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"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

March 27th, 28th and 29th, 1952.



Bottom : "I could play Erdes rarely."

(Starveling, D. W. Stanbridge ; Flute, R. T. Egerton ; Snout, G. T. Pritchard ; Bottom, J. Singleton ; Quince, J. K. Robinson ; Snug, A. E. Hall).



Titania : "Nod to him, elves, and do him courtesies."

(Titania, A. Salt ; Fairies, E. Hayes, B. Grimwood, J. Burrell, M. Johnson).

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## EDITORIAL

We wish to welcome all newcomers to the school, and to send our good wishes to all who have left us since the last issue of the magazine. Our thanks are due to those who have contributed to this year's *Balshavian*, and the Editor and Sub-Editor also wish to thank Miss Doherty and Miss Moss for their invaluable assistance.

1952 has been a momentous year in many ways. With the rest of his subjects, we at Balshaw's mourned the death of his late Majesty, King George VI, whose dauntless spirit compelled our admiration and affection. We loyally salute Queen Elizabeth II, on whose young shoulders the heavy burden of monarchy has now fallen. We eagerly anticipate her Coronation, to be held in June 1953, and hope that her reign will be remembered in years to come, for a spaciousness and spirit of high endeavour, comparable to that which characterised the reign of her great namesake.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

### PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL

**BOYS.** *Head Prefect* : Topping, G. *Prefects* : Smith, K., Mather, K., Walsh, J., Ackers, B. H., Smalley, A., Kevill, D., Walton, R. *Sub-Prefects* : Ainsworth, R. R., Bamford, M. H., Hurst, D. W., Gill, A., Barnes, B., Robinson, P. K.

**GIR-S.** *Head Prefect* : B. Ward. *Prefects* : G. Hall, E. Singleton, C. G. Sumner. *Sub-Prefects* : J. M. Brooks, J. M. Higham, A. J. Salt, A. Singleton, H. Towers, J. Walmsley, B. D. Baybutt, J. P. Cairns, B. M. Fletcher, E. Walmsley, M. Swindlehurst, J. M. Standen, J. Turner, M. Wrathall, A. H. Rigby, P. M. Leach, A. M. Pritchard, E. J. Fleischmann, P. M. James, J. Ritchie.

We report with sorrow the death of Mr. J. B. Cardwell, Chairman of the Governors, and also the death of Mr. G. K. Buckley, Clerk to the School Governors, whose obituaries will be found elsewhere in the magazine.

We welcome Mr. Johnson, who now occupies the position vacated by Mr. Manfield, and Mrs. Burton, who is teaching mathematics during the illness of Miss Lewis, to whom we wish a speedy recovery. To Mr. Moller-Madsen who has now returned to Denmark after being with the school a year, we extend our very best wishes for the future. We should also like to welcome Miss Myerscough our new cook-supervisor.

Speech Day was held on Monday, December 15th, 1952, when the prizes were presented by Dr. M. I. Bain, Principal of Edge Hill Training College, Ormskirk.

The Annual Athletic Sports were held on Saturday, May 3rd. We congratulate the Victor Ludorum, Smith (Cl.), and M. Beardwood (W.), the Victrix Ludorum.

An appreciation of last year's School Play, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' will be found elsewhere in the magazine.

Several changes have been made in School Societies. Mr. Hilditch has started a Film Society, Miss Ball's Senior Needlework Society has now become a Housecraft Society, and Mrs. Burton has started a Junior Philatelic Society. It is regrettable that the popular



Scandinavian Society has had to be discontinued on the departure of Mr. Madsen, but a scrap-book on Scandinavia which the society compiled during the last year has been presented to the School Library as a souvenir. Mr. Johnson is continuing Mr. Manfield's Foreign Correspondents Society.

We congratulate Vera Wilson on being awarded the Hocking Memorial Prize.

Our congratulations go to A. J. Salt and Sharples, G., who defeated Mr. Wilkinson and B. D. Baybutt in the finals of the School Tennis Tournament.

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

We are also pleased to announce that Topping, G., Walsh, J., Hurst, D., Smith, K., and Mather, K., were selected to play for Preston Public Schoolboys, while Hurst, D., Smith, K., and Mather, K., had the additional honour of playing for Mid-Lancashire, North Lancashire and for the County sides.

We congratulate Smith, K. R., on becoming the Lancashire Junior A.A.A. 100 yards Champion (Time 10.3 seconds).

The school has again won the Relay Cup in competition with Chorley and Rivington Grammar Schools.

On Nov. 28th we enjoyed a lecture given to the School by Mr. A. Rowe, of Manchester University.

We are proud to congratulate M. Semple and K. Parr, who won the North of England Open Junior Ladies' Doubles Championship in Badminton. M. Semple also won the Junior Ladies' Singles Title, defeating K. Parr in the finals.

Margaret and Kathleen also competed in the All England Junior Open Ladies' Badminton Championships at Wimbledon, for which there were over a hundred entries from sixteen countries. Margaret defeated Kathleen in the finals to become the All England Junior Ladies' Champion, while, partnered by Kathleen, she won the Junior Ladies' Doubles Title also. She has in addition played singles and doubles for Lancashire 2nd team in their matches against Westmorland, Yorkshire, Cheshire and the Isle of Man.

Our congratulations go to Mr. Wilkinson on his success at the Southsea Chess Congress last Easter.

We extend our congratulations to F. Livesy who was placed fourth in the Civil Service Executive Grade examination for which 1414 candidates had entered.

We congratulate G. F. C. Barrett, an old pupil of the school, who has recently obtained his Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of Leeds, and also B. R. Malcolm on his award of Ph.D. in Physics at Sheffield University.

Our congratulations go to H. Hughes, another old pupil who has won a scholarship to Harvard University, America, from the University of Cambridge.

We further congratulate J. Downie, who has been appointed to the Secretariat of the United Nations Organisation at Geneva.

We acknowledge with thanks the letters of Mrs. Kenyon (Sylvia Hindle) an old pupil of the school who is now teaching in Australia. At her request, pen friends have been found for her pupils among the lower forms of the school.

We have heard of many marriages of Old Students, and we send our best wishes to Mr. B. Grimshaw and Miss M. Grime, who are both Old Students and are now married, and to Mr. D. Singleton and Miss M. Speakman, two more Old Pupils who have recently married. We congratulate also Mr. M. Oldland on his marriage to Miss A. Gowing, Miss P. Lawson on her marriage to Mr. J. Roberts, Mr. W. Riding on his marriage to Miss D. Cox, Miss E. Burnie on her marriage to Mr. J. Latham, and Miss E. Nelson on her marriage to Mr. P. Curnow.

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

ADVANCED :-

K. Blundell, M. Farrimond, I. P. Gardner, G. Hall, E. Holden, M. D. Jenkinson, V. Kite, J. Lowry, E. Singleton, C. G. Sumner, V. Wilson, Ackers, B. H., Dawson, J. M. G., Harrison, F., Kelsall, P., Kelsall, K., Kevill, D. N., Manchester, L., Mather, K., Moore, A. H., Palmer, K., Pilkington, A., Pritchard, D. H., Sanderson, G. O., Seed, W. T., Sharples, G., Smalley, A., Smith, K. R., Taylor, K., Topping, G., Walton, R.

ORDINARY :-

B. M. Mitchell, I. Ogden, M. R. Ward, Walsh, J.

Our congratulations go also to the following 97 pupils who gained the Oxford General Certificate of Education at the Ordinary Level :

S. M. Ashley, D. B. Bailey, V. J. Ball, S. Bamber, V. Bamber, P. M. Barker, M. Beardwood, A. Bleasdale, M. L. Blews, D. A. Bownass, S. Bretherton, J. M. Brooks, J. P. Cairns, M. E. R. Chisnall, D. Clarke, A. M. Collinson, S. A. Cook, M. Dawber, E. I. Eastham, F. T. Entwistle, D. P. H. Farrer, E. J. Fleischmann, B. M. Fletcher, C. Green, L. M. Halsall, J. Harrison, J. E. Heaton, G. M. Hendry, V. A. Higgins, S. Highfield, D. Ion, P. M. James, D. Jeffery, A. S. Jennings, E. Jessop, B. Kenyon, S. Kershaw, N. L. Kirkham, S. B. Lees, M. M. Lyon, M. M. Maidment, M. L. Marland, S. L. Martland, P. Megson, D. N. Mitchell, A. E. Morris, A. P. Parker, M. Parkinson, I. Pilbrough, M. Pownall, S. Rainford, M. L. Riding, M. Rigby, J. Ritchie, I. Robinson, D. Rogers, L. P. Roskell, A. J. Salt, A. Scott, A. Singleton, J. Singleton, M. Smith, A. M. Strachan, J. Swift, M. Swindlehurst, F. Tattersall, J. M. Thomas, P. Titterton, H. Towers, J. Waddington, J. J. Wild, D. C. Wilford, D. F. Woodburn, M. Worrell, E. Wright, Ainsworth, R. R., Bamford, M. H., Barnes, B., Brewer, D. A., Burlington, R., Cuerden, D., Forrest, B. W., Gill, A., Gold, I. D., Hunt, J. E., Hurst, D. W., Lambert, J., McIlwaine, C., Palmer, B., Parkinson, G. M., Riding, C. P., Roberts, A., Robinson, P. K., Swarbrick, J., Williams, A. T., Withnell, D. A., Wright, P. R.

We congratulate also Kelsall, D., who has won a County Major Scholarship and also a State Scholarship.

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

V. Wilson to Liverpool University, B. E. Hunt to Manchester University, R. B. Maughan to the Manchester College of Music, K. M. Sanderson and M. R. Ward to Matlock Training College, B. M. Mitchell to Avery Hill Training College, M. Farrimond and P. R. Higgins to Bingley Training College, V. Kite to Furzedown Training College, J. Lowry to Leeds Training College, M. D. Jenkinson, S. Highfield and J. Wright to St. Katharine's Training College (Liverpool), E. Holden to Whitelands Training College (London), I. Ogden to the Manchester College of Domestic Science, I. P. Gardner to the Bath College of Domestic Science, Manchester, L., to Birmingham University, Kelsall, D., and Kelsall, K., to Manchester University, Sanderson, G. O., and Taylor, K., to University College, Hull, Dawson, J. M. G., to the Manchester College of Technology, Pritchard, H. D., Palmer, K., Seed, W. T., and Pilkington, J. A., to Saltley Training College, Parkinson, G. M., to Leeds Training College, and Moore, A. H., to Loughborough Training College. K. M. Brennand and M. Fielden have gone to the Lancaster School of Art.

Three old pupils have gained Stanning Memorial Awards. They are :

Lawson, W. (London University), Becconsall, J. K. (Liverpool University) and Blyth, W. A. (Manchester University).

We congratulate :

Cuerden on winning Hockey, Rounders, Tennis and Rugby Leagues, Hockey, Rugby, Cricket and Tennis Knockouts, the Cross Country Cup and the Silver Griffin ; Farington on winning the Relay Cup and the Athletic House Championship Cup ; Worden on winning the Rounders Knockouts ; Clayton on winning the Cricket Leagues ; Mather, K., Smith, K. R., Proffitt, P., Moore, A. H., Walsh, J., Manchester, L., Harrison, F., Bamford, M. H., and Taylor, K., on gaining their Rugby Colours ; E. Holden, M. Jenkinson and I. P. Gardner on gaining their Hockey Colours, M. Beardwood, Smith, K. R., Moore, A. H., and Proffitt, P., on gaining their Athletic Colours ; Moore, A. H., and Owen, D. A., on gaining their Cross-Country Colours, Manchester, L., and Taylor, K., on gaining their Cricket Colours, V. Kite and S. Martland on gaining their Rounders Colours ; and E. Holden and J. Brooks on gaining their Tennis Colours.



We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines :

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

### SALVETE

*To Farington House :* D. Atkinson, A. Bland, N. Burns, M. E. Clayton, B. M. Clegg, C. J. Cushaw, B. N. Evans, D. Gillibrand, K. R. Howard, P. A. Hughes, S. M. Longton, S. A. Parker, M. A. Phillips, V. A. A. Preston, P. I. Robinson, D. J. Seddon, E. M. Slater, P. M. Smith, J. Swarbrick (Farington), A. Thompson, P. J. Townley, S. J. Walmsley, Bannister, A., Cunliffe, W. J., Davies, J. A., Gillibrand, L. H., Harling, F., Higham, J. N., Hothersall, R., Macaulay, R. J. L., Riding, J. B., Thwaite, L.

*To Worden House :* M. Ball, B. Carter, C. A. Carter, M. A. Clayton, S. M. Davidson, C. M. Dean, S. Gow, M. Halliwell, O. M. Halsall, H. Hesketh, L. M. Lea, C. Okell, B. Robertson, M. Stazicker, M. N. Sedgwick, E. M. Taylor, Barker, R. W., Goodman, A., Holden, A. E., Knipe, C. D., Knowles, P. F., Rushton, A., Rutter, J., Sumners, C., Swarbrick, R., Taylor, D. E., Woods, R. G.

*To Cueden House :* M. H. Allison, J. Beardsworth, M. Beardsworth, M. A. Bluck, A. Bradshaw, M. Caton, P. A. Halliwell, W. A. Halton, B. A. Hands, J. C. Holmes, J. B. Hughes, M. Johnson, I. Lowe, A. W. McIntoch, V. E. Metcalfe, A. Parkinson, D. J. Riding, S. Southworth, S. A. Tomlinson, Brown, J. G., Damp, A. F., Higham, J. N., King, F. G., Marsden, A. M., Martland, T. D., Welson, B., Rawcliffe, G., Singleton, B. R., Smith, S. G., Taylor, B. B., Twist, J. K., Wilkins, D.

*To Clayton House :* M. Ashton, B. A. Askew, U. M. Black, B. Bretherton, A. C. Dutton, S. M. Evans, J. E. Fletcher, E. Flood, J. Higginson, V. M. Iddon, S. Kelly, C. Markus, D. Mee, M. A. Phillips, C. A. Smith, P. Stackhouse, J. Swarbrick (Walton), S. J. Threlfall, J. Trafford, Anderson, J., Gill, J., Harper, F. A., Liptrot, E. A., Lowe, D., McGaw, J. D., Parr, F. D. H., Riding, B., Rukin, D., Shimmin, D.

### VALETE

(For Gen. Cert. Educ. read G.C.E. For Ord. read O. For Adv. read A.)

#### GIRLS :—

*R. B. Maughan.*—U.VI (F.). Head Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951. Editor of *The Balshavian* 1952. Leader of the Choir. School Play 1951, 1952. *I. P. Gardner.*—U.VI (F.). Prefect. School Certificate 1950. G.C.E.(A.) 1952. School 1st Hockey XI. School 1st Tennis VI. Tennis, Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. School Hockey Colours 1952. *E. Holden.*—U.VI (Cl.). Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951, 1952. Captain of 1st Hockey XI. Captain of 1st Tennis VI. Victrix Ludorum 1950. Athletic Colours. Hockey Colours. Tennis Colours. School Play 1952. *B. E. Hunt.*—U.VI (Cl.). Prefect. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951. County Major Scholarship 1951. School Librarian. School Play 1951, 1952. *V. Kite.*—U.VI (Cu.). Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951, 1952. Captain of 1st Rounders IX. 1st Hockey XI. Rounders Colours 1950, 1951. 2nd Tennis VI. Tennis Leagues and Knockouts. *J. Lowry.*—U.VI (F.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1950. G.C.E.(A.) 1952. *B. Mitchell.*—U.VI (Cu.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1950. G.C.E.(O.) 1952. 1st Hockey XI 1951, 1952. Rounders Knockouts. *M. Jenkinson.*—U.VI (Cu.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1950. G.C.E.(A.) 1952. 1st Hockey XI. Hockey Colours. School Play 1951. *K. Sanderson.*—U.VI (W.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1950. Tennis Knockouts. School Play 1951. *M. Ward.*—U.VI (W.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1950. G.C.E.(O.) 1952. School Play 1951. *V. Wilson.*—U.VI (W.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E.(O.) 1951. G.C.E.(A.) 1952. Hocking Memorial Prize 1952. *J. Wright.*—U.VI (F.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1950. *K. Blundell.*—U.VI (F.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E.(O.) 1951. G.C.E.(A.) 1952. 1st Hockey XI 1951, 1952. 1st Rounders IX 1951, 1952. *I. Ogden.*—U.VI (Cl.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1950. G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *P. Higgins.*—U.VI (W.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1950. *M. Farrimond.*—U.VI (W.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1950. *V. Harman.*—L.VI (W.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E.(O.) 1951. School Play 1951, 1952. *S. Highfield.*—L.VI (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1951, 1952. 2nd Hockey XI. Hockey Leagues and Knockouts. *D. Swarbrick.*—L.VI (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1951. School Play 1951, 1952. *J. Robinson.*—L.VI (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *K. M. Brennan.*—L.VI (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1951. *M. Fielden.*—L.VI (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1951. *M. Walne.*—L.VI (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1951. *S. Kershaw.*—V.A (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *S. M. Ashley.*—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *P. Megson.*—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *J. Waddington.*—V.A (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. Tennis, Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. Rounders 1st IX. 2nd Hockey XI. *M. Beardwood.*—V.A (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. Victrix Ludorum 1952. Athletic Colours 1952. Hockey, Rounders, Tennis Leagues and Knockouts. School 2nd Hockey XI. *N. L. Kirkham.*—V.A (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *C. Green.*—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952.

Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. School Play 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952. *M. Parkinson.*—V.A (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. *J. Swift.*—V.A (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. *J. Harrison.*—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *S. L. Martland.*—V.A (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. 1st Rounders IX. Rounders Colours 1952. *F. T. Entwistle.*—V.A (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *M. Barker.*—V.A (Cl.). Hockey Leagues. *D. Ion.*—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *D. Jeffery.*—V.B (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *E. I. Eastham.*—V.B (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *S. Bamber.*—V.B (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. 1st Hockey XI. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. *M. Dawber.*—V.B (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. 1st Hockey XI. Hockey, Tennis and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. *A. E. Morris.*—V.B (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. Hockey Leagues. *G. M. Hendry.*—V.B (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *V. Smalley.*—V.B (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *A. Scott.*—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *M. M. Lyon.*—V.C (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *D. Bownass.*—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *J. Heaton.*—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *L. P. Roskell.*—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *M. Pownall.*—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *P. Titterton.*—V.C (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. Tennis and Rounders Leagues. *D. Woodburn.*—V.C (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. Rounders Leagues. *M. Smith.*—V.C (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *M. L. Riding.*—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *M. Strickland.*—V.C (F.). Rounders 1st XI. *B. M. Hammond.*—V.C (F.). *M. Rigby.*—V.C (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *M. Blews.*—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *F. Tattersall.*—V.C (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *M. Marsden.*—IV.A (Cl.). *M. Jenkinson.*—IV.A (Cl.). Hockey 2nd XI. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. *M. H. Shimmell.*—IV.A (W.). *P. M. Marshall.*—IV.A (F.). *B. Whittle.*—IV.B (Cl.). *P. Walker.*—IV.B (Cl.). *K. M. Moss.*—IV.B (F.). Hockey 2nd XI. Rounders 2nd IX. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. *D. Mitchinson.*—IV.B (F.). *P. M. Scott.*—IV.B (Cl.). *E. J. Carsley.*—IV.C (Cu.). Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. *G. Pottenger.*—III.C (W.). *A. Tunbridge.*—III.C (W.). *B. M. Arnott.*—III.C (Cu.). *N. Parkinson.*—II.C (Cl.). *A. Sanderson.*—II.C (F.).

#### BOYS :—

*Manchester, L.*—U.VI (Cu.). Head Prefect. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951, 1952. House Captain. Captain 1st Cricket XI. Captain 1st Rugby XV. Cricket Colours. Rugby Colours. School Play. *Moore, A. H.*—U.VI (Cl.). Prefect. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951, 1952. House Captain. 1st Rugby XV. Cross Country. Victor Ludorum 1950. Cross Country, Rugby and Athletic Colours. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Sharples, G.*—U.VI (Cu.). Prefect. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951, 1952. 2nd Rugby XV. Cross Country Team 1950, 1951. Winner of School Tennis Tournament 1951, 1952. *Palmer, K.*—U.VI (W.). Prefect. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951, 1952. *Kelsall, D.*—U.VI (F.). Prefect. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951, 1952. County Major Scholarship, State Scholarship 1952. 2nd Rugby XV. Cross Country Team. *Kelsall, K.*—U.VI (F.). Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951, 1952. 2nd Rugby XV. Cross Country Team, School Play 1952. *Livesey, F.*—U.VI (Cu.). Prefect. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951. 1st Rugby XV. 2nd Cricket XI. Librarian. School Play. *Pritchard, H. D.*—U.VI (W.). Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951, 1952. Captain 2nd Rugby XV. 1st Cricket XI. *Seed, W. T.*—U.VI (Cu.). Prefect. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951, 1952. 2nd Rugby XV. Captain 2nd Cricket XI. *Dawson, J. M. G.*—U.VI (F.). Prefect. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951, 1952. *Sanderson, G. O.*—U.VI (F.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1950. G.C.E.(A.) 1952. Sub-Editor of *The Balshavian* 1951, 1952. 1st Rugby XV. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Taylor, K.*—U.VI (Cu.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1950. G.C.E.(A.) 1952. 1st Cricket XI 1950, 1951, 1952. Cricket Colours 1951, 1952. 1st Rugby XV 1950, 1951, 1952. Rugby Colours 1952. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. School Play. *Harrison, F.*—U.VI (Cu.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1950. G.C.E.(A.) 1952. 1st Rugby XV 1950, 1951, 1952. Rugby Colours. 1st Cricket XI 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952. School Play 1951, 1952. *Pilkington, A.*—U.VI (W.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1952. 1st Cricket XI 1952. 2nd Rugby XV 1952. *Proffit, P.*—U.VI (W.). Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1950. 1st Cricket XI. 1st Rugby XV. Rugby Colours. Athletic Colours. School Play. *Peacock, R.*—U.VI (Cl.). School Certificate 1950. *Wrennall, E.*—U.VI (Cu.). School Certificate 1949. G.C.E.(A.) 1951. 1st Rugby XV 1950, 1951. *Parkinson, G. M.*—L.VI (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1951, 1952. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Turner, P. J.*—L.VI (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1951. 1st Cricket XI. 2nd Rugby XV. Rugby and Cricket Leagues and Knockouts. *Brewer, D. A.*—V.A (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. Rugby Bantams. Cricket Colts. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Hunt, J. E.*—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. Rugby 2nd XV. Cricket 2nd XI. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Swarbrick, J.*—V.A (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. Cricket 2nd XI. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Forrest, B. W.*—V.A (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. Cross Country Team. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *McWilliam, J. C.*—V.A (W.). *Bullon, D.*—V.A (Cu.). School Play. *Cross, K.*—V.A (F.). *Burlington, R.*—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. Rugby Leagues. *Gold, I. D.*—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. 1st Cricket XI. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Williams, A. T.*—V.B (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. 2nd Rugby XV. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Place, R. I.*—V.B (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1951. *Lambert, J.*—V.B (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *Cuerden, D.*—V.C (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *Charles, K.*—V.C (Cl.). 1st Rugby XV. 1st Cricket XI. Rugby and Cricket Leagues and Knockouts. *Woosey, G. S.*—V.C (Cu.). 2nd Rugby XV. Cricket Colts. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Withnell, A.*—V.C (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. Rugby and Cricket Leagues. *Riding, C. P.*—V.C (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. Cricket Leagues and Knockouts. *Harrison, R. G.*—V.C (Cl.). 1st Rugby XV. 2nd Cricket XI. Cross Country Team. *Palmer, B.*—V.C (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1952. *Croft, P. G.*—IV.A (F.). *Smith, P. L.*—IV.C (W.). *Grime, E. K.*—III.A (Cu.). *Halsted, G.*—III.C (Cl.). *Duckworth, F. H. R.*—II.C (F.).



## John Birch Cardwell, M.A. (Oxon).

Chairman of the Governors of Balshaw's Grammar School,  
1928-1950

Died Jan. 24th, 1953

It was with great sorrow that the School received the news of Mr. Cardwell's death.

At Speech Day in 1950, the announcement was made of his resignation from the Chairmanship of the Board of Governors of the School—a Chairmanship which he had held for some 22 years. It was then the fervent hope of all of us that he would enjoy many more years of happiness and of pleasant recollection of the school with which he had been associated for so long. He, however, died in a nursing home on the 24th Jan. last.

Educated at Heversham School and Queen's College, Oxford, Mr. Cardwell was also a manager of two other schools and for 45 years Chairman of Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council. He served, too, as a General Commissioner of Income Tax, was a Vice-President of Chorley Savings Bank and during the war was a Deputy Sub-Controller of Civil Defence.

It is impossible to recount his many acts of foresight, wisdom and kindness on behalf of Balshaw's, whose interests he always had so very much at heart. He lived to see its numbers grow from some 200 to over 600 pupils and nothing gave him greater pleasure than the knowledge of the prominent part which the School was playing in the educational facilities of the district. As the Rev. Humphrey Bretherton, another Governor of the School, said in his address at the funeral service, perhaps the keynote of Mr. Cardwell's life lay in those twin virtues of sincerity and integrity.

To Mrs. Cardwell and his family we offer our very sincere sympathy; we hope that our appreciation of the great work which Mr. Cardwell did for this school will serve as some consolation to them in their bereavement.

V.U.O.

## THE SCHOOL PLAY

"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

by WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

The School Play this year was "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Once again a brave attempt was to be made to disprove the truth of Hazlitt's dictum: 'Poetry and the stage do not agree well together'.

It is obviously no light task for actors, professional or amateur, convincingly to portray the amazing amalgam which Shakespeare's genius has created out of the strangely diverse elements he used—the heroic figures of Greek mythology, the bucolic clowns of Elizabethan village life, and the still potent fairies of popular belief.

Mr. Downer and Mr. Hilditch together faced the great difficulties of their task—those inherent in the play, and those imposed by the limitations of physical space—with great enterprise, infectious enthusiasm, and well-deserved success.

The parts of the two pairs of lovers, Lysander and Hermia, Demetrius and Helena, were played by Ackers and Brenda Hunt, Moore and Eileen Holden. All four did their best to bring out the poetry of their parts; the two boys were perhaps a little inclined to overplay their parts in relation to each other, and to shout a little. Brenda Hunt brought out well the contemptuous malice in Hermia's treatment of her rival, while Eileen Holden showed a convincing pathos and dignity as Helena, neglected by Demetrius and abused by Hermia.

Harrison was a dignified Theseus, and was well supported by Ruth Maughan as Hippolyta; Christina Green, Kelsall and Bullon in minor parts were effective, as were the Amazons, attendant on Hippolyta, played by Gwynneth Hall, Delphine Swarbrick, Valerie Harman and Frances Entwistle.

The "Rude Mechanicals" were lively and effective. Outstandingly good was Egerton's performance as Flute, particularly when he was playing his part as Thisbe in the inner play. His performance here—both in acting and in speaking—was excellent. The full humour of these scenes was brought out, and was well appreciated by the audience. He was given good support by Singleton as Bottom, who had a sound idea of his part as the leading spirit among his less-assured fellows. Hall was effective as Snug, and Pritchard as Snout and Stanbridge as Starveling did well in their parts.

Alice Marsden brought to the part of Puck something of the inexhaustible vitality that is essential to the successful playing of this part. She did well in conveying that atmosphere of contemptuous indifference to human weakness and folly which is the essence of Shakespeare's fairies. Hers was a very satisfactory performance.

Audrey Salt made an excellent Titania. Whether addressing endearments to Bottom translated or quarrelling, with admirable spirit, with Oberon, she showed a degree of acting ability and spoke the lines with feeling and effect. The Oberon of Topping, albeit somewhat Mephistophelean in costume and make-up, was competent and adequate.

Excellent support to their king and queen was provided by the attendant fairies. Eileen Duckworth as First Fairy sang and danced very effectively. The principal fairies, Elizabeth Hayes, Judith Burrell, Barbara Grimwood and Mavis Johnson provided an exceedingly effective scene, in which attractive costumes, clever lighting, and graceful dancing all played a part. Much praise is due to Miss Probert and to Miss Hutchings for their untiring efforts to achieve this most satisfactory result, and to Mr. Black, who composed the music for the fairy song, and supervised all the musical arrangements of the production.



Other fairies and elves contributed their share to the whole, and helped to make, once more, the Dramatic Society's performance a worthy contribution to the activities of the school.

It is only right that mention should be made of the work of the many helpers "back-stage", without whose efforts and labour the producers would be in sorry plight—Mr. Bennison's experienced stage-managership, the combination of Miss Whewell's admirable designs for the stage settings and their actual creation by Mr. Hewartson's indefatigable efforts, the beautiful costumes, again designed by Miss Whewell and constructed by her and Miss Ball—particularly important in this play, and worthily upholding an already high standard. Their efforts, and those of Mr. Speakman, Mr. Wilkinson, Miss Bromley and their helpers, gave worthy support to the producers, and ensured the success of the production.

J.H.L.

## SPEECH DAY, 1952

The Annual Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes was held on Monday, December 15th, when Dr. M. I. Bain, Principal of Edge Hill Training College, presented the prizes. Mr. A. Parkinson presided in the absence of Mr. G. H. Redman.

The School Choir sang four songs: 'To Daffodils,' with words by Herrick and music by E. H. Thiman, Gustav Holst's 'A Song of Fairies,' John Milton 'A Christmas Carol' set to music by A. E. Horrocks, and finally, Edward Elgar's two part song, 'The Dance.'

Mr. Oldland then gave his address in which he reviewed the school's success in public examinations and on the sports field. He attacked the exhibitionist methods of education which demand little or no effort, but merely the passive acquiescence of the pupil, and he urged resistance to these attempts to lower our standards of education.

The Chairman then introduced Dr. Bain, who spoke forcibly on the sense of purpose and the faith in his own generation that the pupil of the modern grammar school gains. But she emphasised that the school could not do everything, and that the home should be a partner in the child's education.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Bain was proposed by Mr. J. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. F. Hull, and the Chairman's vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Jackson and seconded by Mr. J. Hunt.

The proceedings were concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.  
A.S., U.VI (W.).

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY TO LES DIABLERETS

Twenty-three Balshavians met on Preston Station on the night of July 17th, breaking-up day, with parents, one or two Press photographers and Mr. and Mrs. Oldland, to see them off to Switzerland.

The journey out went smoothly, and as most of the party had never been abroad before it was a great adventure, though of course Lancashire lasses must not show the foreigner that they are too impressed. We were met in Paris by Milles. Fernande and

Jeannine Delarbre, who, after much voluble discussion, decided we should go to Gare de Lyon by the Metro—during the rush hour, baggage and all. The leader was much gratified to find that so far from swooning or becoming hysterical in this maelstrom, his party not only held their ground but fought back (On the way home we took the bus).

After a meal and a very long walk along the Seine to see the flood-lit Notre Dame ("C'est un joyau," insisted Fernande), the travellers struggled into the train and slept soundly into Switzerland.

There is no space to describe the mountain village of Les Diablerets, or the Chalet des Bosquets where we stayed with M. and Mme. H. L. Puttemans ("Tio" and "Tia"). We remember the view from the mountain railway as the little train wound its way up the "Laughing Valley" of Les Ormonts to the village nearly four thousand feet above sea level. Three snow-clad peaks dominate the valley, and five of us were to cross the glacier and climb one of them, ten thousand feet, and see the Jungfrau and the Matterhorn and the Monte Rosa. Others would be content with the steep, grassy slope of the Chamossaire, a mere seven thousand (but a sheer drop of two thousand feet on the other side), and some would be content to walk through woods and Alpine meadows and along the streams without climbing at all. And one or two would have been quite happy to stay at the Chalet most of the time with an occasional stroll to our own waterfall or to the Pâtisserie for more of those delicious cakes.

However, all the party went by coach to the Grand St. Bernard Pass, where they visited the hospice and snowballed the party leader (great fun this!) saw the dogs and crossed into Italy. Another day's tour took them to Gystaad, where most of them went by chair lift to the top of a mountain, Gruyère, with its dream castle, and Vevey. A more modest but very happy excursion was by train to Villeneuve, then a walk along the Lake of Geneva and Montreux, visiting the Castle of Chillon en route, and ending with a superb dinner arranged by M. Pierre Krahenbühl at the Hotel Helvetie.

The journey back would have been uneventful had not the boat been forty minutes late. A mad dash by taxi flung seventeen on the train and they reached Preston as promised, by midnight on August 1st. The rearguard arrived at five o'clock next morning, having cause to remember Crewe station in the early hours. A special word of thanks to those parents who, finding their own daughters were not on the midnight train, offered transport to daughters who were.

We shall remember, gratefully, Tio, Tia and Taguey for all they did at the Chalet, and without William and Mitzi (M. and Mme. Spörr) the excursions would not have been half so interesting. William was tireless in his toil for our pleasure and comfort. "William," said the girls, "was nice!"

The party leader would like to thank Miss Brenda Butcher, an old student, for her work as deputy leader, undertaken at short notice, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawshaw for all they did for the party. As for the girls, no school party can have given a leader less anxiety. He was once flattered, after a successful encounter with a train official, when one girl said "Ee! sir, I do wish you took us for French," but realised sadly that this merely meant his was the kind of French that the English can understand too.

C.S.H.



## George Kydd Buckley

Clerk to the Governors of Balshaw's Grammar School,  
1940-1952

Died 19th June, 1952

It was with profound grief that we heard, during the Midsummer Term, of the death of the Clerk to the Governors in the South of England.

The firm of Messrs. T. H. and T. Dodd & Buckley, Solicitors, of Preston, has been connected with Balshaw's for some 60 years, Mr. Buckley succeeding in 1940 to the Clerkship, which his partner, Mr. Thomas Dodd, had held since 1892. Mr. Buckley died on the 19th June last, mourned by the School, for whom, in his unobtrusive, devoted and kindly way, he had done so much.

V.U.O.

## SCHOOL VISITS

### (1) THE SCHOOL VISIT TO "IL TROVATORE"

On Friday, March 21st, a party from school visited the Opera House, Blackpool, where the Carl Rosa Opera Company was presenting Verdi's "Il Trovatore."

Julia Boutell earned well-deserved applause for her performance as Azucena, the vengeful gypsy, and Ruth Parker was a touching Leonora. Pauline Allen took full advantage of the limited opportunities given to Inez, Leonora's maid.

The men were, on the whole, less successful. John Myrddin disappointed many members of the audience by making no attempt to reach the famous High C, but he made a gay Manrico, and was especially good when singing off-stage.

Arthur Wellington, as the rascally Count de Luna, was unfortunately not fierce enough. His voice was undoubtedly good, but we felt inclined to pity him rather than to be horrified at his attempts to abduct the heroine!

Ernest Thomas, as Ferrando, suffered from the malady which seems to affect all Captains of the Guard—an inability to make himself clearly heard. This is a serious defect, for the plot must remain a mystery if his opening song is not understood.

The orchestra was well conducted by Arthur Hammond, and the chorus work was exceptionally good.

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

### (2) CHOIR VISIT TO "RUDDIGORE"

The school choir's annual visit this year was to the Gilbert & Sullivan opera "Ruddigore" at the Opera House in Manchester. As is usual, the performance was given by the D'Oyly Carte company and, in the opinion of all, was of a very high standard. The costumes and scenery, particularly in the chorus of ancestors, was delightful, while, from our position high in the balcony, we could hear every word distinctly, and follow the excellent positioning of the chorus and principals. Our enjoyment of it was evident in that on the journey home in the coach many members insisted on recalling the chorus of bridesmaids—"Hail the bridegroom—Hail the bride."

G.B.

### (3) THE SIXTH FORM VISIT TO "LES PRÉCIEUSES RIDICULES" AND "LA POUDRE AUX YEUX"

On the afternoon of Wednesday, November 19th, the French Section of the Sixth Form visited Wigan Grammar School, where La Troupe Française was presenting "La Poudre Aux Yeux" by Labiche et Martin, and Molière's "Les Précieuses Ridicules."

Pamela Stirling, as Mme. Malingear, was excellent in the first play, as was Louis Brezé as her husband. Claude Le Saché and Françoise Bertin gave a less satisfactory performance as M. and Mme. Ratinois, but Jacques Bretonnière's Frédéric was a great success.

Daphne Craig was rather insipid as Emmeline, but Victor Azaria was well cast as the vulgar Uncle Robert. Charles Félipes was adequate in the dual role of the two servants.

Pamela Stirling again gave an excellent performance as Cathos in "Les Précieuses Ridicules," while Françoise Bertin was obviously much happier in the role of Magdelon, the other Précieuse, than she had been in that of Mme. Malingear. Victor Azaria, on the other hand, was less successful as Gorgibus than he had been as Uncle Robert, but Louis



Brezé and Claude le Saché gave very satisfactory performances as the two valets. Jacques Bretonnière and Charles Félipes were adequate as the rejected lovers, but as in the other play, Daphne Craig's performance failed to arouse much enthusiasm.

The actors took every advantage of the burlesque scenes, and perhaps they tended to overact their parts, but this was undoubtedly in order that the young members of the audience might be able to understand with greater facility.

The costumes were excellent in both plays. They were well suited to the character, and they added a touch of colour to the sombre décor.

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

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#### (4) SIXTH FORM VISIT TO LECTURE ON EPIC POETRY

On the 15th of October six classically-minded members of the U.VI visited Whitworth Hall, Manchester University, to hear a lecture arranged by the Manchester Branch of the Classical Association. The subject was Epic Poetry and the lecture was given by Mrs. Oliver, a lecturer in English Literature at the University. The lecture was interesting and was not entirely confined to Classical Epics but included, besides the poetry of Homer and Vergil, an account of Milton's "Paradise Lost" and several amusing anecdotes from Anglo-Saxon epic writers. Our thanks go to Mr. Downer who conducted the party, and also to Miss Myerscough, who prepared an early lunch for us.

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

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#### (5) GEOGRAPHICAL TRIP TO INGLETON

During the Easter holidays, the select party of sixth form geographers, plus an "intruder" from the science section, enjoyed an interesting and instructive day's outing to the Ingleborough district. The object was primarily to study the unusual type of landscape forms in a limestone district.

After only having time for a cup of coffee in Lancaster, we reached the little old village of Ingleton at eleven thirty.

Without loitering, except for a few photographs to be taken while we were still in a presentable state, we started to walk down the Kingsdale Beck. On reaching the lonely "cabin in the hills" we ate our packed lunch in comfort.

After walking several miles, seeing many waterfalls and admiring the unusual scenery, we discovered that to reach the Whitescar cavern, our destination, we had either to cross the River Greta, or walk many miles to find a bridge. Certain adventurous people took off shoes and stockings and paddled across, but Miss Nicholson and the more refined members energetically walked down the Greta valley until they reached a rather ancient and unsteady bridge. They then joined the rest of the party, and we were all taken into Whitescar Cavern by the guide. We were greeted by the sound of rushing water, and everything was slimy, cold and slippery, the large stalactites and stalagmites having rather an overpowering and gloomy effect. We walked half a mile underground and were then most relieved to reach the sunshine again, after all kinds of threats from the male members of the party that the roof would collapse.

Not used to such strenuous activity, we reclined on the river bank, ate our tea, and recovered our equilibrium. Too soon it was time to start on the homeward journey, and when we finally reached Preston 'bus station we were all tired, but unanimously agreed that it had been well worth it.

Thank you! Miss Nicholson, for a very enjoyable outing.

J.T., U.VI (Cl.).

#### (6) THE VISIT OF THE BIOLOGY SECTION TO MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

On our arrival at Manchester University on Friday, November 16th, we were greeted by Professor H. Graham Cannon. He showed us many varied and interesting types of fish in his tanks, gave us some useful advice on keeping fish and showed us how to make an aerator for our own tanks. We left Professor Cannon and were escorted round the Natural History Museum. Walking behind the Curator, under skeletons of crocodiles, etc., we arrived at an evolutionary tree, depicting the changes in the shapes of skulls from monkeys down to man. This was a most topical subject for the L.VI, since we were dealing with classification and evolution in class.

After thanking the Curator (and may we here also thank Mr. Speakman?), we returned to B.G.S. in time for Farington House Party.

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

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#### (7) L.VIth BIOLOGISTS VISIT MALHAM TARN, 29.5.52

We arrived in Malham about 11 a.m. and walked along the dried-up river bed, noticing its formation and were lucky enough to discover a pot-hole. We then made our way back across the top of the canyon and ate our packed lunch.

After Mr. Speakman's short siesta, we donned Wellingtons, and proceeded to the tarn where, at different depths of water, we collected the many animals inhabiting that particular region, later identifying them.

We then drove up to the Tarn House where we were met by Mr. Holmes, the Warden. He kindly showed us round the Field Centre and gave us permission to go over the peat bog. With great excitement we found two rare flowers, Sundew—*Drosera rotundifolia*—and butterwort—*Pinguicula vulgaris*—and we also collected many of the commoner limestone flora for later identification.

We made our way back to the Tarn—stopping only once, to rescue one unfortunate member from the bog—and from there made our way home to Preston, after an interesting and instructive day. We look forward to many similarly interesting expeditions.

E.J.F. (Cl.), P.J. (F.), U.VI.

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#### (8) U.VIth BIOLOGISTS VISIT EVANS MEDICAL SUPPLIES LTD.

Mr. Merrick, the Public Relations Officer of the Evans Medical Supplies Ltd., kindly invited us to look round their Speke factory on Thursday, December 4th.

On arrival in Speke we were directed to the lecture-room, and on our way there were amused to find that all the streets in the factory grounds had a scientific nomenclature—Biology Avenue, Physics Road and Chemistry Crescent. We were met in the lecture-room by Mr. Merrick, who gave us an excellent talk on how the factory was run, the way in which it was mechanised and what processes were taking place. He also showed us a display cabinet which had just come back from a London exhibition and which showed the efficacy of such antibiotics as Penicillin, Streptomycin and Chloramphenicol (the very latest discovery) in combating various bacterial diseases. We were then introduced to Mr. Jones, a departmental manager, who took us on the actual tour of the works.

We saw how ampoules were filled with drugs and then sealed, under completely sterile conditions; how powdered chemicals were weighed and packed and how liquids were bottled. The mechanisation was, to us, the most outstanding feature of this ultra-modern factory since it gave us real insight into modern industry. From any part of this vast concern any drug could be directly transported to its particular packing-room on pre-selector overhead conveyors, slat conveyors at ground level and other conveyors at different heights.



The Speke factory which we visited is the distribution centre of the firm so that we did not actually see the manufacturing of any of the chemicals but saw their bottling, packing and despatch and we hope to see the other processes when we visit other branches of this combine.

Our thanks go to Mr. Merrick and Mr. Jones for their kindness and to Mr. Speakman for arranging the excursion.

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

#### (9) VISIT OF THE UPPER SIXTH TO MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

The annual visit of the Upper Sixth to Manchester University took place this year on Wednesday, May 7th. Mr. Speakman organised the outing, and on arrival at the University our party was divided into two sections.

The science section attended a lecture on geology, illustrated by many lantern slides, among which were some excellent photographs of Greenland scenery. We were given some very interesting information about the rock formation and physical features of this beautiful country.

The Senior Maths. students were then shown the mechanical brain in operation, while the remainder of the science section went on to the University Museum, where a very profitable half-hour was spent.

Meanwhile the Arts section attended a lecture on "Religion in Ancient Egypt," and were shown some very interesting slides, including scenes from the famous "Book of Life."

Afterwards we were taken on a tour of parts of the University, visiting the Gymnasium, where we were interested in a Judo class which was taking place, and the Swimming Bath, where we watched the University's star high diver practising for the "inter-varsity" swimming gala, which was held on the following Saturday. From here we went on to the New Arts Library, where we were allowed to wander for about half an hour. We saw, among other things, very beautiful hand-written volumes of the Bible.

At four-thirty, tea was served for us in the refectory, and this was a very agreeable ending to an interesting and instructive afternoon, for which we would like to thank Mr. Speakman.

B.W. (W.), G.H. (Cu.), U.VI.

#### (10) SIXTH FORM CLASSICAL CONFERENCE AT THE ELLIS LLWYD JONES HALL, MANCHESTER

Vera Wilson and I, who represented the school this year at the Conference, arrived at the Hall prepared for some interesting and informative lectures. We were greeted on our arrival by Professor Semple, the Head of the Classics Department, and, in the Common Room, were introduced to fifty other boys and girls. After dinner we had our first lecture, on 'Athenian Democracy.' This dealt with the way in which the democratic constitution of Athens worked in the time of Pericles. On the following morning we had two lectures. The first was on 'Doctors and Patients,' the second on 'Roman Drama.' The former contained an interesting account of the diseases that were common in Rome and the strange means by which the Romans tried to cure them, while the latter dealt with the production of the comedies of Plautus and Terence.

In the afternoon we examined some Ancient Greek vases in the Manchester Museum and were shown how we could find out the age of pottery. Later in the Museum there was a lecture on the method of town planning in early Greece. Then we returned to the Hall for tea and a social, while, in another room, there was a Greek and Latin reading competition.

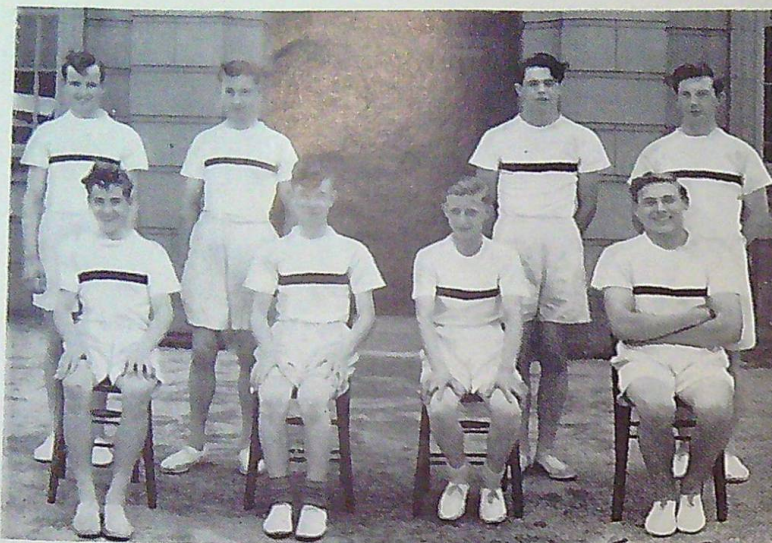


SCHOOL CRICKET XI, 1952  
Back row : (left to right) Parkington, B. W., (Scorer), Pritchard, H. D., Walton, R., Walsh, J., Wright, P. R., Pilkington, J. A.  
Front row : (left to right) Turner, P. J., Ackers, B. H., Taylor, K., Manchester, L., Mather, K., Kevill, D. N.



SCHOOL HOCKEY XI, 1951-52  
Back row : (left to right) J. M. Whittle, B. M. Mitchell, J. M. Brooks, V. Kite, B. Ward, M. Dawber.  
Front row : (left to right) M. D. Jenkinson, I. P. Gardner, E. Holden, K. Blundell, B. Kenyon.





SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY VIII, 1952

Back row: (left to right) Moore, A. H., Kelsall, D., Barnes, B., Kelsall, K.  
Front row: (left to right) Lucas, J., Forrest, B. W., Owen, D., Hurst, D.



SCHOOL RUGGER XV, 1951-52

Back row: (left to right) Mr. Morgan, Livesey, F., Ackers, B. H., Sanderson, G. O., Taylor, K., Charles, K., Hurst, D., Harrison, F., Topping, G.  
Front row: (left to right) Bamford, M. H., Moore, A. H., Proffitt, P., Manchester, L., Mather, K., Smith, K. R., Walsh, J.

On Sunday morning, after a short service in the Hall, we had our last two lectures; the first was on 'Greek Science' and in it the lecturer listed and described the early scientific inventions of the Greeks, and mentioned the philosophical ideas of the time, since as yet philosophy and science came under one heading. The last lecture of all concerned Roman methods of transport.

After tea on Sunday afternoon we dispersed to our various destinations, pleased that we had made many new friends and had had a very interesting preview of University life.  
L.S., U.VI (W.).

#### (11) THE VISIT OF THE BIOLOGY SECTION OF THE SIXTH FORM TO AINSDALE

On Friday, March 28th, 1952, the Biology section of the Sixth Form visited Ainsdale.

We explored the sand-dunes, and, working inwards from the sea, we studied the strand zone, the outer, yellow dunes, semi-white dunes, fixed grey dunes and lastly the conifers, which served as a protection from the winds.

We collected various specimens of flora and fauna, including Marram grass, lime grass, moths and butterflies. Other fauna included the Natterjack toad (a female) and several species of beetles.

After a very interesting but rather tiring expedition, we returned to our starting-point in readiness for the journey back home.

D.W.H. (Cu.) and M.H.B. (F.), U.VI.

## THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS MAY 3rd, 1952.

The Sports began under a threatening sky. Very soon, rain was falling and it, eventually, became so heavy that the programme was interrupted for half-an-hour. The High Jumps had to be abandoned but after considerable juggling with the time-table, all the other events were completed.

In the final reckoning, Farington proved to be worthy winners, of both the House Championship Cup and the Relay Cup, successes doubly welcome in view of the rather lean spell which Farington have suffered in recent years.

As expected, Smith, K.R. (Cl.), had little difficulty in becoming Victor Ludorum again. It was a remarkable performance, in which he broke the Long Jump record and was only just outside record time in the 100 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards. There was a new Victrix Ludorum, M. Beardwood (W.), who owed her success to fine efforts in the 100 yards and the 75 yards Hurdles.

The Junior (Under 15) individual championships were carried off by M. Bamber (F.), and Hall, A. E. (F.), both giving consistently good performances in a wide range of events.

Five records were broken—the Hitting the Hockey Ball (Open) by K. Moss (F.), the Long Jump (Open) by Smith, K. R. (Cl.), the 100 yards Hurdles (Open) by Proffitt, P. (W.), the 440 yards (Under 15) by Hall, A. E. (F.), and the House Relay, Girls (Under 15) by Worden.

At the close of the day, Mrs. F. Ley graciously presented the prizes and certificates.

J.B.



## SPEECH DAY, 1951

Speech Day was held on Monday, December 17th, in the School Hall, and Professor Ross D. Waller, M.B.E., M.A., kindly consented to distribute the prizes. The chair was taken by Mr. Redman, Chairman of the Governors of the School.

The School Choir sang three songs: "At Early Dawn," by John Ireland, "The Snow," by Edward Elgar, and "A Christmas Carol," by Carl Reinecke. Mr. Oldland then gave his address in which he reviewed the School's successes in the academic and games fields during the last year. He emphasised the importance of the sixth form work, asking parents to encourage the various interests of their children.

The Chairman next introduced Professor Waller, who spoke of the great problems of youth in this "puzzling and menacing world," and offered two pieces of advice; firstly, never to lose courage, and secondly, always to keep fit. He also stressed that unless education is for citizenship and leadership, it is useless, and that leadership must come from schools such as Balshaw's.

A vote of thanks to Professor Waller was proposed by Mr. J. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. J. Jackson, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. A. Parkinson and seconded by Mr. J. Hunt.

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

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

## SCHOOL SOCIETIES

### THE ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

This year, the Arts and Crafts Society was again a hive of activity and we had no difficulty in obtaining material. As usual many attractive presents were made in time for Christmas, but the enthusiasm of the members did not decrease as the year progressed. Basket work of all kinds again proved very popular, and several members successfully attempted lampshades, book binding, Barbola work, wall plaques of everlasting flowers and leathercraft.

J.M.S., U.VI (Cu.).

### THE DANCING SOCIETY

Again we enjoyed a varied programme of dancing, which included modern and old-time ballroom dancing, English and Scottish Folk Dances, and, later in the year, the increasingly popular American Square Dances. Several members took their turn in demonstrating and teaching a dance of their own choice, and we are grateful to Eileen Hughes for the loan of suitable records.

The Thursday group still flourishes, and has proved a most popular and successful weekly event since square-dancing was introduced. Girls and boys of all ages have learned to "Honour," "Swing" and "Do-si-do" their partners and corners with the greatest of vigour and zest, if not always with the best of style!

C.I.P.

### DRAMATIC SOCIETY

During the first two terms, all meetings were devoted to rehearsals of this year's School Play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Those members of the Society who were not actually performing are to be congratulated on being a well-behaved and helpful audience throughout—no small contribution this, when one recalls the repetitive nature of play-rehearsing.

For our reading during those few sessions which were held in the Summer Term, we chose (somewhat at random) A. J. Cronin's "Jupiter Laughs." Jupiter and the author would probably have laughed at some of our interpretations—we certainly did!

W.J.D.

### THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS SOCIETY

Many of us have received correspondents in different parts of the world. The countries to which some of us write are France, Switzerland, America, Australia, Canada, South Africa and Italy. Our correspondents from these countries tell us many interesting things about their countries and home life, and, individually, we are able to prepare and give some very satisfactory lectures. These talks have been appreciated by everyone. Several picture post-cards have been in circulation during some of the meetings, thus helping to illustrate the lectures. Consequently we have spent a very instructive and entertaining year.

S.R., V.C (F.).

### LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

L'année dernière, nous avons eu une année très intéressante. Quelques élèves nous ont parlé de leurs vacances en France. Quelquefois, nous avons joué des jeux, par exemple "Vingt Questions."

Nous avons eu aussi, une exposition de choses françaises.

F.W., V.C (F.).

### THE GARDENING SOCIETY

The usual modest successes were obtained by members of the Gardening Society—where should we be without our radishes and spring onions?—during the course of the year. Sometimes one is inclined to think that our Society is strongest on what might be termed the philosophical side of gardening: we can dream away an hour on a summer afternoon as well as any we know.

J.H.L.

### GYMNASTIC SOCIETY

Most of last year's members remained faithful, turning up for further strenuous activity. Our programme followed the usual pattern: plenty of apparatus work and games in the "gym" combined with excursions outdoors for Athletic training or Cricket nets. On the basis of this arrangement, we spent most of the Spring term indoors and all the Summer term "in the sun."

J.B.

### HOBBIES SOCIETY

There has been much activity in this Society during the past year and several new ventures have been initiated. One of these takes the form of a small hand loom, and in the somewhat uncertain future odd members of the group may possibly appear in ties and suitings which will put Joseph's Coat in the shade.

In other fields, a casual passer-by might have been excused for hurrying by, under the impression that a swarm of outsize bees was being raised in the Handicraft room. In actual fact, the cause would have been nothing more alarming than one more aero engine being tried out on the test bed.

In general, the scope has been widened somewhat this year and model galleons, model railway accessories and ships in bottles have been attempted, but members are urged to branch out still further, and experiment in other fields, of which there are many.

H.H.

### JUNIOR ARTS AND CRAFTS

This society mainly caters for third formers, and many useful articles were made during the year. Cane trays were tried successfully and even one or two baskets eventually showed signs of being able to hold the weekly rations. Leather was punched and thonged into some amazing shapes which we were assured would act as handbags, pencil cases, wallets, purses, etc. A model village was planned towards the end of the summer term, when ideas for making things were running short. All ideas were merged into a composite plan, but unfortunately examinations prevented us from going any further with it than the blue-print stage.

M.J.C.

### THE JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

During the past year, our society has enthusiastically read many short plays, including "The Stolen Prince"—a Chinese play, in which each member took part. It was hoped to present it before the school but unfortunately the Hall was not available when required. Much hard work was put in by members, and we hope to continue this in successive years, under the guiding influence of Miss Milroy.

V.A.W., IV.A (W.).



## JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We began the session with "spontaneous dramatics." Having decided on the story, characters and incidents, the players made up the dialogue as they went along. "The Burghers of Calais" was particularly successful, the six captives being led in, with halters (school ties) round their necks, with obvious relish by their guards. Carefoot, as the king, had real eloquence. A spell of play-reading, parts of "St. Joan" and "Richard of Bordeaux" was less successful.

The society then split up into groups to deal with different topics, farming through the ages, the motor car, the aeroplane, ships, etc., and lectures were given with an embarrassment of visual aids. Some of the best of these group projects were also presented in book form.

The session ended with an art Competition which was won by Greenwood D., with an effective water colour sketch of "The Laughing Cavalier."

C.S.H.

## THE JUNIOR LITERARY SOCIETY

Last year in the Literary Society proved very interesting and many more books were discussed. Among them was "Jessica's First Prayer," which was very interesting and which I have since been able to read at full length through the society. Besides these discussions we spent a great deal of time in the private reading of many books which we borrowed from our friends or from Public Libraries.

J.B., II.A (F.).

## JUNIOR MUSICAL SOCIETY

In the Junior Musical Society we have listened to parts of operas such as "Your Tiny Hand is Frozen," from the opera "La Bohème," and the Barcarolle from the "Tales of Hoffmann." Also we have enjoyed listening to stories such as "Peter and the Wolf" and "The Tuba." We are grateful to Mr. Black and Mr. Wilkinson for arranging outings to the Public Hall in Preston to hear lovely music played by the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and the Hallé Orchestra.

M.W. (F.) and J.B. (Cl.), II.B.

## JUNIOR PLAY READING SOCIETY

The Rendezvous at 3-15 on Fridays with certain members of Forms I and II continues. New faces each year, but, alas, the same text books. This, however, does not affect the members of the Society, who have, as it were, a yearly contract only.

The enthusiasm of all is marked, especially of those small boys who have obviously only "looked in" on the way out, for they come fully dressed for home, scarves, top-coats, gloves and all; nor at 3.55, when the whistle blows, is there any lingering, longing, last farewell. They go, and stay not upon the order of their going!

M.A.R.

## THE KNITTING SOCIETY

The knitting society consists mainly of enthusiastic knitters of the fourth forms. Various garments have been made this year, such as cardigans, gloves, scarves and jumpers. We hope to enter some of these in an exhibition at the end of the term. The knitting session on Friday afternoon is enjoyed by all of us, and here one discovers various patterns for further use. Miss Nicholson is very obliging, when one wishes for advice.

The society has had a very successful year, and we are sure many new members will join us next September.

B.M. (F.) and N.I. (Cl.), IV.C.

## MUSIC SOCIETY

During the year the members of the Society, together with many other Balshavians, visited ten concerts in all. Four concerts were given by the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, four by the Hallé Orchestra and two concerts were by local artists.

The Liverpool Philharmonic Society now allow school children in for 1/9. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that this provides an excellent opportunity for people at school to become well acquainted with the great orchestral works. Any pupil who goes regularly to such concerts should have an enormous repertoire of classical works during the course of his or her school career.

The highest number of pupils at a single concert was 110. This is, of course, an excellent response, and the number of Balshavians at Preston concerts easily outnumbers the combined attendance from other schools.

Among the works performed by the Liverpool Orchestra, my most vivid memories are Malczynski's playing of Brahms's First Concerto, and Paul Kletzki's conducting of Brahms's First Symphony. Other works were Schubert's Unfinished Symphony, Tchaikowsky's Violin Concerto and First Piano Concerto, Three Overtures (Hebrides, Coriolanus and Euryanthe), Bizet's L'Arlesienne and Debussy's L'Après midi d'un Faune.

We must not, of course, forget the good work done by local choral and orchestral Societies. Many pupils now at school will remember such well-known works as Elijah, The Creation, Samson, Messiah and (this Term) Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise.

Most of our time in the Music Society has been spent preparing for the above concerts, but some time has been found to deal with some operatic works.

B.L.W.

## THE METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

The records were incomplete and the total rainfall for the year can only be approximated at 37 inches. A notable feature of the temperature recordings is that the highest temperature was registered in May (90° F.), while at the other end of the scale, 16 degrees of frost were registered during the weekend January 25th-27th. The members of the society were also fully occupied in recording wind direction and the approximate wind speeds, using the Beaufort Wind System, in addition to Relative Humidity readings. Various members carried out their own book research in order to give short lectures on the various weather phenomena.

F.B., IV.C (Cl.).

## NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY, 1951-52

The members of this society were mainly from the Upper and Lower Sixths, and used the time for doing extra practical work in Biology. Both Tropical and Marine water aquaria were attempted. The rabbits continue with their high fecundity.

T.S.

## NEEDLEWORK SOCIETY

Once again the Senior Needlework Society proved a great success—the enthusiastic members producing such garments as dresses, skirts, blouses and intricately embroidered articles of all descriptions. Under Miss Ball's supervision, many of the costumes for the School Play and House colours were duly completed.

The junior section of the Society met in III.C room, where embroidery was very popular.

Perhaps next year we shall be able to use the new hand-sewing machine for making garments.

M.W., U.VI (Cu.), J.T., U.VI (Cl.).

## RUGGER SOCIETY

Although all members of the Society were not always available, the Society was of considerable value, especially at the beginning of the season, when the rules were studied and tactical discussions held. The Rugby Football Union training film was also shown, and much was learned from it.

D.S.M.

## THE SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY

The members of the Society had a very enjoyable and instructive year. We learnt many details of the life and pursuits of the Scandinavian communities. Mr. Madsen also told us of the life in his Danish school at Aarhus. Some members of the Society gave interesting lectures on the various places in Denmark and the neighbouring countries, and, during the year, we compiled a scrap-book on Scandinavia which Mr. Madsen gave to the school library when he left, last summer. Many thanks to Mr. Madsen for his most enlightening instruction.

B.D.B., U.VI (F.).



## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

This year our activities have included quizzes, talks and demonstrations in the laboratory. The demonstrations proved to be most popular and included experiments on the induction coil, effects of electric current, colour and spectra, and experiments demonstrating atmospheric pressure. A few members compiled "History of Science" notebooks in which they recorded the names and achievements of great men of science through the ages.

W.R.

## TOPICAL SUBJECTS SOCIETY

Throughout the year, topics of general interest were discussed.

W.G.W.

## THE CHOIR

Speech Day is once again over, and the school choir sang well in their set pieces "The Dance" by Elgar, "To Daffodils" by Thiman, "A Christmas Carol" by Horrocks and "A Song of Fairies" by Gustav Holst. The latter was sung very effectively as an unaccompanied trio.

The Carol Choir also gave a good account of themselves at the Carol Service, aided this year by four senior boys from V.A, who added a bass part to many carols—a welcome addition. Their moment of triumph, however, was at the party in the evening, when their performance of the "Beaux Gendarmes" by Offenbach literally brought the house to its feet.

Mention must be made also of the delightful singing of Della Clarke. My thanks to both choirs for their loyal support at rehearsals, to Miss Rahill and Mr. Wilkinson for their help at the very successful party and to Gwyneth Hall for her able leadership.

G.B.

## THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

We have little to record in our annals for this year, either for praise or blame. All has proceeded in an unruffled routine. Rather more than a hundred books have been added to the shelves—but this too is a regular feature each year.

We are very grateful to the County Library for increasing their normal annual loan by a further box of fifty books. This new supply is almost entirely fiction and has proved very popular.

A new system for recording books borrowed is being initiated experimentally in the History Section. It is possible that the method will be extended to other sections.

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## RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1951-52

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	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
1st XV	16	10	2	4	274	95
2nd XV and Colts XV	14	5	3	6	169	112
Bantam XV and Chicks XV	11	7	0	4	119	69

## 1st XV MATCHES

Sept. 22nd	v. Ormskirk G.S.	Home	Won	44-3
" 29th	v. Wigan G.S.	Away	Won	14-12
Oct. 6th	v. Kirkham G.S.	Home	Won	11-3
" 13th	v. Hutton G.S.	Away	Won	39-6
" 20th	v. Morecambe G.S.	Away	Drawn	3-3
" 24th	v. Stonyhurst Sch. 2nd XV	Away	Won	18-3
" 27th	v. Newton-le-Willows G.S.	Away	Won	8-6
Nov. 10th	v. Sedbergh Sch. 3rd XV	Home	Won	23-6
" 14th	v. Stonyhurst Sch. 2nd XV	Home	Won	29-3
" 17th	v. Blackpool G.S.	Home	Lost	8-12
" 21st	v. Rossall Sch. 2nd XV	Home	Won	29-0
Dec. 1st	v. Arnold Sch.	Home	Won	26-0
" 15th	v. Upholland G.S.	Away	Drawn	6-6
Jan. 12th	v. Wigan G.S.	Home	Lost	11-12
" 19th	v. Blackpool G.S.	Away	Lost	5-9
Feb. 27th	v. Hutton G.S.	Home	Lost	0-11

This was undoubtedly the School's most successful Rugger Season since the war and it was pleasing to see that all XV's concentrated sufficiently on attack to score more points than they yielded. Several new fixtures were arranged for all teams, which gave promise of good games in seasons to come.

The 1st XV lived up to expectations and proved to be well above our normal standards. The forwards blended together much better than seemed possible at the beginning of the season, although the heavier grounds of the Easter term found weaknesses in their play that the liveliness and speed of the backs covered up while the grounds were fairly dry. The penetrative power of these latter, especially in the centre, was wholly admirable, although there were occasions when the finishing fell badly below the standard of the rest of the play. The defence proved adequate in most games, although the desire to turn defence into attack led to many scarifying situations on our own line. It was particularly pleasing to note that even in their weaker performances the side always attempted to play good Rugger and vary its tactics.

The opening match of the season v. Ormskirk was unexpectedly one-sided and the school backs gained some valuable experience whilst over-running their opponents. The second fixture, at Wigan, was a much closer affair, the backs being handicapped by a wet, greasy ball, and the forwards having their work cut out to hold very lively opponents. Kirkham also provided strong opposition in the forwards but their backs were slow and hesitant and the score was a fair reflection of the run of the play. Against Hutton the forwards gave one of their liveliest displays and the backs joined wholeheartedly in the fun, one beautifully-timed scissors by Mather and Smith being particularly notable. The match against Stonyhurst 2nd XV followed what was by now a familiar pattern, the forwards playing well enough to give the backs sufficient chances to show their superiority.

The first of the new fixtures followed, versus Newton-le-Willows. This was a somewhat scrappy affair with the School somehow unable to take advantage of their superior skill and speed. Two home fixtures, against Sedbergh 3rd XV and Stonyhurst 2nd XV, followed, and both were won by a comfortable margin, thanks to good combined play. The next fixture against Blackpool proved to be very much a needle match, as both teams were, up to then, undefeated. The game was a hard, not unskilful, one, with both sides exerting strong pressure in turn. Blackpool ran out the winners, thanks to defensive errors by our backs, but the result was in doubt to the end. The better team on the day just won, but our forwards were to be congratulated on what was probably their best game so far. Rossall 2nd XV were decisively defeated, as were Arnold. This second game was a rather merry affair due to the fact that Arnold attempted, by rather over-vigorous forward play to drag the School XV down to their level. In the second half the School settled down to play good Rugger and quickly piled up a winning score. The last fixture of the Christmas Term was a good, level, entertaining match with Upholland. The draw here was probably a fair reflection of the play, although Upholland did score two tries to our two penalty goals.

The Easter Term was an anti-climax, as only 3 games could be played. Wigan gained a well-merited revenge and Blackpool once again proved too good. The final game, against Hutton, was also lost, mainly due to the forwards' inability to hold a greatly improved Hutton pack.



## SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITIONS

In the first of these, at the Fylde R.U.F.C. on Wednesday, March 26th, the school seven was very convincingly beaten by Upholland G.S. by 11-0 in the second round, after a somewhat consoling win by 8pts. to 3 over Blackpool in the first. Unfortunately Smith was injured in the closing minutes of the Upholland Game and was not available for the Manchester University sevens on April 5th. Here again we made our exit in the second round, after defeating Stockport G.S. by 5pts. to nil in the first, losing by 3pts. to 6 to a strongly-fancied Wade Deacon G.S. team in a very closely-contested match.

## 1st XV CHARACTERS

**Full Back :** HARRISON, F. Has maintained last season's improvement—a sound kick and an excellent tackle, he positions himself well and is always willing to link up with his threes in attack.

**Right Wing :** MANCHESTER, L. (Captain). Goes quite hard but has still not learned to beat his man except by determination. Must learn to get up more quickly in defence on to a faster opponent.

**Right Centre :** MATHER, K. Still very difficult to stop and he has now discovered the art of retaining contact with his own team. His defence is first rate, apart from a tendency to over-elaboration on his own line. One of the most improved players in the team.

**Left Centre :** SMITH, K. A glorious runner with ideal balance and speed ; he must have more confidence in himself to exploit the openings he has made. A very fine place kick, but he must pay a little attention to his tackling.

**Left Wing :** CHARLES, K. Has performed adequately in all games and very well in some. He must, however, improve his throwing in from touch.

**Stand-off Half :** HURST, D. W. His defence is first rate and his falling on the ball a lesson to many. He needs, however, to try and get his threequarters on the move a little more smoothly, and if he is going through himself must go without hesitation.

**Scrum Half :** WALSH, J. Has improved his passing and general play, although he still needs to speed up his reactions at the base of the scrum.

**Front Row :** TAYLOR, K. Has improved considerably and his scrummaging is good. If he could reproduce his best form consistently he would be very good indeed.

**Hooker :** ACKERS, B. Has hooked well and has done many extremely useful things in the loose, especially in covering the backs in defence, but his value to the side will be enhanced if he will go more into the loose mauls, and not leave seven forwards to play eight.

**Front Row :** SANDERSON, G. A good, sound, solid forward who has done his full share of the unspectacular tackling and pushing in the mauls and scrummages.

**Second Row :** LIVESEY, F. Has played consistently up to his best form, but is a little handicapped by lack of speed.

**Second Row :** TOPPING, G. One of the few members of the XV who had not previously played for the 1st XV, he has fully justified his place. He is sound, rather than brilliant, and needs to instil more fire into his play.

**Wing Forward :** MOORE, A. A really good forward, he has fully maintained last season's form in most matches. If he sticks to the game he ought to go a long way.

**Lock Forward :** PROFFITT, P. Fast and lively, he has often turned defence into attack by a sudden break through. He has led the forwards and worked hard to blend them into a pack.

**Wing Forward :** BAMFORD, M. H. A very consistent forward, he has most effectively closed the front of the line out and the blind side of the scrum. He is never far from the ball and his tackling is greatly improved.

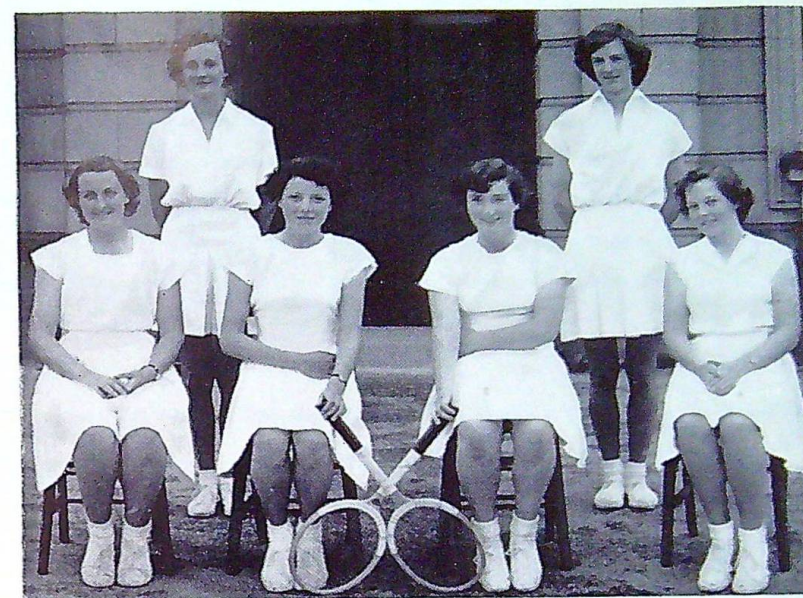
HARRISON, G., and ROBINSON, P., have played several times with distinction and SMALLEY, GREEN and MARSDEN also were called upon.

During the Christmas Holidays Smith, Mather, Moore, Ackers and Harrison, F., played for Preston Grasshoppers Schools XV versus Fylde Schools. The first four also played versus Waterloo Schools, and Manchester, who was reserve for Preston, turned out for Waterloo. A series of trial games to select a County Schools XV were played and Smith, Mather and Moore played for Mid-Lancashire v. N. West Lancashire at Morecambe on Jan. 4th. From this game Smith and Mather were selected to play for North Lancs. v. South Lancs. in the final trial, Moore being selected as reserve forward. As a result of this final trial Smith was selected to play for the Lancashire County Schools XV versus Cheshire Schools at Waterloo on Jan. 12th—a well-merited honour. The standard of play in all these games was very high, and it is to be hoped that in future even more members of the school will participate, both as players and spectators.

D.S.M.

## COLTS and 2nd XV

Again this season, this team has suffered from lack of weight in many games, but, except for the match against Kirkham 2nd XV, they have given their opponents a very hard struggle before finally losing. It seems rather invidious to pick out anybody for special mention, but of all those who have played at various times I feel that Sharples deserves commendation, not so much for the tries he has scored, but for the confidence he appears to give to the rest of the team when he plays. Also, congratulations to those players who were



SCHOOL TENNIS VI, 1952

Back row : (left to right) J. M. Brooks, P. M. Semple.

Front row : (left to right) J. Walmsley, E. Holden, I. P. Gardner, M. E. Hull.



SCHOOL ROUNDERS IX, 1952

Back row : (left to right) K. Hosker, J. M. Brooks, P. M. Semple, J. Waddington, K. Blundell.

Front row : (left to right) M. M. Maidment, S. L. Martland, V. Kite, B. Kenyon.



Bantams only last season—Roberts, Hall, Green, Marsden—always they have played against people much bigger and older than themselves, but they have never shirked their job. In most matches, the forwards have had to bear the brunt of the work, and in most cases they have played well as a pack, which is the essential basis for success. Their finest half hour was the second half of the game against Blackpool Colts when they took complete control and pinned their opponents on their own try-line.

Smalley has been the most unlucky kicker this term—in practically every match the ball has hit the goalposts and bounced outside at least once. Better luck in future!

In conclusion, I know that I speak for all playing and all those interested in Rugger in the school, when I say how sorry we are to lose Harrison, who has now played his last game for the school team—and made a great success of it by scoring his first try of the season. At various times he has been the safest of full-backs, a grand three-quarter and a hard-working forward, and never has he failed to do his part well, even when playing with the 1st XV.

J.R.

## BANTAMS

A greatly improved playing record, this season, reflects much more determined all-round play and, particularly, more effective team work.

The forwards have played their part well, at all times, and the backs, whilst sometimes hesitant in defence, have shown speed and thrust in attack.

A good performance. Keep it up.

J.B.

## RUGGER KNOCK-OUTS

In the first round Clayton defeated Worden by 25pts. to 0 and Cuerden defeated Farington by 29pts. to 0. The final was won by Cuerden by 17pts. to 13.

## RUGGER LEAGUES 1951-2

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

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## CROSS COUNTRY, 1952

A fixture list of seven matches in six weeks confronted us at the outset of the season, at a time when the school is busy with other activities. Each fixture was run as arranged, however, though at times, finding a team was very difficult. A. Moore, the captain, was unable, through illness, to run in all but one of the matches—a blow to our hopes—but we found a capable substitute in Owen, who ran well throughout.

Although we had only one victory, the points margin in the other matches was very narrow. Our strongest opponents were Kirkham, who defeated us by 66 points to 27.

The Inter-house matches provided good finishes in both the Senior and Junior events. A. Moore and Owen fighting it out at the end of the Senior. Moore won by a matter of yards in the time of 22mins. 38secs., with Owen second and Hurst third. Gynes was first home in the Junior event recording the excellent time of 14mins. 30secs. Smith, R., and Hurst were 2nd and 3rd respectively. The cup went to Cuerden. The points were as follows:—

1.—Cuerden	23pts.
2.—Farington	20pts.
3.—Clayton	16.9pts.
4.—Worden	14.5pts.

Colours were awarded to Owen and re-awarded to Moore. All worked hard throughout the season, in particular Owen, Hurst and the two Kelsalls.

G.B.



## CRICKET, 1952

The first XI started the season, in convincing fashion, by defeating Ormskirk and Preston, the earlier success being due to excellent batting by Taylor and the other to keen bowling by Turner and Taylor. The manner in which these victories were gained held out the promise of a very successful season. Whilst that promise was not entirely fulfilled, the record, on the whole, was quite satisfactory. A feature was the large number of drawn games, in the majority of which, it can be fairly claimed, School had the better of the exchanges. Games in this category were those against Rivington, Hutton, Blackburn, the Staff and the Clergy. The drawn game in which we were very fortunate was that at Arnold, when the later batsmen, particularly Kevill, defied a fast attack, on a dangerous pitch, for an hour.

In the games lost, we were soundly beaten, except in the Wigan match, when dropped catches and failure to use the feet against spin bowling, gave our opponents victory when they were almost resigned to defeat.

The team depended far too much on Taylor when runs were needed but the responsibility did not affect him, for he rarely failed. Much more consistency in the early batting was a vital problem. This was particularly so in the case of the opening partnership and little hope of a solution was forthcoming, until Walmsley came into the team, very late in the season.

The bowling was adequate, rather lacking in variety and sustained hostility on many occasions, but at other times, dismissing opponents cheaply by a keen and well-directed attack.

Fielding, that very important but often neglected branch of the game, was patchy, sometimes good and sometimes slipshod. Opponents must be made to fight for every run, at all times.

A final word to those players who did not find their real form—learn by your mistakes and keep trying.

## CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI

**MANCHESTER (Capt.).** Never spared himself in his efforts to get the best out of the team. Batted very well and again set a fine example in the field.

**TAYLOR.** An excellent batsman, punishing in attack and watchful in defence, scoring many more runs than any other member of the team. Also bowled well when not tired by his scoring efforts.

**ACKERS.** Had a disappointing season, completely lacking in confidence.

**TURNER.** Took more wickets than anyone else, with his well-flighted off breaks. His batting was more problematical, showing a strange mixture of great determination at one time and feeble defence at another.

**KEVILL.** A lefthanded batsman who gave a wonderful performance at Arnold. The defensive powers he showed on that occasion allied to the undoubted hitting ability he possesses, would make him the ideal "No. 6."

**PRITCHARD.** A rather flashy batsman whose defence was suspect. When things were going well, however, could force the pace very strongly and bat most attractively. Rather slow in the field.

**MATHER.** Has the right aggressive attitude. Took over the wicket-keeping duties early in the season and performed them very well indeed, claiming a number of very smart stumpings and giving very little away in the matter of byes.

**PILKINGTON.** A right arm fast-medium bowler who made the ball swing dangerously. At times, was the most threatening bowler in the team, attacking the stumps with a fine persistence. Also batted quite usefully.

**WALSH.** A fast bowler who, sometimes, looked very dangerous and at other times, innocuous. Whilst not scoring freely with the bat, proved well able to hold his end up when necessary. Fielded very well.

**WRIGHT.** Often got wickets after the more regular bowlers had tried and failed. Should be even more effective next year.

**WALTON.** Tried hard to make runs but they would not come. Next year his luck *must* change. To help that process, should think about making full use of his abnormal reach.

**WALMSLEY.** A young left-handed batsman who came into the side late in the year and showed that runs could be made by opening batsmen with the right technique and temperament. Should make the position his own next year.

J.B.

## COLTS XI

Although only two matches were won, against four lost, the Colts XI had by no means an unsatisfactory season. They were unlucky in being rained off against Hutton, when in a winning position.

Hoole, Greenall and Hardwick all did quite well at batting. Hardwick shows signs of being a useful opening bat, and Greenall is not afraid to attack the bowling. A weakness of many of the team is slowness in the use of the feet, with consequent disaster.

Waring and Smith did the bulk of the bowling, Waring again heading the averages. They received support from Almond and Greenall.

In general, the fielding was fairly good: again a weakness was in slowness of anticipation and starting.

## RECORD OF 1st XI MATCHES

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
12	3	6	3

## KNOCK-OUTS

Cuerden won the final, rather easily, Clayton making them bat a second time, only for the sake of knocking off a few runs; a task accomplished in one over.

## LEAGUES

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

## HOCKEY, 1951-52

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	- Goals -	
					For	Against
1st XI	9	6	1	2	32	25
2nd XI	7	5	2	0	30	8
Jun. XI	2	2	0	0	15	1

## 1st XI MATCHES

Date	Opponent	Home	Result	Score
Sept. 22nd	v. Newton-le-Willows G.S.	Home	Won	2-0
" 29th	v. Ormskirk G.S.	Home	Lost	1-6
Oct. 6th	v. Preston Park School	Home	Won	3-2
" 13th	v. Wigan High School	Away	Won	9-0
" 27th	v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S.	Home	Drawn	3-3
" 17th	v. Chorley G.S.	Home	Won	3-0
Dec. 1st	v. St. Anne's College	Away	Won	6-3
" 15th	v. Preston Park School	Away	Won	4-2
Jan. 12th	v. Ormskirk G.S.	Away	Lost	1-9

We started the season with a comparatively new and inexperienced team, only four of last season's 1st XI remaining with us.

The first match, against Newton-le-Willows, was an encouraging start, but the team lacked the confidence and speed to withstand the attack of Ormskirk in the second match. Last season we were defeated by Ormskirk for the first time in many years; in this first meeting with our victors the school struggled grimly and anxiously, holding their opponents to a goal-less draw until half-time, but after the first break-through, the defence was thoroughly routed, and allowed Ormskirk to score five more goals.

In the following games, although we met with considerable success, there were one or two weak spots, and the players were not combining sufficiently to make the team look convincing as a whole. The forwards needed more tenacity when tackled, and passes were badly timed, while the defence were rather slow in recovery. Probably the best game of the season was the drawn match with Ashton-in-Makerfield on home ground, when both teams were in good form.

Unfortunately, the first match after Christmas was the only one of the Spring term, the remaining five fixtures being cancelled because of bad weather. Consequently, the team had no opportunities for improvement and missed the practice and match experience necessary for a good performance at the Annual Lancashire Schools Tournament in March. There were several very good individual performances, however, and although we never looked like reaching the Semi-final, our final position was an improvement on that of the previous tournament.

Although there were eight fixtures cancelled, and therefore some of the better games of the season missed, it must be remembered that the 1st XI suffered only two defeats, and achieved the creditable score of 32 goals in nine games.

## TEAM CRITICISMS

**Goalkeeper:** J. WHITTLE. A young and promising defender who has already developed a strong kick. Is alert and moves quickly, and with experience should gain the necessary confidence.

**Right Back:** B. WARD. Had a variable season. On occasions showed that she has the makings of a really good back, speedy to intercept and accurate in passing, but at other times was slow in recovery and



apparently overwhelmed by rushing tactics. Must have more confidence in her abilities and refuse to give up in a tussle.

*Left Back* : S. BAMBER. A very useful back who tackles with courage and efficiency and has improved rapidly with match experience.

*Right Half* : M. JENKINSON. Small but hard-working. A most tenacious and dependable half-back, always in position when needed.

*Centre Half* : E. HOLDEN (*Captain*). Plays a rather variable game, but at her best is very good, displaying excellent stickwork with a good turn of speed.

*Left Half* : A. PRITCHARD. Rather slow, but marks well and has a good, strong drive. Will be very useful if she can learn to recover from a tackle more quickly.

*Right Wing* : K. BLUNDELL. A reliable and speedy forward whose centre passes were strong and accurately timed.

*Right Inner* : J. BROOKS. Is quick on the ball and has good footwork, but needs more tenacity when tackled and should try to improve her dodging tactics.

*Centre Forward* : I. GARDNER. Quick, and has plenty of dash. Shooting rather inaccurate early in the season but improved sufficiently to score some excellent goals later.

*Left Inner* : V. KITE. Played some very good games and scored a good proportion of the goals. She rather lacks confidence in her own abilities, but if she can overcome this, will be a first-class forward.

*Left Wing* : B. KENYON. Tactics have improved rapidly during the season, and she invariably defeats her opponent and finishes with a good pass to the centre. If she fulfils her promise should be a most useful starter next season.

*Reserves* : B. MITCHELL and M. DAWBER were two useful half-backs who played on several occasions and were unlucky in not getting places in the 1st XI.

#### HOCKEY KNOCK-OUTS, 1951-52

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

#### HOUSE LEAGUES

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

### TENNIS, 1952

*Captain* : E. HOLDEN

This was a very successful season, the team only losing one match and that by the narrow margin of three games.

The standard of play was high, and there was a marked improvement in the net play.

Again, enjoyable matches were played against the Staff VI and the Old Girls VI. School was able to gain two more victories.

#### 1st Couple :

E. HOLDEN. A capable player with good style and a swift service. Drives strong, but inclined to be erratic. Must try to overcome the lack of staying power, which is sometimes apparent.

J. BROOKS. A good, steady player who places her shots well. Has some good long drives, and net play very promising. Must try to develop a swifter service next season.

#### 2nd Couple :

I. GARDNER. Full of dash and vigour. Net play good. Drives forceful, but rather wild. These will improve with practice.

M. HULL. Has a very good style, but must overcome the tendency to sacrifice points for style. Service good, and quick to seize every opportunity for net play.

#### 3rd Couple :

M. SEMPLE. A strong player, with a good eye for the ball. Places her shots well, and takes every opportunity to "kill" her opponent's shots at net.

J. WALMSLEY. A promising, but rather erratic, player. Serves and drives swift and strong, but tend to be wild. Should develop more accuracy with practice and experience.

#### RECORD OF THE 1st VI MATCHES

	Played	Won	Lost			
	9	8	1			
	1st VI MATCHES					
May 10th	v. Ashton-in-Makerfield	.....	.....	Away	Won	51-30
" 17th	v. Wigan High School	.....	.....	Home	Won	60-21
" 24th	v. St. Anne's College	.....	.....	Away	Won	66-15
" 28th	v. Ashton-in-Makerfield	.....	.....	Home	Won	47-34
June 13th	v. Wigan High School	.....	.....	Away	Cancelled	
" 21st	v. St. Anne's College	.....	.....	Home	Cancelled	
" 28th	v. Blackpool Collegiate	.....	.....	Home	Won	55-26
July 5th	v. Preston Park School	.....	.....	Away	Won	44-37
" 12th	v. Ormskirk Grammar School	.....	.....	Away	Lost	42-39
" 16th	v. The Staff	.....	.....	Home	Won	54-27
" 9th	v. B.G.S.O.G.	.....	.....	Home	Won	51-30

#### TENNIS KNOCK-OUTS, 1952

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

#### HOUSE LEAGUES

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

### ROUNDERS, 1952

The School 1st IX had only three fixtures this season, one of which was cancelled. These two games, however, were won with quite a comfortable margin, and it was disappointing that what appeared to be a better team than usual should not have more opportunities to prove its worth. The batting was good in the match with Chorley Grammar School, the School scoring 10 rounders to 2½, while in the annual game with the Staff IX some fine fielding and surprisingly good hitting brought victory to the School IX for the first time in many years, with the score 11 to 7.

*Bowler* : S. MARTLAND.

*Backstop* : B. KENYON.

*1st Base* : M. MAIDMENT.

*2nd Base* : K. BLUNDELL.

*3rd Base* : K. HOSKER.

*1st Deep* : J. WADDINGTON.

*2nd Deep* : J. BROOKS.

*3rd Deep* : V. KITE (*Capt.*).

*4th Deep* : M. SEMPLE.

#### ROUNDERS KNOCK-OUTS, 1952

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

#### HOUSE LEAGUES

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

Cuerden winners with highest score of rounders.

### HOUSE NOTES

#### CLAYTON HOUSE

*House Master* : Mr. A. J. Bull.

*House Mistress* : Miss A. Doherty.

*House Captains* : Smith, K. R.; J. Turner.

May we first extend a warm welcome to all new Claytonites, and hope that they will help to fill those shelves in IV.B, which have in the past held so many trophies but are now, unfortunately, empty? Also, our best wishes go forth to all members who have left us.

Looking back over the year, we view our attainments and disappointments, chiefly the latter.

On Sports Day we lost the House Championship to Farington, but we must congratulate Smith, who was again Victor Ludorum.



It is notable that none of the Knockouts and only the Cricket Leagues fell to our lot, and even the Silver Griffin, long coveted by Clayton, eluded our grasp.

We had, however, one success. Our house party maintained its usual high standard, the catering being in the capable hands of Miss Doherty, and the entertainment in those of Mr. Bull, assisted by many willing minions.

Finally may we urge all Claytonites on to greater effort, to regain our prestige, and go forward under our cry, "Press on Regardless."

#### CUERDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. R. A. Bennison.

House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell.

House Captains : Topping, G.; G. Hall.

We would like to welcome all the newcomers to Cuerden; we hope you will work hard for your house and gain your reward. To those who will be leaving us during this School year we give our thanks for all they have done, and our best wishes in their careers.

As usual the party was a great success, with the usual Cuerden 'spread', followed by a short entertainment and then games and dancing. I am sure that everyone would like to thank Miss Whewell and Mr. Bennison for their work in the preparation of this party.

At Speech Day we were amply represented, gaining the cups for rugby, cricket, hockey and tennis knockouts, and cross-country, and the shields for rugby, hockey, tennis and rounders leagues. We also regained the 'Silver Griffin' for the first time since 1943.

We thank everyone who helped to win these awards, and hope that this year we may be equally successful.

#### FARINGTON HOUSE

House Master : Mr. W. J. Downer.

House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy.

House Captains : Smalley, A.; P. M. Leach.

First of all, we welcome all newcomers to Farington, and extend our best wishes for the future of all the members of the house, who have just left us.

Last year we doubled our cup tally of 1951. We now have two cups! For one brief but shining hour on Sports Day the sleeping Farington lion awoke and sprang into action: gathering the Sports Cup with one paw and the Relay Cup with the other, he retired amid an aura of unaccustomed glory. We regret to observe, however, that since that astonishing spurt of energy, that same lion has remained in a state of somnolent inertia. Don't let these other houses twist the Farington tail! Most of the people who helped to win those cups, however, are still at school, and so may we confidently hope for success again in Coronation year?

As usual the house party went off very successfully, and thanks must go to Miss Milroy, Mr. Downer and all who helped them.

Here's hoping that there are undiscovered talents in our newcomers. Don't hang back!—We need your support.

#### WORDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill.

House Captains : Barnes, B.; E. Singleton.

First of all we wish all members who have left us this year every success in the future and at the same time welcome all new Wordenites who have come to swell our ranks. We hope that they will help to fill those shelves in I.I.C. formroom which are now, unfortunately, empty.

During the past year our only success on the games field has been the Rounders Knockouts. As for Sports Day—well the less said about that the better—except that we must congratulate the member who won the Victrix Ludorum Cup, thus keeping our heads just above water.

However, there is one thing that is always successful and that is our House Party. Last year's was no exception, and our thanks go to Miss Rahill and the girls who arranged a grand feed and to Mr. Wilkinson, aided by the boys, for a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

We must look forward to the coming season—let us make it a successful one! We appeal to all Wordenites, boys and girls, first formers and sixth, to combine together to make a match-winning house.

Wordenites, may you be spurred on by our motto: "Up the Blues."

## "NON SIBI SED ALIIS"

Nov. 9th, 1951—Earl Haig's Poppy Fund—£5-2-4.

Dec. 14th, 1951—Dr. Barnardo's Homes—Xmas collection of Toys.

Mar. 20th, 1952—Royal Naval Lifeboat Institution—£3-10-6.

Oct. 6th, 1952—St. John Ambulance Brigade (Leyland Division)—£3-3-10½.

Oct. 24th, 1952—King George VIth National Memorial Fund—£14-11-2.

Nov. 10th, 1952—Earl Haig's Poppy Fund—£5-6-7.

Dec. 19th, 1952—Save the Children Fund—£15-0-0.

Feb. 13th, 1953—National Storm and Tempest Distress Fund—£35-0-0.

Mar. 17th, 1953—Dutch Relief Fund—£10-0-0.

Mar. 18th, 1953—Royal Naval Lifeboat Institution—£3-14-0.

## OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the Old Students' Association we send our greetings and best wishes to the Headmaster, the staff, and the school, and we extend this greeting to old students reading this magazine. May it bring back pleasant memories.

The number attending the Annual General Meeting last year was very disappointing. We do appreciate that it was held at rather a difficult time and so we propose to hold the Annual General Meeting in school on the last Friday in June each year. For 1953 this will be June 26th. We do hope that more people will feel inclined to attend during the summer, also students who leave school shortly after will be able to join in. Again, if the meeting is held in June, the committee will be able to arrange the winter programme and submit it to the meeting.

The support given by pupils who left school last year has been very encouraging. We wish other old students would do the same and pay their subscriptions regularly. The subscription is 2/6 for the first 3 years after leaving school, 5/- per annum afterwards, but we do mention now that the question of subscriptions will be further discussed.

The Carnival Dance in 1952 and the Reunion Ball held in January, 1953, were very enjoyable and quite successful; the decision to hold them in Preston appears to have been a good one.

The school tennis team avenged their previous defeat, but we must develop this into something more than a game of tennis.

The Hockey section of the old students continues to meet practically each week, but they are in desperate need of new players. Many matches have been played without a full team out on the field. In spite of this they do give a good account of themselves; their record is good, but they are not the formidable cup-hunting team they used to be.

As for the boys—well, we think that they all hibernate after leaving Balshaw's.

We thank the school for inviting old students to the School Play, Sports Day, and Speech Day; those of us who were able to accept thoroughly enjoyed them.

We offer congratulations to all those students who, during the last year, have brought honour and success to themselves and to the school. Your efforts do not pass unnoticed by old students.

Finally we ask again for your help and support; all members of the committee are listed below.

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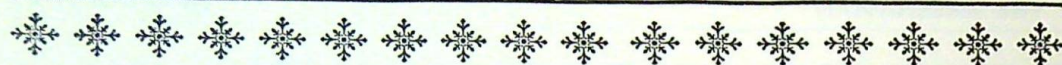
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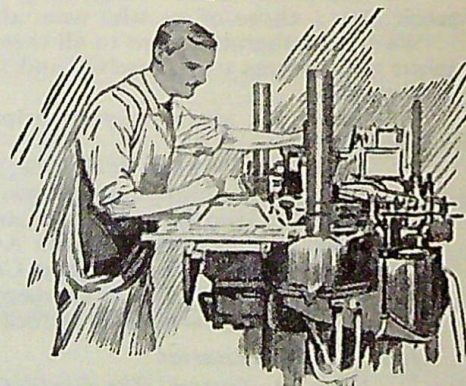
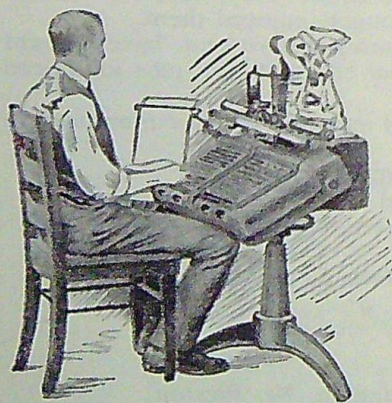
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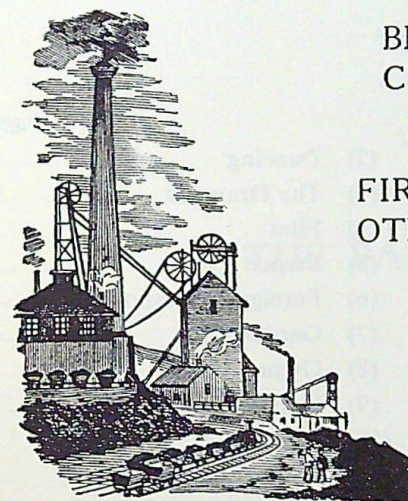
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