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EDITORIAL

If it is true that nothing new can be said about many things, it is certainly true of an editorial. What is there to say? Everything, except that we hope you like the articles, has already been said.

We would welcome though, more contributions, which this year have been as scarce as State Scholarships. Surely there is some rising poet or author in the School, who could contribute some of his genius to our magazine? This year the magazine has been produced solely by the efforts of the Editors, Staff and the sixth form. We go on hoping, even though we may sound disheartened, that inspiration will dawn before the next issue of our magazine.

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SCHOOL NOTES

SCHOOL PREFECTS AND SUB-PREFECTS, 1956-57

- BOYS.** *Head Boy* : Bourn, A. J. R. *Prefects* : Baldwin, K., Brennand, W. J., Goff, B. C., Hoole, A., Nelson, P., Swift, R. D., Ward, D. W., Thomas, D. C., Knapman, R. K. *Sub-Prefects* : Graham, W., Martland, J. R., Ainscough, E., Farrer, C. D. H., Fishwick, G., Ormand, T. A., Singleton, B. J., Slatery, R. L., Thwaite, B., Worthington, A. A., Dawber, R. P. R., Gray, B., Ingham, M. F., Jolly, W., Marsden, J. B., Ryding, G. N.
- GIRLS.** *Head Girl* : J. E. Parkinson. *Prefects* : M. Allison, A. Lambert, J. J. Boswell, M. A. Salmon. *Sub-Prefects* : A. Manchester, D. R. Parkinson, R. Paul, I. Wilson, L. C. Butterfield, B. M. Floyd, V. Kelly, M. G. Smethurst, M. V. Ashton, J. Ayrton, J. M. Higgins, J. Bailey, C. H. Booth, R. C. Hosker, K. M. Savage, J. Moore.

First of all, the editor and sub-editor wish to give their thanks to Miss Doherty for her valuable assistance, and to all who have contributed to this number of *The Balshavian*.

We are pleased to welcome the only new member of our staff, Mr. Wilcock, who now teaches French in the place of Mrs. Weatherby, who left us at Christmas. To Mr. and Mrs. Weatherby we wish to send our heartiest congratulations on the birth of their daughter.

We report with sorrow the death of Mr. F. Blackburn who was the caretaker at School for many years. His obituary will be found later in this magazine.

During the past year, each house has held a house-party; all were again very successful. The play party and prefects' party were much enjoyed. At Christmas, after the Carol Service another party was held for Choir members and prefects which was again enjoyable.

Speech Day was held on December 17th when the prizes were presented by Professor A. J. D. Porteous, M.A., from the University of Liverpool.

We were very sorry to lose Miss McManamon, the assistant cook, who had been with the school for 12 years. We wish her every success in her new appointment as cook-supervisor at St. Mary's Secondary School.

Since our last issue, the School Dramatic Society has presented "The Prodigious Snob," an adaptation by Miles Malleon of Molière's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," an appreciation of which will be found elsewhere in this magazine. We must congratulate everyone concerned in this production for the success the play met with during its presentation.

The Annual Athletic Sports of 1956 were held on Saturday, April 28th. We congratulate Smith, R., and Mee, D., who jointly won the Victor Ludorum cup, and the Victrix Ludorum, I. Ward.

A memorial tablet in commemoration of those Old Boys of the School who lost their lives in the last war has been placed in the School Hall. Old Students from all parts of the country and some living overseas subscribed to the Memorial Fund. Memorial seats are soon to be provided near the Tree Sanctuary, which is itself dedicated to the fallen of the first World War. A list of subscribers, to whom our thanks are due, will be found later in this magazine.

We are happy to announce that the School Rugby team reached the semi-finals in the Seven-a-Side Tournament which took place at Ansdell.

After a postponement of two days, owing to torrential rain, the Annual Athletic Sports of 1957 were held on Tuesday, May 27th. Our congratulations go to the Victor Ludorum, Baldwin, K. (Cl.) and the Victrix Ludorum, H. Deacon (F.).

We extend our congratulations to I. Ward and Ogden, I. W., on being awarded the Hocking Memorial Prize and to Knowles, J. E., and Laraway, D. E., who won the Stanning Memorial Award.

We congratulate Patricia Gates, an old pupil who has won the Alex Foster Silver medal for the "best nurse of the year" at Preston Royal Infirmary.

We congratulate the following Old Girls upon their recent appointments in the teaching profession:—Annie Stansfield as Head Mistress of Willenhall Secondary School, Staffs., Jean Turner as Geography Mistress at the Park School, Preston, Jean Brooks as Physical Education Mistress at Blackburn High School and Barbara Kenyon as Physical Education Mistress at Upholland Grammar School.

We have heard of many marriages of Old Students and send our best wishes to Mr. G. Sharples and Miss E. Holden, Mr. R. Moores and Miss D. Rogers, Miss P. Kirkman, s.r.n., and Mr. W. Pye, Miss S. Smith and Mr. A. Taylor. We also congratulate Mr. M. Chetham on his marriage to Miss R. Topping, Miss P. Higgins to Mr. G. Batty, Miss M. Barker to Mr. T. Allen, Miss D. Rigby to Mr. G. Stafford, Mr. A. W. Henry to Miss B. E. Bagot, Miss E. Waddington to Mr. J. G. Bagot, Mr. G. Crozier to Miss A. Haworth, Mr. R. Bamber to Miss J. Cross, Miss P. Wilkins to Mr. D. T. Whitcomb.

Our congratulations go to the following Old Students on their successes in their final examinations at University:—

Kevill, D., B.Sc. 1st class honours, London.

Topping, G., B.Sc. 1st class honours, London.

Sharples, G., B.Sc. Manchester College of Technology.

Sheldon, R. P., Ph.D., Liverpool University.

Jean Turner, B.A. Birmingham.

Walton, R., B.Sc. Manchester College of Technology.

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

ADVANCED:—

Baxendale, R. M., Bourn, A. J. R., Campbell, R. J., Dewhurst, T. A., Hall, A. E., Hoole, A., Hurst, A. W., Nelson, P., Ogden, I. W., Owens, J. H., Rigby, J., Singleton, J., Smith, R., Swarbrick, J. M., Swarbrick, R., Williams, R.

M. Allison, F. Bolton, R. A. Dickinson, M. N. Gallacher, K. Hosker, G. Hothersall, R. A. Morris, Joan Parkinson, Judith E. Parkinson, R. J. Roby, M. M. Rowley, M. K. Sample, L. Thompson, I. Ward, J. Wilkinson.

ORDINARY (N.U.J.M.B.):—

Goff, B. C., Hibbert, F. A.
J. A. Cookson, M. Sutcliffe.

ORDINARY (Oxford Delegacy):—

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Farrer, C. D. H., Fishwick, G., Forsyth, R. P., Goff, B. C., Greenwood, D. J., Heyes, R., Howe, P. D., Hughes, M. D., Iddon, M., Jones, S. R., Lucas, J., Margetts, T. S., Oliver, J. G., Rigby, J., Roocroft, R., Ryding, G. N., Salisbury, P. A., Sheffield, D. E., Summers, D. G., Turner, M. I., Turner, N. C., Walker, M. T., Wallis, P., Waring, J. J., Watkinson, D., Wilford, C. J. B.

M. G. Anderton, B. P. Andrews, M. Ashcroft, J. Ayrton, J. Bailey, J. Bartlett, J. Bass, B. C. Beardwood, B. Bennett, K. Bennett, C. H. Booth, J. J. Boswell, J. A. Burrell, K. Butterworth, Joyce Cairns, M. M. Clayton, M. G. Clements, B. Cookson, J. A. Cookson, D. Cowell, D. Crook, K. M. Dandy, P. G. Dawber, E. M. Dawson, B. A. Eastham, I. Eddleston, V. J. Elliott, J. Fairclough, B. M. Floyd, M. H. Green, L. E. Gregson, B. A. Grimwood, I. P. Halsall, B. Harrison, W. Hawarden, B. E. Hawkes, P. A. Hawkins, J. Haworth, J. M. Higgins, J. P. Hill, J. Hindle, M. Hodson, R. C. Hosker, S. A. Hughes, B. I. Jones, G. Kirkham, B. J. McMillan, P. Maddocks, M. Marle, L. Matoff, J. Moore, C. S. Morris, D. K. Norris, N. Norris, L. Parker, D. R. Parkinson, P. Parkinson, E. I. Peet, A. Pemberton, R. M. Price, J. Rae, K. M. Savage, M. J. Simpson, I. Slater, M. Taylor, A. Thompson, L. Thompson, P. A. Tonge, S. B. Walkden, S. M. Walker, K. Walmsley, R. A. Whittaker, R. L. Wild, J. Wilkinson, A. L. Wilson, I. Wilson, M. Worrell, D. Wright, J. Wright.

The following have gone to Universities and Training Colleges:—

Baxendale, R. M., Hall, A. E., to Leeds University; Ogden, I. W., to Liverpool University; M. K. Sample, G. Hothersall, to Manchester University; F. Bolton, Swarbrick, R., to Manchester College of Technology.

Hurst, A. W. (Chester T.C.); Smith, R., Speakman, T. (Culham T.C.); Singleton, J. (Didsbury T.C.); Stickland, D. P. (Dudley T.C.); Rigby, J. (Westminster T.C.); I. Ward (Beckett Park T.C., Leeds); V. Westwater (Kesteven T.C.); J. A. Cookson (St. Katharine's T.C., Liverpool); M. M. Rowley (Gloucester Domestic Science T.C.); J. Wilkinson (Edge Hill T.C., Ormskirk); R. A. Dickinson (St. Mary's T.C., Cheltenham); B. J. Little (Thornbridge Hall T.C., Sheffield); J. McConnell (Thornbridge Hall T.C., Sheffield); L. Thompson (Worcester T.C.); M. N. Gallacher (Bingley T.C.).

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

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Leagues and Knockouts. School Choir. A. L. Wilson—L.VI (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. Hockey Leagues. M. G. Anderton—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. B. P. Andrews—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. M. Ashcroft—V.A (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. J. Bartlett—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. J. Bass—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. B. C. Beardwood—V.B (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. M. Beardsworth—V.B (Cu.). Hockey Leagues and Knockouts. K. Bennett—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. B. Bleasdale—V.B (Cl.). Hockey Leagues. M. M. Clayton—V.A (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. M. G. Clements—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. School 2nd Rounders Team. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. D. Cowell—V.C (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. School 2nd Hockey XI. School 1st Tennis VI. Tennis Colours. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Leagues and Knockouts. K. M. Dandy—V.C (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. Hockey and Tennis Leagues and Knockouts. P. G. Dawber—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. School Play. A. C. Dutton—V.B (Cl.). Hockey Leagues. B. A. Eastham—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. I. Eddleston—V.C (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. School 1st Tennis VI. Hockey and Tennis Leagues and Knockouts. School Band. J. Fairclough—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. School 2nd Hockey XI. School 1st Rounders IX. M. H. Green—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. L. E. Gregson—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. Carol Choir. B. A. Grimwood—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. Hockey and Rounders Leagues. Carol Choir. School Play. I. P. Halsall—V.B (Cu.). School Junior Rounders IX. Hockey Leagues and Knockouts. B. Harrison—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. School Choir. School Play. W. Hawarden—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. P. A. Hawkins—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. J. Haworth—V.A (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. School Choir. E. Hayes—V.A (W.). J. Hindle—V.A (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. School 2nd Hockey XI. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. Carol Choir. S. A. Hughes—V.C (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. B. I. Jones—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. School 2nd Hockey XI. School 2nd Rounders IX. G. Kirkham—V.C (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. Rounders and Tennis Leagues. B. J. McMillan—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. M. Marle—V.A (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. Carol Choir. C. S. Morris—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. N. Norris—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. A. Parkinson—V.C (Cu.). P. Parkinson—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. J. Patterson—V.A (F.). M. Pattinson—V.B (F.). E. I. Peet—V.C (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. A. Pemberton—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. R. M. Price—V.B (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. Carol Choir. J. Rae—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. School Choir. School Play. I. Slater—V.C (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. Hockey Leagues. M. Taylor—V.A (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. School 1st Hockey XI. School 1st Tennis VI. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Leagues and Knockouts. Carol Choir. A. Thompson—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. P. A. Tonge—V.B (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. H. C. Turner—V.B (Cl.). S. M. Walker—V.B (W.). School 2nd Rounders IX. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. R. A. Whittaker—V.C (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. R. L. Wild—V.B (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. Carol Choir. M. Worrell—V.B (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. Carol Choir. D. Wright—V.C (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1956. J. Wright—V.A (F.). School 2nd Hockey XI. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. M. Caton—IV.C (Cu.). W. A. Halton—IV.A (Cu.). A. Pinder—IV.B (Cl.). A. Ramsdale—IV.C (F.). J. Swarbrick—IV.A (F.). J. M. Adam—III.C (Cl.). G. Newton—III.C (Cu.). D. J. Seddon—III.C (F.). School 1st Rounders IX. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Leagues and Knockouts. School Choir. I. Drizulis—II.A (W.).

SPEECH DAY, 1956

The annual Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes took place on Monday, December 17th, and the School Hall was once again filled with parents and friends who were interested in the school's activities. Professor A. J. D. Porteous, from the University of Liverpool, had kindly consented to distribute the awards. In the absence of County Alderman G. H. Redman, chairman of the school governors, Councillor J. Tomlinson presided over the meeting.

The first item on the programme was a group of songs by the School Choir. The first, "Panis Angelicus," was a four-part song for both male and female voices, written by Cesar Franck. This was followed by "Chorus of Angels," from the cantata "The Enchanted Swans," by C. Reinbecke. The choir concluded with the lively "Cachucha," a four-part chorus from the "Gondoliers," with words by W. S. Gilbert and music by Arthur Sullivan. The choir was both accompanied and conducted by Mr. Black.

The Headmaster then gave his address in which he reviewed the school's successes in examinations and on the sports field. He said that the school's aim should be to produce effective men and women to meet the demands of a waiting world. Mr. Oldland went on to speak of the shortage of teachers in mathematics and science, and laid particular stress on the importance of science in the world today.

Following this Professor Porteous distributed the prizes and certificates to the many pupils who had been successful in public examinations. In his speech the Professor urged pupils to spend their leisure time pursuing interests which appealed to them. He said that it was important that they should have some time in which to do these things, for, while most of their lives would be spent working, it was a poor man who did not have interests outside his own work.

A vote of thanks to Professor Porteous was proposed by Councillor J. Welsby, and seconded by Councillor Mrs. R. B. Kelly.

The proceedings ended by a vote of thanks to Councillor J. Tomlinson, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

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

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

MAY 21st, 1957

After two postponements, due to rain, the Sports were finally held, in fine and warm conditions, on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 21st.

New events were introduced in the shape of the Girls' 150 yards (Open and Under 15), 880 yards (Open), Long Jump (Under 15) and short distance hurdles for both Boys and Girls (Under 12). Also, the Girls Long Jump (Open) event was held again after a lapse of many years.

Baldwin (Cl.) became Victor Ludorum and thoroughly deserved to do so. On aggregate of points, he was comfortably ahead of his nearest rivals, Brown (Cu.) and Heyes (W.). In the Senior Girls' events, a much closer struggle developed between H. Deacon (F.) and M. Salmon (W.). The issue depended entirely on the last Girls' (Open) event, the High Jump, and with the former girl winning, equalling the record in the process, she became Victrix Ludorum.

In the two Junior Championships, there were also very close battles between the leading contenders, and in each group, the final event of the day was decisive. D. Swindlehurst (Cu.) was the Girls (Under 15) Champion, narrowly defeating E. Milligan (F.). Walton (F.) became the Boys (Under 15) Champion, with Wilson (W.) being "pipped on the post."

The usual crop of records was broken, six in all, the most notable being Wilson's (W.) excellent performances in the 440 yards and 75 yards Hurdles (Under 15).

Worden, after a very long and lean spell as far as athletics go, emerged as strong challengers to the well-established Farington supremacy. So well did the challenge develop that Worden won the Athletics Championship and added the Relay Cup for good measure. Congratulations, well done!

Though long delayed, the Sports provided an afternoon of friendly and pleasurable rivalry, rounded off happily by Mrs. Bennison's presentation of the certificates and cups.

J.B.

THE SCHOOL PLAY

"The Prodigious Snob," an adaptation of Molière's comedy "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," by Miles Malleson, was the play chosen this year. The audience, who have come to expect a high class performance in Balshaw's plays, were not disappointed by this excellent production. The comedy was not at all forced, as may have been feared by many. Indeed the audience were kept laughing throughout and there was scarcely a dull moment.

The honours must undoubtedly go to Bourn, who played the title rôle. It was a rather difficult task for an eighteen-year-old boy to play the part of a somewhat eccentric old man, but his success was undoubted—in fact he was quite at ease throughout and the audience was sure of amusement whenever he appeared.

He was ably supported by Margaret Smethurst as his wife. She also was most suited to this type of character, and was at her best when exploding with anger, indignation or annoyance at the eccentricities or follies of her husband.

The young lovers' schemes made full use of M. Jourdain's folly and susceptibility, and were admirably carried out by Maureen Salmon as a charming Lucille, and Ryding, who effectively portrayed alternating resolution and nervous uncertainty.

Another source of amusement was the contrast between these lovers and their servants, Covielle and Nicole. Swift and Valerie Preston played these parts with zest and vigour, and most efficiently brought in an element of rustic broad humour.

Wilford, as Count Dorante, and Rhona Paul, as the Marchioness Dorimene, and also, in proper measure, the two Flunkeys (Slattery and Ingham), provided an atmosphere of realism and conviction in the world of fashion through which M. Jourdain was blundering. The impression of his stumbling unfamiliarity with this world was enhanced too by the arrogant patronage which was variously accorded to him by the affected music master (Greenwood—a superb portrayal, this), the effeminate dancing master (Oliver), the fiery, muscle-plus-Sandhurst fencing master (Martland, whose devastating swordsmanship was the product of Mr. Brown's training), the pompous, high-flown philosopher (Robinson, D.) and the delightfully supercilious tailor (Entwistle, H.).

Minor rôles were also successfully depicted by Barber, Thomas, King, Taylor, Turner, Marie Halliwell, Ward, Hughes, Heyes, Valerie Ashton, Ruth Hosker, Barbara Robertson, Valerie Metcalfe and Bannister.

The costumes and décor were, as usual, under the skilled and tasteful direction of Miss Whewell, and both elements achieved their consistently high standard with the assistance of Brenda Floyd and Bellis. The many technical intricacies of the attractive set had been successfully overcome by Mr. Hewartson with an almost unprecedentedly skilful team in Sheffield, Riding, J. B., Marsden and Dunn. Mr. Black negotiated the many musical challenges of the production with unfailing resource and ingenuity. In particular, the Turkish scene was gilded with many musical whimsies and delights, colourfully dressed by Miss Whewell and embellished by the piquant humour of the dancing, which had been designed by Mrs. Ife. The lighting, under the control of Mr. Speakman, assisted by Slattery, Turner, M. I., Taylor, Hoole, R., was suitably warm, and there was a beautiful spell of spotlight work on the Lady Singer, Barbara Hitchon, in one of her very commendable solos. Prodiges of art and speed were performed by the make-up group, namely Mr. Wilkinson, Miss Bromley, Mrs. Ife, Miss Cummins, Mrs. Pickersgill with the help of Vera Kelly, Jolly, W., and Thwaite, B. With thirty-four characters to be prepared, some of them doubling, much work had to be done with one eye on the clock, but there was never a hitch or a delay, and the result maintained its customary high standard. Mr. Rigby was, as we have come to expect, a cool, quiet, swift and efficient stage manager, streamlining some awkward transferences; and Mr. Leatherbarrow handled his job as house manager with calm efficiency. Miss Moss, as usual, worked hard to keep the secretarial side of the work, tickets and programmes, etc., running smoothly. Nor must Taylor, who watched faithfully over the split-second timing of the curtain, and Anne Lambert, the prompter, who was not, however, needed much by the word-perfect cast, be forgotten.

Of course the play could not have reached such a high standard without the never failing enthusiasm and ceaseless quest for perfection of the producer, Mr. Downer, to whom the cast will always be indebted for the memory of the happy time they had rehearsing for the school play, 1957.

V.K., U.VI (Cl.).

Fred Blackburn

Caretaker at Balshaw's Grammar School 1931-1949

It was with deep regret that we heard of the death on February 8th of Mr. Fred Blackburn who was Caretaker of the School before his retirement in 1949.

For more than 17 years that little world which is ours was privileged to have him daily in its midst. Service is a word which is often loosely used but if ever a man gave service in its best and finest sense it was Fred Blackburn. Hundreds of boys and girls who have passed through the School will remember for a very long time his cheerful countenance, his insistence upon scrupulous tidiness, the high standards he set himself even when performing the most trivial tasks. To every organisation of which he became a member, whether it be The Duke of Lancaster's Yeomanry, the Leyland Cricket & Bowling Club, the Leyland Rifle Club or the Territorial Army, he brought that same integrity and devotion to duty.

He died within a year of the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding to a lady whom we shall always remember with affection and esteem and to whom we wish to express our sincere sympathy in the great loss which she has sustained.

V.U.O.

THE TEMPEST

On May 12th, 1957, a party of fifth and sixth form pupils went to the Wigan Little Theatre to see a performance of Shakespeare's "The Tempest." It was our first visit to this tiny, but well-equipped theatre which has acquired a considerable reputation for the high standard of its productions.

"The Tempest" came well up to this standard and provided an enjoyable evening's entertainment. The stage set conveyed the right impression of Shakespeare's enchanted island and the beautiful costumes added colour and grace to the scene. The producer had necessarily cut some scenes but the result was an admirable balance of action, poetry and comedy. In the shipwreck scene, which opens the play, clever lighting helped to create an illusion of movement in contrast to the serenity of the island after the storm, although the same set was used for both.

The acting was of a consistently good standard characterised by outstanding clarity of diction. Prospero had dignity and authority, with the right touch of humility; Trinculo's comedy was well adapted to a modern audience and Eunice Werrill's Miranda, although rather more vivacious than we expect of Shakespeare's heroine, had tenderness and charm. We agreed, however, that the outstanding performance was that of Michael Allen as Ariel; in voice and movement he was the embodiment of "an airy spirit" in admirable contrast to the heavy "earthiness" of Caliban.

We all enjoyed the excursion very much and returned to Leyland feeling that "The Tempest," like any Shakespearian play, is much more than an examination "set-book".

A.D.

OUTWARD BOUND

Getting up at 6.30 a.m. and taking a dip in Lake Ullswater may not be everyone's idea of a happy Easter, yet with 83 other boys, I did this for a month last holidays while on an Outward Bound course. We spent the first fortnight in preliminary training, keeping school hours, but with subjects not usually associated with school, such as Mountain Rescue, rock climbing, First Aid, canoeing and forestry, to name just a few.

The boys on the course came from all walks of life and some were quite ignorant of what to expect at the school; after a week, however, everyone settled down and even the early morning dip became bearable. Athletics play a large part in the early training but there is never competition between individuals; all that is expected of you is maximum improvement on your previous performances.

The cross-country run deserves special mention for its great length and height; there is over a thousand feet of climbing and the ground is extremely rough. A whole day is devoted to it although the actual time it takes is about an hour.

Towards the end of the course come the three mountain schemes. The first is four days of rock-climbing on such faces as Black Crag and Great Gable, with each boy having the (voluntary) opportunity of leading. The second scheme is called the "Tod" and each boy is sent out alone for 24 hours in the mountains—camping in the open without tents and improvising for cooking utensils. The third and final scheme is a race against time with the eight highest lake-district peaks to be climbed and over 60 miles to be walked in just under three days. This scheme requires an all-out effort—and not everyone gets round.

The instructors at the School have been described as 'muscle-bound morons,' yet, on the whole, they were extremely helpful and friendly. They gave lectures and film shows in the evenings and provided the audience for an end-of-course concert given by the boys. Altogether the course, although strenuous, was very enjoyable and provided a hazardous, yet pleasant, change from suburban life.

C.J.B.W., L.VI (F.).

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CONFERENCE AT THE WILLIAM TEMPLE COLLEGE, RUGBY

We were very pleased to be the representatives of Balshaw's at a conference discussing careers in industry. We arrived at Rugby on the Friday evening and having been shown our very pleasant modern quarters, we mixed with the other students present, the majority of whom were from Lancashire Grammar Schools.

After dinner we had an introductory talk by Mr. Mark Gibbs, Careers Master at Audenshaw G.S., who described briefly the purpose of the William Temple College in educating students in Social Science. He went on to tell us that this was the first conference of its type and thus we were the guinea pigs! The talk gradually turned into a discussion of careers.

On Saturday morning, Dr. Beasley, the Chief Lecturer in Commerce at the University of Birmingham, gave a lecture entitled "The Nature of Industry." He discussed the prospects of a career with a small and then with a large firm, pointing out the pros and cons of each and suggested that a happy medium should be aimed at. After the mid-morning break the students present divided into groups of ten for private discussion of the topics raised by Dr. Beasley.

Saturday afternoon was spent in a visit to Coventry, where the new shopping centre was viewed. We were lucky enough to be invited to look through the Hotel Leofric, the most modern hotel in Britain.

Mr. G. W. Nichol, Personnel Manager of Joseph Lucas Ltd., was our speaker for the Saturday evening session. The subject on which he spoke was "The Kind of People Industry Wants." He made the point that people matter more than profits, a statement which, on discussion, we thought was not completely true. However, another statement of his we readily agreed was that to get on in Industrial Science one must be able to do Maths !!!

There was a short service on the Sunday morning, followed by discussion groups. The afternoon was free and we explored Rugby. We had the strange experience of seeing pupils at Rugby School playing soccer.

Our last lecture was by Mr. C. A. Williams, Regional Secretary to the Transport and General Workers Union. He told us of the work of the unions in industry during normal times, which was quite revealing and gave us something to think about. The prospects of a career in the Trade Unions for a Grammar School pupil were not very attractive since the workers preferred men who had started on the shop floor. After questions and the usual discussion, we adjourned for the evening.

The next morning was spent in a visit to the English Electric works at Rugby. We had an introductory talk by Mr. Murray, which preceded a tour round the factory conducted by graduate apprentices. The factory is concerned with the manufacture of water and steam turbines for driving the generators made at other branches of English Electric.

After lunch on Monday we dispersed to our various destinations feeling very grateful to Mr. Mark Gibbs, who organised the meeting, to the staff of the William Temple College who made us feel at home and the lecturers for their most instructive lectures.

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

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

SCHOOL VISITS

(1) LOWER SIXTH FRENCH VISIT TO ROSSALL

On Saturday, May 11th, Miss Bromley and several members of the Lower VI French set arranged to go to Rossall School to see French puppet plays, the puppets being manipulated by the pupils. A recital of French folk songs was also given. The whole afternoon was organised by the Modern Languages Association.

Despite a typical English rainy day the train journey to Blackpool was quite pleasant and we arrived safely and then caught a tram to Rossall. On our arrival at the school (unfortunately a late arrival) we were much impressed by our surroundings and wished we could have looked round, but this was impossible. We were directed up a short flight of steep steps into a small theatre, where a nativity puppet play was in progress. Being familiar with the theme of the play, we were able to follow it and enjoyed it. There followed a dramatisation of Fontaine's 'Le Rat de Ville et le Rat des Champs,' which we enjoyed also, having already read it in class.

M. Jean Rozol next appeared on the stage. He was to give the recital of folk songs. With his sparkling personality and beautiful guitar accompaniment, he was able to do justice to a selection of French folk songs of various moods and tempos. He had obviously acquired a wide knowledge of the subject and introduced each folk song with a description of its source and the district to which it was native. These songs were from many districts, Normandy, Brittany, Touraine and Auvergne; a selection which included dances, comic songs, love songs, religious songs—and two modern songs, only one of which we knew really well and that was 'Au clair de la lune.'

We caught the tram back into Blackpool and had tea there. The weather had by this time cleared up and we were able to spend a pleasant half-hour on the promenade before going for the train to carry us back to Preston and rain.

M.S., L.VI (Cu.).

(2) THE GAY TYROLESE

One evening in April a party, organised by Mrs. Ife and accompanied by several other members of the staff, went to Preston Public Hall to see 'The Gay Tyrolean.' It was an evening's entertainment, promoted by the Anglo-Austrian Musical Society, of Tyrolean singing and dancing, given by Toni Praxmair's Kitzbuhel singers and dancers. The programme was in three parts; Part I, Spring in the Mountains; Part II, Summer; and Part III, Autumn—A Wedding in the Tyrol. We were all amazed at the variety and continuity of the programme. Between the folk songs and folk dances, we heard a 'Cow Bell Symphony,' zither and trumpet solos and we were highly delighted with the typical Tyrolean Schuhplattler Dance. There was also the Woodcutters' Dance, the Miners' Dance, the traditional Wedding Dance and the Stilt Dance: stilts are even now used every spring by the peasants in Austria, when snow-melt makes flooding a regular occurrence. The highlights of the evening were, however, the clarinet solos, brilliantly executed, which could be rivalled only by Charlie Caroli. Thus ended two hours' unforgettable entertainment by eighteen Austrian men and girls in their colourful national costumes. We went out into the streets of Preston discussing the possibilities of a summer holiday in Kitzbuhel, 'the heart of the Austrian Tyrol.'

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

(3) THE CHOIR VISIT TO "THE GONDOLIERS"

On Saturday, April 13th, members of the school choir were fortunate enough to see the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera "The Gondoliers," given by the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company at Manchester Opera House.

The performance delighted a large audience from the first, and the pleasure was increased by the colourful décor and the brilliant costumes: we had the unusual experience of seeing the audience applaud a magnificent dress worn by the Duchess of Plaza-Toro. The fine, dignified voices and clear pronunciations of Ann Drummond-Grant as the Duchess of Plaza-Toro, and Arthur Richards as the Grand Inquisitor, gave immense pleasure to the listeners. Peter Pratt, as usual, gave a polished performance and completely won the hearts of the audience by his antics. Neville Griffiths and Alan Styler were excellent as the "democratic" gondoliers and Jean Hindmarsh and Joyce Wright were well cast as their light-hearted wives. Last, but by no means least, the chorus gave a magnificent performance which surpassed all previous standards.

We would like to express our thanks, on behalf of the choir, to Mr. Black for making such an enjoyable outing possible.

J.E.P., U.VI (Cu.).

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

(4) THE SIXTH FORM VISIT TO MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

On July 2nd the sixth form visited Manchester University. We arrived in advance of our schedule and our first call was a short visit to the extensive library only recently completed. We were impressed by its size and the modern amenities.

Our next appointment was in the Whitworth Hall for an introductory speech from the Vice Chancellor to approximately a thousand pupils from Grammar Schools in the North-West area.

In his opening remarks the V.C. spoke of the objects of the University and then outlined the historical developments, namely how citizens of the area formed it in their belief in higher education—noting the establishment of the Manchester Philosophical Society in 1781, the Manchester Statistical Society in 1836 and the founding, in 1851, of the John Owen's College which later formed the nucleus from which the University grew.

At that time some 50 students only could be accommodated, but the college moved to the present site of the University and expanded rapidly. Today academic training is given to approximately 5,200 students.

Following this introduction we divided into groups to attend different lectures arranged for our benefit. As the number going to the Dental School had to be restricted many of us were disappointed; however, the other lectures proved interesting. Some members of the science set attended a lecture on Crystallography, whilst others listened to discourses on the Principles of Anthropology. Lectures in Geography and English Literature were also available but a popular attraction was the display by students and instructors of the Department for Physical Education. Manchester is the only University in the country to have its own swimming pool and judging by the exhibition of swimming and diving it is clear that good use is made of this facility and also of those for fencing, judo and weight-lifting.

The afternoon session was pleasantly terminated by tea, served in the Refectory, after which we inspected many varied exhibits in the large museum.

We then rejoined our coach and proceeded to Dalton Hall, one of the Halls of Residence for men. Our mentor, Mr. Speakman, was resident here some years ago and, owing to his good offices, we were able to inspect the rooms within and the gardens and tennis courts surrounding the building.

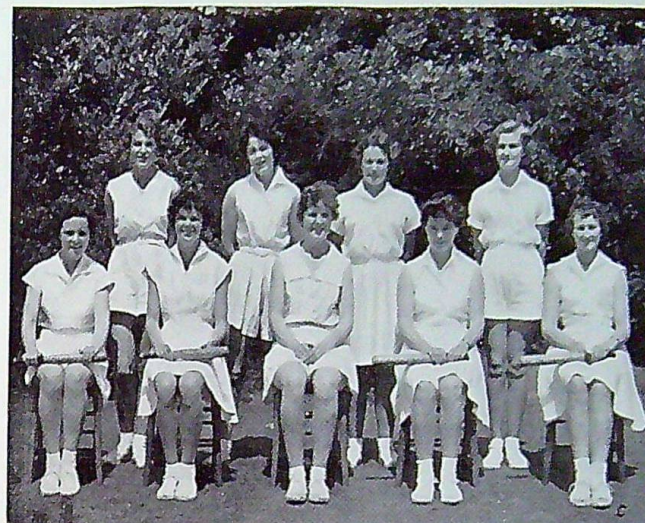
This concluded a most interesting visit and we returned home with more appreciation of the excellent facilities for further and higher education.

V.K., U.VI (Cl.).
D.W.W., U.VI (W.).

(5) THE VISIT TO PRESTON DOCKS

On Wednesday, 18th April, Mr. and Mrs. Till and Mr. Hilditch set off with a party of 6th formers in pouring rain to visit Preston Docks.

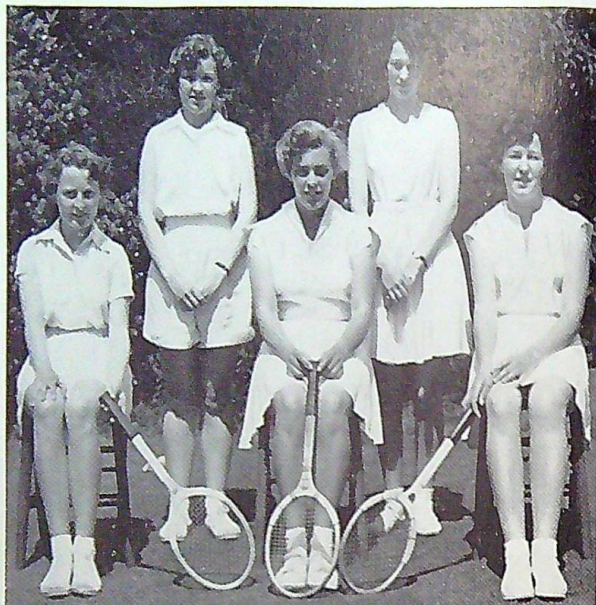
We met our guide at 3 o'clock outside the dock offices. It had now stopped raining, but on rounding the corner of a warehouse we were confronted by an expanse of oil and water-covered quay. Having safely crossed this, the guide explained to us that this was where tar, coal and oil was unloaded. Further along we saw some bales of esparto grass, from which bank notes are made; although several of us took samples we have not, as yet, discovered the method of manufacture. Next we came to the *Empire Cedric*, which was the first boat to be commissioned for the Suez crisis. We spent some time watching the efficient unloading of trailers from the hold and containers from the deck. As usual, however, the most unexpected is the most interesting; we were very fortunate to be able to see a diver surfacing after finishing some work on the lock gates. During this time we had been walking only a matter of inches from the water's edge, and yet the party still remained intact, although one or two school hats had had some remarkable recoveries (seldom by their owners). We now proceeded between stacks of wood pulp of various qualities and reached the china clay sheds. This clay is imported from Cornwall for local industry. Our next major stop was the fruit warehouse; the main fruit was bananas, but citrous fruits and coconuts are also stored here. We saw bananas being unloaded by conveyor belt from the



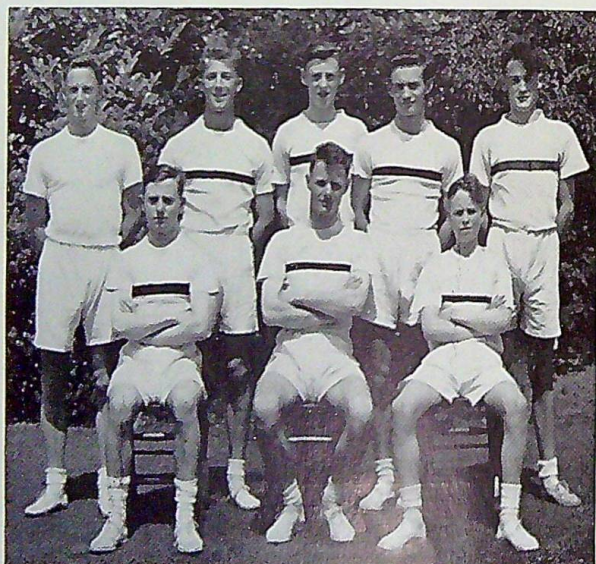
SCHOOL ROUNDERS 1st. IX, 1956
Back row (left to right): J. Seddon, J. Fairclough, L. Thompson, D. Atkinson.
Front row (left to right): R. C. Hosker, I. Ward, M. Allison, K. Hosker, E. M. Floyd
Played 5 Won 5



SCHOOL CRICKET 1st. XI, 1956
Back row (left to right): Hoole, A., Forsyth, R. P., Martland, J. R., Macauley, R. J. L., Salisbury, P. A.,
Davies, J. A.,
Front row (left to right): Mee, D., Ainscough, E., Bourn, A. J. R., Dawber, R. P. R., Smith, R.,
Scorer: King, F. G.
Played 10 Won 2 Drawn 4 Lost 4



SCHOOL TENNIS 1st. VI, 1956
 Back row (left to right) : M. Taylor, I. Eddleston.
 Front row (left to right) : D. Cowell, J. E. Parkinson, J. J. Boswell, A. Manchester (absent).
 Played 5 Won 4 Lost 1



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY, 1st. VIII, 1956
 Back row (left to right) : Ryding, G. N., Smith, R., Turner, N. C., Graham, W., Ingham, M. F.
 Front row (left to right) : Hughes, M. D., Bourn, A. J. R., Lucas, J.

Windward Islands and taken to the ripening chambers ; other bananas were being packed ready for road or rail transport to all parts of the British Isles. This, unfortunately, was the one place where we were unable to take samples.

Thus we had completed our tour of the docks, and I think we were all favourably impressed by the rapidly growing importance of Preston as a port. It is certainly living up to its name of 'the Gateway to Lancashire.'

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

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



(6) VISIT OF SIXTH FORM SCIENCE SECTION TO THE JEREMIAH HORROCKS OBSERVATORY, MOOR PARK, PRESTON

On 3rd April last, the majority of the Science Sixth spent an enjoyable evening in the Observatory, Moor Park, Preston, at the invitation of Doctor Barocas.

The party was first given a lecture on the history of the observatory, and of the work done there, during which some interesting specimens were passed round, such as one of the remaining pieces of a very early copper and tin alloy reflector.

Unfortunately the heavens were obscured by clouds, and consequently we were unable to observe the moons of Jupiter. However, we were allowed to inspect all the optical and electronic instruments, the functions of which were explained to us by Dr. Barocas.

Had we visited the observatory a few weeks later we should no doubt have seen the comet Arend-Roland.

Before leaving Dr. Barocas kindly invited those who were interested in Astronomy, to visit the observatory again when better weather conditions should prevail.

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

R.L.S., U.VI (F)



STORMY NIGHT

When shutters rattle and curtains blow
 The ghost in the night does sometimes go ;
 He walks about from bed to bed
 (Pull the sheets up over your head !).

Then he goes away down stairs ;
 He walks through all the walls and chairs ;
 All the doors he opens wide ;
 Then he goes away to hide.

E.S., II.A (W.).



RACE AND CHARACTER IN THE BRITISH ISLES

On February 27th, Miss D. Sylvester, M.A., F.R.G.S., gave a talk on " Race and Character " to the middle and upper forms of the School. In this talk, which was both interesting and enlightening, Miss Sylvester distinguished between the chief races in Britain, namely the Nordic and Mediterranean types of race. She showed us by means of maps how these races are distributed through our island home. In Wales and S.W. England the Mediterranean races predominate, while in the Highlands of Scotland and in Eastern England the Nordic type of race is more pronounced. However, in some areas the races are intermingled. By means of slides we were shown how the striking features of the individual races can still

be distinguished in these "mongrel" types, e.g., the length and breadth of the face, the colouring and height.

Miss Sylvester rounded off an excellent lecture by saying that in the not-so-distant future there would be a universal race.

J.J.B., U.VI (Cl.) ; M.A., U.VI (Cu.) ;
M.A.S., U.VI (W.).

ROAD SAFETY

Last term a member of the County Constabulary gave a lecture to the junior members of the School on "Road Safety."

The lecture took the form of a quiz, boys v. girls. Though humorous in form the quiz held a deep significance. Questions were asked on all topics of the Highway Code and the School acquitted itself most admirably. The lecture was made more interesting still by flannel graphs which showed very clearly how to carry out and how not to carry out the Highway Code. The lecture was greatly enjoyed by all and the School showed its appreciation in the usual manner.

J.R.M., U.VI (Cu.) ;
W.G., U.VI (F.).

THE OLYMPIC GAMES

On the 9th of November the school received a very interesting lecture on the Olympic Games, from Mr. R. St. G. T. Harper from Manchester University, who himself took part in the games on two separate occasions, and was also an official in both London and Helsinki.

He began by explaining the Greek origins of the games, which lasted from 776 B.C. to 394 A.D. Even to this day the Olympic torch is lit in Athens before being carried by athletes to the scene of the games. The present series of games was started by a Frenchman and the first one was held, appropriately, in Athens in 1896. The ancient Greeks included Music and Drama in their festivities, but the present day games consist entirely of sport, including equestrian and winter sports events.

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Mr. Harper told us that the original intention of the games was to enable individual athletes from all parts of the world to compete against one another. It is only recently that countries have been competing in this way. This is unfortunate because it brings in political problems which should be avoided on such occasions. To signify Peace, thousands of doves are released from the arena at the opening of each Olympiad. However, it is noticeable that a friendly spirit does exist between athletes of different nationalities, and we must hope that this will continue. The symbol of the games which we all knew to be 5 circles was explained to us by Mr. Harper ; each circle is a different colour and represents a different continent and the circles are intertwined to illustrate the international friendship of these occasions.

J.J.B., U.VI (Cl.) ; A.L., U.VI (F.).

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY

Talks of general interest have been given once again.

W.G.W.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

The Society has had yet another successful and enjoyable year. Canework in a variety of shapes and forms has been popular once more. Some members, however, have embarked upon new ventures, attempting to master the intricacies of more advanced types of embroidery and lettering.

R.C.H., L.VI (Cu.).

ATHLETICS SOCIETY, 1956-57

This is a newly-formed society consisting mostly of senior girls. We felt that it would be of benefit to the enthusiasts who wish to continue some form of athletics training all the year round, and it also provides opportunities of practising the events recently added to the girls' Sports programme. This year we re-introduced the long jump and included a 150 yards and 880 yards, and next year we hope to introduce throwing the javelin and the discus, all of which will be practised by the members of the Society during the summer and autumn terms.

Most of the girls have attempted the Western Roll style of High Jump and we hope that by next Sports Day, some, at least, of the finalists will have adopted this style.

C.I.I.

DANCING SOCIETY

The Society has again enjoyed a varied programme of dancing, which included modern ballroom dancing, English and Scottish Country Dancing, and also some American Square Dances.

One or two of the old-time sequence dances proved to be very popular, and we are grateful to Greta McCalla for the loan of suitable records.

M.H.P.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

This year we have devoted a good deal of our time to rehearsals of this year's school play, "The Prodigious Snob," the long Spring Term being given almost exclusively to this pursuit.

However, to add lively variety, one-act plays, usually of a light and comic nature, have been performed, to the delight of cast and audience alike. Not only have these plays given us real enjoyment but have also given us useful experience, and Friday afternoons are always welcomed enthusiastically by us.

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

FILM SOCIETY

Again the time has been pretty well divided between filming and viewing. Most of the school epic has been shot though one or two retakes may be necessary, or should we say desirable, since it is unlikely that the cast can ever be assembled again. The original heroine, Pat Gow, may enjoy the unique distinction of going in detention after leaving school, if she turns up on Sports Day. Unfortunately we keep thinking of fresh scenes as we go on.

Then will come the labour of titling and editing. This should be the most fascinating part of film-making. The "rushes" have nearly all come out successfully, especially the outdoor scenes.

We have also seen travel films—of wild life in S. Africa and the "Fascinations of Fiji," a Chaplin classic, "Piccadilly," starring Anna May Wong, "Joan the Maid," the life of Joan of Arc (which seemed to be mainly sub-titles), and a colour film of a Swiss holiday made by Mr. Hilditch. We also tried one day to write a film scenario of "John Gilpin." Once more our thanks are due to Hughes for lending us his projector, to Goff and Hughes himself for acting as projectionists and to Ainscough and Baldwin for help in many ways.

C.S.H.

CERCLE FRANCAIS

Comme tous les ans nous avons joué à plusieurs jeux mais cette année nous avons eu aussi une causerie très intéressante de June Bailey qui nous a parlé de ses vacances chez une famille française à Voiron dans les Alpes.

Pendant le trimestre de Pâques nous avons préparé une exposition dont le succès est dû, en grande partie, à Brenda Hunt qui nous a envoyé d'Orléans (où elle était assistante anglaise au lycée Jeanne d'Arc) des billets de théâtre, des tickets d'autobus des étiquettes de boîtes de bonbons ou de pots de confiture, etc. Nous lui en remercions chaleureusement.

E.M.B.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' SOCIETY

Our members are receiving letters from pen-friends in many lands and finding in them interesting material for reading and discussion.

J.W.

GARDENING SOCIETY

The Gardening Society has put in a certain amount of digging this year. If we see little for our efforts we are inclined to comfort ourselves with the reflection that the doing of an action has some merit, apart from the end achieved.

J.H.L.

GYMNASTIC SOCIETY

The usual activities of games, gymnastic testing, etc., have occupied the major portion of the Society's time.

J.B.

HOBBIES SOCIETY

Work has continued throughout the year, on much the same lines as in previous years. Model aeroplanes continue to be the main source of inspiration, but there has also been other work performed from time to time.

H.H.

HOUSECRAFT SOCIETY

As usual, we have had a very enjoyable time in our Society and have learnt to make many interesting and useful things, which will be beneficial to us in years to come. We have tried our hand at soft furnishing by making curtains and covers. The general effect is quite pleasing and we hope to progress further in this direction.

V.M.I., V.C (Cl.).

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

We have had some very interesting meetings this year: we have read plays and acted a great many, even attempting costume productions. In the short time we have left we cannot tell to what heights we may rise.

A.M.

JUNIOR LITERARY SOCIETY

We have this year a number of unusually keen and intelligent young readers who have shown much interest.

A.J.B.

JUNIOR MUSIC SOCIETY

Talks, discussions and the playing of many records have occupied our attention this year. Still more juniors are to be seen at the concerts. Let us hope that the number doubles itself next year.

G.B.

JUNIOR NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

This Society, composed mainly of members of Form II.A, began the year by making their own collections of Autumn fruits. Later in the year, they made a collection of twigs of some of the commoner British trees. In two Nature Quizzes, the boys were successful on both occasions. At the end of the Spring Term, two very good talks were given, with the aid of bought specimens, on "The Nests and Eggs of Birds," by Lawton, and on "British Butterflies and Moths," by Houghton. We have also shown numerous films and film strips.

B.J.L.

JUNIOR NEEDLEWORK SOCIETY

While most of the school are indulging in more energetic pursuits we spend a peaceful forty minutes every Friday afternoon with our sewing or knitting. Of course these are made more enjoyable by the exchange of gossip which accompanies them. In spite of a good deal of chatter, however, the junior needlewomen have produced several very good pieces of work this year.

A.D.

THE JUNIOR PLAY-READING SOCIETY

Our select circle is culled mostly from members of Forms I and II, with an occasional third-former to give it tone. This year it is composed almost entirely of females with three males, lucky boys, to keep them in order. This has obvious disadvantages in play-reading, especially in 'tough' plays with a demand for 'he' men. However, it means that the boys are kept busy all the time, and fortunately, this year, their reading is rather above the average. Our meeting place is L.VI form-room, which, with its sunshine view over the playing fields, is a very pleasant spot.

M.A.R.

KNITTING SOCIETY

Most members achieved several garments during the year, but others remained remarkably cheerful knitting one sleeve per term.

M.R.T.

LEATHERCRAFT SOCIETY

Many newcomers joined our society this year, who were not used to our activities, but time and patience have shown some excellent results which include a writing case, pencil and needle cases.

J.E.F. (Cl.).

MUSIC SOCIETY

Sweet music of a classical persuasion has been dispensed weekly during the year with a complete disregard for the pressing claims of Rock 'n Roll. Decayed and decrepit dabblers in Debussy and Dittersdorf are fighting a gallant rear-guard action with the New Music, confident that the latter will be as dead as a door nail in a decade or so; that is, if we last out that long! In the meantime, we bear patiently with those to whom the word "Beethoven" probably signifies a brand of tobacco or a subsidiary of Guinness.

Nevertheless we standard bearers of the classics have our moments. The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and the Hallé orchestras continue to attract large bands of Balshavians—on an average there are sixty for each concert—which is a distinct triumph in these days. What is more significant is that many old students visit these concerts, and it is some consolation to know that a good proportion of concert-goers in the district are Balshavians past and present.

We are glad to note that more boys are visiting these concerts, just as they used to do before the war.

B.L.W.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The year was spent profitably in seeing several films on various aspects of Natural History. These included "The Malarial Mosquito" and the "A.B.C. of N.P.K." (for the more forgetful readers may remind them that N stands for Nitrogen, P for Phosphorus and K for—no, not for Kate—but Potassium!).

A series of lectures by members of the Upper Sixth was given to and appreciated by the Lower Sixth. Some of these were illustrated by printed diagrams prepared and duplicated by each lecturer.

M.I., U.VI (Cl.); W.J., U.VI (F.).

RUGBY SOCIETY

A mild winter meant that the society was able to go outside most weeks and practise team tactics. The second half of the Easter Term was again devoted to "Sevens."

D.S.M.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The earth is one of the smaller planets which revolve round the sun, which is a star of moderate size holding a very tiny place in our galactic system. There are millions of other galaxies stretching farther than the range of our largest telescopes.

A few humble people meet every Friday afternoon on the aforesaid planet. We meet at the end of a week of strenuous effort and unceasing toil (!) to talk about—work, power, and energy.

We realise that the sun is our chief source of energy and discover that the sun's energy and that of the stars in the galaxies comes from nuclear reactions. Thus we are led from a consideration of the very large to the very minute, the nucleus of the atom itself. In all this we take comfort from Lord Rutherford—'These fundamental things have got to be simple.'

W.R.

CHOIR

Speech Day music this year consisted of a three-part song, the 'Chorus of Angels,' from the cantata 'The Enchanted Swans,' by Carl Reinecke, sung by the girls, and two part songs for mixed voices, 'Panis Angelicus,' by Cesar Franck and the 'Cachucha' from the 'Gondoliers,' by Gilbert and Sullivan. A welcome to the boys to this choir. Their voices added a balance to the singing, which was very creditable.

The Carol Service comprised the usual carols and descants with special items by the senior and junior girls. The latter choir gave us two items from Bach's 'Christmas Oratorio.'

The party went with its usual swing, thanks to the usual team, and the many old students who visited us seemed to enjoy themselves. Judith Parkinson made an admirable leader.

G.B.

SAVINGS GROUP

The Savings Group has continued to function every Monday. While the total of £847 for the year is satisfactory, a membership of only fifty is not good for a school of this size; especially in view of the fact that the majority of those members belong to the lower school.

It is with much regret that we say goodbye to Miss Cummins, who has done so much for the group during the last seven years. She takes with her our sincere thanks and all good wishes.

F.K.L.

CRICKET, 1956

Potentially quite a good side, the 1st XI suffered one or two batting lapses, early in the season. However, by the third or fourth game, this trouble was overcome and for the rest of the year, the batsmen performed very soundly.

Throughout the period the attack, adequately supported in the field, was as well balanced as any of recent years, and was consistently successful.

As nearly all the team will be available for 1957, we look forward to a very good "next season."

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI

BOURN (*Captain*). Had a very good season, with bat and ball. Rather quiet in his handling of the team but exercised a steady control.

DAWBER. A "correct" opening bat, who, after an early lean spell decided to make strokes and found himself making runs.

SALISBURY. Tried as an opening bat but was obviously happier lower in the batting order where "having a go" is more fashionable. Fielding sometimes slovenly.

HOOLE. A very good right-hand batsman, who enjoyed making a lot of runs and in fact was the most successful bat in the side.

MEE. A natural left-hand forcing bat. Would have been of very great value to the team but had a disappointing season.

AINSCOUGH—the wicket-keeper, performed neatly and effectively all that was required. Must try and "make" runs as well as save them.

SMITH, R. One of the best cover points School has had in recent years.

DAVIES. A young left arm spin bowler whose experience this season will obviously be invaluable to him next season.

MACAULEY. Another young bowler—this time a fast right-hander—who will improve even more as his experience in the 1st team grows. As a batsman, must remember to be instantly and continuously aggressive.

MARTLAND, J. The most successful bowler of the year and unquestionably the spearhead of the attack, taking far more wickets than anyone else and at very low cost.

OLIVER. Played a few games at the end of the year and has the ability and the desire to become a good opening bat.

TAYLOR, D. E. Came into the 1st team for one or two games as a potential scorer of many runs. Did not quite realise that potential but obviously has the ability to do so next year.

J.B.

RECORD OF 1st XI MATCHES

| Played | Won | Drawn | Lost |
|--------|-----|-------|------|
| 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 |

KNOCKOUTS

Farington beat Worden by 57 runs. Clayton easily defeated Cuerden by 9 wickets and in the Final were, in turn, beaten by Farington by the rather narrow margin of 37 runs.

LEAGUES

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

TENNIS 1956

Captain: JUDITH E. PARKINSON

This was an enjoyable and satisfactory season in spite of indifferent weather, and only one match had to be cancelled.

The standard of play was generally good and consistent, although a few points were lost because of a lack of mobility in one or two players.

Only one of the six matches played was lost, and that by a very narrow margin.

1st Couple:

J. E. PARKINSON. A very capable player with good style and control, who places her shots well. Again proved an efficient and encouraging captain.

D. COWELL. A very steady and consistently good player, though occasionally slow off the mark.

2nd Couple:

A. MANCHESTER. Quick and alert, with a good eye for the ball, but should now try to improve her style.

I. EDDLESTON. A dependable player with good, accurate drives and service, but reluctant to play at the net.

3rd Couple:

M. TAYLOR. Service and drives strong and vigorous but just occasionally erratic. Plays well at net.

M. HALLIWELL. An alert and promising player with good mobility. Should aim at greater accuracy, particularly in net play.

J. BOSWELL played in three matches, and proved a good, steady player with an easy style.

C.I.I. & M.H.P.

1st VI MATCHES

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
| May 5th v. Newton-le-Willows G.S. | ..... | ..... | ..... | Away | Won | 53-28 |
| " 12th v. Preston Park School | ..... | ..... | ..... | Away | Lost | 39-42 |
| June 2nd v. Newton-le-Willows G.S. | ..... | ..... | ..... | Home | Won | 51-30 |
| " 9th v. Chorley G.S. | ..... | ..... | ..... | Away | Won | 75-6 |
| " 16th v. Up Holland G.S. | ..... | ..... | ..... | Home | Won | 61-20 |
| " 30th v. Ormskirk G.S. | ..... | ..... | ..... | Home | Won | 44-37 |

TENNIS KNOCK-OUTS, 1956

Clayton defeated Farington.

Cuerden defeated Worden.

Final: Cuerden defeated Clayton.

HOUSE LEAGUES

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

ROUNDERS, 1956

Captain : M. ALLISON

1st IX MATCHES

| | | | | | |
|----------|----------------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|
| May 5th | v. Newton-le-Willows G.S. | ..... | Away | Won | 4-1 |
| June 2nd | v. Newton-le-Willows G.S. | ..... | Home | Won | 10-1½ |
| " 9th | v. Chorley G.S. | ..... | Away | Won | 4½-0 |
| " 16th | v. Larkhill Convent School | ..... | Home | Won | 5-3½ |
| July | v. The Staff | ..... | Home | Won | |

The School 1st IX equalled the previous year's record by winning all the matches played. The success of this very competent team was due to excellent fielding and good placing when hitting the ball, and all the players are to be congratulated on combining so well in the field and giving good individual performances when batting.

| | | | | | |
|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| Bowler : | I. WARD | 1st Base : | K. HOSKER | 1st Deep : | J. SEDDON |
| Backstop : | D. ATKINSON | 2nd Base : | B. FLOYD | 2nd Deep : | J. FAIRCLOUGH |
| | | 3rd Base : | L. THOMPSON | 3rd Deep : | M. ALLISON |
| | | | | 4th Deep : | R. HOSKER |
| | | | | | C.I.I. & M.H.P. |

ROUNDERS KNOCK-OUTS, 1956

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

HOUSE LEAGUES

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

Awarded to Farington, Score 24 rounders (Cuerden—score 12 rounders).

HOCKEY, 1956-57

| | Played | Won | Lost | Drawn |
|--------|--------|-----|------|-------|
| 1st XI | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| 2nd XI | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

1st XI MATCHES

| | | | | | | |
|-------|------|-----------------------------------|-------|------|-----------|------|
| 2ept. | 22nd | v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. | ..... | Away | Lost | 0-8 |
| Oct. | 6th | v. St. Annes College | ..... | Home | Won | 12-0 |
| " | 13th | v. Newton-le-Willows G.S. | ..... | Home | Drawn | 1-1 |
| " | 20th | v. Winckley Square Convent School | ..... | Away | Cancelled | |
| " | 27th | v. Up Holland G.S. | ..... | Home | Lost | 0-1 |
| Nov. | 10th | v. Ormskirk G.S. | ..... | Away | Cancelled | |
| " | 17th | v. Preston Park School | ..... | Home | Cancelled | |
| " | 24th | v. Fleetwood G.S. | ..... | Away | Lost | 0-1 |
| Dec. | 8th | v. St. Annes College | ..... | Away | Won | 7-0 |
| " | 15th | v. Ormskirk G.S. | ..... | Home | Lost | 0-3 |
| Jan. | 12th | v. Chorley G.S. | ..... | Home | Cancelled | |
| " | 19th | v. Newton-le-Willows G.S. | ..... | Away | Lost | 0-1 |
| " | 26th | v. Rivington & Blackrod G.S. | ..... |  |  |  |
| Feb. | 2nd | v. Winckley Square Convent School | ..... |  |  |  |
| " | 9th | v. Fleetwood G.S. | ..... |  |  |  |
| " | 16th | v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. | ..... |  |  |  |
| Mar. | 2nd | v. Preston Park School | ..... |  |  |  |

This was one of our most disappointing seasons for some considerable time. No less than nine of our seventeen fixtures were cancelled owing to bad weather and unfit pitches, and we met with less success than usual in the games that were played.

At the beginning of the season we had difficulty in forming a dependable half-back line, and thus many attacking moves lost force and were never successfully concluded. The backs and goalkeeper, however,



SCHOOL HOCKEY 1st XI, 1955-56

Back row (left to right) : A. Manchester, A. Lambert, J. Bailey, E. Taylor, M. Taylor, M. Bluck.
Front row (left to right) : R. C. Hosker, M. Allison, K. Hosker, I. Ward, L. Thompson.

Played 13 Won 7 Drawn 1 Lost 5



SCHOOL RUGGER 1st XV, 1955-56

Back row (left to right) : Roocroft, R., Knapman, R. K., Nelson, P., Martland, J. R., Mr. Morgan, Baldwin, K., Fishwick, G., Entwistle, J. T., Heyes, R.
Front row (left to right) : Bourn, A. J. R., Swarbrick, J. M., Hall, A. E., Singleton, J., Smith, R., Williams, R., Dawber, R. P. R.

Played 17 Won 7 Drawn 1 Lost 9

were a tower of strength throughout the season. The forwards combined well and lost no opportunities of attacking, but lacked the necessary drive to finish off the attacks.

It was not surprising that we went to the Annual Lancashire Schools' Tournament with mixed feelings, but to our surprise and delight the School XI rose to the occasion magnificently. It was without doubt the day of the season, and the excitement was intense as the School won each successive game to become winners of their section. The team went into the Semi-Final and held Stand Grammar School to a goal-less draw at full time. Stand were declared the winners, however, on corners, and were eventually defeated by Ormskirk Grammar School in the final. Every member of the team deserves the highest praise, and although the School failed to reach the Final, it is to be congratulated on having no goals scored against it.

The Second XI had few games this season, but gave quite a good account of themselves, and special mention must be made of our 'babes,' the under-fourteens, who won their first match ten-nil, and promise well for the future.

TEAM CRITICISMS

Goalkeeper : M. BLUCK. Has proved a most reliable member of the team in her second season, in whom the team had great confidence.

Right Back : E. TAYLOR. Fulfilled her promise as a sound defence player, and can always be relied on in emergencies.

Left Back : S. SOUTHWORTH. An alert and hard working player, quick to intercept and clears well.

Right Half : M. KING. A promising young player who marks well, tackles courageously and supports her wing well. Has a tendency to wander but will settle down with experience.

Centre Half : B. FLOYD. Has developed into a speedy and efficient half, tireless in her efforts.

Left Half : M. HALLIWELL. Improved tremendously in the second half of the season, tackling well and quickly, and passing accurately.

Right Wing : E. SLATER. Speedy, with quite good stickwork and a strong centre pass. Must try to correct a tendency to move into the centre.

Right Inner : A. MANCHESTER. A nimble and speedy forward who has played consistently well.

Centre Forward : R. HOSKER. Always on the alert. Stickwork excellent and shooting on occasions quite spectacular.

Left Inner : M. ALLISON (Captain). Always plays a strong attacking game and siezes every opportunity to score. Has been an able captain.

Left Wing : ANNE LAMBERT. Has developed good dodging tactics and gives many useful passes.

C.I.I. & M.H.P.

HOCKEY KNOCK-OUTS, 1957

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

HOUSE LEAGUES

| | Played | Won | Lost | Drawn | Points |
|-----------|--------|-----|------|-------|--------|
| Clayton | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Worden | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Cuerden | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Farington | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 |

RUGBY FOOTBALL 1956-57

| | Played | Won | Lost | Drawn | - Points - | |
|---------|--------|-----|------|-------|------------|---------|
| | | | | | For | Against |
| 1st XV | 20 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 162 | 151 |
| 2nd XV | 16 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 213 | 45 |
| U.15 XV | 12 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 125 | 62 |
| U.13 XV | 8 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 64 |

1st XV MATCHES

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-----|
| Sept. 15th v. Wigan G.S. | | | | | Away | Drawn | 6-6 |
| " 22nd v. Ormskirk G.S. | | | | | Home | Lost | 3-5 |
| " 29th v. Up Holland G.S. | | | | | Home | Won | 6-3 |

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|------|--|------|-------|-------|
| Oct. | 6th v. King George V School, Southport | Home | Drawn | 11-11 |
| " | 13th v. Arnold School | Home | Won | 21-5 |
| " | 20th v. Hutton G.S. | Home | Won | 9-3 |
| " | 24th v. Kirkham G.S. | Away | Lost | 6-12 |
| " | 27th v. Preston G.S. | Home | Won | 22-5 |
| " | 31st v. Stonyhurst College 2nd XV | Home | Won | 20-14 |
| Nov. | 7th v. Rossall School 2nd XV | Away | Lost | 0-17 |
| " | 10th v. Sedberg School 3rd XV | Away | Drawn | 3-3 |
| " | 17th v. King George V School, Southport | Away | Won | 11-6 |
| Dec. | 1st v. Kirkham G.S. | Home | Won | 8-0 |
| " | 8th v. Blackpool G.S. | Away | Lost | 0-19 |
| Jan. | 19th v. Ormskirk G.S. | Away | Lost | 3-9 |
| " | 26th v. Hutton G.S. | Away | Won | 8-5 |
| " | 30th v. Stonyhurst College 2nd XV | Away | Lost | 5-8 |
| Feb. | 9th v. Manchester University Freshers XV | Home | Won | 14-0 |
| " | 16th v. Wigan G.S. | Home | Lost | 0-6 |

This was a most enjoyable season in many ways, partly because the team attempted normally to play good open football, partly because the competition for places ensured that no member of the team could rest on his laurels, and partly because the weather intervened much less seriously than had been the case in previous years. The playing record of the 1st XV was the best for several seasons and for this much of the credit must go to the forwards who developed into one of the best packs that has played for the school. The outsiders always tried to work out openings but were handicapped by the lack of real speed in finishing. The most pleasing feature of all was the spirit of the team which showed itself particularly in the two heaviest defeats, against Rossall School 2nd XV and against Blackpool Grammar School. On both occasions the opposition gained a considerable and early lead and was then gradually restricted, with the School gaining an increasing share of the game. The most impressive victories were those gained against King George Vth School and Manchester University Freshers. No account of the season would be complete without mention of the splendid records of the 2nd and U.15 Fifteens, particularly as these teams might be expected to be affected by our comparatively small numbers.

1st XV CHARACTERS

Full Back : DAWBER, R. This was a new position for him and it took a little while for him to acquire a sense of position. Once he had done so his play improved with his growing confidence and by the end of the season he was performing very adequately indeed.

Right Wing : ROOCROFT, R. A nicely-balanced and quite speedy runner, he only needs a little more determination to become distinctly good in attack.

Right Centre : MACAULEY, R. His handling is good and he can make openings in attack but his defence needs attention, primarily because of a tendency to go for the ball rather than his opponent.

Left Centre : BOURN, A. A very thoughtful player with a sound defence and considerable trickiness in attack which frequently enables him to overcome a lack of real speed. He captained the side with intelligence, leading by example rather than by exhortation.

Left Wing : HEYES, R. Was not available for the complete season but ran with considerable dash when he did play. He must learn, however, to vary his tactics and to exploit all the methods of defeating his opponent.

Fly Half : SHEFFIELD, D. Has a good pair of hands, kicks well, and has an eye for an opening. He improved steadily throughout the season and should be very useful indeed next year.

Scrum Half : FARRER, D. Started rather shakily but once he had gained confidence had a good season. His pass was always adequate and his covering in defence and support in attack ubiquitous.

Prop Forward : THOMAS, D. Won his place early in the season and kept it on merit. A tough, unyielding forward whose only weakness was occasional imperfect packing in the set scrums.

Hooker : FISHWICK, G. Hooked excellently and greatly improved his play in the loose. He also led the forwards with drive and intelligence.

Prop Forward : NELSON, P. Another good forward who speeded up his play considerably and whose positional sense improved considerably.

Lock Forward : ENTWISTLE, J. At his best was very good, but was a little inclined to play spasmodically. He did a great deal of useful work in the line-out and always played intelligently.

Lock Forward : WARD, D. A hard-working forward who won his place after the opening games and who made up for his basic lack of speed by continuous effort.

Number Eight : SINGLETON, B. Gained his position in mid November and from then on has improved consistently especially in stamina. His height was extremely useful in line-out play.

Wing Forward : MARTLAND, J. One of the most experienced forwards in the pack he contributed his full share to its success. He also proved an extremely capable deputy captain whenever called upon.

Wing Forward : KNAPMAN, R. Not the flashy type of wing forward, he played his part in all aspects of forward play as well as performing his specialised duties with real efficiency.

Spare man : GRAHAM, W. Has played in the front row of the pack, at scrum-half, and on the left wing and whenever picked has given his whole-hearted effort to the game. His enthusiasm and willingness to play have been highly creditable.

The following also played, Oliver, G., Margetts, Ainscough, Ormand, T., Forsythe, Woods and Martland, T.

Two teams were entered as usual for the Fylde "Sevens" Competition. The second team was knocked out in the first round by St. Edward's College, the score being 5 pts. to 11 pts. The first team won its way through to the semi-final, defeating Blackpool G.S. 2nd 3-0, Barrow G.S. 8-0, and Wigan G.S. 6-3. In the semi-final they lost to Blackpool G.S. 1st by 5 pts. to 13 pts.

Colours for the season were re-awarded to Bourn, Martland, Heyes, Dawber and Knapman, and awarded to Entwistle, J., Fishwick, Nelson, Thomas and Farrer.

During the Christmas holidays Bourn and Knapman played for Mid-Lancashire Schoolboys v. North Lancashire Schoolboys and Knapman played in the final trial for the County Schoolboys XV. He was later selected to play for Lancashire v. Cumberland & Westmorland Schoolboys at Easter.

D.S.M.

NOTICE

It is hoped in future to play a regular match at the beginning of the season between the 1st XV and an Old Boys XV, the Old Boys XV to be organised each year by the previous season's captain. Next season's match will take place on Wed., Sept. 25th, 1957. Kick off 6-30 p.m. Will any Old Boys wishing to play please send their names either to A. J. R. BOURN, 70 TODD LANE, LOSTOCK HALL, NR. PRESTON, or to Mr. Morgan at the School by Wednesday, Sept. 18th.

CROSS COUNTRY 1957

Once again all except one of the matches were run in near perfect conditions. The one exception, at Blackburn, will be remembered by those who took part for some time to come with its very heavy rain and hail. We had quite a successful season, finishing with an excellent win at Baines. Bourn was again the captain, an able leader, and the outstanding runner was still again Baldwin, progressively improving as the season went on. Lucas was much improved on last season, running particularly well on April 3rd. Turner, N. C., Graham and Ainscough ran with great determination, giving very able support in the middle positions, in particular, at Heath Charnock and Baines. Hughes and Ingham, although not very high in the positions, tried very hard in every match.

The inter schools run at Heath Charnock—an innovation this year—brought together seven teams from local schools and clubs and, in spite of a very tough course, provided some very keen competitive running.

RESULTS

Feb. 18th (h) : Blackpool G.S. 24pts., School 54pts.

Mar. 9th (at Kirkham) : Blackpool G.S. 29pts., Lancaster R.G.S. 53pts., School 120pts., Kirkham G.S. 141pts., Baines G.S. 179pts.

Mar. 23rd (at Heath Charnock) : Bolton G.S. 18pts., Rivington G.S. 31pts., School 43pts., Hutton G.S. 74pts., Chorley Boys' Club 86pts., Highfield 111pts. and Southlands 121pts.

Mar. 27th (at Blackburn) : Queen Elizabeth G.S. 23pts., School 55pts.

April 3rd (h) : Queen Elizabeth G.S. 33pts., School 53pts., Hutton G.S. 85pts.

April 6th (at Baines) : School 28pts., Baines G.S. 50pts.

Both the senior and junior championships were run in excellent conditions. Lucas and Baldwin fought out the senior, the latter winning on the final run-in with a time of 22 mins. 12 secs. Wilson won the junior quite convincingly, his time being 15 mins. 18 secs.

The following is the result of the House Championship. As last year Worden won the cup.

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| Worden | 40.9pts. |
| Farington | 52.6pts. |
| Clayton | 55.8pts. |
| Cuerden | 74.9pts. |

Colours were awarded to Turner, N. C., and re-awarded to Baldwin, Lucas and Bourn.

G.B.

HOUSE NOTES

CLAYTON HOUSE

House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull

House Mistress : Miss A. Doherty

House Captains : J. J. Boswell and Bourn, A. J. R.

Once again we welcome all newcomers to the House, with a fervent hope that they will help Clayton to rise from the depths to which she has sunk during the last two years.

Our only successes this year in the field of sport were the winning of the Hockey Leagues and Baldwin's achievement in winning the Victor Ludorum Cup. For the second time the Cross Country Cup narrowly eluded us, and one cannot help thinking that if all our members, especially those in the middle school, showed the effort and enthusiasm displayed by a small minority, then it would have been won without much trouble.

The Silver Griffin, once looked upon as our own, has 'been away' rather too long. Hard work in the classroom is needed to bring it back to the shelves in I.C.

Not everything looked black, however. The House Party, held earlier in the School year than usual, was successful and enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Miss Doherty and all the stalwarts who provided the tea and entertainment.

We wish every success to those who are leaving us and confront those who remain with our motto "Press on Regardless."

CUERDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. C. S. Hilditch

House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell

House Captains : M. Allison and Martland, J. R.

First of all we would like to extend a hearty welcome to all newcomers to the House and send our best wishes to all who have just left.

The Annual House Party was made a greater success than ever by the inclusion of some Rock 'n Roll, which provided some hilarious if exhausting entertainment for some members of the House.

On Speech Day we again made our presence felt by carrying off no fewer than six cups and shields including the Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Knockouts, the Rugby, Cricket, Rounders and Tennis Leagues. We must congratulate D. Swindlehurst on winning the Junior Championship on Sports Day.

But, sad to relate, one major trophy is missing from the collection in III.A, the prize for scholastic merit, the fabulous Silver Griffin, which we hope will be present next year. So, therefore, Cuerdenites, "Forward into Victory."

WORDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson

House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill

House Captains : M. A. Salmon and Hoole, A.

First of all we wish to extend a warm welcome to all newcomers to the House, hoping that they will meet with equal success both in the classrooms and on the playing fields. To those who have just left, may we also give our best wishes for the future.

The House Party, held this year in the Autumn Term, was again enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to Miss Rahill and the girls who arranged the tea, and Mr. Wilkinson who supervised the evening's entertainment.

On the Games Field we have met with more success than we normally do. The boys won the Rugger Knock-outs and also the Cross-Country Championship.

On Sports Day we continued our success, a good all-round performance enabling us to win the House Championship Cup along with the Relay Cup.

Let us hope that in the coming year the House will at least be as successful as it has been this year. So to all members of the House, try to keep those House-room shelves filled by keeping Worden a match-winning house, and don't forget our motto : "Up the Blues."

FARINGTON HOUSE

House Master : Mr. W. J. Downer

House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy

House Captains : A. Lambert and Nelson, P.

May we first of all extend a warm welcome to all newcomers to the House ; we wish them every success during their school careers. At the same time we must not forget those old stalwarts who have left us ; our "Best Wishes" go with them in their new spheres of life.

During the past year our only successes in the games field have been in the Rounders Leagues, and the Cricket Knockouts, although we were placed second on Sports Day and were beaten by only a small margin for the Relay Cup (3 of our teams winning their events). We must congratulate Hilda Deacon on becoming the Victrix Ludorum and Walton on winning the boys' Junior Championship Cup.

There is one thing, however, which is always a success, and that is our House Party. This year was no exception, and our thanks must go to Mr. Downer and Miss Milroy, and all those concerned in making it a success, especially those who took part in the floor show.

Finally may we spur on all members of the House to "greater things" during the coming year, reminding all of our house motto — *Nonne iam Tandem Expergiscimini* — or in other words : "Get cracking Faringtonians."

"NON SIBI SED ALIIS"

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|------------------|-------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| Sept. 22nd, 1956 | St. John Ambulance Brigade | £4 | 9 | 1 |
| Nov. 9th, 1956 | Earl Haig's Poppy Fund | £6 | 13 | 9 |
| Nov. 16th, 1956 | Hungarian Relief Fund | | | |
| | (per Save the Children Fund) | £143 | 11 | 0 |
| December, 1956 | Dr. Barnardo's Homes | £44 | 15 | 10 |
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