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"ROMEO AND JULIET"
MARCH 26th, 27th and 28th, 1953.



"O, father, hear me, beseech you!"
Lady Capulet (G. Hall), Capulet (J. Harrison), Juliet (A. J. Salt) and Nurse (A. Marsden).



"O brother Montague, give me thy hand."
Friar (R. R. Ainsworth), Watchmen (J. E. Knowles, P. K. Robinson), Capulet (J. Harrison), Prince (J. Walsh), Montague (I. Ogden), Lady Capulet (G. Hall), Abraham (J. R. Crofts), Page (C. J. B. Wilford), Balthasar (G. T. Pritchard), Juliet (A. J. Salt), Romeo (G. Topping).

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EDITORIAL

The past *Balshavian* year began with the Coronation of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II, and the colour and pageantry of that occasion and of the royal tour of the Commonwealth which followed it have been compared by many to the glory and the royal progresses of a Tudor reign. The temptation to liken the Second Elizabethan age to the first is strong, but it is not enough to hope that the rising generation will equal the Elizabethans of the past. We must not only equal them—we must surpass them, for a greater challenge calls for a greater effort, and it is more than an Armada that could threaten us today.

SCHOOL NOTES

SCHOOL PREFECTS AND SUB-PREFECTS, 1954

- BOYS.** *Head Prefect* : Bamford, M. H. *Deputy Head Prefect* : Robinson, P. K. *Prefect* : Gill, A. *Sub-Prefects* : McIlwaine, C., Roberts, A., Wright, P. R., Ogden, I., Crofts, J. R., Knowles, J. R., Hall, A. E., Lucas, J., Robinson, J. K., Egerton, R. T., Stanbridge, D. W., Walton, D., Parker, C.
- GIRLS.** *Head Prefect* : P. M. Leach. *Deputy Head Prefect* : J. M. Brooks. *Prefects* : B. D. Baybutt, V. Bamber, B. Kenyon, A. Strachan, J. Singleton, J. Thomas. *Sub-Prefects* : A. Parker, S. Bretherton, D. C. Wilford, A. Collinson, D. Mitchell, A. J. Jennings, A. Bleasdale, M. M. Maidment, L. M. Halsall, S. D. Dowling, P. M. Barker, V. J. Ball, E. Wright, M. Marland.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all new members of the school who will by now, we hope, have become accustomed to what may at first have seemed a complicated pattern of life here. To those who have left during the past year we wish every success and happiness. We would like to thank all who have contributed to this issue of the magazine, whether their offerings have been made voluntarily or otherwise, and thanks are also due to Miss Doherty, whose resource and experience form the foundations of the magazine.

We welcome the only new member of the Staff, Mr. Hallatt, who has come to teach General Subjects.

It is with regret that we have to announce the deaths of two of the Governors of the School, Mr. A. Parkinson, and Mr. J. Jackson.

We congratulate Mr. Rigby, Mrs. Till (formerly Miss Nicholson) and Mrs. Rothwell (formerly Miss Myerscough) on their marriages.

A new and entertaining feature of several recent school parties has been the inclusion of a musical item—an abridged Gilbert and Sullivan opera, or a Balshavian version of Grand opera, with a score by Messrs. Wagner, Verdi and Bizet, and a libretto by Messrs. Black and Downer. These have proved very popular.

We congratulate A. Singleton on her success in winning a Minor Scholarship in History at Girton College, Cambridge and a Richardson Evans Scholarship in P.P.E. at St. Hilda's College, Oxford, besides a State Scholarship. She has decided to accept the scholarship at St. Hilda's College, Oxford, where she is to study Modern Greats—philosophy, politics and economics.

Congratulations to the following Old Balshavians, recently married : Miss C. Williamson to Mr. J. Hargreaves, Mr. A. Milligan to Miss E. Bennett, Mr. W. Newton to Miss E. Slater, Mr. J. Waring to Miss E. Wood, Mr. H. McIver to Miss M. D. Shorrocks, Mr. G. Dalton to Miss D. Bretherton, Mr. J. Humble to Miss E. Dalton, and Mr. A. K. Mercer to Miss J. Hardacre.

Our congratulations go to J. Turner and Dennis W. Hurst, who won the Hocking Memorial Prize.

At the 1953 Sports day, the title of Victor Ludorum was won by Smith, K. R. (Cl.). E. Taylor (Cl.) was the Victrix Ludorum.

We are happy to note that Smith, K. R., our Old Balshavian streak of fiery lightning, is continuing to make a name for himself on the rugby field. Among other Old Boys who continue their rugger successes are Ackers, who has played for Birmingham University, Hurst (Nottingham Agricultural College) and Waring (R. Signals, Catterick) who has got a County Trial.

We congratulate Mr. Speakman, who has been awarded a Walter Hines Page travelling scholarship to America, and hope that he will have an interesting time.

In an exciting final match, the tennis tournament was won by J. M. Brooks and A. Jennings, who succeeded in beating Mr. Speakman and B. Kenyon.

We offer our congratulations to the following pupils who obtained the General Certificate of Education at the Advanced and Ordinary levels (N.U.J.M.B.) :

ADVANCED :—

Ackers, B. H., Ainsworth, R. R., Bamford, M. H., Hurst, D. W., Kevill, D. N., Mather, K., Smalley, A., Smith, K. R., Topping, G., Walsh, J., Walton, R., A. Arthurs, D. B. Bailey, A. F. Brennand, J. P. Cairns, E. J. Fleischmann, P. M. James, P. M. Leach, A. H. Rigby, J. Ritchie, A. J. Salt, L. Sinfield, A. Singleton, M. Swindlehurst, H. Towers, J. Turner, E. Walmsley J., Walmsley, B. Ward, M. Wrathall.

ORDINARY :

B. D. Baybutt, A. M. Pritchard, J. M. Standen.

We also congratulate the following 112 pupils who were awarded an Oxford General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level :

Bamford, M. H., Barnes, B., Baxendale, R. M., Bradshaw, M., Crofts, J. R., Dewhurst, T. A., Draper, J. K., Egerton, R. T., Green, J. R., Hall, A. E., Harrison, J., Jones, K., Kirkham, H. G., Knowles, J. E., Lucas, J., Marsden, J. M., Ogden, I. W., Owen, D. A., Palmer, H. J., Parker, C., Parkington, B. W., Parkinson, J., Pinder, D. R., Pritchard, G. T., Remington, E. E., Robinson, J. K., Singleton, J., Smith, C., Stanbridge, D. W., Swarbrick, R., Walker, F. J., Walton, D., Williams, A. P. J. V. Barker, M. E. Beardsworth, J. Bell, M. Bolton, O. Bracewell, E. A. Brennand, D. Butterworth, Jean Cairns, S. Campbell, W. Chetham, B. A. Cooke, S. A. Cook, M. E. Coulton, M. Davidson, P. Dixon, S. D. Dowling, E. Duckworth, P. H. Farrer, A. Gardner, M. Gilbert, B. S. Gowanlock, J. Gregson, P. Hackett, G. Hall, P. Hammond, B. Harvey, A. Haworth, B. Haydock, M. Hesmondhalgh, B. Hitchen, J. Houlden, D. Howard, E. M. Hughes, M. E. Hull, A. Ireland, E. Jessop, K. Lovisa, A. Marsden, S. Mayor, A. Meaken, J. Miller, D. Mitchell, J. Oliver, P. Oliver, H. R. Parr, A. E. Pilkington, B. A. Pilkington, A. M. Pritchard, J. Quinn, D. A. Riding, J. Riding, M. A. Rigby, S. M. Robinson, W. Robinson, M. Robson, M. H. Rowlands, E. Rutledge, A. Salt, M. Sample, L. Sanderson, P. M. Semple, M. Sharples, J. Sherlock, I. Shuttleworth, J. Singleton, M. Stewart, C. Sumner, M. Sutcliffe, S. J. Tanner, B. Unwin, G. Waddecar, M. Waddington, M. Ward, J. Whitehead, J. Whittle, C. Wilford, J. Wilkinson, R. M. Wilson, M. Worrell.

The following have gone to Universities and Training Colleges :

Topping, G., Kevill, D. N., to London University ; June P. Cairns to Liverpool University ; J. Ritchie, L. Sinfield to Manchester University ; Jean Turner, Ackers, B. H., to Birmingham University ; Mather, K., Smalley, A., to Sheffield University ; Hurst, D. W., Ainsworth, R. R., to Nottingham University ; Smith, K. R., to the University College, Hull ; Walton, R., to Manchester College of Technology ; M. Wrathall, to Didsbury Training College ; J. Walmsley to Whitelands Training College ; E. Singleton, M. Swindlehurst to Southlands Training College ; J. M. Standen to Stafford Training College ; J. M. Higham to Sunderland Training College ; E. Jessop, H. Towers to Edge Hill Training College ; A. H. Rigby, S. B. Lees, E. Walmsley, I. Pilbrough to Thornbridge Hall Training College ; C. Sumner to Wentworth Castle Training College, and G. Hall to Gloucester College of Domestic Science.

We congratulate the following winners of State Scholarships : A. Singleton, Topping, G., Kevill, D. N. and also the winners of Stanning Memorial Awards, 1953 : Kelsall, D., and Kelsall, K. (Manchester University).

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines :

The Rossallian, The Georgian, The Chorleian, The Kirkhamian, The Hoghtonian, Ubique Reminisci, and the magazines of Ormskirk Grammar School, Wigan Grammar School, the Park School, Preston Catholic College, Queen Mary School, Lytham, and Upholland Grammar School.

—O— SALVETE

To Clayton House : A. M. Ashton, D. Beer, C. M. Bennett, K. A. Bond, C. S. Connell, S. M. Davies, M. R. Edgerley, B. A. Gold, J. I. Hardaker, V. J. Harper, I. M. Hodgkinson, K. Holden, M. Ianson, J. M. McKenna, E. O. Mee, J. Mountain, D. A. Rimmer, A. G. Smith, D. H. B. Stephens, S. M. Thomas, B. Wilson, J. M. Wood, Branstons, P., Briers, J. D., Coles, J. D., Dunn, R., Hilton, D., Jolly, A. J., Kearsley, D., Singleton T. J., Walmsley, G., Wiggins, P. W.

To Cuerden House : J. D. Ashley, B. A. Bidwell, K. Coles, J. Everin, F. M. Freeman, P. French, B. Green, M. C. Harrison, M. Helmore, B. Hitchen, B. Johnson, J. Marsden, E. A. Maxwell, G. Newton, S. Platt, A. Stopford, B. Walmsley, J. M. Walsh, Demack, J. D., Dickinson, A. B., Finch, J. R., Hillbeck, F. W., Hoyle, R., Lucas, W., Rimmer, J. M., Robb, I., Robinson, D., Schofield, C. R., Taylorson, D.

To Farington House : G. M. Barrand, A. Barton, J. Bennett, H. Deacon, J. Hesketh, B. Manchester, B. Nelson, H. Rich, M. Slater, R. E. Slater, A. Taylor, J. Watkinson, R. G. Wilford, Farnworth, M. S. E., Hodge, W. A., Jolley, K. W., Mattinson, A., Prescott, W. J., Taylor, T., Twiss, L.

To Worden House : P. Ashcroft, S. Barry, R. Clough, A. D. Cocker, M. Coxhead, P. A. Edmondson, G. M. Ellis, E. M. Iddon, P. Lees, D. Owens, J. Prendergast, M. Reynolds, G. E. Tomlinson, J. M. Turner, E. T. Tyrer, Hall, H., Moffett, D. C., Pollard, J. M., Wilson, F.

—O— VALETE

Boys :—

Topping, G.—U.VI (Cu.). Head Boy 1952-3. House Captain 1952-3. State Scholarship 1953, G.C.E. (Adv.) 1952, 1953, G.C.E. (O) 1951. School Play, 1951, 1952, 1953. 1st XV 1951-1952-1953. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. Rugby Colours 1953. *Smith, K. R.—U.VI (Cl.).* Prefect, House Captain, 1952-3, G.C.E. (Adv.) 1952, 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1951. Rugby teams, 1949-1953. Cross Country 1951-1952. Cricket 1953. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. Rugby Athletics and Cross-Country Colours. Lancashire Junior 100yds. Champion 1952. Lancashire Schoolboys Rugby XV 1952-1953. Victor Ludorum 1951 1952, 1953. *Smalley, A.—U.VI (F.).* Prefect. House Captain 1952-3. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1952, 1953. Sch. Cert. 1951. School Play 1st XV 1951-3. 1st XI 1953. Rugby and Cricket Leagues and Knockouts. *Ackers, B. H.—U.VI (Cu.).* Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1952, 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1951. School Play 1951, 1952, 1953. 1st XV 1951, 1952, 1953. 1st XI 1951-2. Cross Country 1950, 1951, 1952. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. Rugby Colours 1952. Preston Schoolboys' Trials 1951, 1952, 1953. *Kevill, D. N.—U.VI (Cl.).* Prefect. State Scholarship 1953. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1952, 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1951. 1st XV 1952-53. 1st XI 1951, 1952, 1953. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Mather, K.—U.VI (Cu.).* Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1952, 1953. Sch. Cert. 1950. School Play 1953. 1st XV 1948-49-50-51-52-53. 1st XI 1951, 1952, 1953. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. Rugby Colours 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953. Lancashire Schoolboys XV 1953. *Walsh, J.—U.VI (Cl.).* Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. Sch. Cert. 1950. School Play 1953. 1st XV 1949-53. 1st XI 1951-53. Rugby and Cricket Leagues and Knockouts. Rugby Colours 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953. *Walton, R.—U.VI (F.).* Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1952, 1953. Sch. Cert. 1950. School Play 1951. 1st XV 1952-3. 1st XI 1951, 1952, 1953. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Ainsworth, R. R.—U.VI (Cu.).* Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1952. School Play 1953. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Hurst, D. W.—U.VI (Cu.).* Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1951. 1st XV 1952-3. Cross Country 1951, 1952, 1953. Cricket and Rugby Leagues. Rugby Knockouts. Rugby Colours 1953. Lancashire Schoolboys XV 1953. *Parkinson, J.—V.A (Cl.).* G.C.E. (O) 1953. School Play 1953. 2nd XV 1953. 2nd XI 1953. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Hudson, E.—V.A (Cu.).* *Cross, K.—V.A (F.).* Rugby Leagues and Knockouts 1952. *Harrison, J.—V.A (W.).* G.C.E. (O). 1953. School Play 1953. 1st XV 1953. 1st XI 1953. Cross Country 1953. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Marsden, J. M.—V.A (Cu.).* G.C.E. (O) 1953. School Play 1953. 1st XV 1953. Cross Country 1953. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. Preston Grasshoppers Juniors 1953. *Remington,*

E.—V.A (W.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Cricket Colts 1949. Cricket and Rugby Leagues, Cricket Knockouts. Bradshaw, M.—V.B (W.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Rugby and Cricket Leagues. Palmer, H. J.—V.B (F.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Rugby and Cricket Leagues. Robinson, H. M. B.—V.B (Cu.). Williams, A. P.—V.B (F.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. School Play 1953. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. Hill, B.—V.C (Cu.). 2nd XV 1953. Rugby and Cricket Leagues. Rugby Knockouts. Kirkham, H. G.—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Parkington, R. W.—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. 2nd XV 1952-3. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. Walker, F. J.—V.C (F.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Rugby and Cricket Leagues and Knockouts. Chamberlain, D.—IV.C (W.). Barker, R. W.—III.C (W.). Rugby Knockouts 1952-3. Halstead, G.—III.C (Cl.). Iddon, M. I.—III.C (W.). Robinson, H.—II.A (W.). Turner, P. A.—II.A (Cl.). Rugby and Cricket Leagues. Griffiths, R. D.—II.C (Cu.). Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. Harling, F.—I.A (F.).

GIRLS :—

B. Ward—U.VI (W.). Head Girl 1952-3. House Captain 1951-2. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953, G.C.E. (O) 1951. Hockey 1st XI 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53. Tennis and Rounders Leagues. Tennis, Rounders and Hockey Knockouts. G. Hall—U.VI (Cu.). Prefect. House Captain 1952-3. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1952. G.C.E. (O) 1951. Choir Leader 1952-3. School Play 1951, 1952, 1953. Tennis, Rounders and Hockey Leagues. Rounders and Hockey Knockouts. E. Singleton—U.VI (W.). Prefect. House Captain 1952-3. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1952. Sch. Cert. 1950. Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. C. G. Sumner—U.VI (Cl.). Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1952. G.C.E. (O) 1951, 1953. School Play 1951. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Leagues. Hockey and Rounders Knockouts. A. J. Salt—U.VI (F.). Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1951. School Play 1950, 51, 52, 53. A. Singleton—U.VI (W.). Prefect. State Scholarship 1953. Open History Scholarship at Gorton, Cambridge, 1953. Open History Scholarship at St. Hilda's, Oxford, 1953. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1952. Editor of *The Balshavian* 1952-3. B. M. Fletcher—U.VI (Cl.). House Captain 1953-4. Prefect. G.C.E. (O) 1951. Choir Leader 1953. J. Turner—U.VI (Cl.). Sub-Prefect. House Captain 1952-3. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1951. 2nd Tennis VI. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Leagues and Knockouts. A. Arthurs—U.VI (Cl.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1951. 2nd Hockey XI 1951. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Leagues. Hockey and Rounders Knockouts. D. Bailey—U.VI (Cl.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1951. A. Brennand—U.VI (Cl.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1951. Rounders and Hockey Leagues. J. P. Cairns—U.VI (W.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1951. E. J. Fleischmann—U.VI (Cl.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1952. Choir 1951. Librarian 1952-1953. J. M. Higham—U.VI (Cu.). Sub-prefect. G.C.E. (O) 1950, 1951. Rounders IX 1950-1953. Tennis and Hockey Leagues. Hockey and Rounders Knockouts. Rounders Colours 1950. P. M. James—U.VI (F.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1952. Hockey Leagues and Knockouts. S. B. Lees—U.VI (Cu.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (O) 1951, 1952. A. M. Pritchard—U.VI (W.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (O) 1951, 1953. 1st Hockey XI 1951-1953. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis, Leagues and Knockouts. A. H. Rigby—U.VI (F.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1951. J. Ritchie—U.VI (W.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1952. 2nd Hockey XI 1951. Hockey Rounders and Tennis Leagues. Hockey and Rounders Knockouts. J. M. Standen—U.VI (Cu.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (O) 1951. Hockey Leagues and Knockouts. M. Swindlehurst—U.VI (Cu.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1952. Hockey Leagues and Knockouts. J. Walmsley—U.VI (Cu.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1951. Choir 1951-53. School Play 1953. Tennis 1st VI. Tennis, Hockey and Rounders Leagues. Tennis and Hockey Knockouts. E. Walmsley—U.VI (Cl.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1951. Hockey and Rounders Leagues. M. Wrathall—U.VI (Cu.). Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. (Adv.) 1953. G.C.E. (O) 1951. Hockey 1st XI. Tennis 1st VI. Tennis, Hockey and Rounders Leagues. Tennis and Hockey Knockouts. D. Clarke—L.VI (F.). G.C.E. (O) 1951, 1952. Choir 1946-1953. Hockey Leagues, 1948, 1949. V. A. Higgins—L.VI (W.). G.C.E. (O) 1952. Choir 1950, 1951, 1952. E. Jessop—L.VI (Cu.). G.C.E. (O) 1952. Choir 1951, 1952. Hockey Leagues. I. Pilborough—L.VI (F.). G.C.E. (O) 1952. Choir 1949-52. School Play 1952, 1953. Hockey Leagues 1952, 1953. D. Rogers—L.VI (Cl.). G.C.E. (O) 1952. Hockey Leagues 1951-1952. I. Shuttleworth—L.VI (W.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. M. Worrell—L.VI (F.). G.C.E. (O) 1952. D. Butterworth—V.A (F.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Choir 1949-53. P. H. Farrer—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E. (O) 1952, 1953. Choir 1948-51. 2nd Hockey XI 1952. Hockey Leagues and Knockouts. M. Gilbert—V.A (Cl.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. B. S. Gowanlock—V.A (Cl.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. A. Haworth—V.A (Cl.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Choir 1949-1952. H. R. Parr—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. P. M. Semple—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Hockey, Tennis and Rounders 1st Teams, Leagues and Knockouts. J. Sherlock—V.A (F.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Choir 1949-53. Hockey Leagues and Knockouts. J. Whitehead—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. R. M. Wilson—V.A (W.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Choir 1948. Hockey 1st XI 1951-1952. Rounders 2nd IX 1953. Tennis, Rounders and Hockey Leagues and Knockouts. B. Harvey—V.B (W.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Hockey Leagues and Knockouts. M. Hesmondhalgh—V.B (Cu.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. B. Hitchen—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. D. Howard—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. J. Miller—V.B (F.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Choir 1950-52. J. Quinn—V.B (F.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Choir 1950-52. M. Sharples—V.B (Cu.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Choir 1950-52. P. Tullis—V.B (Cu.). G. Waddecar—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. M. Waddington—V.B (F.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. 2nd Team Rounders and Hockey. Junior Tennis Team. Rounders, Hockey and Tennis Leagues. Rounders and Hockey Knockouts. M. E. Beardsworth—V.C (F.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Choir 1951. W. Chetham—V.C (W.). G.C.E. (O) 1953. Choir 1950-53.

Alexander Parkinson

Vice-Chairman of the Governors of Balshaw's Grammar School

Died June 26th, 1953

Mr. Parkinson's death during the Midsummer Term cast a cloud over the School as he was a figure whom we had come to associate inseparably with Balshaw's for many years.

Well-known in public life in Leyland, he served on the Leyland Urban District Council for some 21 years and was an ex-Chairman. Yet, busy man though he was, he always took an intense interest in the School and all its affairs. We shall indeed cherish the memory of a man who never spared himself in the service of others.

V.U.O.

James Jackson

Member of the Board of Governors of Balshaw's Grammar
School

Died May 26th, 1953

The news of Mr. James Jackson's sudden death came as a great shock. During his association with Balshaw's he had endeared himself to all by his kindness, his geniality and his profound sense of public service. We shall not readily forget the unwavering support which he invariably gave to the school and all its activities—a school which had also had the privilege of knowing his father-in-law as a Governor before him.

V.U.O.

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THE SCHOOL PLAY

“ROMEO AND JULIET”

by WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

The choice of play this year was a good one from the point of view of young amateurs—for whom Shakespeare so often affords scope. The producer was fortunate in having at hand a young actress who portrayed Juliet with great zest and enthusiasm. Audrey Salt gave an excellent performance and reached very high standards of elocution and dramatic ability.

Indeed, especial praise is owing to the elocution of all the girls.

A very sincere and grave Romeo was displayed by Topping, who spoke well and offered a good contrast to Juliet's youthful vivacity.

Among the boys, however, the honours must undoubtedly go to Hall, whose natural and—one might almost say—professional mannerisms were only marred by a somewhat indistinct diction.

After the death of Mecutio, the sudden darkness of the drama was finely offset by the development of the role of Friar Laurence. Ainsworth's diction was an asset to his performance, and he did much to convey calm wisdom and detachment.

Ackers showed a fiery and impetuous Tybalt, while Gwyneth Hall and Harrison were excellent as the heads of the House of Capulet. Harrison particularly showed considerable promise and he would do well to explore his acting talents further.

Walsh and Egerton, as the Princes of Verona and Paris respectively, looked their parts. Last, but by no means least, among the principal characters, Alice Marsden, in playing Nurse to Juliet, gave a realistic and altogether feasible interpretation of the part.

None of the supporting roles allowed the action to flag; pace was a characteristic feature of the production—a feature, indeed, which is essential in a Shakespearean production, if the attention of the audience is to be kept.

The producer, by accurate casting and sheer perseverance, had coaxed the performers into such a state of near-perfection that the production could not fail to be a success. As ever, Miss Whewell's ingenuity shone through the costumes and the settings, and her plans had been capably realised by the army of constructional experts, notably Mr. Hewartson and Miss Ball. Mr. Black's musical effects, and Mr. Speakman's lighting were alike impressive, and the co-ordination of the stage-managers, Mr. Bennison and Mr. Rigby—a monumental problem this—helped to produce an all-round excellent result.

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

SPEECH DAY, 1953

The Annual Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes took place in the School Hall on Monday, December the fourteenth. The evening began with four pieces sung by the School Choir: "Summer is i' Cumen In", "A Song of Rest", "Sister Awake" and the Amen Chorus from Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater".

Following this came the address by the Headmaster, who spoke of the specialised work done at advanced level in the Sixth forms, and the value of a course of study which developed discrimination and an enquiring mind. He referred to enquiries he had received from parents about sending their children to universities, and said that if the pupil could gain admission, no undue financial sacrifice was entailed.

The prizes, certificates and cups were distributed by the Chief Constable of Lancashire, Colonel T. E. St. Johnston, C.B.E., M.A. In his speech, Colonel St. Johnston gave "five points for good Citizenship"—the determination to do one's job as well as possible, hard work, self-discipline, a sense of loyalty and a spirit of adventure. He encouraged self-reliance and initiative, because "there is so much to get out of life."

A vote of thanks to Colonel St. Johnston was given by Councillor T. Hargreaves, and seconded by Councillor A. E. Ambrose. The Chairman, Councillor J. Tomlinson, was thanked by Councillor J. Hunt and Councillor Mrs. R. B. Kelley.

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

SCHOOL VISITS

(1) THE SIXTH FORM VISIT TO CHRISTIE'S HOSPITAL

On Saturday, October the seventeenth, a party of sixth form biologists went on a trip to Christie's Hospital in Manchester.

On arrival at the hospital we were divided into two parties, each with a guide, and shown all round the hospital theatres and laboratories.

We went to the Radiotherapy department, which consisted of the theatres in which the patients are treated with radium beams.

Then we were shown the moulding room. Here the moulds are made of the diseased area of the patient's body and are later adapted to take the radium rays in treatment.

We were also shown the laboratories in which experiments are carried out on mice to try to find the causes and the cures of cancer. In these laboratories we heard two excellent lectures by the people concerned in this type of research. Another very interesting lecture was given by an assistant in a 'hot' laboratory.

The X-ray department was very interesting and in the developing room we were shown exhibits of X-rays of broken limbs, gall stones and radium needles in the diseased areas.

The physicist in charge of the betatron, which is not yet completely installed, told us of the tremendous current generated to work it. The room which houses it is specially designed with concrete walls six feet thick to prevent the rays radiating and causing danger to the people operating it. The ceiling and walls are of special sound-absorbing material which helps to deaden the noise of the apparatus when it is working.

To finish with we were shown the statistics department and the medical records department. Here records are kept of the patients' progress even after they have been discharged.

At the end of the tour we all enjoyed the tea provided and then we returned home.

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Speakman for arranging such an interesting and educational trip for us, and hope there will be many more in the future.

J.J.W. (W.).



SCHOOL CRICKET XI, 1953

Back row : (left to right) Ogden (scorer), Green, Parker, Harrison, Walmsley, Knowles, Smith.
Front row : (left to right) Wright, Walton, Walsh, Smalley, Kevill.

Played 10 Won 7 Drawn 1 Lost 2



SCHOOL HOCKEY XI, 1952-53

Back row : (left to right) M. M. Maidment, M. Wrathall, M. Bamber, I. Ward, E. Taylor, E. Riding.
Front row : (left to right) A. M. Pritchard, B. Ward, J. M. Brooks, K. Hosker, B. Kenyon.

Played 12 Won 9 Lost 3



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY IX, 1953
 Back row : (left to right) Robinson, P. K., Wright, Marsden, Crofts.
 Front row : (left to right) Robinson, J. K., Harrison, Barnes, Gynes, Lucas.



SCHOOL RUGGER XV, 1952-53
 Back row : (left to right) Mr. Morgan, Hall, Robinson, Green, Harrison, Walton, Marsden, Barnes, Smalley.
 Front row : (left to right) Topping, Bamford, Smith, Mather, Walsh, Hurst, Ackers.
 Played 21 Won 12 Lost 9

(2) THE SIXTH FORM VISIT TO RUFFORD HALL

On the afternoon of Wednesday, July 8th, the History Section of the Upper Sixth visited Rufford Hall. The curator first told us the history of the Hesketh family, which is thought to have come to England with William the Conqueror, and he explained its connection with Royalty and its pedigree. Lord Hesketh, the sixth richest man in England, has no less than six family seats, of which Rufford Hall is the most ancient, and it has only recently been handed over to the National Trust.

The Great Hall was most interesting with its suits of armour, carved screen, priest hole and immense fireplace. The latter has replaced the old fire in the centre of the room, which necessitated a hole in the roof through which the smoke could escape. The floor, once of clay and rushes, is now flagged. Other sources of interest were the two carved oak tree trunks, which acted as pillars supporting the roof.

Rufford Hall was originally built in the form of a letter H, but one of the wings has been burned down. The other wing, originally the servants' quarters and kitchens, is now converted into a museum, containing a variety of articles from old guns, mantraps and penny-farthing cycles, to the agricultural and domestic implements of the Middle Ages. We were also interested in the display of ladies' fans, gloves and shoes, and in the dresses with handspan waists.

We also saw the travelling landau of the Hesketh family, beautifully sprung and upholstered, with silver handles on which were carved the Hesketh coat of arms. The curator explained that this landau had not only done the Grand Tour of Europe, but had actually been to Turkey. Lord Hesketh had intended to drive in it to the Coronation procession, in which it would have been the second oldest coach, but owing to the timidity of the horses which should have drawn it, he was forced to go by car.

After seeing the Hall, we had afternoon tea, then walked through the extensive grounds back to the railway station, passing along an avenue of elm trees planted over three hundred years ago. We all wish to thank Mr. Hilditch for arranging so enjoyable an outing—our only disappointment being that we did not catch even a glimpse of the famous 'Grey Lady'!

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

(3) COLONIAL EXHIBITION AT MANCHESTER

On January 21st, after several minor mishaps, the select party of sixth form geographers arrived in Manchester to visit the Colonial Exhibition.

The Exhibition was divided by bamboo palisades into sections, each illustrating a different aspect of Colonial life. Life-size models of the many races of colonists showed their dress and activities. Historical development was traced, but the most important section showed the modern methods used to combat disease, especially malaria, and pests, live locusts, mosquitoes and tsetse flies being on display. Plans for the introduction of modern methods of agriculture, especially a more extensive use of mechanisation and prevention of erosion, as well as the development of new industrial schemes, were all outlined.

After a very instructive outing we returned home loaded with a selection of interesting pamphlets. Our thanks go to Mrs. Till for arranging this visit.

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

(4) VISIT TO "ROMEO AND JULIET"

On the 16th February, the School Dramatic Society paid a visit to Manchester, to see the Library Theatre's considerably shortened version of "Romeo and Juliet."

The principal female members of the cast deserve the highest praise :—Diane Cilento's sensitive performance as Juliet, Joan Heath's delightful interpretation of the nurse, and

Beatrix Mackey's impressive Lady Capulet were the highlights of the evening, and redeemed to some extent, the shortcomings of certain other characters. Frederick Bartman was disappointing as Romeo, especially in the first act of the play, when his flippant treatment of the part lacked conviction. His performance improved somewhat in the later scenes, but still remained one of the weaker links in the presentation. Alec Gunn's treatment of Friar Lawrence was also disappointing, in that it was too secular, and lacked sensitivity and understanding.

The supporting players, amongst whom Peter Lambert, as Tybalt, and Edward Ballard, as an apothecary, contributed notable roles, were on the whole adequate. The costumes were a striking feature in the performance, but the set, which remained unaltered until the final scene, became monotonous—the balcony, which overlooked several scenes in which it had no significance whatsoever, becoming quite offensive.

However, in conclusion, the members of the Dramatic Society were unanimous in deciding that the play, the failings of which were balanced by many redeeming features, was skilfully produced, and well worthy of the visit to the Library Theatre.

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

(5) THE CHOIR VISIT TO "THE GONDOLIERS"

Saturday, 7th February, saw two coach loads of eager choristers, en route for the Opera House, Blackpool, where the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company was presenting "The Gondoliers."

The performance, enhanced by picturesque scenery, and brilliant costumes, delighted the large audience from the first. Ann Drummond-Grant gave a polished performance as the Duchess of Plaza-Toro, and Tatiana Preston, as her daughter Casilda, atoned for the lack of power in her voice by her distinct pronunciation. Leonard Osborn and Alan Styler were excellent as the "democratic" gondoliers, and Muriel Harding and Joyce Wright were well cast as their light-hearted wives. Peter Pratt, Fisher Morgan, and Jeffrey Skitch were notable in a superb cast, but nevertheless, the laurels must be handed to the magnificent chorus, whose performance surpassed all previous standards. The orchestra, under the direction of Isidore Godfrey, was conducted by William Cox-lfe.

I should like to express thanks to Mr. Black, whose organisation made such a pleasant outing possible.

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

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(6) SIXTH FORM VISITS TO GILBERT AND SULLIVAN OPERAS

During the last week of January and the first week of February, 1953, the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company paid its annual visit to the Opera House, Blackpool, to present a selection of Gilbert and Sullivan Operas. The Sixth Form saw two of these operas: 'Patience' one of the lesser-known works, on Friday, January 30th, and the more popular 'Yeomen of the Guard' on Thursday, February 5th.

Muriel Harding made a dainty Patience, and Joyce Wright, Elizabeth Howarth and Beatrix Edwards were adequate as Lady Angela, Lady Saphir and Lady Ella, three of the 'aesthetic maidens.' Special mention must also be made of Ann Drummond-Grant's study of the formidable Lady Jane. Darrell Fancourt, John Reed and Leonard Osborn brought just the right amount of bravado to the role of the three officers of the Dragoon Guards, and in contrast Peter Pratt and Jeffrey Skitch made two excellent idyllic poets. The Chorus work was good, and the rapturous maidens' rendering of the famous 'Twenty Lovesick Maidens, We' deserves special mention.

'The Yeomen of the Guard' also proved most enjoyable. Ivor Evans was a dignified Lieutenant of the Tower, Leonard Osborn a debonair Colonel Fairfax and Darrell Fancourt a kind old Sergeant Meryll. Peter Pratt again showed his skill in character acting as the jester, while Fisher Morgan provided an amusing contrast as the Head Jailer and Assistant Tormontor. Joyce Wright made a vivacious Phoebe, while Muriel Harding and Ann Drummond-Grant gave good performances as Elsie and Dame Carruthers. Jeanne Bailey as Kate, and Herbert Newby as Leonard Meryll, made the most of brief appearances.

The chorus work was again good—the yeomen chorus meriting special commendation. The orchestra was well-conducted at both performances by Isidore Godfrey, and the colourful costumes were a noticeable feature of the production.

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

(7) THE SCHOOL VISIT TO "DER ROSENKAVALIER"

On Friday, March 20th a party from school visited the Empire Theatre, Liverpool, where the Covent Garden Opera Company was presenting Richard Strauss's 'Der Rosenkavalier.' Sylvia Fisher was adequate as the Princess von Werdenberg, and Constance Shacklock made a debonair Octavian. Her entrance in the white and silver garb of the rosecarrier was especially effective, and she displayed a good sense of comedy when disguised as the maid. Howell Glynn quickly endeared himself to the audience as the coarse Baron Ochs von Lerchenau, whose merited chastisement is responsible for much of the comedy of the opera. Adele Leigh made a very attractive Sophie, while the two Italian schemers were played by Anthony Marlowe and Barbara Howitt—the latter's version of the Baron's deserted "wife" deserving special mention.

The principals were well supported by the chorus and by the minor characters, such as Sophie's duenna, Leopold, the Baron's servant and the little negro page, while Paul Asciak was especially noticeable as the Tenor Singer in the first Act.

The costumes were on the whole good. Octavian's effective rosecarrier suit has already been mentioned, while the Princess's majestic crinoline and train in the Third Act is also noteworthy. But, on the other hand, Octavian's maid disguise was far from effective. The décor was good, and the orchestra well conducted by Peter Gellhorn.

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

(8) SCHOOL VISIT TO "LE BOURGEOIS GENTILHOMME"

On the evening of Wednesday, November 11th, a party of Sixth formers, accompanied by several members of the Staff, went to see Molière's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," performed by the Troupe Français at the Catholic College, Preston. As the members

of the party are studying this play for their "advanced" certificate, the outing was a very pleasant and entertaining means of revision for the all-too-imminent examinations.

We were, on the whole, delighted with the performance, although it was a little disappointing that, owing to the small cast and to limitations of time, some of the songs and the ballet, which, though not essential to the plot, forms a spectacular finish, had to be omitted.

On the other hand, full use was made of the many opportunities for amusing "business"; we remember in particular the ridiculous and elaborate ceremony by which Monsieur Jourdain was, or rather, imagined himself to be, elevated to the rank of a Turkish "mama-mouchi."

Most of the characters came to life just as we had imagined them, with the possible exception of the Maître à Danser, played by Pierre Jacques, who, so some of us thought, did not quite "look the part" despite his great agility. Pierre Jacques also took the part of Cleorte, to which he seemed better suited. The Maître de Philosophie, however, was extremely well acted, by Jean Pierre Hébrard.

Gaston Fischer's Monsieur Jourdain was the character as we had come to know him from reading the play, and we asked for nothing better. Madame Jourdain, Lucille, Dorante, Dorimene and Nicole also came up to our expectations.

Between acts, members of the cast recited to us several of La Fontaine's fables, a pleasant surprise as this was not announced in the programme.

Our thanks go to Miss Milroy who arranged the trip, and we assure her that even though we may not seem to be bubbling over with happiness at the thought of taking the French Literature examination, our enjoyment of the play as we revise it is greatly increased by the memory of having seen it acted.

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

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

On Friday, April 2nd, I made my way to the Ellis Llywd Jones Hall, where the conference was held this year. That evening we had only one lecture, given by Professor R. E. Smith, who effectively sketched the historical background of the Ciceronean Age, the period selected for general study at the Conference. The next morning we had two lectures—one by Mr. D. M. Leahy, who talked to us about the three great men—Cicero, Pompey and Caesar—and the second by Mr. A. N. Marlow, who spoke about "Cicero in his letters." After lunch on Saturday came the Latin and Greek prose and verse reading and speaking competitions in which the more enterprising students demonstrated considerable ability. After tea we had the last lecture of the day on "Cicero and the Culture of his Age," given by Mr. H. H. Huxley. On Sunday morning a very pleasant service was conducted by the Methodist Chaplain of the University, and this was followed by two more lectures on "Lucretius" and "Catullus and his Circle," by Messrs. G. Kerford and H. Guite respectively. We all thoroughly enjoyed the lectures and the "grilling" of the lecturers on the Sunday afternoon, when we could ask any questions we liked.

On the Friday and Saturday evenings after the lectures we sang Latin versions of well-known English Folk songs and played games with "a classical flavour": we even tried "Twenty Questions" in Latin—though this was not very successful since most of us were rather shy.

On the whole I thoroughly enjoyed meeting girls and boys from other schools (and comparing notes on widely varying scholastic topics) and also Mr. M. Hill and the two ladies organising the weekend.

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

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

MAY 2nd, 1953.

During the Sports, twelve records were broken. Four of these were in events which have only recently been introduced and were, therefore, to be expected. The remaining eight records achieved, however, were the result of very fine efforts, notably those of Owen (F.) in the Mile (Open), Malley (Cu.) in the 440 yards (under 15), Smith, K. (Cl.) in the 220 yards (Open) and Laraway (W.) in the Throwing the Cricket Ball (under 15). Also, in the six Relay events, four records were beaten, those of the Girls (under 13) and (Open), Boys (under 13) and (under 15), whilst the Boys (Open) record was equalled.

Farington won the House Championship Cup, a little more easily than last year, their chief rivals again being Clayton but they lost the Relay cup to Worden, who revealed great all round strength in this group of events.

Smith, K. (Cl.) became Victor Ludorum for the third successive year, an achievement of a standard all the more remarkable because his position was never seriously challenged. In contrast, the struggle between the girls was very close, E. Taylor (Cl.) becoming the new Victrix Ludorum, beating J. Brooks (Cu.) by the smallest possible margin of one point. Others who ran well, were P. Oliver (Cl.) and M. Stott (W.).

The Junior (under 15) Champions were B. Floyd (F.) and Malley (Cu.), each being hard pressed by a number of worthy rivals.

At the end of the day, Dr. J. Robson very charmingly presented the certificates and cups to the successful competitors.

J.B.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

During the past year we, in the Arts and Crafts Society have made several useful and attractive things. Amongst these were embroidered articles, wall plaques and lampshades, but the most popular craft was basketwork. A very enjoyable year was spent by all which can be proved by the re-appearance of some of last year's members in the society this year.

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

DANCING SOCIETY

This year the Dancing Society has again been a large and enthusiastic one. The standard of dancing has improved, and Square and Scottish dances have remained popular.

After a lapse of one year, the Leyland Schools' Folk Dancing Display is to take place again in May, so we shall be busy practising the dances at every opportunity.

C.I.P.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Our performance of "Romeo and Juliet" is dealt with in a separate article. Much, however, in connection with the play, was done behind the scenes by the many willing hands of this Society. During the Summer Term, when the performers in "Romeo and Juliet" were able to rest from their labours, we read various one-act plays. These readings revealed some potential actors and actresses.

W.J.D.

FILM SOCIETY

This Society, now in its second year, has proved popular with the Vth and L.VI. Talks on the history and art of the cinema and on film technique have been given by Mr. Hilditch, illustrated as a rule by "stills" projected by the epidiascope or by film strips on the History of the American and British sound films. But the Society has also seen a great many films, documentaries (including several lent by I.C.I. and one

by Unilever), travel films, cartoons, Chaplin silent classics—not particularly popular with sophisticated young ladies of 16 or 17 but very popular with small boys and middle-aged members of staff—and instructional films including a fascinating one on how to learn to use the typewriter. For the showing of these films we have been much indebted to Mr. Speakman and the projectionists he has trained, especially Robinson, in his Natural History Society, with which we have often joined forces. Mr. Rigby and Mr. Rudd have also given us valuable aid.

Last Summer term we tried our hands at writing a shooting script and took a few still shots out of doors. The parent of one of our members has recently made us the generous offer of the loan of a cine camera so next term we may make our first film.

C.S.H.

FRENCH CIRCLE

Le cercle français s'est réuni régulièrement pour jouer à des jeux plus ou moins bruyants, pour regarder des cartes-postales des différentes régions de la France mais surtout pour discuter ce qu'on allait faire de beau pour étonner les camarades. On a fini par choisir de construire un modèle en carton des sports d'hiver. Divers membres du cercle ont travaillé chez eux pour fabriquer des chalets, des patineurs, des skieurs et même la cabine d'un téléphérique, mais comme on n'a pas très bonne mémoire on ne sait pas si toutes ces belles choses seront jamais réunies ! Espérons—le toujours !

E.M.B.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE SOCIETY

Several new contacts were made during the year between members and school-children of other countries in Europe and a few pen-friendships were arranged in countries as distant as Australia and the U.S.A. A map was produced, showing those places in the world from which letters had been received.

Members gave talks on what they had learned of other nations through the medium of their correspondence and the magazines and photographs sent to them.

H.D.J.

THE GARDENING SOCIETY

"To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield" are words as applicable to your real gardener as to any wily Greek, seeking his home throughout the weary years.

The members of the Gardening Society have many foes—animal, vegetable and sometimes mineral. Worst of all: "Summer's lease hath all too short a date." Still, the battle was fought, many wounds exchanged, and honour satisfied.

J.H.L.

GYMNASTIC SOCIETY

This year, all the members of the Society came from the Fourth Form, an arrangement which had decided advantages, particularly in apparatus work.

As far as the weekly programme was concerned, it was very much "the mixture as before" with the time shared equally by gymnastics and games.

J.B.

HOBBIES SOCIETY

The past year has brought little in the way of spectacular achievement, and far too many boys are content to be watchers instead of participants. The result is that whilst one or two members have something credible to show for their efforts, the vast majority have nothing. This is a state of affairs which must be remedied in the future.

H.H.

HOUSECRAFT SOCIETY

This society was formed to replace the Needlework Society. Our activities included discussion on various household topics and we were able to do some useful practical work, such as cleaning shoes and schoolbags, and brass and silver ware. The de-rationing of sugar brought toffee-making within our scope. Most of the results were edible. We enjoyed visiting the Exhibition in Leyland organised by the Electrical Association of Women. Here we saw all kinds of domestic appliances and we realised what an important part Electricity plays in our everyday life.

K.H.B.

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

We have had a very enjoyable year. We ran the society ourselves and appointed a girl and boy president. The members divided themselves into groups and chose their own plays. In this way we got a good variety ranging from excerpts from "Scrooge" to "A Family Comedy." Although our space is limited to a classroom we have managed to act one or two plays for our own enjoyment. We have had great enthusiasm from all our members and we feel that some of them may be an asset to the school dramatics later on.

M.A., III.C (Cl.).

JUNIOR LITERARY SOCIETY

This society has had some very interesting Friday afternoon meetings during the past year. Some time was spent in the private reading of the members' own books. Then there were enjoyable discussions on the books read and also on those likely to be of general interest. If an unusual or difficult word was found in any book its meaning was explained and its origin discussed. In this way instruction was combined with amusement.

R.G.W., I.C.

JUNIOR MUSICAL SOCIETY

Our musical taste this year is very wide—from 'Tubby the Tuba' to Beethoven's 1st Piano Concerto, 3rd. mvt. Unanimous acclaim was given to Grieg's 'Lyric Suite,' Prokofiev's 'Peter and the Wolf' and Brahms' Hungarian Dances. One or two talks on musical instruments seemed to rouse the more lethargic ones somewhat, and even led to a question on advanced acoustics ! I hope more of the juniors will be able to attend the concerts in Preston regularly.

G.B.

JUNIOR NEEDLEWORK SOCIETY

Our activities this year have included embroidery, knitting and some simple dressmaking—and, as usual, a great deal of conversation !

A.D.

JUNIOR PLAY-READING SOCIETY

IV.C Form Room, Friday, 3-20 p.m., is the place and time of our rendezvous with the one-act plays which the Society has chosen for reading. Most of the I's and II's who make up this society are eager to read, and enjoy reading, though I fear interest flags a little in the listeners, owing to the rather poor quality of the reading, and also to the fact that the last half-hour of the last afternoon of the school week is a somewhat restless time all round.

M.A.R.

KNITTING SOCIETY

This year most forms have had a representative in this Society. Some are beginners struggling with gloves and socks, whilst others are endeavouring to master quite complicated patterns for jumpers and cardigans.

M.R.T.

LEATHERCRAFT SOCIETY

For the first time this junior society made articles of leather only. Having acquired a little of our own equipment in the way of a leather punch and some scissors, we were able to proceed happily to make purses, handbags, etc., without a periodic invasion of Miss Whewell's equipment.

M.J.C.

METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

Our discussions and studies of weather phenomena have been more interesting this year, as some of our members are keen Scouts, and aim to qualify for their Weatherman's or Meteorologist's badge.

J.R.

MUSICAL SOCIETY

The majority of our members continue to attend the many concerts held in Preston and elsewhere. There were the usual four Hallé concerts and four Liverpool Philharmonic concerts as well as those given by the Preston choirs and orchestra.

The Hallé orchestra has, it must be confessed, been disappointing this year. For a world-famous orchestra such as the Hallé to play music which is more suitable for a Spa light orchestra over afternoon tea was surely an unfortunate decision—to say nothing of being an insult to Preston's musical taste. Let the Hallé give us the big symphonies and concertos—Johan Strauss' waltzes can safely be left to tea pavilion ensembles.

Regarding records played at Music Society meetings we have given many requests such as Dvorak's fourth symphony, the opera 'Rigoletto', Tchaikovsky's Ballet 'The Sleeping Princess' and numerous other items.

B.L.W.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A number of scientific films were shown to the Biology Sixth on such subjects as "Malarial Parasite," "Sleeping Sickness", "Coccidiosis in Poultry" and "Mitosis". During the Summer Term the period was spent in "supervised revision" for G.C.E.(A.).

L.M.H. U.VI. (Cu.).

RUGGER SOCIETY

According to the weather the time was used either for practices on the field or talks indoors. This is proving a very useful period for preparing for Saturday matches and in the Easter Term much useful "Sevens" experience was gained.

B.S.M.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

As in previous years the Society has had a varied programme consisting mainly of quizzes, lectures and demonstrations.

The demonstrations proved to be most popular, particularly one on model aeroplane flying held on the field.

The epidiascope and film strip projector were used at some of the meetings but only a few members could be persuaded to give talks.

W.R.

TOPICAL SUBJECTS SOCIETY

Topics ranging from Farming to Music have been discussed this year.

W.G.W.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Book accessions have again been considerable, but they have necessarily been confined to the academic sections of the Library. However the Junior Fiction and Non-fiction sections have not been neglected this year; several volumes of fiction and otherwise have been kindly presented by Miss Bromley and Messrs. Rudd and Black. Furthermore, a most generous presentation by Mr. A. E. Buxton has added some seventy volumes to these same shelves.

The Librarians are Valerie Bamber and Betty Brennand; the Junior sections have been administered by Mary Robson and Pat Dixon; while the County Library books have been administered by Jean Berry and Glenys Hothersall—who have also acted as Library orderlies.

W.J.D.

CHOIR

The practices for the Choir during the Autumn Term culminated in the performances on Speech Day and at the Carol Service. The Speech Day music was sung with enthusiasm and attention to detail, though this enthusiasm did perhaps make the tone to be rather uneven in a few places, a point singers should watch. The pieces performed were 'Summer is i'cumen in', 'A Song of Rest' with music by Walford Davies,

'Sister Awake', a three part madrigal by T. Bateson and the Amen Chorus from Pergolesi's 'Stabat Mater.'

The Carol Service was the usual colourful affair with two innovations this year. The first, a boys' choir, was not quite so successful as anticipated, owing I think to nervousness, but the second, the brass quintet, was an undoubted success. All praise to the big (or not so big) five! Pat Heaton and Entwistle, H., sang their solos well, and the Carol choir fulfilled their role more than adequately. The leader of both choirs was Beryl Fletcher, and my thanks go to her for performing her duties so well. My thanks also go to Miss Rahill, Mr. Downer and Mr. Wilkinson for their work at the party, which went with the customary 'swing'.

G.B.

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1952-53

						- Points -					
						Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
1st XV	....	....	....	....	....	21	12	9	0	385	240
2nd XV	....	....	....	....	....	14	5	8	1	88	134
Junior XV's	....	....	....	....	....	15	6	3	6	147	125

1st XV MATCHES

Sept. 27th	v. Preston Grasshoppers Extra A XV	.....	.....	.....	Home	Lost	6-17
Oct. 4th	v. Ormskirk G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Won	33-0
Oct. 11th	v. Arnold School	.....	.....	.....	Away	Won	34-21
Oct. 15th	v. Rossall School 2nd XV	.....	.....	.....	Away	Won	27-5
Oct. 18th	v. Newton-le-Willows G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	49-3
Oct. 22nd	v. Stonyhurst School 2nd XV	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	33-8
Oct. 25th	v. Wigan G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Lost	3-11
Nov. 1st	v. Blackpool G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	30-11
Nov. 8th	v. King George V. School, Southport	.....	.....	.....	Away	Won	19-3
Nov. 12th	v. Stonyhurst School 2nd XV	.....	.....	.....	Away	Won	16-6
Nov. 15th	v. Hutton G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	40-14
Nov. 19th	v. Kirkham G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Lost	14-16
Nov. 22nd	v. Sedbergh School 3rd XV	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	6-19
Dec. 13th	v. Hutton G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	5-21
Jan. 6th	v. Fleetwood G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	5-11
Jan. 17th	v. Wigan G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	10-23
Jan. 21st	v. Manchester University Freshmans XV	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	16-14
Jan. 24th	v. Ormskirk G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	22-3
Jan. 31st	v. Kirkham G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	0-19
Feb. 7th	v. Upholland G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	12-9
Feb. 14th	v. Wade Deacon G.S., Widnes	.....	.....	.....	Home	Lost	3-6

Once more it is pleasant to report a successful season with the emphasis on clever attacking play. At the beginning of the season it was obvious that the main difficulty lay in finding a pack of forwards sufficiently lively to give a most promising set of backs enough of the ball. On light, dry grounds they did this most adequately, but the heavier grounds later on in the season saw them hard put to it to hold their own. The backs proved themselves capable of over-running all but the most highly organised defences.

The opening game against the "Hoppers" was lost by an apparently wide margin but in actual fact play was even and only foolish mistakes in defence gave the "Hoppers" two of their scores. This game was followed by a series of easy victories in which the team displayed some delightful attacking movements. The Wigan match was rather a disappointment as the school were put out of their stride by a very lively pack and never quite produced their true form. Four more victories followed, the team playing at its very best to inflict on King George V School, Southport, that school's first defeat, and continuing in the same vein against Hutton. The last three games of the Autumn Term were lost, that against Kirkham by a very narrow margin after a splendidly fought and exciting match. Sedbergh IIIrd XV proved too big and strong and Hutton won the return game decisively against a weakened School XV. In the Easter Term the first two games, against Fleetwood and Wigan, were lost, but then came a narrow win against Manchester University Freshers, and the completion of the double over Ormskirk. The return match with Kirkham was played in a gale and our opponents mastering the conditions were very convincing winners. The last two games were both closely contested and enjoyable and the final fixture, against Wade Deacon G.S., Widnes, which was arranged at the last moment and played on the Leyland Motors Ground provided a fitting end to a very pleasant season.

1st XV CHARACTERS

Full Back : ACKERS, B. H. Has a very good positional sense and fields and kicks the ball well but was not always reliable under pressure.

Right Wing : HALL, A. Rather small but always ran with determination and his tackling and falling were first class. A most promising player for the next season.

Right Centre : SMITH, K. R. A most complete footballer who with any luck at all should go a very long way in the game. His personal tally of over 180 pts. shows his real value to the side.

Left Centre : MATHER, K. Captained the team with enthusiasm and intelligence. His play throughout the season was excellent and his tricky running a menace to any defence.

Left Wing : WALTON, R. If only he would make full use of his physical attributes and go really hard for the line he would meet with more success. He did, however, score some excellent tries.

Fly Half : BAMFORD, M. H. Brought in from his proper position at wing forward, he played very creditably without ever quite fulfilling the promise of his first few games.

Scrum Half : WALSH, J. Had a good season and provided a very adequate link between forwards and backs. He has a very good long pass and covers well in defence.

Prop Forward : ROBINSON, P. K. Did not quite produce the fire that had been hoped for. He has the size but needs to quicken his play.

Hooker : SMALLEY, A. Hooked well at the start of the season but seemed to lose a little confidence. Led the pack with enthusiasm.

Prop Forward : TOPPING, G. The most solid worker in the pack, he did more than his fair share of the tackling and binding in the loose mauls.

Second Row Forward : HARRISON, F. Had some very good games and often did extremely useful things but too frequently tended to rest on his laurels. Could have been very useful in the line-out if he could have cured himself of the habit of knocking back.

Second Row Forward : MARSDEN, J. Improved steadily throughout the season. His value to the side was increased by his place-kicking. He was often to the fore in the loose rushes.

Wing Forward : GREEN, J. Also played at full-back, and in the Centre. His play, especially his tackling, was always very adequate but he did not quite fulfil the promise of previous years.

Lock Forward : KEVILL, D. Always played hard and intelligently and was one of the most consistent of the forwards.

Wing Forward : HURST, D. W. Started off at fly-half but changed positions and developed into an outstanding forward. He is fast and tireless and his tackling is conclusive. His backing up of attacking movements by the backs was also of the highest standard.

Of the reserves who were called upon WILLIAMS, R., SMITH, R., BARNES, SINGLETON, PARKER and KNOWLES all gave displays which were full of promise for future seasons. GILL, LUCAS, PARKINSON, OWEN and HILL also played in one or more games.

SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION

This season, for the first time, we entered two "Sevens" for the Fylde R.F.C. Competition at Ansdell on March 25th. The 2nd "Seven" playing a little below form, were defeated in the first round by Salford G.S. The 1st Seven, consisting of Mather, Smith, Hall, Bamford, Walsh, Ackers and Hurst, reached the final, defeating Salford G.S., King Edward VII School, Lytham, and Hutton G.S. on the way. The semi-final, against King George V School, Southport, was a tremendous game which went to extra time, Hall pulling out a magnificent run of three-quarters of the field to touch down the winning try. The final, against Cowley, was a game to remember for years. Our opponents settled down more quickly and took the lead. Almost immediately after this Mather was taken from the field with a broken ankle. Led by Smith the remaining six rallied magnificently, equalised and then took the lead and held it until well into the second half. The handicap, however, was too great, and Cowley regained the lead. The School were still in the game but Hall now had to leave the field with a badly cut eye and that was the end, the final score being Cowley 13pts., Balshaw's 6 pts. It was a great pity from every point of view that the game could not be played on a level footing but every member of the team deserves the highest praise. Our congratulations to Cowley.

During the Christmas Holidays Mather, Smith, Hurst, Topping and Walsh played for Preston School-boys v. the Fylde. The first three played for Mid-Lancashire and then for North Lanes. in the County Trials matches. All three gained a place in the County Schools XV which defeated Cheshire by 20pts. to 9. This was a great honour for the School and all deserve the very warmest congratulations.

2nd XV AND JUNIOR XV

The 2nd XV were handicapped this year by frequent calls from the 1st XV and by a lack of weight and experience. They performed very creditably on occasion, especially when it is remembered that small members affect the strength of a 2nd XV even more than they do the 1st XV. This season we concentrated

more in the Junior teams on U.15 fixtures in the hope that this would lead to the ultimate improvement of the standard of senior Rugby, as it does away with the awkward gap which formerly existed between the Bantams and the 2nd XV. This was the second year running that the Schools Junior XV's scored more points than they yielded.

The House League Shield was won by Clayton, and in the Knock-out final Clayton took the cup with a convincing win over Cuerden.

School Rugby Colours were re-awarded to Mather, K., Smith, K. R., Walsh, J., and Bamford, M. H., and awarded to Ackers, B. H., Topping, G., and Hurst, D. W.

D.S.M.

HOCKEY, 1952-53

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	12	9	0	3
2nd XI	8	5	1	2
Jun. XI	3	3	0	0

1st XI MATCHES

Oct. 4th	v. St. Annes College	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	20-0
" 11th	v. Chorley G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Won	11-2
" 25th	v. Preston Park School	.....	.....	.....	Away	Won	2-0
Nov. 8th	v. Wigan High School	.....	.....	.....	Away	Won	6-0
" 15th	v. Winckley Square Convent School	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	3-0
" 22nd	v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	3-9
" 29th	v. St. Anne's College	.....	.....	.....	Away	Won	8-1
Dec. 13th	v. Ormskirk G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	1-6
Jan. 17th	v. Blackpool Collegiate School	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	5-0
" 24th	v. Upholland G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	0-6
" 31st	v. Newton-le-Willows G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	3-0
Feb. 7th	v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	3-2

This season the team was off to a flying start, and although eight newcomers were included, the players swept their way to victory in the first five matches, scoring no less than forty-two goals. Consequently, our heavy defeat at Ashton was particularly stunning, and for the rest of the season, although we suffered only two more defeats, the team never entirely regained its confidence.

The forwards combined and tackled well, the halves gave untiring support and kept the game evenly spread over the field, while the backs tackled courageously, although they were not always speedy enough in recovery.

Once again the Lancashire Schools' Tournament was enjoyed by players and spectators alike, and our team finished second in our section, winning four games out of five.

TEAM CRITICISMS

Goalkeeper : E. RIDING. Is alert and moves quickly. Should gain in confidence with more experience.

Right Back : A. PRITCHARD. Tackles well and has a good clearing drive, but must speed up her movements, particularly when covering for the rest of the defence.

Left Back : B. WARD. On occasions played an excellent game, but still has a tendency to be left behind after missing a tackle.

Right Half : M. WRATHALL. A most steady and dependable half, who kept her wing well supplied with the ball.

Centre Half : M. MAIDMENT. Has rapidly developed into a good all-round half, untiring in her efforts to keep the forwards in the scoring zone.

Left Half : I. WARD. A promising young player, who anticipates her opponents' moves, and is quick to intercept.

Right Wing : M. BAMBER. A young and speedy forward with good dribbling tactics, but must learn to pass a little sooner and not over-run the ball.

Right Inner : J. BROOKS (Captain). Has improved steadily. Stickwork good, and shooting strong, but must concentrate on more accurate timing and greater tenacity.

Centre Forward : K. HOSKER. Another young player with plenty of dash and enthusiasm. Shoots strongly but must develop more accuracy in the circle.

Left Inner : E. TAYLOR. A very useful member of the team, with great speed and drive, and always a fighter.

Left Wing : B. KENYON. Has fulfilled last season's promise and can always be relied on to field and use a difficult pass with speed and accuracy.

HOCKEY KNOCKOUTS, 1952-53

Worden defeated Clayton 3-2. Farington defeated Cuerden 3-2.
 Final : Farington defeated Worden 3-1.

HOUSE LEAGUES

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Goals
Farington	6	2	1	3	7	16
Worden	6	3	2	1	7	14
Cuerden	6	2	1	3	7	12
Clayton	6	1	4	1	3	7

Awarded to Farington on goal score.

C.I.P.

CROSS COUNTRY, 1953

Once again our chances in the first two fixtures were lessened by the absence of our captain, Owen. On his return, however, the position improved through his obtaining first position against Bolton and Blackburn. Wholehearted support was given by Barnes, as deputy to Owen, Marsden, Harrison and Gynes. Colours were awarded to Barnes and re-awarded to Owen.

RESULTS

Feb. 25th v. Q.E.G.S. Blackburn (a) Q.E.G.S. Blackburn 23pts., School 59pts.
 Mar. 7th v. Kirkham G.S. and Blackpool G.S. (h) Kirkham 43pts., Blackpool 65pts., School 87pts.
 „ 21st v. Bolton G.S. and Baines G.S. (at Baines) Bolton 40pts., School 67pts., Baines 68pts.
 „ 25th v. Q.E.G.S. Blackburn (h) School 39pts., Blackburn 39pts.

The Senior and Junior runs provided exciting races, Owen winning the Senior in 22mins. 43secs. and Hurst the Junior in 14mins. 12secs., an excellent time. The House Championship was won convincingly by Farington.

POINTS

1st :	Farington	.....	282pts.
2nd :	Clayton	.....	374pts.
3rd :	Worden	.....	375pts.
4th :	Cuerden	.....	378pts.

G.B.

CRICKET, 1953

A much better 1st XI than those of the last two years had quite a good season. Only two games, against Southport and Kirkham, were lost and both of them could, and perhaps should, have gone the other way. However, if opportunities are not taken there can be no complaint.

Batting strength was more evenly distributed than in recent years, so that profitable partnerships took place for all wickets at one time or another. Particularly important, the early batsmen gave the team the very great encouragement of a solid start, in almost every game. The best batting performance of the season was undoubtedly against Preston Catholic College, who declared with a total of over 150. With Walmsley and Parker scoring at a great rate, and accounting for 139 runs between them, School knocked off the runs for the loss of four wickets.

The bowling was more limited, relying chiefly on the opening pair, Walsh and Knowles. Fortunately, they did all that was required of them because the lack of steady and varied change bowling was a weakness.

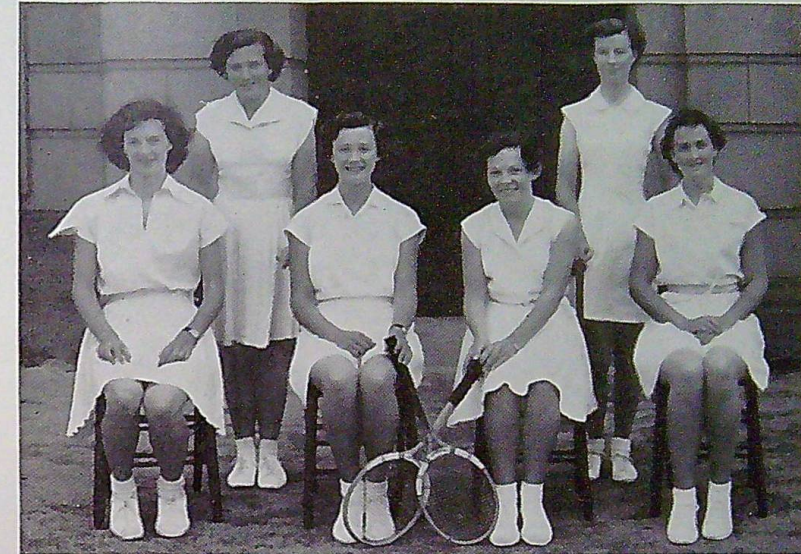
With Smith setting a fine example, at cover, the fielding improved considerably, as the season went on and almost, on occasion, reached the point of "intimidation." It was good to see batsmen being made to fight for their runs but just a word of warning—the close ring of fieldsmen round the batsman is not the "only" field setting.

On the whole, an enjoyable and successful season.

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI

MATHER (Captain). Unfortunately, owing to injury, was only able to play in the last four matches. Naturally keen and aggressive, sometimes to the point of recklessness, his influence was immediately evident, the team winning those matches in very confident style.

WALSH. Was acting Captain for most of the season and handled the team very well indeed. His bowling was good, bringing him more wickets than anybody else, whilst his batting was very dependable. As usual,



SCHOOL TENNIS VI, 1953

Back row : (left to right) M. Wrathall, P. M. Barker.
 Front row : (left to right) P. M. Semple, J. M. Brooks, M. E. Hull, J. Walmsley.
 Played 5 Won 4 Lost 1



SCHOOL ROUNDERS IX, 1953

Back row : (left to right) M. Allison, M. Bamber, I. Ward, S. Mayor.
 Front row : (left to right) M. L. Marland, J. M. Higham, B. Kenyon, K. Hosker, M. M. Maidment.
 Played 3 Won 2 Lost 1

set a very good example in fielding, his catch to finish and win the opening match being a model of cool judgment.

WALTON. Enjoyed a very successful season, helping, as an opening bat, to give the side many a fine start. WALMSLEY. As expected, this left-handed opening bat settled down to enjoy himself and score a lot of runs. Was at his best when looking for runs, as against Preston Catholic College when he hit a brilliant 92.

GREEN. Undertook the duties of wicket-keeper during the early part of the season and did very well, though not fully at ease in the position. A good right hand bat, but never seemed to settle down. Perhaps his efforts as stumper were unsettling.

HARRISON. A rather nervous batsman who, nevertheless, did make several very useful scores and, most creditably, when the runs were badly needed. Unfortunately, his fielding was not usually of a high standard.

KEVILL. Did not have a very happy season, either as batsman or bowler.

PARKER. Contributed very largely to the success of the team. His left-hand batting at No. 4 or 5 was adjusted to the situation, attacking when runs were needed, defending skilfully when defence was obviously necessary. His fielding was also very good, as his bowling might well be, but, apparently, he has made up his mind to let that fade away—a pity.

SMALLEY. Played as a right-hand leg-break bowler and showed early promise which, unfortunately, did not really develop.

WRIGHT. A good swing bowler and quite a reasonable bat, who did not have a very successful season. Rather slow in the field.

KNOWLES. By consistently fine swing bowling, proved one of the "key" members of the side. Should be even more effective next year, particularly if he also works hard to improve his batting.

SMITH. Took up Cricket at this late stage of his school career and did remarkably well. With the bat, a quick eye and powerful shoulders enabled him to finish the season high in the averages, amongst the more orthodox batsmen. As a fieldsman, his work at cover was an inspiration and example to the whole team.

ROBERTS, SWARBRICK, J. G., and WARING also played in occasional matches.

J.B.

RECORD OF 1st XI MATCHES

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
10	7	1	2

KNOCK-OUTS

Farington won the Final, after Clayton had given themselves a fine chance by dismissing their opponents cheaply in the second innings. Batting last, Clayton were set to get 133 to win and were put out for 101.

LEAGUES

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

TENNIS, 1953

Captain : J. M. BROOKS

Few matches were played this season, but they were most enjoyable. The play was quite good, the older team members having developed more powerful strokes. Net play, too, has improved, but lack of speedy footwork and mobility is still the chief weakness.

1st Couple :

J. BROOKS. A most reliable and capable captain. Has developed much swifter service and drives. Plays with ease and confidence.

M. HULL. A strong player who has produced a more powerful service this season. Net play good, but still tends to be erratic.

2nd Couple :

M. SEMPLE. A forceful player with good match temperament. Places her shots well, both in long drives and at the net.

J. WALMSLEY. An energetic player who drives well, but service still erratic. Net play needs much practice.

3rd Couple :

M. WRATHALL. A steady player. Now needs to concentrate on stronger drives and net play.

P. BARKER. An alert and promising player. Drives well, but footwork needs speeding up.

M.H.

RESULT OF SCHOOL MATCHES

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st VI	4	3	0	1
2nd VI	3	3	0	0

TENNIS KNOCK-OUTS 1953

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

HOUSE LEAGUES

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

Farington and Clayton tied.

ROUNDERS, 1953

Captain: B. KENYON

The school 1st IX won its two matches against other schools quite easily, but lost to the Staff. Fielding was good, particularly in the deep field, and several players learned to vary their hits to keep the fielders guessing.

Bowler:	I. WARD.	1st Base:	K. HOSKER.	1st Deep:	M. MAIDMENT.
Backstop:	B. KENYON.	2nd Base:	J. HIGHAM.	2nd Deep:	S. MAYOR.
		3rd Base:	M. MARLAND.	3rd Deep:	M. ALLISON.
				4th Deep:	M. BAMBER.

ROUNDERS KNOCK-OUTS, 1953

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

HOUSE LEAGUES

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

C.I.P.

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1953-54

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
1st XV	18	6	9	3	138	229
2nd XV	11	5	6	0	105	136
U.15 XV	8	3	3	2	61	73
Junior XV's	7	4	2	1	72	62

1st XV MATCHES

Sept. 19th	v. Wigan G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Lost	3-20	
„ 26th	v. Ormskirk G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	8-3	
Oct. 3rd	v. Hutton G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	3-38	
„ 7th	v. Stonyhurst College 2nd XV	.....	.....	.....	Home	Drawn	6-6	
„ 10th	v. Kirkham G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	3-30	
„ 17th	v. Preston G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	16-6	
„ 24th	v. King George V School, Southport	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	3-33	

Nov. 7th	v. Sedbergh School 3rd XV	.....	.....	.....	Home	Drawn	3-3
„ 11th	v. Rossall School 2nd XV	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	11-3
„ 14th	v. Morecambe G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Won	19-0
„ 21st	v. Upholland G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	8-43
„ 28th	v. Blackpool G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Drawn	5-5
Dec. 2nd	v. Stonyhurst College 2nd XV	.....	.....	.....	Away	Won	9-0
„ 5th	v. Hutton G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Lost	6-8
„ 12th	v. Wigan O.B's. Schools XV	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	10-11
Jan 16th	v. Ormskirk G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	0-8
„ 23rd	v. Kirkham G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Lost	3-9
Feb. 13th	v. Fleetwood G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	16-0

Before dealing with this year's activities I am sure that everyone connected with Rugby in the School would like to join in congratulations to K. R. Smith, of last year's XV, who has played for Lancashire in all their County Championship matches this season.

We were faced with the task of rebuilding the team this year as only 3 regular members of last year's XV Bamford, Hall and Robinson, remained. It quickly became obvious that the forwards would be up to standard but that the backs were lacking in speed and experience. Although some heavy defeats were suffered, one of the pleasing features was that the team never gave up. Hall missed many of the fixtures so that Bamford, as Captain, was faced with the task of holding together a young, raw set of backs and the record shows that this was very adequately done.

The first eight matches provided a sequence of heavy defeats away and wins or draws at home. Wigan, Hutton, Kirkham and King George V, Southport, all ran up big scores, though in each case the School had quite a fair share of the game territorially. In each case speed and strength outside the scrum proved decisive and in the intervening fixtures against Ormskirk, Stonyhurst, Preston and Sedberg, the school not being faced with that particular problem were able to look a much better side. Two more victories, against Rossall and Morecambe, followed, and then the heaviest defeat of all, against Upholland, who, on the day, were worth every point of their victory. Of the remaining seven matches, four were lost, two won and one drawn, but by this stage the defence had been tightened up and Hutton, and later, Kirkham, had to struggle very hard to gain their doubles. Altogether the XV have every right to be pleased with their performances and if those who stay on play with the same spirit next season the prospects are good.

1st XV CHARACTERS

Full Back: SMITH, R. Missed some of the early games through injury but once he had recovered his position performed adequately. Needs, however, to improve his kicking, especially with the left foot.

Right Wing: HALL, A. Missed many of the fixtures and even when playing did not quite fulfil last season's promise. There is no doubt, however, that if his recovery is complete he will be a very valuable member of next year's team.

Right Centre: BAMFORD, M. H. Reverted at the beginning of the season to his original position of wing forward but once again had to come out into the backs. His defence has been good in all games but in attack he is still strangely reluctant to trust his own abilities. As captain he kept the side going no matter how discouraging the circumstances.

Left Centre: RYDING, D. One of the season's discoveries. He was brought into the side at the beginning as a stop-gap full back, so successfully that he became the obvious choice to fill the weakness in the centre. Big and strong, with an eye for an opening and a good tackle, he only needs a little more speed.

Left Wing: PARKER, C. A strong, fast runner and a good kick. If he can only cure himself of the habit of stopping to turn inside and trust to his speed to carry him over he is capable of scoring a lot of tries.

Fly Half: ROBERTS, A. One of the most consistent and mature players in the fifteen, he has improved throughout the season and had a really good first season in the team.

Scrum Half: SWARBRICK, R. Is really too small for 1st XV football but has displayed any amount of courage and trickiness. The alternative player in this position, SINGLETON, J., has always performed adequately and might make a good scrum half next season if he is not needed more urgently in his original position of wing forward.

Prop Forward: WILLIAMS, R. A good, unobtrusive forward who is never far from the ball and who tries to play constructively.

Hooker: KNOWLES, J. Has hooked quite well and on occasions performed well in the line outs. He tries hard but does not always apply his strength in the right place.

Prop Forward: GILL, A. Has improved considerably this season and has been one of the most constructive forwards in the pack.

Second Row: ROBINSON, P. K. Big and strong, he has had good games but does not always produce the necessary dash. Must cure himself of the habit of backing into the scrum from the wrong side.

Second Row : WRIGHT, P. Has come on a lot this season but does not always play with intelligence. With his height he ought to be better in the line out.

Wing Forward : SINGLETON, J. A good blind side wing forward who has fulfilled last season's promise.

Lock Forward : SWARBRICK, J. A really good forward, perhaps a little lacking in speed but he is always up with the ball, taking the right and constructive action.

Wing Forward : BOURNE, A. The youngest member of the fifteen he has played consistently with great dash and skill and is one of the most promising forwards the school has had for some time.

The loss of Barnes, a great trier, at Christmas, was covered by the improvement shown by younger players. Due to injuries and the search for the best combination, Malley, Speakman, Stringfellow, Waring, Owens and Robinson, J. K., have all shown that they could play in the 1st XV without looking out of place and the experience they have gained should stand them in good stead next year if they stay on.

The second XV, apart from one rather inglorious defeat at Kirkham, improved on last year's record and apart from those who did actually play for the 1st XV several others, particularly in the forwards, were under consideration for promotion. The U.15 XV did very well considering that they lost 3 or 4 of their best players to senior teams. The Junior XV's also played well enough to show that there is very satisfactory talent on its way up the school.

The Seven a Side Competition at Ansdell on March 24th saw the school defeated in the second round by St. Bede's by 6pts. to 3pts. after Upholland II had been beaten 11pts. to 3pts. in the first round. The team, consisting of Smith, R., Parker, Roberts, Bamford, Ryding, Knowles and Bourn, performed quite as well as could be expected.

Colours for the season were re-awarded to Bamford, M. H., and awarded to Barnes, B., Roberts, A., Robinson, P. K. and Singleton, J.

During the Christmas Holidays Parker, C., played for Preston Grasshoppers Schools XV v. The Fylde.

LEAGUES

	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
Clayton	6	0	0	12
Farington	2	1	3	5
Cuerden	2	0	4	4
Worden	1	1	4	3

KNOCK-OUTS

In the first round Cuerden beat Clayton by 6pts. to 3pts., and Farington beat Worden by 22pts. to 6pts. The final was won by Farington by a score of 9pts. to 0pts.

D.S.M.

HOCKEY, 1953-54

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st XI	11	7	3	1
2nd XI	7	4	2	1
Jun. XI	2	2	0	0

1st XI MATCHES

Oct. 3rd	v. Blackpool Collegiate School	.....	.....	Away	Won	4-0
" 10th	v. Winckley Square Convent School	.....	.....	Home	Won	6-2
" 24th	v. Upholland G.S.	.....	.....	Away	Drawn	1-1
Nov. 7th	v. Ormskirk G.S.	.....	.....	Home	Lost	0-3
" 21st	v. Winckley Square Convent School	.....	.....	Away	Lost	1-2
" 28th	v. Hindley G.S.	.....	.....	Home	Won	5-1
Dec. 12th	Chorley G.S.	.....	.....	Home	Won	5-0
Jan. 16th	v. Ormskirk G.S.	.....	.....	Away	Lost	2-3
" 23rd	v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S.	.....	.....	Home	Won	4-0
Feb. 27th	v. St. Anne's College	.....	.....	Away	Won	12-1
Mar. 10th	v. Chorley G.S.	.....	.....	Away	Won	3-2

We started this hockey season with high hopes, since no less than seven of last year's first team players were still with us, but the results were very mixed. Throughout the year we have had difficulty in finding the right combination of defence players, most of whom have given varied performances, and the fact that seven games were cancelled added to the difficulties of selection.

The forward line has been a good one, however, and has steadily increased its speed while keeping the game open with good passes.

Towards the end of the season, after much practice, there was keen competition for places in the half-back line, and at last we felt we had a strong and spirited team, capable of giving an excellent account of itself at the Lancashire Schools Tournament.

The players and a large contingent of supporters set off for Manchester on March 20th, excited and very hopeful in spite of the pouring rain, but great disappointment awaited us, since the pitches were totally unfit for play and the 1954 Tournament had to be cancelled. We were unable to prove our worth, but we still feel that the weather stole our best chance yet of returning to Balshaw's triumphantly bearing the Cup!

TEAM CRITICISMS

Goalkeeper : E. RIDING. Rather variable at the beginning of the season, but proved her worth later, developing a good strong kick and learning to come out and tackle unhesitatingly.

Right Back : N. WILCOCK. A lively and fearless back who marks well, and should develop into a useful player.

Left Back : L. THOMPSON. Dependable, and covers well, and has a good strong drive.

Right Half : I. WARD. Lacked tenacity on occasions but towards the end of the season fully recovered and marked, intercepted and passed extremely well.

Centre Half : M. MAIDMENT. A most reliable centre half, whose untiring efforts enabled the forwards to score frequently.

Left Half : M. ALLISON. Tackles determinedly, drives well and moves speedily, but is too easily discouraged. Can play an excellent game, but must learn not to give up in adverse circumstances, as the rest of the team is still depending on her.

Right Wing : M. BAMBER. Speedy, with good stickwork and dodging tactics, and has given some good passes. A slight tendency to play too near to the inner must be overcome.

Right Inner : J. BROOKS (Captain). An excellent captain, cool and efficient, and she has improved her own play, showing more tenacity and speed.

Centre Forward : K. HOSKER. Quick off the mark and shoots strongly, and has developed more accuracy.

Left Inner : R. HOSKER. One of the most promising young forwards for some time, who enjoys a tussle for the ball, and shoots with remarkable strength. With experience should be able to master the finer points of stickwork and dodging tactics.

Left Wing : B. KENYON. Has played consistently well, having very good control of stick and ball, combined with good footwork.

J. WHITTLE played some very good games as goalkeeper in E. Riding's absence, and we were sorry she left school at Christmas.

V. BAMBER is a dependable hard-working half, and played very well in several matches. She just missed a permanent place in the 1st XI, but was the best of the reserves.

H. HARVEY and M. RODGERS also played in the 1st XI on several occasions.

HOCKEY KNOCK-OUTS, 1954

Worden drew with Cuerden but defeated them in the replay. Farington defeated Clayton.
Final : Farington defeated Worden in a replay after a drawn game.

HOUSE LEAGUES

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Farington	6	5	1	0	10
Cuerden	6	3	2	1	7
Worden	6	1	3	2	4
Clayton	6	1	4	1	3

C.I.P.

CROSS COUNTRY, 1954

This has been our best season for a number of years. The general standard both in the school matches and in the championship runs has improved, and a real team spirit was evident in the school eight. The keenness in the junior school was very encouraging, and mention must be made of the magnificent running of Lucas, J., who, although a junior, took his place in the senior team and always finished high up in the positions. Our best runner was undoubtedly Baldwin, closely followed by Bourn, but the 'packing' of Robinson, Swarbrick, Lucas, Gynes and Hurst helped substantially towards our victories. As captain, Wright worked well and with considerable enthusiasm.

RESULTS

Mar. 3rd v. R.A.F. Kirkham and Q.E.G.S. Blackburn (h) ...	Kirkham 41pts, School 58pts, B'burn 76pts.
.. 6th v. Bolton G.S. and Baines G.S. (at Bolton) ...	Bolton 22pts, School 74pts, Baines 77pts.
.. 20th v. Kirkham G.S. and Blackpool G.S. (at Kirkham) ...	Kirkham 33pts, School 63pts, B'pool (90pts.
.. 27th v. Blackpool G.S. and Baines G.S. (at Blackpool) ...	School 53pts, Blackpool 56pts, Baines 62pts.
.. 31st v. R.A.F. Kirkham and Q.E.G.S. B'burn (at B'burn) ...	School 44pts, R.A.F. 46pts, B'burn 77pts.

The house championship senior and junior runs were run in ideal conditions with both records in jeopardy. These, however, remained intact. Lucas, J., won the junior in 14 mins. 20 secs., while Baldwin, after fighting off the challenge of a dog finished strongly to win in the excellent time of 22 mins. 32 secs. The House Championship, being decided as is usual by combining the points accrued by each house in both runs, was eventually won by Worden.

POINTS

Worden	425
Cuerden	448
Farington	504
Clayton	563

My thanks to Mr. Hallatt for his keen support and interest throughout the season in the practice runs, at school matches and in particular at the championship runs.

Colours were awarded to:—Wright, Baldwin, Bourn, Gynes, Robinson, J. K., and Swarbrick.

G.B.

HOUSE NOTES

CLAYTON HOUSE

House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull.

House Mistress : Miss A. Doherty.

House Captains : Gill, A., and B. M. Fletcher.

First, may we extend a warm welcome to all new Claytonites and express our sincere thanks to those who will be leaving us during this School year, for all they have done for our House. To those nearing the end of their School career, we wish health and happiness wherever their futures lie. If all newcomers will support their House, in School or on Playing-field, as loyally as their predecessors have done, the fine spirit of achievement, friendship and sportsmanship will be maintained and the hope to regain the coveted Silver Griffin and trophies which once adorned our shelves in IV.B will be kept alive.

Once again we must congratulate Smith K. R., our house-captain, as Victor Ludorum, thereby completing an unusual hat-trick. Here we may offer further congratulations to him on his selection to represent Lancashire and North-West Counties on the Rugby Field. May he go from success to success. We must not fail to congratulate Ellen Taylor, another Claytonite, for becoming Victrix Ludorum. Personal triumphs ! Our team successes were winning the Rugby Leagues, Cricket Leagues and Tennis Leagues.

Our House Party maintained its usual high standard, thanks being due to Miss Doherty for the excellent refreshments, and to Mr. Bull for the entertainment provided.

Looking back, we have been moderately successful. Looking forward, let us remember our motto : "Press on Regardless," and may a more successful year be in store for us.

CUERDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. R. A. Bennison.

House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell.

House Captains : Roberts, A., J. M. Brooks.

May we wish all Cuerdenites who left us this year every success in their future careers, and at the same time extend a warm welcome to all newcomers. We hope that they will help Cuerden to rise to the top once more.

It seems that only the girls have kept our head above water on the sports field. They carried off the Tennis and Rounders Knockout Cups and the Rounders League shield. We also lost the treasured Silver Griffin after it had resided on our shelves for only one year.

We were, however, more successful in the social field, carrying off the honours of a very successful party, which, I think, was enjoyed by all. Never mind, Cuerden, keep on trying and let us repeat our 1951-52 successes in 1954.

FARINGTON HOUSE

House Master : Mr. W. J. Downer.

House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy.

House Captains : Bamford, M., P. M. Leach.

We are very happy to report that this last year has been the most successful for Farington for a long time. We retained the Athletics Cup and also added the Hockey, Cricket and Cross Country cups and the Hockey, Cricket and Tennis shields to our tally. Another great feat was the winning of the Silver Griffin. Well done, Faringtonians !

The highlight of the year's house party was a Fancy Dress Parade. The Ladies' Staff made a very murderous-looking hockey team and the U.VI girls a glamorous Rugby XV. The usual grand Farington spread was provided and altogether the party went off very successfully. Thanks must go to Miss Milroy, Mr. Downer and their helpers.

Encouraged by this year's successes we must not hang back, but we must go forward to still greater achievements.

WORDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill.

House Captains : Wright, P., A. M. Strachan.

First of all we wish all Wordenites who have left us this year every success, and we also heartily welcome all newcomers to the House.

This has not been our year for success on the Sports Field, although we reached the final of the Hockey Knockouts, which we just managed to lose in the replay—a defeat with honour ! In spite of these set-backs I am sure every one in our teams tried very hard, and this is what really matters.

It must be that we predominate in Beauty and Charm, for no Silver Griffin has come our way either. We can boast, however, of our one shining light, Audrey Singleton, whom we are very pleased to congratulate on gaining Open Scholarships to Oxford and Cambridge Universities, as well as a State Scholarship, last year ; this is a very great honour for our house and we wish her success in her future career.

We have held another of our House parties, which seem to get better and better every year, if that is possible, and we must again thank Miss Rahill and Mr. Wilkinson for all the hard work they did to make the party so enjoyable.

In looking forward to the coming season we appeal to every Wordenite to work hard and to make ours the best House, not forgetting our motto : "Up the Blues !"

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