we visited the Whitworth Art Gallery, where we saw a miscellaneous collection of paintings, including several by Turner and Blake, and a peasant girl painted by Picasso during his Blue Period. Thank you Miss Bromley for a very interesting excursion!

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

(14) VISIT TO MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

The VIth Form's annual visit to Manchester University was as interesting and enjoyable as ever. On arrival we split up into various groups and went to our respective lectures.

The Arts section was first conducted on a tour of the University buildings, to the McDougall Centre, where there is a swimming bath and every kind of facility for the student's physical well-being, to the new Arts library with its endless stacks and modern lighting, and finally to the Arts Building for a lecture in the main lecture theatre on "The History of Art." There was an abundant use of slides which added to the enjoyment of an interesting talk.

The historians went to a lecture on "Magna Carta": this lasted for an hour, during which time the Professor did not pause—apparently the lecturer begins as soon as he enters the room and continues until he leaves after an hour's solid talking. However, the subject of "Magna Carta" proved to be very interesting and the time very quickly passed. The History section next visited the Science Museum in which a much longer period could have been spent to advantage.

The scientists made a tour of the McDougall Centre and science laboratories before listening to a lecture on "Chemical Reactions," which was very instructive and quite amusing. Students were shown how all chemical reactions can be classified into three main groups, and also some of the strange phenomena associated with the reactions.

We all met in the cafeteria for tea and discussions on what we had seen and heard. Our gratitude is due to the organisers of such an interesting day at one of England's biggest universities.

A.J.B., U.VI (Cu.); K.K., U.VI (F.); H.D.P., U.VI (W.).

(15) SIXTH FORM CLASSICAL CONFERENCE AT THE ELLIS LLWYD JONES HALL, MANCHESTER, APRIL 13th-15th

Brenda Hunt and I, who represented Balshaw's this year at the Classical Conference, enjoyed, with fifty other boys and girls, a very full and informative programme at Manchester. Everyone seemed to be potential Greek and Latin teachers but we, who are not

pure classicists were prepared to be what the welcoming lecturer termed "receptive students."

After dinner on the first evening, we had a lecture by Mr. V. R. d'A. Desborough on "Augustus," when he illustrated how Octavian fought for his power and, having built up an extremely strong position, how he spread his influence over Rome, Italy and even the provinces. The point was carefully made that none of the changes in administration was effected by him in the role of a tyrant, but as a ruler who wished only to introduce a regeneration; he desired not revolution but a Renaissance.

On Saturday Mr. Herrington gave an interesting lecture on "Virgil," showing why the Aeneid was so necessary for Rome; her old traditions had to be revived and the moral qualities displayed by Aeneas, were intended as an inspiration and copy to the Romans. In the afternoon neither Brenda nor I desired to compete in the Greek and Latin reading competition so we went with other non-competitors to the Museum next to Manchester University to learn about the earliest Roman attempts at pottery.

We returned to the Hall to tea and a social, when we students mixed with professors and lecturers in an extremely enjoyable round of games. On Sunday morning came the most interesting lecture of all for us as we were studying Horace for the General Certificate of Education (Adv.); it was called "Horace's Influence on English Literature," and was given by Mrs. Oliver. She first pointed out that right up to the 19th Century English poets wrote in Latin to express their deepest feelings and innumerable poets, including Gray, Prior and Pope, all learnt something of their art from Horace.

The discussion on whether the Augustan age was one of glory or of decadence showed that we all appreciated the jewels of that age, for none of the students admitted decadence.

After tea on Sunday we dispersed to our various destinations, all of us with a very happy memory of instructive lectures and new friends. We all appreciated the time and work which the members of the Manchester University Teaching Faculty gave so unstintingly and are sure that we have benefitted from the well-organised conference.

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

Eric James Barwell

Died November 7th, 1951, aged 18 years

Balshaw's Grammar School, 1945-1951

CLAYTON HOUSE

It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing of Eric James Barwell, of the Lower Arts Sixth, and Clayton House. He was taken ill at Half-Term and removed to Preston Infirmary, but peritonitis supervened in acute form, and the end came on Nov. 7th, 1951. Barwell was universally liked in the School for his good-tempered and cheerful disposition. He always showed interest in both his work and games, and his excellent qualities were well appreciated by those who taught him, as well as by many of his fellow-pupils. He will be widely missed.

The School offers its respectful sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Barwell in their irreparable loss.

A.J.B.

MUSICAL RECITAL

On Wednesday the 14th November, a recital was given in the Hall. Owing to a rather late start, several of the promised items had to be missed, but those given were both instructive and entertaining.

First we were told a little about stringed instruments, and Miss D. Hart played a violin solo for us. After that, we listened to the Cor Anglais, a member of the Woodwinds.

Next we were given a short talk about the French Horn, by Mr. J. March, who demonstrated the way in which a note could be varied when the hand was placed on the bell of the horn. Finally we heard different combinations of the instruments, with Miss N. Watkin playing the piano. At the end of the recital, the school showed its approval by prolonged clapping.

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

THE SCHOOL FILM SHOWS

During the school year 1950-1951, we were treated by the Central Office of Information to five very enjoyable film shows.

The first of these was on Friday, September 29th. Contrary to the usual programme, this film show consisted of only one film, but what it lacked in quantity it made up in quality. It was an interesting account of life in Nigeria, the British Colony and Protectorate in West Africa. We were able to see the customs and superstitions of the natives, who live along the swampy coast, on the plateaux of the interior, in the eastern land of river and swamp, or in the cattle-rearing country of the north. We were shown how British Administrators work side by side with the native rulers, and the difficulties with which a British District Officer must contend when assessing how many head of cattle each native possesses. The great difficulties which the Medical Authorities must face in the struggle against disease, were also dealt with.

Our second film show, on Friday the twenty-fourth of November, consisted of two films. The first of these in the series, "Is this the job for me?", dealt with engineering. We were shown how the apprentices learn their job in the various workshops of the factory, and in addition we were shown the type of studies which they undertake at the technical college.

The second film, which had previously been seen by the senior members of the school, dealt with the different processes through which iron ore must pass before it is converted into best quality steel.

The first film show of the New Year was on Friday, January 19th. It consisted of three films, the first of which, in the "This is Britain" series, was sub-divided into three short films. The first dealt with the study of cosmic rays, the second with Jacquard weaving, while the third showed how the Marquis of Bath had opened his magnificent country house at Longleat, to the public, and was thus able to keep this relic of a richer age.

The second film was of special interest to those of us who would like to go to a University, for it dealt with the life of the undergraduate at Cambridge. We were treated to a tour of the many beautiful buildings of that quaint old town, and we visited the lecture rooms and laboratories of the University, where the student is instructed by world famous men and women. The film emphasised that the social education of the College is just as important as the academic education of the University.

This was followed by a film which explained the working of our library system.

Another film show was held on March 16th. The first film dealt with the various functions of the G.P.O., while the second was on the subject of radio telephony, and its importance when time is a vital factor in the despatch of a message.

The last film was very enjoyable. It dealt with the gradual building up of a ballet by the composer, choreographer and dancer, and finally we were treated to a complete performance of the finished ballet. The film was explained by none other than Robert Helpmann, who emphasised that the skilful combination of the arts of music, dancing and painting is necessary in the production of a successful ballet.

Our last film show was held on the day we "broke up" for the Whitsuntide holiday. The first film dealt with Britain's latest achievements on land, on sea and in the air, while the second film, entitled "The Wonder Jet," traced the story of the jet turbine from the early dreams of Frank Whittle to the modern Brabazon. The show ended with a film which told the story of the courtship, marriage and married life of a young girl in Afghanistan.

Thank you, Central Office of Information.

A.S., V.A (W.).

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

April 21st, 1951

On an otherwise fine, sunny day, a steady breeze was entirely in favour of the sprinters. Consequently many good times were recorded in these events.

In all, ten records were broken—the Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 13) by Bourn (Cl.), the Hitting the Hockey Ball (Open) by B. Norcross (Cl.), the Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 15) by M. Dawber (W.), the Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 13) by I. Wood (W.), the 100 yards, Girls (Under 15) by A. Dears (F.), the 100 yards, Girls (Open) by B. Jones (W.), the 100 yards, Boys (Under 15) by Barnes (W.), the 100 yards, Boys (Open) by Smith, K. R. (Cl.), the 60 yards Hurdles, Girls (Under 15) by A. Dears (F.), the 75 yards Hurdles, Girls (Open) by B. Jones (W.).

There was a remarkably even struggle for the House Championship Cup, Clayton, finally, repeating their success of last year. Cuerden, at last, were made to surrender the Relay Cup, it now being held jointly by Clayton and Worden.

After winning five events in good style, Smith, K. R. (Cl.), emerged as a very worthy, new Victor Ludorum. His closest rivals were Moore (Cl.) and Proffitt (W.), who also performed very well.

B. Jones (W.), ran with great determination, breaking two records, to become the new Victrix Ludorum. In the Junior (Under 15) events, A. Dears (F.) and Barnes (W.) were the outstanding performers.

An old friend, Mrs. J. Tomlinson, kindly undertook to present the prizes, at the end of a satisfactory afternoon's sport.

BOYS' EVENTS

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Open)—1, Crofts (Cl.); 2, Sanderson (F.); 3, Wright, P. R. (W.). *Points* : * 22. *Standards* : Crofts, Forrest, Gill, Moore, Walsh (Cl.); Ainsworth, R. R., Bullon, Harrison, F., Hunt, Proudlove, Roberts, Seed, Taylor, K., Turner, Woosley (Cu.); Kelsall, D., Kelsall, K., Sanderson, Smalley, Walton, R. (F.); Brewer, Cuerden, Pilkington, Wright, P. R. (W.).

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Under 15)—1, Marsden, J. M. (Cu.) and Williams, A. T. (Cu.); 3, Green (Cu.), Hill (Cu.) and Knowles (Cl.). *Points* : 22. *Standards* : Knowles, Norcross, Walmsley, J. R. (Cl.); Green, Hill, Marsden, J. M., Williams, A. T. (Cu.); Cross, Hall, Palmer, H. J., Parker, Robinson, P. K. (F.); Barnes, Dewhurst, Gynes, Harrison, J. (W.).

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Under 13)—1, Bidwell (Cu.); 2, Malley (Cu.); 3, Dawber (Cl.). *Points* : 20. *Standards* : Bourn, Dawber, Hardwick, Ryding, G. N., Stickland, Thomas (Cl.); Bidwell, Grime, Malley, Martland, Southworth (Cu.); Ainscough, Almond, C., Mee, Ryding, D. (F.); Almond, E., Campbell, Greenall, Hibbert, Laraway, Rutter, Swarbrick, J. M., Ward (W.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open)—1, Proffitt (W.); 2, Walsh (Cl.); 3, Taylor, K. (Cu.). *Distance*: 91 yards 1 foot. *Standards*: Kevill, Smith, K. R., Walsh (Cl.); Harrison, F., Manchester, Sharples, Taylor, K., Turner (Cu.); Smalley (F.); Howard, Lawson, Proffitt (W.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 15)—1, Green (Cu.); 2, Harrison, J. (W.); 3, Marsden, J. M. (Cu.). *Distance*: 67 yards 2 feet 10 inches. *Standards*: Knowles, Parkinson, J., Walmsley, J. R., Wareing (Cl.); Green, Hill, Marsden, J. M., Williams, A. T. (Cu.); Cross, McIlwaine, Nelson, Robinson, P. K., Smith, R. (F.); Barnes, Harrison, J., Remington, (W.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 13)—1, Bourn (Cl.); 2, Mee (F.); 3, Haydock, R. (W.). *** Distance*: 59 yards 2 feet 10 inches. *Standards*: Bourn, Dawber, Ditchfield, Hardwick, Heaton, Jackson, D., Stickland, Walmsley, Southworth (Cu.); Ainscough, Almond, C., Barker, Cardwell, Goff, Graham, Jolly, Mee, Ryding, D., Slater (F.); Almond, E., Bretherton, Campbell, Fishwick, Greenall, Haydock, R., Laraway, Owens, Rutter, Swarbrick, J. M. (W.).

Long Jump (Open)—1, Smith, K. R. (Cl.); 2, Proffitt (W.); 3, Moore (Cl.). *Distance*: 18 feet 3 inches. *Standards*: Moore, Smith, K. R. (Cl.); Hurst, Manchester, Mather, Seed, Wrennall (Cu.); Kelsall, D., Walton (F.); Howard, Lawson, Proffitt (W.).

Long Jump (Under 15)—1, Robinson, P. K. (F.); 2, Barnes (W.); 3, Williams, A. P. (F.). *Distance*: 14 feet 6½ inches. *Standards*: Norcross (Cl.); Green (Cu.); Egerton, Robinson, P. K., Williams, A. P. (F.); Barnes (W.).

880 yards (Open)—1, Smith, K. R. (Cl.); 2, Moore (Cl.); 3, Proffitt (W.). *Time*: 2 mins 14-7/10 secs. *Standards*: Blyth, Harrison, Moore, Smith, K. R. (Cl.); Manchester, Sharples, Wrennall (Cu.); Chapman, Kelsall, K. (F.); Proffitt (W.).

100 yards (Open)—1, Smith, K. R. (Cl.); 2, Proffitt (W.); 3, Moore (Cl.). *Time*: ** 10-1/10 secs. *Standards*: Charles, Moore, Smith, K. R. (Cl.); Manchester, Mather, Wrennall (Cu.); Kelsall, D. (F.); Proffitt (W.).

100 yards (Under 15)—1, Barnes (W.); 2, Robinson, P. K. (F.); 3, Hall (F.). *Time*: ** 11-1/5 secs. *Standards*: Norcross, Parkinson (Cl.); Green, Hill (Cu.); Egerton, Hall, Robinson, P. K. (F.); Barnes (W.).

100 yards (Under 13)—1, Ryding, G. N. (Cl.); 2, Malley (Cu.); 3, Greenall (W.). *Time*: 12½ secs. *Standards*: Bourne, Ryding, G. N. (Cl.); Bidwell, Malley (Cu.); Ainsworth, J. M., Almond, C., Cardwell (F.); Greenall (W.).

80 yards (Under 12)—1, Thwaite (F.); 2, Pinder, T. A. (W.); 3, Battersby (Cl.). *Time*: 11 secs. *Standards*: Battersby, Ingham, Walmsley, S. (Cl.); Barker, Thwaite (F.); Bretherton, Grimshaw, Pinder, T. A., Rutter (W.).

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

High Jump (Under 15)—1, Green (Cu.); 2, Egerton (F.); 3, Draper (Cl.). *Height*: 4 feet 3 inches. *Standards*: Draper, Parkinson, J. (Cl.); Green, Lucas, Robinson J. K. (Cu.); Egerton, Walker (F.); Harrison, J. (W.).

High Jump (Under 13)—1, Bidwell (Cu.) and Ryding, G. N. (Cl.); Bourn (Cl.), Mee (F.), Slater (F.), Knapman (Cu.). *Height*: 3 feet 11½ inches. *Standards*: Barton, Bourn, Ditchfield, Jackson, Ryding, G. N., Thomas (Cl.); Bidwell, Hurst, Knapman, Malley (Cu.); Almond, C., Cardwell, Mee, Slater, Thwaite (F.); Greenall (W.).

100 yards Hurdles (Open)—1, Mather (Cu.); 2, Charles (Cl.); 3, —. *Time*: 15 secs. *Standards*: Charles (Cl.); Mather (Cu.).

75 yards Hurdles (Under 15)—1, Green (Cu.); 2, Williams A. P. (F.); 3, Hill (Cu.). *Time*: 12 secs. *Standards*: Baldwin, Knowles, Norcross (Cl.); Green, Hill (Cu.); Egerton, Parker, Williams, A. P. (F.); Harrison, J. (W.).

220 yards (Open)—1, Smith, K. R. (Cl.); 2, Proffitt (W.); 3, Moore (Cl.). *Time*: 24½ secs. *Standards*: Charles, Gill, Moore, Smith, K. R. (Cl.); Manchester, Mather, Wrennall (Cu.); Chapman, Kelsall, D., Kelsall, K. (F.); Proffitt (W.).

220 yards (Under 15)—1, Barnes (W.); 2, Robinson, P. K. (F.); 3, Hall (F.). *Time*: 28-9/10 secs. *Standards*: Norcross (Cl.); Green, Hill (Cu.); Hall, Robinson, P. K. (F.); Barnes (W.).

440 yards (Open)—1, Smith, K. R. (Cl.); 2, Moore (Cl.); 3, —. *Time*: 56½ secs. *Standards*: Moore, Smith, K. R. (Cl.); Manchester, Wrennall (Cu.); Chapman, Walton, R. (F.); Proffitt (W.).

440 yards (Under 15)—1, Barnes (W.); 2, Robinson, P. K. (F.); 3, Smith, R. (F.). *Time*: 67-1/10 secs. *Standards*: Green, Hill, (Cu.); Robinson, P. K., Smith, R. (F.); Barnes (W.).

180 yards (Under 13)—1, Almond, C. (F.); 2, Malley (Cu.); 3, Knapman (Cu.). *Time*: 25-1/5 secs. *Standards*: Bourn, Ditchfield (Cl.); Bidwell, Knapman, Malley (Cu.); Almond, C., Mee, Slater, Thwaite (F.); Almond, E., Greenall (W.).

Mile (Open)—1, Moore (Cl.); 2, Ackers (Cu.); 3, Harrison, R. G. (Cl.). *Time*: 5 mins. 12½ secs. *Standards*: Blyth, Harrison, R. G., Moore (Cl.); Ackers (Cu.); Chapman, Kelsall, D., Kelsall, K. (F.).

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

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

House Relay (Under 13)—1, Farington; 2, Clayton; 3, Worden. *Time*: 56½ secs.

House Tug (Open)—Won by Worden.

House Tug (Under 15)—Won by Farington.

GIRLS' EVENTS

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Open)—1, B. Norcross (Cl.); 2, B. Ward (W.); 3, R. Brennand (Cl.). *Distance*: 75 yards 2 feet 11 inches. *Standards*: A. Arthurs, S. Atherton, A. Bleasdale, R. Brennand, D. Brown, E. Holden, M. Jenkinson, M. Maidment, S. Martland, B. Norcross, D. Rigby, P. Roskell, J. Turner (Cl.); J. Brooks, M. Farrer, G. Hall, M. Hosker, E. Jessop, V. Kite, B. Mitchell, V. Smalley, J. Standen, M. Swindlehurst, G. Topping, J. Walmsley, B. Watson, H. Williams (Cu.); K. Blundell, I. Burns, I. Gardner, P. Gates, B. Hamer, S. Highfield, B. Kenyon, P. Leach, C. Penney, J. Todd, J. Waddington (F.); S. Ashton, M. Beardwood, B. Cooke, V. Higgins, B. Jones, A. Pritchard, J. Ritchie, B. Tyrer, B. Ward, A. Withnell (W.).

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 15)—1, M. Dawber (W.); 2, M. Bamber (F.); 3, R. Wilson (W.). *Distance*: ** 86 yards 2 feet 6 inches. *Standards*: B. Gowanlock, A. Haworth, N. Kirkham, M. Marsden, P. Oliver, P. Stott, M. Sutcliffe, E. Taylor, L. Thompson, G. Waddecar, P. Walker, B. Whittle, J. Whittle, N. Wilcock (Cl.); U. Badger, J. Berry, B. Carsley, P. Dixon, P. Farrer, J. Gregson, C. Hayes, P. Heaton, G. Hendry, P. Hickling, K. Hosker, A. Ireland, A. Johnson, G. Parkinson, M. Rigby, M. Robson, M. Semple, M. Stewart, S. Tanner, J. Whitehead (Cu.); M. Bamber, M. Bolton, M. Chisnall, A. Dears, S. Dowling, E. English, J. Harris, M. Hull, K. Lovisa, M. Marland, B. Matthews, K. Moss, K. Parr, J. Quinn, J. Ravenscroft, M. Waddington, P. Wolstencroft (F.); S. Bamber, B. Brennand, J. Cairns, S. Campbell, M. Davidson, M. Dawber, B. Harvey, H. Harvey, B. Haydock, J. Lumb, S. Mayor, B. Pilkington, S. Robinson, M. Rodgers, M. Rowlands, M. Shimell, I. Shuttleworth, M. Stott, J. Tragen, A. Tunbridge, R. Williams (W.).

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 13)—1, I. Ward (W.); 2, L. Mayor (W.); 3, I. Ainsworth (F.). *Distance*: ** 71 yards. *Standards*: B. Ashwin, M. Atherton, B. Bleasdale, C. Booth, C. Chapman, E. Cook, A. Edwards, K. Flowers, D. Hanlon, J. Haworth, W. Hodson, K. Hosker, M. Marsden, J. Miller, M. Noblet, B. Smith (Cl.); B. Bowcott, M. Durran, S. Harrison, M. Hesketh, S. Hughes, V. Keene, P. Lawson, A. Manchester, D. Parkinson, W. Parkinson, G. Priestley, K. Walmsley, D. Wright (Cu.); I. Ainsworth, V. Ashton, S. Barnes, A. Bradshaw, M. Clegg, B. Floyd, P. Gordon, E. Greenwood, A. Lambert, J. McConnell, R. Paul, A. Sanderson, D. Staton, E. Yates (F.); J. Ayrton, J. Brennand, J. Cairns, M. Chippendale, V. Collinson, J. Elliott, A. Forshaw, P. Gow, A. Hilton, L. Mayor, J. Nutter, J. Rennie, M. Riddell, R. Roby, M. Rowley, M. Salmon, M. Smethurst, D. Starkie, D. Taylor, M. Taylor, I. Ward (W.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball (Open)—1, B. Mitchell (Cu.); 2, M. Hosker (Cl.); 3, R. Brennand (Cl.). *Distance*: ** 68 yards 1 foot. *Standards*: S. Atherton, M. Barker, D. Berry, R. Brennand, O. Coates, E. Holden, M. Maidment, S. Martland, J. Thomas (Cl.); J. Bradley, J. Brooks, C. Green, G. Hall, M. Hosker, M. Jenkinson, P. Kirkman, V. Kite, B. Mitchell, M. Swindlehurst, G. Topping, J. Walmsley, H. Williams, M. Wrathall (Cu.); B. Baybutt, K. Blundell, J. Chadwick, I. Gardner, P. Gates, B. Kenyon, P. Leach, C. Penney, D. Ward (F.); B. Jones, J. Ritchie, E. Singleton, A. Withnell (W.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball (Under 15)—1, M. Semple (Cu.) and E. Taylor (Cl.); 3, S. Mayor (W.). *Distance*: 49 yards 2 feet. *Standards*: V. Ball, M. Gilbert, M. Marsden, E. Taylor, G. Waddecar, B. Whittle, J. Whittle (Cl.); M. Allison, U. Badger, E. Duckworth, P. Farrer, P. Hammond, K. Hosker, A. Johnson, J. Parkinson, M. Semple, S. Tanner, P. Tullis (Cu.); M. Bamber, M. Chisnall, A. Dears, E. English, M. Hull, K. Parr, M. Ryding, D. Saycell, M. Waddington, B. Worsley (F.); S. Bamber, S. Campbell, M. Davidson, M. Dawber, M. Johnson, J. Lumb, S. Mayor, A. Meakin, J. Oliver, A. Pilkington, M. Shimell, M. Stott, R. Wilson (W.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball (Under 13)—1, L. Mayor (W.); 2, I. Ward (W.); 3, A. Manchester (Cu.). *Distance*: 43 yards 0 feet 8 inches. *Standards*: M. Atherton, M. Bleasdale, D. Cook, A. Edwards, K. Flowers, M. Noblet, B. Smith (Cl.); V. Keene, B. Livesey, A. Manchester (Cu.); S. Barnes, A. Bradshaw, M. Clegg, B. Floyd, S. Hooper, J. McConnell, D. Paul, K. Pinder, D. Staton (F.); M. Chippendale, V. Collinson, A. Hilton, L. Mayor, J. Nutter, J. Rennie, M. Salmon, D. Starkie, M. Taylor, J. Tragen, I. Ward (W.).

100 yards (Open)—1, B. Jones (W.); 2, B. Ward (W.); 3, E. Jump (F.). *Time*: ** 11-3/5 secs., *Standards*: A. Arthurs, S. Atherton, E. Holden (Cl.); J. Brooks, C. Green, P. Kirkman, B. Mitchell, J. Standen, G. Topping, B. Watson (Cu.); K. Blundell, E. Jump (F.); M. Beardwood, B. Jones, P. Lawson, J. Ritchie, B. Tyrer, B. Ward (W.).

100 yards (Under 15)—1, A. Dears (F.); 2, J. Oliver (W.); 3, R. Dickinson (Cl.). *Time*: ** 12 secs., *Standards*: R. Dickinson, P. Oliver, E. Taylor (Cl.); U. Badger, R. Hardie, K. Hosker, M. Robson, S. Tanner (Cu.); M. Bamber, A. Dears, J. Houlden (F.); S. Bamber, J. Oliver, M. Rodgers, M. Stott, R. Wilson (W.).

100 yards (Under 13)—1, T. Aspey (Cl.); 2, I. Ward (W.); 3, V. Ashton (F.). Time : 12-7/10 secs. Standards : T. Aspey, K. Hosker (Cl.); B. Bowcott, D. Wright (Cu.); V. Ashton, J. McConnell, I. Thompson (F.); M. Riddell, D. Starkie, I. Ward (W.).

High Jump (Open)—1, B. Lawson (Cl.) and C. Penney (F.); 3, G. Topping (Cu.). Height : * 4 feet 9 inches. Standards : D. Berry, A. Bleasdale, A. Brennand, R. Brennand, A. Ellithorn, E. Holden, M. Jenkinson, B. Lawson, B. Norcross, J. Thomas, M. Ward (Cl.); J. Brooks, C. Green, G. Hall, J. Harrison, P. Kirkman, B. Mitchell, M. Sharples, J. Standen, M. Swindlehurst, G. Topping, B. Watson, P. Wilkins (Cu.); S. Bretherton, I. Burns, D. Grimshaw, B. Hamer, K. Harrop, S. Highfield, M. Parkinson, C. Penney, M. Rigby, J. Singleton, M. Strickland, J. Waddington (F.); H. Ashcroft, M. Beardwood, B. Jones, A. Makin, A. Pritchard, M. Rowlands (W.).

High Jump (Under 15)—1, A. Dears (F.); 2, M. Semple (Cu.); 3, P. Oliver (Cl.). Height : 4 feet 5 inches. Standards : V. Ball, R. Dickinson, A. Fiddler, A. Gardner, M. Gilbert, A. Haworth, D. Howard, N. Iddon, A. Marsden, P. Oliver, J. Riding, E. Taylor, G. Waddecar, A. Whitlock, B. Whittle, J. Whittle, N. Wilcock (Cl.); M. Allison, U. Badger, P. Dixon, P. Farrer, R. Hardie, K. Hosker, E. Hoyle, A. Ireland, B. Philipson, P. Robinson, M. Robson, M. Sample, M. Semple, S. Tanner, P. Tullis (Cu.); M. Bamber, V. Bamber, M. Bolton, D. Butterworth, M. Chisnall, A. Deers, E. English, J. Harris, E. Hughes, P. James, K. Lovisa, P. Marshall, K. Moss, J. Parkinson, K. Parr, J. Quinn, M. Ryding, L. Sanderson, D. Saycell, J. Sherlock, M. Taylor, B. Unwin, M. Waddington (F.); M. Appleton, S. Campbell, M. Davidson, M. Dawber, B. Haydock, S. Mayor, A. Meakin, J. Oliver, M. Rodgers, M. Stott, R. Williams, R. Wilson (W.).

High Jump (Under 13)—1, I. Ward (W.); 2, A. Manchester (Cu.); 3, D. Cook (Cl.). Height : 4 feet 1 inch. Standards : T. Aspey, M. Atherton, C. Booth, D. Cook, K. Hosker (Cl.); M. Hunt, A. Manchester, D. Wright (Cu.); V. Ashton, D. Dean, E. Greenwood, J. McConnell, K. Pinder, D. Staton (F.); M. Chippendale, J. Eccles, A. Hilton, D. Rutter, I. Ward (W.).

80 yards (Under 12)—1, M. Hunt (Cu.); 2, I. Thompson (F.); 3, M. Hesketh (Cu.). Time : 11 secs. Standards : F. K. Maddison (Cl.); M. Hesketh, M. Hunt, N. Parkinson, G. Priestley (Cu.); I. Thompson (F.); J. Cairns (W.).

75 yards Hurdles (Open)—1, B. Jones (W.); 2, E. Holden (Cl.); 3, J. Brooks (Cu.). Time : ** 11-1/5 secs. Standards : S. Atherton, E. Holden, B. Lawson (Cl.); J. Brooks, G. Topping, B. Watson (Cu.); C. Penney (F.); H. Ashcroft, B. Beardwood, B. Jones (W.).

60 yards Hurdles (Under 15)—1, A. Dears (F.); 2, P. Oliver (Cl.); 3, U. Badger (Cu.). Time : ** 9-1/5 secs. Standards : R. Dickinson, P. Oliver, A. Whitlock, J. Whittle, N. Wilcock (Cl.); U. Badger, B. Carsley, P. Dixon, E. Duckworth, K. Hosker, A. Ireland, M. Rigby, S. Tanner (Cu.); M. Bamber, M. Bolton, A. Dears, J. Harris, E. Hughes, P. Marshall, K. Moss, J. Parkinson, J. Quinn, J. Sherlock, B. Unwin, M. Waddington (F.); B. Harvey, J. Oliver, I. Ward, R. Wilson (W.).

House Relay (Open)—1, Farington; 2, Worden; 3, Cuerden. Time : 54-3/5 secs.

House Relay (Under 15)—1, Worden; 2, Clayton; 3, Cuerden. Time : 53-1/5 secs.

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

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SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

Basket work of all kinds again proved very popular. Several members successfully attempted lampshades while bookbinding, Barbola work and wall plaques of everlasting flowers claimed the interests of a large section of the Society.

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

THE DANCING SOCIETY

This year the society devoted half its time to ballroom dancing, both modern and old-time, and half to English and Scottish Country Dancing.

An "extra" society was formed for those unable to join the Friday Dancing Society, and after school every Thursday, an enthusiastic if somewhat noisy crowd enjoyed the vigorous Scottish reels and jigs. We even had a Country Dance Party, so that we could go on dancing longer than usual!

We hope to continue with equal enthusiasm next year, and to attract more boys to join the Thursday club. Those who have tried it have found it really enjoyable, so pluck up your courage, boys, and give it a trial.

C.I.P. and M.H.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

There is, in the school, a very enthusiastic and widespread interest in amateur dramatics and it is regrettable that the society cannot accommodate all who have expressed a wish to join. Likewise it has so far been impossible to find a play which would give any sort of part (let alone an adequate one) to the many members of the school who have the interest, and the ability to act.

Despite these limitations many have been willing to be, so to speak, non-playing members. This is not to say that they have "wasted their sweetness on the desert air"; instead, their presence has been of value, both as intelligent critics at rehearsals and as helpers in the myriad activities behind the stage without which no play would ever achieve public performance.

When this year's plays had been prepared it was possible to give a chance to more people to display their histrionic talent. This was effected by reading plays during our weekly meetings in the summer term. These summer term sessions invariably prove valuable in bringing to light some potential performers who have been too diffident to advertise their abilities. Indeed this seems to be an appropriate point to emphasize the fact that a producer welcomes volunteers—for if he can make use of their services, it is a great advantage to know at rehearsals that none of his team have been "press-ganged". So take note, all those who burn to shine on the stage: don't hold back on the chance that you may be asked!

W.J.D.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS SOCIETY

With Mr. Leithead as our head, we had a very interesting year. During the year we received letters from all over the world. Those who were quite good at French received pen friends in France and Belgium. The remainder wrote to Canada, Australia, America, Switzerland, South Africa and Holland.

After such a good year, we were very sorry to lose Mr. Leithead. The society is now in the capable hands of Mr. Manfield.

I.S., V.B (W.).

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

L'année dernière nous avons fait beaucoup de choses intéressantes. Pendant le dernier trimestre de l'année a eu lieu de très jolies causeries en anglais des élèves qui étaient allées en France pour leurs vacances. Nous avons joué beaucoup de jeux. Nous avons fait aussi une collection d'images dont nous avons fait une petite exposition.

Nous avons eu certainement une année très heureuse.

D.J., V.B (F.).

THE GARDENING SOCIETY

A considerable amount of energy was again expended this year in the gardens. Whether the results were commensurate with the effort is, happily, beside the point. We gardeners agree wholeheartedly with the maxim: "It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive."

J.H.L.

GYMNASTIC SOCIETY

On most occasions this year we devoted the early part of the period to apparatus work, and then spent the remainder of the time available on minor team games.

J.B.

HOBBIES SOCIETY

This Society completed its first year of existence with a somewhat vague collection of work. A new venture is always afflicted with growing pains, and energies and enthusiasm have to be directed into suitable channels for a start. One phenomenon of modern life is that when one mentions the word 'hobby' in the hearing of a boy of today, his mind almost automatically reacts 'model aeroplane.' Therefore, we had model planes, also the beginnings of a yacht, which, if it ever reaches the stage of a gingerpop 'christening,' will be a joy to behold.

For future budding hobbyists' information, there are other forms of locomotion besides sea and air, and the word 'hobby' covers a vast field of spare time activity, from which hours of very real pleasure may be obtained.

H.H.

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

This year has proved interesting and full for our junior actors and actresses. Although we work in the confined space of a classroom we always enjoy ourselves. We read many short plays during the year, mainly chosen by the pupils themselves; in this way we had good variety. We have not managed to perform a play lately because time is so limited, and attractions so many, but we still hope to show one day what we can do!

A.M., F.K.L.

THE JUNIOR LITERARY SOCIETY

The Literary Society has, this year, discussed many different kinds of books. These include "School Under Snowdon" and "Five Go to Smugglers' Top," by Enid Blyton. Various members have talked about their own favourite books which have proved interesting to all of us. Through these discussions we are introduced to new authors, and gain a wide knowledge of the literary works which we can borrow from libraries.

J.B., I.B (F.).

JUNIOR MUSICAL SOCIETY

The members have this year enjoyed gramophone performances of, amongst other works, Grieg's 'Peer Gynt' suite, Dukas' 'The Apprentice Sorcerer,' and Handel's 'Water Music.' It is a source of pleasure to me to see an increasing number of juniors attending local concerts. May the number increase still more.

G.B.

JUNIOR PLAY-READING SOCIETY

Our select circle is culled from the members of Forms I and II, and this year is composed of the members of the gentler (?) sex only. This has obvious disadvantages in Play Reading, especially in tough plays about Sir Francis Drake, and such-like he-men. However, since most of the small boys can not read, we get on very well without them, even if some of us are, like Bottom, apt to read cues and all.

M.A.R.

KNITTING SOCIETY

This year there has been continued interest shown in the society. Twenty-nine people have, between them, knitted various garments, ranging from gloves and socks to school cardigans and baby clothes. Recently, two or three beginners have joined us.

M.R.N.

THE NEEDLEWORK SOCIETY

Both the Senior and Junior Needlework Societies flourished during the past year. Members produced a large variety of work and many useful articles and garments were made. Senior members helped to make costumes for the play and for the Festival of Britain Pageant.

K.H.B., A.D.

METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

The work has consisted chiefly of weather recording and observations. Our apparatus was very primitive at the beginning, but we are gradually obtaining more accurate recordings. There were various lectures through the year, some by pupils on such things as Cloud Formation, Mist and Fog, Snow, Sleet and Hail, The Wind System, etc. We hope, in future, to give our detailed readings of rainfall, temperature, etc., but this time will confine ourselves to mentioning that in the period Oct. 30th to Dec. 6th—37 days—we recorded a total rainfall of 9 inches—the wettest spell that this country has had since recordings were made. May we take this opportunity of asking the school not to interfere with any of our instruments, which are located on the air-raid shelters?

J.R.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

During the School year 1950-51 the Music Society kept up its annual average of eight concerts, including the usual four visits to hear the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. Since most of the work of the Music Society is connected with preparation for such concerts, a brief review of the latter will not be out of place.

The first L.P.O. concert was given on Sept. 20th, 1950, Hugo Rignold conducting some smaller-scale works including ballet music "Les Sylphides" and some excerpts from the "Swan Lake." The big work of the evening was Dvorak's "New World Symphony." Incidentally the Hallé Orchestra played Dvorak's Fourth a few weeks later so we were enabled to appreciate afresh that composer's wealth of musical inventiveness.

Probably the outstanding L.P.O. concert of the season was the third one on Jan. 31st, conducted by the Norwegian Odd Gruner-Hegge, with Henry Holst as soloist in the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto. Being seated on the first four rows we had an excellent chance of appreciating the soloist's skill with the violin. The symphony at this concert was the Eroica and I must add that seldom have I heard this work given with so much power and conviction.

From the point of Balshavian attendance, the most successful concert of the season was the Pouishnoff recital on Feb. 8th. One hundred and twenty pupils from the school, seated on the platform, had a magnificent close-up of the pianist at work. There was, of course, the usual Chopin group, including the Fantasie-Improvisu, the Barcarolle, Waltz in A Flat Op. 42 and two mazurkas. The big-scale works included the Bach-Busoni Chaconne and Glazounov's Theme and Variations.

The Preston Music Society's concerts were well-attended by the school. Miss Alice Livesey conducted Handel's "Messiah" and Mr. Arthur Fountain gave us that composer's "Samson."

Apart from the Hallé Concert already mentioned, another enjoyable Hallé was that given on March 21st. This concert consisted of 16 famous operatic airs sung by Maureen Springer and Dennis Noble.

The school attendance at orchestral concerts still maintains itself at the 80-90 mark, just as it has done for many years. This year, for the first time, under Mr. Black's influence, we have included a few juniors.

B.L.W.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

During the past year our members have enjoyed a series of interesting meetings, under the leadership of Mr. Speakman.

Several members began the construction of a tropical fish tank, which we hope to see completed and containing many interesting specimens in the very near future.

We also have in our possession five rabbits, the four youngest of which are being "fattened up" for dissection. Unfortunately, however, on arriving at school on several occasions we have found an empty hutch. The last time this occurred we only retrieved three of the young rabbits; we believe the fourth has found another home.

Certain members of our Society spent a day in Yorkshire at Malham Tarn, where many specimens of flora and fauna were collected for study on our return to school.

Our visit to the sand dunes at Ainsdale was most enjoyable despite rather poor weather.

Considering this has been the first year of the Society, I think we may claim a successful inauguration.

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

THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

During the year the society studied the habits of the common species of birds when the weather was suitable to go out. It also indulged in lectures, quizzes and the use of the epidiascope for an occasional film show.

M.B., II.B (F.); R.D., II.B (Cl.).

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The members of the society, mostly drawn from the Junior forms, have taken part in a varied programme which has included quizzes, lectures and demonstrations.

The epidiascope came in useful for a lecture on the Kon Tiki expedition, and Vickers was able to obtain two film strips on 'Radiation' and 'Hand Transport through the Ages.' These were much enjoyed. We also had a film strip on Archimedes' principle.

Demonstrations were given on the spectrum, electrolysis, electro magnetic induction and the sonometer, and experiments performed with the induction coil.

It is hoped that more members will be willing to give talks during the coming year.

W.R.

THE SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

This year, many interesting topics have been discussed—some serious, and others far from serious. Although consisting of only twelve members the society, under Mr. Hilditch's expert guidance, reached a considerably high standard of delivering speeches.

The most successful of the debates were undoubtedly the serious ones, such as: "Has the British Empire been thrown away?" and "Should Germany be re-armed?" On the other hand, however, a series of very successful "Stumped" speeches, provided several very entertaining Friday sessions. Among these were such topics as: "Is the hippopotamus as graceful as a frog?" In each case the members of the society were forced to speak for five minutes on the particular subject allotted to them.

In conclusion, it only remains for me to add, that this year's Senior Debating Society proved a very successful and entertaining one.

J.P.C., L.VI (W.).

TOPICAL SUBJECTS SOCIETY

Every Wednesday afternoon found the committee assembled in the exalted atmosphere of the Advanced Physics lab. to deliberate on the programme for the following Friday. Even in the last term the topics proposed for discussion showed no signs of becoming exhausted.

Apart from reports from different members on different aspects of the week's news the comprehensive range of subjects included:—smoke abatement, costume throughout the centuries, the advantages of stamp-collecting, the trials and delights of poultry-farming and bee-keeping.

Then we were conducted on a brief tour round the world, making one stop in Iran to study the development of the oil dispute, where we saw Malays, Chinese, Indians, Eurasians and others, with their different ways of living and eating, often despite the present unrest, working together in harmony to improve their native or adopted homeland. Then Korea would inevitably impinge itself on our attention, either by the fierce battles fought there or by the increasing attempts made to resolve the conflict. We were brought back home by the tragic news of the *Affray*, commented on with great technical skill by our naval expert. On another occasion an enthusiast on industrial relations kept us posted on the development of the London Gas Strike.

Our sports commentator repeatedly dazzled us with his virtuosity in giving us long and apparently extempore accounts of various games and matches during the year. We also learnt how a modern newspaper is compiled, the difference between the "facts" and the "comment" and, lest we should be thought to be going too far into the realms of "high thinking" and neglecting our "plain living", I hasten to add that we were next instructed how to look after a dog.

In fact all of us gained in knowledge and experience and began to see some of the connections between subjects which had seemed to be wholly isolated from one another.

J.R.M.

CHOIR NOTES

Early in the year the choir paid a visit to the headquarters of Messrs. Rushworth and Dreaper in Liverpool. We also enjoyed a conducted tour of the cathedral.

The music for Speech Day and the Carol Service was sung with the customary enthusiasm reserved for such occasions; the performance of the three-part setting by Elgar of 'The Snow' was particularly encouraging.

My thanks to Miss Rahill and to Mr. Wilkinson for their help at the Carol Party. Ruth Maughan was an admirable leader and her solos were greatly appreciated.

Good for the boys! Let us hope that they set an example to others in offering to join us.

G.B.

THE SAVINGS GROUP

The Group has had a very successful year, the total sum saved being £531 1s. 6d. This represents a very satisfactory contribution from the lower school, while only a small fraction of the total comes from forms above Form II. It seems a pity that members should stop saving just as they are approaching the age when they will need extra money for hobbies, holidays abroad and other worth-while projects. A great effort is to be made in the coming year to encourage savers to carry on the good work started in Forms I and II. This is a suitable time for a New Year Resolution on the subject—and we hope that the one "to save regularly" will be the last to be broken!

F.K.L.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

This year it became necessary to re-catalogue the Library, mainly for the purpose of re-arranging certain sections. The task was considerable but, thanks to the willing help of several members of the school, it was accomplished with surprising speed. We found that we now have a collection amounting to nearly 2,300, and this means that our stock has been approximately doubled in the last fifteen years.

Demands on the varied sections of the Library have been fairly heavy and it is a matter of some regret that we cannot cater adequately for all these sections. However, it seems most reasonable that the bulk of our accessions should go into the reference, that is the more academic side of the Library. We will supply the Junior Non-fiction and Fiction sections as opportunity allows.

In the many and various duties entailed by the care of our books, we have to thank many members of the school for their zealous contributions. Senior Librarians are B. Hunt and Livesey: Junior Librarians are E. Fleischmann and E. Jessop.

Library orderlies are V. Bamber and M. Chisnall: finally, it would be a gross oversight not to thank Palmer for his unfailing "policeman" surveillance.

W.J.D.

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1950-51

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
1st XV	20	10	2	8	164	133
2nd XV and Colts XV	13	4	2	7	102	153
Bantams XV	9	1	1	7	29	92
Chicks XV	2	2	—	—	15	3

1st XV MATCHES

Date	Opposition	Result	Score
Sept. 16th	v. Wigan G.S.	Away	Won 14-0
" 23rd	v. Arnold School	Away	Lost 0-5
" 30th	v. Ormskirk G.S.	Away	Lost 6-14
Oct. 4th	v. Rossall School 2nd XV	Home	Won 11-0
" 7th	v. Leyland Motors "A" XV	Away	Won 40-3
" 14th	v. Rossall School 2nd XV	Away	Lost 0-6
" 21st	v. Hutton G.S.	Home	Won 14-5
" 28th	v. Upholland G.S.	Home	Lost 8-14
Nov. 1st	v. Stonyhurst College 2nd XV	Away	Won 5-3
" 11th	v. Sedbergh School 3rd XV	Away	Drawn 3-3
" 18th	v. Blackpool G.S.	Away	Lost 3-19
" 25th	v. Preston Grasshoppers Extra "A" XV	Away	Lost 0-19
Dec. 2nd	v. Leyland Motors "A" XV	Home	Won 17-8
" 9th	v. Hutton G.S.	Away	Drawn 0-0
Jan. 13th	v. Wigan G.S.	Home	Won 8-0
" 20th	v. Ormskirk G.S.	Home	Won 16-0
Feb. 3rd	v. Preston Grasshoppers Extra "A" XV	Home	Lost 3-8
" 7th	v. Manchester University "Freshmen" XV	Home	Won 8-5
" 10th	v. Kirkham G.S.	Home	Lost 0-15
" 17th	v. Upholland G.S.	Away	Won 8-6

We started off this season with only two old colours, although there was the nucleus of a good back division and several forwards had had 1st XV experience. The first match at Wigan was a distinctly promising opening but two successive defeats at Arnold and Ormskirk showed that the chief difficulty was going to be the correct blending of the material available. We broke even with Rossall in two level, entertaining games but a runaway victory over Leyland Motors probably did more harm than good. A rather below-standard Hutton team was defeated at home but Upholland were too strong in all departments. The victory at Stonyhurst was a good one, chiefly notable for the way the school pack rose to the occasion and camped on the Stonyhurst line in the last ten minutes in a desperate and successful attempt to score. After the half-term break there was a series of away matches on very heavy ground against much heavier opponents. The draws at Sedbergh and Hutton were creditable performances but the 'Hoppers were much too strong and Blackpool just that little bit too good, though in both games the school fought hard.

In the Spring Term the team settled down and gained four victories against two losses. The double was scored over Wigan and a very satisfactory revenge gained against Ormskirk. The 'Hoppers once again proved too strong although the game was a close one. The new fixture with Manchester University "Freshmen's" XV provided a good game with the school just managing to hold on to their lead. It is possible that a reaction set in after this game, but a very slow, lack-lustre XV was easily defeated at home by a young but lively Kirkham team. The last game of the season at Upholland resulted in a narrow victory with the school just slightly the better of two good teams.

The problem at the beginning of the season appeared to be almost entirely in the forwards where it was obvious that a lack of weight must be compensated for by speed and dash. This was found in loose play, but throughout the season there was a lack of concerted effort in the mauls and tight scrums. As a consequence, the backs never received an over-generous supply of the ball and the half-backs in particular often had a very harassing time of it. It was some time before a rather individualistic set of backs achieved a real blend, but the defence was always adequate and they were always likely to score against any but the most vigilant defence.

The lessons of the season are well-worth learning. Firstly the quickest and liveliest set of backs are dependent on a speedy supply of the ball and this can only be achieved if the forwards work together in both tight and loose, watch the ball closely, back up intensively and, above all, tackle hard and low first time. Secondly, the backs must be able to give and take passes at speed—the trickiest running is wasted if the final pass goes astray and they must acquire a sense of position in relation to the field of play so that they will know when to kick and when to run. There has, on occasion, been a great deal of nonsense in our own "twenty-five" which has cost points. Lastly the value of a good kicker has been brought home again and again. Smith, this season, in spite of missing some easy ones, has scored fifty-eight points from kicks. It is to be hoped that boys lower down the school will realise the value of this and put in the necessary practice.

On the whole, it has been a good season and the team would probably have done even better if we had had the usual proportion of dry pitches. There has been a good spirit and the reserves deserve commendation for the way they have given of their best when called upon.

1st XV CHARACTERS

Full Back : HARRISON, F. Has filled the position very adequately and improved throughout the season. He is a little short of speed but tackles and kicks well.

Right Wing : MANCHESTER, L. (Captain). Started off in the centre but is obviously more at home on the wing, where he tackles well and runs hard. Must try to get a little more subtlety into his running. He has captained the side with great keenness but must watch the run of the play more critically and exert a little more control—not, however, an easy job from the wing.

Right Centre : MATHER, K. An extremely tricky runner, rather on the small side but his tackling is first rate. If he can only improve his handling and maintain touch with his own team he will be really good.

Left Centre : SMITH, K. Is a very fine kick, a clever, strong runner, and gets through a tremendous amount of work in defence. With another season's experience and a little more self-confidence he should become capable of holding his own in the highest company. If he and Mather return next season we should have a pair of centres well above the average.

Left Wing : TAYLOR, I. Came into the side after the first few games and although obviously inexperienced never let the side down. He is fast and runs with great determination.

Stand-off Half : LAWSON, W. Rather small and slow but with a good pair of hands and a neat kick. Falls well.

Scrum Half : WALSH, J. Throws out a good, strong pass but must speed up. Has a good break on the blind side of which he could make more use.

Front Row : JOHNSTON, A. Has led the pack throughout the season. Perhaps he has not quite fulfilled the promise of earlier seasons but his tackling is a lesson to many of the forwards and his best games have been very good.

Hooker : ACKERS, B. The third hooker tried, he has made the position his own. Covers a tremendous amount of ground and is often in the right place but his value to the side will be greatly enhanced if he will get straight into the loose scrums.

Front Row : TAYLOR, K. Plays a rather variable game but obviously improved throughout the season. He has weight and speed and must have more confidence in his own abilities.

Second Row : PROFFITT, P. A tall, fast forward who gets through a great deal of work. Has led the pack when Johnston has been absent.

Second Row : BARR, B. A hard-working forward, good in the line out but he needs to instil more fire into his play.

Wing Forward : MOORE, A. A very valuable member of the XV. He is strong and tireless and plays with any amount of "devil." His backing up of three-quarters' movements has been specially notable.

Wing Forward : BAMFORD, M. A small but lively forward. He should have benefitted by this season's experience. He must, however, learn to tackle low first time.

Lock Forward : WRENNALL, G. Started in his last season's position of wing three-quarter, lost his place and fought his way back into the side as a forward. His grand tackling and unflagging pursuit of the ball were of great value.

Of the others, HURST, in the backs, and LIVESY, in the forwards, played frequently and were decidedly unlucky not to gain a place in the team. SANDERSON, PRITCHARD, SIMPSON, KELSALL, K., SHARPLES, HARRISON, G., and GILL also played in one or more matches.

1st XV Colours were re-awarded to Manchester and Johnston and awarded to Proffitt, Mather, Smith, Moore, Lawson, Walsh and Wrennall.

SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITIONS

As last year, teams were entered for the competitions run by the Fylde R.U.F.C. and by Manchester University. At the Fylde we were knocked out in extra time in the first round by Burnage Grammar School. The team was : Manchester ; Smith and Mather ; Walsh ; Proffitt, Johnston and Taylor, K.

The Manchester games were held on the second Saturday of the Easter Holidays and two mornings of the Holidays were devoted to practice. This practice was of the greatest value and thanks are due to those who turned out so willingly, knowing that they had little hope of selection, and made this practice possible.

In the competition the school had an easy victory in the first round against the Central High School, Manchester. The second round was a very different story. Keswick G.S. provided the opposition and the game was played in heavy mud with rain and snow falling continuously. At the end of time the scores were level and it was not until the fifth minute of the third period of extra time that Mather scored the winning



SCHOOL CRICKET XI, 1951.

Back row : (left to right) Burlington (scorer), Kevill, Proffitt, Walton, Turner, Place, Bamford
Front row : (left to right) Ackers, Harrison, Manchester, Taylor, Johnston.

Played 13 Won 3 Lost 5 Drawn 5



SCHOOL HOCKEY XI, 1950-51.

Back row : (left to right) S. E. Atherton, B. Ward, R. M. Brennan, V. Kite, B. Hamer, E. Holden, M. H. Hosker.

Front row : (left to right) I. P. Gardner, B. Norcross, O. B. Coates, M. Jenkinson, P. E. Gates.

Played 13 Won 7 Lost 5 Drawn 1



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY VIII, 1951.

Back row : (left to right) Kelsall, K., Kelsall, D., Ackers Hurst, Walsh.
Front row : (left to right) Smith, Moore, Bamford.



SCHOOL RUGGER XV, 1950-1951.

Back row : (left to right) Taylor, I., Ackers, Taylor, K., Lawson, Barr, Walsh, Harrison, Bamford.
Front row : (left to right) Moore, Smith, Johnston, Manchester, Proffitt, Mather, Wrennall.
Played 20 Won 10 Lost 8 Drawn 2

try. After only ten minutes rest the next round, the quarter-final, had to be played. The school had most of the game but the finishing speed had gone and Wade Deacon G.S. II, who went on to the final, were successful by five points to three. The team, all of whom played magnificently, was Manchester ; Mather and Smith ; Lawson ; Proffitt, Ackers and Moore.

D.S.M.

COLTS.

The Colts started the season well, and as a result soon lost a few players to the 1st XV, so becoming rather unsettled. Numerous players were called upon during the season, many of them very young, and their performances augur well for the School Rugger, when they have had more experience. The forwards tended to play as individuals rather than as a 'pack', with the inevitable result of wasting much of their energy. The backs tried hard, with usually limited possession from the scrums, although at times they showed lamentable weaknesses in defence. The team as a whole suffered a loss when Place, our adept scrum half, was injured, but now that he has recovered we hope to see him playing again next season.

On the whole the results were pleasing but some players must remember that the referee's decisions must not be questioned *on the field*.

J.R.

BANTAMS

This season, the record of matches won showed little improvement on that of last year. However, in four or five games, the margin of defeat was very small, a matter of only one or two points. So, on the whole, the team may claim to have performed quite well.

Failure to tackle decisively in defence and to back up in attack, were the main weaknesses of the side. Greater determination to correct those faults would, no doubt, have turned some of those narrow defeats into victories and rewarded some otherwise excellent play.

J.B.

RUGBY KNOCK-OUTS 1950-51

The Knock-Outs were won by Cuerden after a rather surprisingly easy victory over Clayton in the first round.

Results : Worden 24pts, Farington 9pts.
Cuerden 14pts, Clayton 0pts.

Final :
Cuerden 21pts, Worden 8pts.

RUGBY LEAGUES 1950-51

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Cuerden	9	8	0	1	16
Worden	9	7	0	2	14
Clayton	9	2	0	7	4
Farington	9	1	0	8	2

HOCKEY, 1950-51

Captain : O. B. COATES

On the whole, the season was rather disappointing, the 1st XI achieving only moderate success, and eight matches being cancelled. In the early matches, the main fault was lack of attack, almost the whole team appearing to be resigned to a defensive game. Occasionally, the spirit and determination of former 1st XIs seemed to have been recaptured and we hoped for a successful run, but, although individual players were sometimes outstanding, as a team the school lacked the necessary confidence and ability to adapt itself to varying conditions and play.

The Lancashire Schools Tournament at Liverpool was again enjoyed by players and spectators alike, and although we were not spectacular, our performance was quite creditable, a good standard of play being maintained throughout the tournament.

The 2nd XI lost only two of its nine games, scoring 54 goals against 21, and can be justly proud of a successful season.

TEAM CRITICISMS

Goalkeeper : O. COATES. In her fourth season in this position, she played her usual sound, reliable game and captained the team most efficiently.

Right Back : B. WARD. Works hard and plays intelligently, but needs more experience in matches. Should improve greatly with practice.

Left Back : B. HAMER. Speedy in tackling and clears extremely well : a most reliable back.

Right Half : R. BRENNAND. Tackles courageously and stickwork quite good, but tends to be caught out of position.

Centre Half : E. HOLDEN. Has settled down quickly since moving into the centre. Footwork and tactics good, but more tenacity required.

Left Half: M. JENKINSON. A most hard-working half, but needs to develop a much stronger drive. Marks her wing well.

Right Wing: P. GATES. A useful and speedy forward, whose stickwork will probably improve with practice.

Right Inner: M. HOSKER. Active and hard-working, but rather variable at the beginning of the season. When accurate, her shooting is forceful and results in really good goals.

Centre Forward: B. NORCROSS. A very nimble and determined forward, quick to seize every opportunity.

Left Inner: V. KITE. Shooting and general attack rather slow, but is improving considerably as she gains confidence.

Left Wing: S. ATHERTON. A determined wing with a good swinging pass to the right. Should be very good when tactics have been mastered.

C.I.P. and M.H.

SEPT. 16TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST 2-6.

Our first match proved to be a rather shattering defeat, due mainly to the superior stickwork of our opponents. Our defence was weak and the team lacked the necessary determination to win the game.

SEPT. 23RD. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. LOST 2-4.

In the first half of the game the team showed more of a fighting spirit than in the previous match, but in the second half, our play became slow and the players seemed dispirited. The backs played a determined game, but the halves were too much on the defensive and failed to attack efficiently.

OCT. 14TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. WON 2-0.

Most of the play during this game was in the Chorley circle, and but for their excellent goalkeeper, the score against them would have been much higher. In the second half our forwards found it increasingly difficult to put the ball into the net because of the deep mud in the circle. They struggled continuously, however, and succeeded in scoring a second goal, to make our victory more decisive.

OCT. 21ST. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON 7-0.

During the first half of the game, play swung evenly from one end of the pitch to the other, the school scoring twice. In the second half our forwards showed more determination and scored five goals in quick succession. The Park School forwards were rather slow, and were unable to reply since our defence had no difficulty in coping with their attacks.

NOV. 4TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. BLACKPOOL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON 3-1.

At first the game was very scrappy, but during the second half, play quickened and we showed more determination near goal and when tackling. The Blackpool forwards did not take advantage of the chances which occurred though these were very few since the backs played a very good game.

NOV. 11TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST 1-4.

Ashton was decidedly the superior team, the players hitting hard and fielding the ball quickly and neatly. Our defence was slow in tackling, and the forwards were inclined to dally with the ball. The Ashton goalkeeper played an excellent game, and but for her untiring efforts we might have increased our score, although we never looked like being the winning team.

NOV. 25TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. LOST 1-3.

On this occasion the defence played well; the halves were speedy and tackled courageously while the backs were dependable. The forwards, however, were slow to take advantage of the opportunities offered to them. Nevertheless, we enjoyed the game and managed to lessen the score against us in this return match, despite a second defeat by Ormskirk.

DEC. 9TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ST. ANNE'S COLLEGE 1ST XI. AWAY. WON 5-4.

At half time we were winning 3-0 and it looked as if we should have an easy victory, but in the second half our opponents rallied and surprised us by scoring four goals in rapid succession. Our forwards played well throughout the match, shooting hard and quickly (though sometimes inaccurately) and scored twice more to decide our victory. The St. Anne's goalkeeper won our admiration for her hard kicking and quick clearing.

JAN. 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. UPHOLLAND G.S. 1ST XI. HOME. DRAW 1-1.

Both teams played a very determined game and, considering that we played with three reserves, we did well to hold the strong Upholland team to a draw. Upholland scored the first goal and continued to press hard but the school fought back, scoring the equalising goal midway through the second half. In spite of the wet pitch, this was one of our best performances, a good standard of fast, aggressive play being maintained.

FEB. 3RD. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ST. ANNE'S COLLEGE 1ST XI. HOME. WON 14-1.

Although we were pleased with our win, this game was not as enjoyable as the previous one with St. Anne's. Surprisingly enough, our opponents scored the first goal, but after this sudden attack, they were never again really dangerous. Our forwards combined excellently and had no difficulty in successfully dodging the opposing defence.

FEB. 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON 3-2.

This was our first victory against Ashton for some time, but as usual, it was a hard tussle. Play was even and open, but our forwards seized their opportunities more quickly than the Ashton players, who were inclined to hesitate in our circle. The most formidable shooter was the centre half, who scored both of Ashton's goals.

FEB. 24TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. UPHOLLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST 1-8.

We were definitely outplayed in this game. Our defence was unable to hold the Upholland forwards, who were all too often left unmarked. We failed to adapt our play to match the Upholland tactics, and played around too long with the ball, while our opponents cleared with long swinging passes.

MARCH 3RD. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HINDLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. HOME. WON 5-0.

Both teams played half-heartedly at first, but once our forwards developed their attack and pressed hard, play remained round the Hindley circle, and our backs had little part in the game.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MATCHES

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	13	7	1	5
2nd XI	9	7	0	2

HOUSE LEAGUES

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

KNOCK-OUTS

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

CROSS COUNTRY, 1951

In the House Championship, Clayton won the Senior event, and Farington won the Junior. The Results were:—

Senior: 1, Clayton; 2, Farington; 3, Cuerden; 4, Worden.

Winner: Moore (Cl.). Time: 23 mins. 15 secs.

Junior: 1, Farington; 2, Cuerden; 3, Clayton; 4, Worden.

Winner: Owen (F.). Time: 15 mins 35 secs.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES

Sat., Feb. 24th v. Kirkham G.S. (Away). Balshaw's 57, Kirkham 28.
Wed., Feb. 28th v. Rivington G.S. (Away). Balshaw's 18, Rivington 18.
Sat., March 3rd v. Baines G.S. and Blackpool G.S. (Away). Balshaw's 50, Baines 34, Blackpool 91.
Sat., March 10th v. Preston C.C. (Home). Balshaw's 43, Preston C.C. 35.
Wed., March 14th v. Rivington G.S. and R.A.F. (Kirkham) (Home). Balshaw's 69, Rivington 84, R.A.F. (Kirkham) 32.

A.M., U.VI (Cl.).

ROUNDERS, 1951

Captain: O. B. COATES

The school IX played only two matches this season, as we are finding it increasingly difficult to make fixtures for senior Rounders players. Most schools play a Junior Rounders team in conjunction with one or two tennis teams, so that our Juniors have much more match practice than the Seniors. As a result, the 1st IX fielding is sometimes unsure, and the batting lacks force.

The annual match of the School 1st IX v. the Staff was again enjoyed by players and spectators alike, the latter showing their enthusiasm in much vociferous applause. The School were defeated, scoring 3 rounders against the Staff's 6, although several of the School deep fielders were decidedly on form on this occasion.

Bowler : S. MARTLAND.
Backstop : B. KENYON.

1st Base : O. COATES.
2nd Base : K. BLUNDELL.
3rd Base : J. HIGHAM.

1st Deep : P. GATES.
2nd Deep : K. BRENNAND.
3rd Deep : V. KITE.
4th Deep : M. STRICKLAND.

JUNE 2ND. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. UPHOLLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST IX. AWAY. LOST 1-8.

JULY 7TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST IX. HOME. WON 5-0.

HOUSE LEAGUES

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

KNOCK-OUTS

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

CRICKET, 1951

As last year the first XI suffered an early period of indecisive play. Consequently, no victory was recorded until the seventh game of the season. Having achieved this first victory the team settled down very well and went through all the remaining fixtures without defeat.

Throughout the season the bowling was quite good, thanks mainly to the efforts of Taylor, who had several fine performances to his credit.

Matches were lost by the failure of the early batsmen, who did not, on most occasions, give the team a good start. Dropped catches, also, played their part in defeat, by allowing opponents expensive second chances.

Practically the same team will be available next year, so we look forward to carrying on where we left off last season and so avoiding that early patch of "hesitancy."

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI

MANCHESTER (Capt.). After a shaky start, his handling of the team improved considerably. Set a very fine example in the field. Should not neglect himself as a bowler.

TAYLOR. Had an extremely good season, easily topping the batting and bowling averages and more or less "carrying" the team. Should do even better next year.

HARRISON. Did not do himself justice as a batsman. Attention to better and quicker footwork will, no doubt, pay rich dividends. A fine fielder at point.

ACKERS. Again, his bowling disappointed, the basic essentials of length and direction being consistently sacrificed to speed. His batting and fielding were, however, of a much better standard.

TURNER. With more frequent showing of the determination he displayed occasionally, could be a fine opening bat. Bowled very well in the Staff match, a belated discovery.

JOHNSTON. Did not get the runs expected from a batsman with his hitting powers. Fielded very well.

PROFFITT. Bowled steadily without a great deal of luck. As a Number 9 batsman who can hit, should attack the bowling from the start of his innings and keep on doing so. Fielded well.

WALSH. An opening bowler who should do very well next season.

PLACE. A young leg break bowler who came into the team mid way through the season. He played a vital part as a batsman in that belated first victory.

BAMFORD. Proved himself easily the best of the wicket keepers tried during the year and should make the position his own next season. Should, however, try to improve his batting record.

KEVILL. A left-handed batsman whose hitting ability is quite good but whose defence is a little suspect. He must try and remedy this in order to strengthen the team's middle batting.

MATHER. A batsman, who, on occasions, showed great determination and on others, more or less gave his wicket away. With more consistent determination, should do well. A good cover point.

WALTON. Was tried as an opening bat on several occasions with moderate success. Quicker footwork was obviously necessary.

J.B.



SCHOOL TENNIS VI, 1951.

Back row : (left to right) J. M. Brooks, A. J. Todd.

Front row : (left to right) M. H. Hosker, E. Holden, I. P. Gardner, S. E. Atherton.

Played 9 Won 5 Lost 4 Drawn 0



SCHOOL ROUNDERS IX, 1951.

Back row : (left to right) B. Kenyon, K. Blundell, M. Strickland, V. Kite, P. E. Gates.

Front row : (left to right) J. Higham, S. L. Martland, O. B. Coates, R. M. Brennan.

Played 3 Won 1 Lost 2 Drawn 0

COLTS

The Colts' XI had a somewhat lean season from the point of view of matches won. The chief faults were a lack of determination both in batting and in the field. This was, in part, a result of inexperience of match play, particularly in the case of newcomers to the team, but also in part to a rather negative attitude to the games.

Gold and Roberts batted well on occasions; Harrison, Lucas and Waring did most of the bowling, the latter having the best average.

SAT., APRIL 28TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON G.S. HOME. DRAW.

Preston made a poor start by losing two wickets to Ackers in the first over, but they gradually built up their score to 89 for the loss of 8 wickets, after rain had interrupted play with only 33 runs on the board.

Our first few wickets fell quickly until Mather and Proffitt fought back hard. Proffitt was bowled in the last over, after scoring 20, but there was a very exciting finish as Walsh managed to defend his wicket whilst surrounded by fielders.

Result: School, 63 for 9; Preston G.S., 89 for 8.

SAT., MAY 5TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK G.S. AWAY. LOST.

Ormskirk batted first on a damp wicket. The runs came slowly at first and two wickets soon fell, one each to Proffitt and Walsh. Taylor took 5 for 14, Ormskirk's final total being 72.

Harrison (12) opened our batting confidently, but we lost three wickets for 33 runs, Taylor being out to an excellent catch at mid-wicket after quickly scoring 17, including one six. Johnston (18) was ninth out with 68 on the board but we lost the last wicket for only one more run.

Result: School, 69; Ormskirk G.S., 72.

SAT., MAY 26TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON G.S. AWAY. LOST.

Batting first, we were soon in trouble, losing two wickets for only 10 runs, but then Taylor and Ackers batted confidently, taking the score to 68 before Ackers (35) was run out. In all we made 102, although our opponent's bowling was very good.

Preston batted well, scoring 68 very quickly for the loss of three wickets, but then the score rose very slowly until the batsmen decided to attack the bowling once more.

We were well and truly beaten, however, Preston scoring 103 for the loss of only 4 wickets.

Result: School, 102; Preston G.S., 103 for 4.

SAT., JUNE 2ND. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. RIVINGTON G.S. AWAY. LOST.

We batted first on a hard wicket but wickets fell quickly, the second being that of Walton, who was out to a brilliant catch in the slips, with only 10 runs on the board.

Our final total was 48, Turner, who made 8 not out, being our only batsman to remain at the wicket for long.

Walsh and Proffitt opened our bowling and each took one wicket, but Taylor, who was change bowler, took 5 for 10 before Rivington passed our total, after losing 8 wickets.

Result: School, 48; Rivington G.S., 49 for 8.

WED., JUNE 6TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HUTTON G.S. HOME. LOST.

We lost two wickets before scoring a run, but Taylor, K., prevented a complete collapse by a lively knock of 24. Turner was our only other batsman to reach double figures, scoring 14 not out, our final total being only 62.

Hutton also made a poor start, losing four wickets for only 9 runs, Taylor having taken 3 for 11, but the remaining wickets did not fall so cheaply and Hutton passed our total for the loss of 7 wickets. Randall bowled successfully, taking 2 for 8.

Result: School, 62; Hutton G.S., 63 for 7.

SAT., JUNE 9TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. KIRKHAM G.S. HOME. LOST.

We batted first and lost our first six wickets for only 19 runs, but Turner and Harrison, who made 11 and 12 respectively, being our only batsmen to offer much resistance to the bowling, raised the score to 44 before Turner was out lbw. Only 11 more runs were added for the loss of the last three wickets.

Our bowling and fielding was altogether poor and Kirkham passed our total with 8 wickets in hand.

Result: School, 55; Kirkham G.S., 56 for 2.

SAT., JUNE 16TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ARNOLD SCHOOL. HOME. WON.

Arnold School won the toss and batted first. They made a good start and had scored 43 before losing their third wicket, but the next four wickets fell for the addition of only 10 more runs. The innings closed at 86, Taylor having done exceptionally well, by taking 6 for 9.

Once again our batsmen were soon in trouble, in fact only three batsmen scored. Taylor batted magnificently, scoring 60 not out, to bring us victory after our visitors had almost taken victory for granted.

Result: School, 87 for 8; Arnold School, 86.

SAT., JUNE 23RD. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. QUEEN ELIZABETH G.S. AWAY. DRAW.

Blackburn batted first on a rough wicket and lost five wickets for 44 runs. The remaining batsmen appeared to be content to stay in without scoring, the scoreboard remaining at 49 for approximately 12 minutes. The side was dismissed for 56, Taylor having taken 6 for 12, Place 3 for 20 and Harrison 1 for 5.

Rain stopped play, however, when we had scored 24 for the loss of 2 wickets.
Result : School, 24 for 2 ; Queen Elizabeth G.S., 56.

WED., JUNE 27TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. BLACKPOOL G.S. AWAY. DRAW.

We made a good start, the first wicket falling at 28, of which Turner had made 21. Harrison made a valuable 17 before being caught at point, and at the interval we had made 89 for 3. We batted for 20 minutes, after tea, to bring the score to 130 for 5, of which Ackers had made 48 very quickly.

Blackpool lost their first five wickets for only 32 runs, but managed to reach 62 before stumps were drawn. A little better catching may have earned us the game. Ackers took 2 for 12 and Taylor 3 for 16.

Result : School, 130 for 5 ; Blackpool G.S., 62 for 5.

SAT., JUNE 30TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. WIGAN G.S. HOME. WON.

Wigan batted first on a hard wicket and scored 65 for the loss of three wickets before one batsman had to retire after being badly cut, above the eye, by a rising ball which caught the edge of his bat. The next three wickets fell for the addition of only one more run, the final total being 73, Ackers taking 5 for 9.

Turner and Walton opened the batting for the School and made 15 before Walton was caught and bowled. Both Harrison (19) and Turner (12) were dismissed at 42 and Taylor (12) was easily caught with 68 on the board. Ackers and Kevill then remained at the wicket until we passed our opponent's total.

Result : School, 74 for 4 ; Wigan G.S., 73.

SAT., JULY 7TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON C.C. 3RD XI. HOME. DRAW.

Preston batted first on a very wet wicket and gradually built up a score of 142 for the loss of 4 wickets. Two of these were taken by Walsh and two by Proffitt. We had not sufficient time to go for the runs so that our score of 92 for 4 was quite good. Taylor was 38 not out at close of play.

Result : School, 92 for 4 ; Preston C.C. 3rd, 142 for 4.

WED., JULY 11TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. THE STAFF. HOME. WON.

The School batted first, Turner being lbw. to Mr. Bennison before a run had been scored, but Harrison (26) and Ackers (24) had a second wicket partnership of 45. The School then batted steadily, being all out for 140, Johnston scoring 25 and Taylor 24. Mr. Bennison bowled extremely well, taking 6 for 42, Mr. Brown took 2 for 15 and Mr. Hilditch 2 for 40.

Mr. Brown proved to be the Staff's star batsman, making 49 not out. Turner, bowling for the first time, took 5 for 25, and Taylor 3 for 29. The Staff finally collapsed at 123, with Mr. Brown hitting out hard and Mr. Rudd endeavouring to evade the bowling.

Result : School, 140 ; The Staff, 123.

THURS., JULY 12TH. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. CANON WYATT'S XI. HOME. DRAW.

The School lost three wickets for only 35 runs. Mr. Bennison and Mr. Brown, however, batted well, scoring 38 and 26 respectively, but the rate of scoring was slow and we declared with only 87 on the board.

Our opponents lost two wickets after only scoring 12 runs, but the next wicket yielded 42, one batsman making 24 not out before stumps were drawn when the score was 56 for 3. No less than seven bowlers bowled for the School.

Result : School, 87 for 3 (declared) ; Canon Wyatt's XI, 56 for 3.

RECORD OF 1st XI MATCHES

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
13	3	5	5

KNOCK-OUTS

Cuerden v. Farington. Cuerden easily defeated Farington by an innings and 80 runs. Cuerden made 241 and Farington made 60 and 101.

Clayton v. Worden. Clayton defeated Worden by 52 runs. They scored 129 and 89 and Worden made 111 and 55.

FINAL :

Cuerden v. Clayton. Cuerden defeated Clayton in the final by 8 wickets. Clayton scored 74 and 114 and Cuerden made 102 and 94 for 2.

LEAGUES

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

TENNIS, 1951

Captain : E. HOLDEN

This was quite a satisfactory season, the team winning five of their seven school matches. The standard of play was good generally, and much practice in net play and footwork will improve it still more.

An enjoyable event was the match arranged between the Staff VI and the Old Girls VI, and the School VI v. the Old Girls VI. The old students won their match against the school, but were defeated by the Staff.

1st Couple :

E. HOLDEN. Has a very good style, but must try to overcome her erratic tendencies.
 M. HOSKER. A good, steady player. Drives are deep and forceful.

2nd Couple :

I. GARDNER. Net play good. Sometimes had a spasm of over-driving.
 S. ATHERTON. A very steady player with an easy style. Has good match temperament.

3rd Couple :

J. TODD. A pleasing, open service, and some good, forceful drives.
 J. BROOKS. A steady player with a good eye for the ball. Must now try to develop more forceful drives.
 B. HAMER also played for the team. She is a steady player, but must concentrate on her service and footwork.

C.I.P. and M.H.

APRIL 28TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD G.S. AWAY. WON 50-31.

After a cautious beginning the School gained confidence and never looked back. It was a very enjoyable match and though the School had a comfortable win we had some hard battles in the individual sets. In spite of the very cold weather and rather strong wind there was some good tennis played and it was encouraging to win our first match of the season easily.

MAY 9TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD G.S. HOME. LOST 36-45.

This return match, played in similar bad conditions completely turned the tables, and produced some very peculiar tennis from the School team. We started off well but soon began to slip and never managed to pull up. Ashton had the better team and deserved to win.

MAY 26TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. COLLEGIATE SCHOOL BLACKPOOL. AWAY. WON 51-30.

For the first time this season we played in perfect conditions. The School were on top from the first service and never looked back although it was not such an easy win as the score suggests. The good conditions produced better tennis and we had a very interesting match.

JUNE 2ND. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. HINDLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. HOME. WON 57-24.

On a fine sunny morning the school team went into the match eagerly. The opposition was weak and the score is a good indication of the play.

JUNE 16TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL. AWAY. WON 42-39.

The grass courts on which we played rather unsettled the School team, and our tennis was not up to standard, the third couple pulling us up to a narrow win.

JUNE 30TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL. HOME. LOST 38-43.

This was a very even match, although we were playing a reserve, and the result was in the balance right to the last games. In good conditions, this was a most enjoyable match.

HOUSE LEAGUES

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

KNOCK-OUTS

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

HOUSE NOTES

CLAYTON HOUSE

House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull.*House Mistress* : Miss A. Doherty.*House Captains* : Moore, A. H. ; E. Holden.

During the past year we have retained several of our trophies, notably the Athletics Cup, the Hockey Cup and the coveted Silver Griffin. Added to this we have a share in the Relay Cup and the boys did well to snatch the Cross Country Cup from under the noses of the outraged Faringtonians. The Victor Ludorum Cup is again held by a member of Clayton. It is noticeable that none of the League Shields fell to our lot and we would urge the juniors on to much greater effort. We hope all members of the house will endeavour to increase our successes.

The House Party was, as usual, a great success. Miss Doherty handling the catering with great efficiency. We welcome all new members to the house and take this opportunity of wishing them success in their school career. We congratulate all Claytonites on their various achievements and urge them on with our cry 'Press on regardless'.

CUERDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. R. A. Bennison.*House Mistress* : Miss K. Whewell.*House Captains* : Manchester, L.; V. Kite.

First of all may we extend a warm welcome to all newcomers to the House and wish them every success in their school careers. At the same time our best wishes go forth with all members who have just left us.

And now let us review our successes and, unfortunately, our failures on the games field and in the classroom during the past year. The number of cups which brighten the House room are witnesses of a fairly successful year. Our Knock-out teams managed to bring home the Rugby, Cricket and Rounders cups, whilst the League teams captured the Hockey, Tennis and Rugby Shields. Congratulations to all concerned! Unfortunately our efforts on Sports Day failed to bring us a single trophy, and the event is best forgotten except as a challenge to next year's Cuerden athletes to do better.

But to brighter topics! As usual the House Party was held with great success and the introduction of Square Dancing provided some hilarious, if rather strenuous, entertainment.

It is a long time since the Silver Griffin graced 3A room with its presence, therefore, in conclusion, may we call for an even greater effort in the intellectual as well as the athletic field. Remember, there is no time like the present, so go forward Cuerden!

FARINGTON HOUSE

House Master : Mr. W. J. Downer.*House Mistress* : Miss A. Milroy.*House Captains* : Kelsall, K.; R. B. Maughan.

A House Room glittering with cups and shields and the zealously fought-for Silver Griffin!—would we could welcome our newcomers to this, but may that be the goal always before them!

Looking back over the year we view our failures and successes. Sports Day did not bring us much reward, although A. Dears did her best to keep the Farington flag flying. The Senior girls surprised everybody, including themselves, by winning the Open Relay, and it was only by a narrow margin that the Relay Cup escaped our grasp. The Junior Boys did their part in winning the House Tug and the under 15 Relay; yet our position did not reach the heights. Our only great success in the Sports' Field was the TENNIS KNOCKOUT CUP, which we all guard with pride. Nevertheless, this year we must be determined to add to this solitary trophy many more visible records of our ceaseless efforts.

Now we come to our "Great Day"—the party. Farington has always excelled at parties and this one did not fall below standard; the food, in ample supply, very quickly disappeared, and the entertainment provided many enjoyable minutes. Our thanks go to Miss Milroy and Mr. Downer.

Sports Day is once more near at hand; now is our chance to shine and regain our prestige. Our dream of a glittering House Room must become a reality.

NONNE IAM TANDEM EXPERGISCIMINI—or, in other words, "Get cracking, Faringtonians!"

WORDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.*House Mistress* : Miss M. A. Rahill.*House Captains* : Pritchard, H. D.; B. Ward.

May we wish all Wordenites who have left us this year, every success in the future. We also extend a hearty welcome to all the newcomers to Worden House.

On the sports field this year the girls again reached the final of the Hockey Knockouts and were successful in winning the Rounders League. Our sportsmen again won the Cricket League and also showed some proficiency in sharing first place with Clayton in the Relays.

The Victrix Ludorum and Boys' Junior Champion were both Wordenites this year; they are to be congratulated on achieving these positions of honour. Other distinctions on Sports Day were few, but included victory in the Senior Tug-of-War.

The annual House Party was again a great success, Miss Rahill and the girls having arranged a grand feast, and Mr. Wilkinson, with help from the boys producing a full evening's entertainment. As we thank all those who helped towards this party we sincerely hope next year's party will be equally successful.

After relating our efforts over the past year it only remains for me to put on all Wordenites to bigger and better things, and to remind you of our motto, "Up the Blues".

"NON SIBI SED ALIIS"

Nov. 10th, 1950—Earl Haig's Poppy Fund—£6-7-11.

Nov. 23rd, 1950—Dr. Barnardo's Homes (Box collection)—£15-16-6.

Dec. 14th, 1950—Dr. Barnardo's Homes—Xmas collection of toys and garments.

April 13th, 1951—Royal Naval Lifeboat Institution—£2-9-4.

May 30th, 1951—Dr. Barnardo's Homes (Box collection)—£17-5-10½.

Sept. 18th, 1951—St. John Ambulance Brigade (Leyland Division)—£3-10-9.

Oct. 5th, 1951—Save the Children Fund—471 articles of used clothing; £16-19-6½.

OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Old Students held their Annual General Meeting in October 1951, and the report on the activities, the financial position, and the number of members is a very depressing one.

When one thinks of the number of people who attended the School it is quite disgraceful to read that our membership list is so small. Many people lose interest in their School when they leave and we think it speaks ill for the spirit of the School—BUT we feel sure that this cannot be true of Old Balshavians.

We have met many Old Students who always welcome news of School and Old Student Activities. This, however, is not enough; we also need active support. We hope that this will be given to the new Committee formed at the Annual General Meeting.

Owing to pressure of work Mr. R. T. Shepherd has had to resign from his position as Joint Secretary and the new Committee offer sincere thanks for all the good work that he has put in. We also offer thanks to our previous Committee and hope that they will continue to give us their support.

The new Committee consists of:—

Mr. F. Lawton, 2 Pembroke Place, Leyland (*Treasurer*).Miss A. Newsham, *Woodville*, Brindle Road, Bamber Bridge.

Miss E. Bagot, Cox Farm, Ribchester.

Miss M. Grime, *Brandreth*, Lancaster Lane, Leyland.

Miss M. Hutchings, 14 Westwood Road, Leyland.

Mr. T. Bleasdale, New Row Garage, Knowle Green, Longridge.

Mr. G. Hinchliffe, 70 Canberra Road, Leyland.

In spite of our rather disappointing report so far, we have had a few successful activities in the past year.

A Tennis Evening was held in June, when 2 teams chosen from the Old Girls played the School team and a team from the Ladies' Staff. One Old Girls' Team defeated the School team, and the Ladies' Staff defeated the other team.

Our Old Girls' Hockey Team is still flourishing, and at the time of going to Press they are still in the running for the English Cup. The Hockey Secretary, Miss M. Grime, tells us that they will need more support especially next season, so will those interested please send their names and addresses to her?

Our Drama Section appears to have fallen by the wayside, but if we could find another producer who is willing to take on the arduous task we are sure that he or she would quickly find willing would-be actors.

An occasional cricket or rugby game would be welcome if anyone would care to raise a team.

On February 28th we are holding a Leap Year Carnival Dance at Worsley's Ballroom, Preston. Please advertise this. Bring your friends and help to make it a success. A cordial invitation is extended to present students at school.

Later this year we hope to publish a News Letter about the whereabouts and activities of Old Students. We would be very grateful if you would write to us and tell us about yourself and about other Old Balshavians with whom you come in contact.

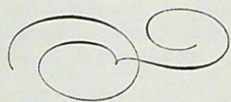
Finally we ask you to send us your subscription; without this the Committee is handicapped. At the moment we are on the verge of bankruptcy, and if the Carnival Dance is a failure or we do not receive immediate financial aid, further Old Student Activities will completely cease. The Subscription is 2/6 for the first 3 years after leaving School, 5/- per annum afterwards. Life Membership, £1/1/-.

We look to the Students who are shortly to leave School and to those who have left to make the Old Students' Association a thriving society.

MISS M. SUTTON,
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(Joint Hon. Secretaries).

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