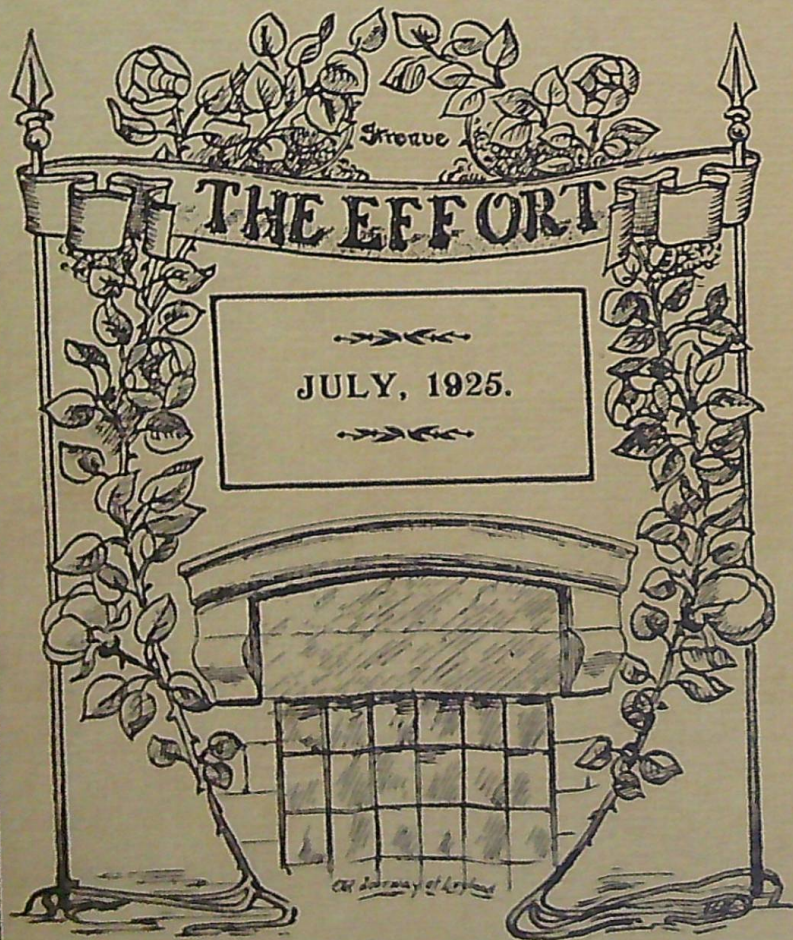


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## HEAD-MASTER'S NOTES.—

Surely the first appearance of the "Effort" in a new school year is the occasion to welcome the sixty new pupils, the chosen from a large number, and to compliment them and their earlier teachers upon their preparation. The only advice tendered to them is to put the School first. Everyday we remember those who have gone through the School, particularly those who served and fell. The problem of after-school life will be more acute in the years that follow. The Future Career Association exists to give information. A large number of our pupils have already decided on teaching, but why are there so few boy candidates? The raising of the standard of education certainly lessens the gap between the "dominie" and his former flock, but to a well-endowed mind, the life of a country schoolmaster has many calls. The dweller in the countryside needs a brighter life, and village welfare promises to become one of the movements which will mark this century.

Some more of us should reflect the sunshine which Richard Balshaw first caught at Golden Hill. Do any girls ever think of carrying sunshine "into the wards of whitewashed halls?"

The School has been honoured with first hand missionary experience from Dr. Salisbury and Mr. Whiteside, and the call has no doubt been heard.

In another direction of our activities, that of Organised Charity, may we ask how the boxes of the Young Helpers' League fare?

The Temperance programme in Leyland gives an opportunity for your co-operation, and, finally, there is one lesson of supreme



importance to the people of this land. Are you doing your share in "THRIFT"? To put the question pointedly, "How many Savings Certificates have you?"

On returning from the vacation, we grieved to learn that one little life had reached the great deep, after a very brief course through the fields of childhood. It has been our sad lot to mourn from time to time the passing of a pupil, now a boy, now a girl, to the long home, but Ena Bamber's frail spirit breathed to us of Empire, a cry from many a lonely child separated by wide oceans from the father, who is paying "the price of empire." To Mr. Bamber, in Ceylon, we tender our respectful sympathy, and as stay-at-home Britons, thank him for his imperial work.

Your welcome to your new teachers will be most acceptable to them if it should take the form of profit by their labours. Miss Bates comes to us jaded mortals from the vigorous and poetic Lakeland, while Mr. Riddle enters upon his work after the army and Oxford have prepared him, a thorough English training which many of our boys must envy him.

F. J.

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#### NOTES AND NOTICES.—

The School offers its hearty congratulations to Oliver of Va., who came out third in the list of County Scholars in the open scholarship list, and to Lancaster and several girls who have gained bursarships.

Our thanks are due to the captains and girls of Form VI. for their generous and untiring support in work connected with the Girls' Social evenings. The School is to be congratulated on having such capable leaders.

Both past and present pupils will be interested to hear of the marriages of:—Mr. Leach and Miss Ethel Sandiford. Mr. H.

Barnes and Miss Edna Pickburn. Mr. H. Moore and Miss Dorothy Bannister. Mr. Lyon and Miss Muriel Harper. Mr. J. Lord and Miss Emily Iddon. Mr. T. Singleton and Miss Elsie Copley.

W. H. Moss is at Victoria University, Manchester. Margaret Foy also joined the University last September. Ursula Mart is in training at the School of Domestic Science, Manchester. Jean Norris is at Edge Hill, Liverpool. I. Holmes is at Leeds Training College, S. Burke at Hammersmith Training College, C. Leigh at Tottenham Training College, and W. Hunt at Derby Training College.

The date of Speech Day is fixed for the afternoon of December 20th, when Mrs. J. Stanton (*nee* N. Kay) has kindly consented to distribute the certificates.

On Friday, January 6th, the Annual Reunion will be held at the Public Hall. Tickets (price 6/- for gentlemen, 5/- each for ladies), may be obtained from Miss Gladys Porter, Hough Lane, Leyland; Miss M. Haydock, "The Hollies," Ashfield Road, Chorley; Mr. A. Barnes, Queen's Hotel, Leyland; and Mr. C. Berkenhead, The Post Office, Walton-le-Dale.

We offer here a formal invitation to all past students and their friends to a Social Evening on Saturday, 10th December, commencing at 6-30 prompt in the School Hall. A small charge for refreshments only will be made.

A collection for the C.M.S. as a memorial to Ena Bamber, whose death occurred during the summer vacation, amounted to £5 13s. 1d. which was forwarded to Dr. Salisbury.

Owing to the delay in the building of the new school, our War Memorial has not been commenced. The fund at present amounts to £32 3s., and further subscriptions will be welcomed.

The sale of Poppies in the School on Armistice Day, realised £4 4s. 6d. This has been forwarded to Lord Haig's Fund for Ex-Service men.



We offer our good wishes to Max H. Hey, formerly a pupil of this School, later a student at Manchester Grammar School, now a scholar at Magdalen College, Oxford.

All good wishes to Mr. Fred Hunt, an energetic official of the O.B.A. who has just gone abroad.

We hope that "The Effort," with its reduced price, and news of past and present students, will meet with the whole-hearted support of all.

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#### SPORTS DAY.—

Saturday, June 25, was the School Sports Day. Those of us who were familiar with Lancashire's reputation for rain, anxiously awaited our fate. As it happened we had one of the hottest days of the year, and those of us who had to spend a few hours in a temperature in the neighbourhood of 130 degrees, cast envious eyes at the fortunate people who were able to view the proceedings from the shade of the trees. It was good to see such a fine turnout of old pupils and parents of present pupils. A sports meeting gives the teacher one of the few opportunities of making the acquaintance of parents, and it is an opportunity which is very much appreciated. Old pupils were present in good numbers, and several rendered considerable assistance in the capacity of Stewards.

A great amount of time and labour had to be spent in beautifying the field, and many of the bare patches were successfully hidden by a display of bunting.

Proceedings commenced with a march round of the competitors, headed by the St. Thomas's Boy's Band. This is an excellent idea, and both boys and girls made a most creditable appearance. The events were taken in quick succession, and the School was again fortunate in having the assistance of the Governor, Mr. A. J. Lomax, as Starter. Space prevents a detailed account of the various events. In the flat races, the running of Edna Hailwood and

George Coupe deserves special mention. Crossen did not surprise us by carrying off both the High Jump and the Long Jump, but the height cleared was disappointing after his success of last year.

The excessive heat, no doubt, operated against the breaking of records. The jumping events produced excellent competition among the Juniors, and Jackson, for his High Jump, and Hutchinson for his Long Jump, are deserving of congratulation.

In the Girls' jumping, Nellie Stopforth did the excellent jump 4ft. 3½ inches.

The 880 yards handicap was somewhat disappointing, one felt that neglect of training was responsible for the fact that quite a number failed to stay the distance. Parkinson, the winner, ran well and came in particularly fresh. Shaw was easily first in throwing the cricket ball, not a few of the competitors failing to keep the ball on the track.

Coupe's House was successful in the Tug-of-War, and in fact experienced little difficulty in carrying off the House Challenge Cup. The Inter-Form Tennis Shield was won by Form Va.

During the afternoon St. Thomas's Boy's Band played selections, and refreshments were served in the Hall of the School.

Mrs. H. T. Wanklyn, Pine Trees, Leyland, presented the prizes at the close of the events.

The arrangements were in the hands of the Headmaster and the members of the Staff, but particular mention should be made of Miss Smith and Mr. H. Butler, to whom the success of the Sports was in a large measure due.

H. J. L.

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#### "CICERO."—A Fragment.

Scene—Interior of a Roman tent at midnight. Distant thunder and rain. (*Enter Brutus and Cicero*).

B. 'Tis indeed a rough night, I fear we shall not be ready by sunrise.



- C. The preparations are over. . . . Hark! What's that I hear?
- B. Methinks it thunders. This plan is not made . . .
- C. Hush! The crashes of heaven's war come not so near. . . .  
Rumours of a spirit are about, a fierce solder with awesome  
look, fettered with chains, who moves round at midnight.  
Casca hath seen it and he was sore afraid.
- B. He is superstitious, there are no spirits. (*Casca rushes into  
the tent*). What! Thou art of waxen visage, art thou ill?  
Bring water Cicero! (*Exit C*).
- Cas. The Ghost,—'tis terrible.
- B. Calm thyself, man.
- Cas. A warrior with sunken eyes. . . a countenance fierce; it  
bodeth ill for someone. (*Enter Cicero with flask*).
- C. Drink! thou wilt feel differently. (*Casca drinks*).
- Cas. He carries by his side a dagger, and is fettered.
- B. Thou art undone, go, sleep till morn, a rest will do thee good.  
(*Exit Casca*).
- C. We must keep our movements secret, I fear treachery.
- B. I will see if anyone is near. (*Walks towards door—Enter Ghost*).  
What is this? Who art thou that trespasses here? (*Ghost  
walks towards Cicero*)!
- C. Begone, good spirit! I., It is Anthony's ghost. . . . Mercy!  
(*Cicero trembles and backs towards the tent door, then runs out*).
- B. Anthony! Cicero's bygone friend! Why dost thou trouble  
him? (*Ghost leaves tent*). 'Tis strange. Why does this  
spirit haunt Cicero? As I know him, he doth no wrong. I  
am undone. . . I shall not rest to-night. I'll see how the pre-  
parations fare. (*He puts on his helmet and cloak and walks  
out into the darkness*).

A. Crossen.

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### “BARRACK ROOM BALLADS.”

Kipling's Barrack Room Ballads are an education in themselves,  
and a chance of reading them should never be missed.

They illustrate very well the conditions under which the ordinary  
“Tommy” lived in barracks in Queen Victoria's reign. In  
peace-time, people practically ignored him.

“For its Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an'  
‘Chuck him out, the brute!’  
But it's ‘Saviour of 'is Country’ when the  
guns begin to shoot.”

In “Fuzzy Wuzzy” Kipling praises the Soudan Soldier, saying

“An 'ere's to you, Fuzzy Wuzzy, with your  
‘Ayrick 'ead of 'air—  
You big black bounding beggar for you broke  
A British Square!”

“Mandalay,” “Gunga Din,” who is described as a ‘limpin’ lump  
o’ brick-dust,’ and “Snarleyow” the story of a faithful horse, and  
incidentally that of its faithful driver, will fill the reader with ad-  
miration.

There are numerous other fine poems, some of which, like “Cells,”  
paint pictures of Tommy's life—

“I'm here in the clink for a thundering drink,  
and blacking the corporal's eye.”

One especially shows how soldiers received meagre pay. It is  
“Shillin' a day” where he says:

“But I'm old and I'm nervis,  
I'm cast from the service,  
And all I deserve is a shillin' a day.”

But:

“There'll surely come a day  
When they'll give you all your pay,  
And treat you as a christian ought to do.”

My advice to lovers of good poetry is—read Kipling's Barrack  
Room Ballads at the first opportunity.

Bert Ellis.



## HONOURS LIST.—

Oxford Senior Local Successes :—Barron, Coupe, Ellis, Hilton, Howard, Swire, J. H. Busher, E. Cooke, E. Hailwood, E. Harrison, D. M. Moon, C. M. Parker, J. Richardson, A. M. Gaskell, E. M. Stopforth, H. Parker.

### Form Prizes :—

VI	(1) H. Shaw	(2) A. Lindley	(3) Emily Brown
Va.	(1) Jenny Richard- son	(2) Edna Hailwood	(3) Elizabeth Cooke
Vb.	Rosie Pickup	(2) Linda Harrison	(3) Vera Collins
IVa	(1) W. Oliver	(2) Bertha Wood- house	(3) Kathleen Moon
IVb	(1) Hannah Briggs	(2) F. Fairhurst	(3) R. Baker
IIIa	(1) F. Walsh	(2) A. Ellis	(3) E. Hutchinson
IIIb.	(1) J. Glen	(2) Enolia Ashcroft	(3) Laura Thornber
II.	(1) May Henry	(2) Norah Hilton	(3) R. Walsh

## THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER.

All week we had been in a state of barely suppressed excitement. Was not Saturday the fifth of November? Had we not been warned by various seniors "you will have to clear out of the basement after dinner on Saturday." Now this caution was delightfully vague, and, accordingly, we made it our business to ascertain the facts of the case.

Little by little we gathered that, on the fifth of November each year, the men from Hulme Hall most kindly gave a display of fireworks to the Halls—including Langdale. We heard whispers of the great fun this provided, and naturally enough, we freshers expected great things.

Saturday dawned fine, after three days steady downpour, and our one wish, frequently expressed, was "I do hope it will keep fine for the fireworks." Seniors passing groups of freshers caught the words "Fireworks—to-night—Hulme—awfully exciting," and so the day passed.

Eight o'clock has struck, our spirits are sinking, for it has been raining in a most decided and provoking manner for several hours. We have retired to our basement study, and have almost given up the hope of seeing fireworks. For some time we sit in gloomy silence, from time to time paying compliments to Manchester weather. Suddenly, "Hush 'I thought I heard men's voices."

We all start, listen with bated breath, and before we can speak again, there is a hurried step on the stairs.—"Hurry up you freshers. Lights out, and upstairs all of you. Hulme's coming!"

One wild rush up from the basement to the second floor, where we pause for breath. There we break up into groups of four or five, dash into an empty room, open the windows and hang out. Another cry of "Lights out" and the Hall is in darkness. Below us, on the lawn we see a crowd of men—about forty in all, with hats turned down and collars turned up—for it is still raining heavily. They greet our appearance at the window with lusty cheers. One of them rings a small bell and the rest begin to sing.

Fireworks are sent up, we utter shrieks of delight as the glorious rockets soar beyond our vision. A huge balloon rises steadily amid wild yells from both parties. The College cry thrills us with its weird sound, the whole scene is rendered uncanny by the lurid light from the fireworks. In our excitement we hang out of the windows to a dangerous extent, heads come into collision with window frames, elbows are bumped on the hard stone but no bruises are felt until Sunday morning.

Another song, the second verse of "I passed by your window," then a brief silence broken by a chorus of forty male voices "We want a song, we want a song." A voice from one of the windows cries "The Langdale Anthem, ladies." And we join heartily in singing our anthem. To write it means to murder it—you must hear it sung to realise the beauty of words and music—but here it is :



" I didn't go to work on Monday,  
 Tuesday I played,  
 Wednesday the same as Monday,  
 Thursday I stayed in bed all day,  
 Friday I was tired,  
 Saturday I didn't get drest  
 Oh ! how I wish it were Sunday—  
 The only day I get a bit of rest."

Loud cheers break out as we end, and then " We want a speech, we want a speech." The same voice from the window calls " Senior Student is away"—then that insistent cry of " Up, up, up, up."

Clearly some Langdalian will have to speak. Ssh ! here it comes. " My advice is ' Go home.' You'll all get 'flu." Loud cries of " Shame, shame," greet this, and from the window comes " Thanks awfully, of course." A male voice replies in a most cutting tone " Thank you " and laughter from both sides makes further speech impossible.

Three cheers for Hulme express our gratitude—but inadequately. A cry of " Fall in," and our visitors depart singing " Good-bye."

For another hour we talk of Hulme and the ' sportiness ' of its' men, and even when we have retired for the night we hear the cries of our heroes from distant Ashbourne where, doubtless, there is a similar proceeding.

And after all, people say " What is the good of learning History ?" Why, had Hulme men not known about Guy Fawkes and Gunpowder Plot, we should have missed a most thrilling entertainment.

Margaret Foy.

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#### ARMISTICE DAY.—

Armistice Day was celebrated by a special service on opening school, when the Roll of Honour, numbering 22 names, was read

by Crossen, the Captain of the School. At eleven o'clock, the silence of two minutes was reverently observed by everyone. This was followed by a parade on the field, when the " Last Post " was sounded by Mr. T. Knowles, Junr., one of our old boys.

Often in former days during the years of war, the school had assembled on the same spot to pay a last tribute to some former member of our school, who had laid down his life for us and his country. Many of us were present three years ago when we all stood expectant waiting for the signal that was to mark the successful ending of years of such warfare as humanity had never before known. The genuine gladness of that day has given place to a spirit of thankful remembrance.

In those days of war, England renewed her youth, she was tried and not found wanting. But no such trial of her faith could be shown without sacrifice; the sacrifice of ease, selfishness, and the supreme sacrifice of multitudes of the best men that England has ever produced.

The poppies worn by us on Armistice Day remind us how—

" In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
 Between the crosses."

It was to those who had fallen that our thoughts turned ; thankful that England possessed such men, and thankful that many of our " Old Boys " were found worthy to be numbered among that glorious band of heroes. They were once boys like ourselves, trained in our school, developing there those qualities that made them faithful unto death.

This example can never die. Let us all determine that the spirit that animated them, shall animate us, and though we may never, please God, be called upon to take part in such a fiery trial as that through which they passed so triumphantly, yet there is a battle for us all to fight : the battle against selfishness and injustice, against all influences that make for war, the battle on behalf of the poor and the oppressed, the battle for righteousness and the coming of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

H.B.



## THE CASTLE.

It stood alone in all its splendour grave,  
Its halls are empty now but were not then,  
When gallant chieftains feasted with their men;  
And it was always warfare that they craved.  
Both young and old were chivalrous and brave,  
For then the sword was mightier than the pen.  
The women's part the harder, and often  
Their's to be patient and the wounds to lave.  
The grassy lawns are now unkept; the walls  
Have fallen 'fore the mighty siege of time;  
No banners wave on turret tops; the stream  
Alone recalls the thoughts of crowded halls.  
And deeds performed by warriors in their prime,  
To me,—who stand upon its banks to dream.

Edna Hailwood, Form Vt.

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## THE THRUSH.

The thrush is so tender,  
On the willow so slender,  
That he always repeats his song.  
He visits his nest every  
Morning and night,  
But does not stay very long.

His mate is so wise,  
With her sharp little eyes,  
That she always can find her home.  
She sits on her nest,  
And eats what is best,  
And hatches her eggs alone.

Ellis Wilkinson, Form IIIa.

## QUOTATIONS.

- 1.—To Homework. "Haply I may remember  
and haply may forget.
  - 2.—To the Captains. "I am Sir Oracle, and when I ope my lips  
let no dog bark."
  - 3.—To the Bell Ringer.  
I've heard bells chiming  
Full many a clime in,  
Falling sublime in  
Cathedral shrine;  
  
While at a glib rate  
Brass tongues would vibrate—  
But all their music  
Spake naught like thine.
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## SPORTS NEWS—Girls.

TENNIS.—We had a very enjoyable tennis season this year, and the fine weather gave us good opportunity for practising.

Partners were chosen for the tennis tournament Leyland girls against Train girls, and after exciting games the Leyland girls won. Tea was served on the tennis court, and it was enjoyed by everyone.

In the singles, N. Stopforth won the racquet beating E. Ingham 6-3, 6-2.

Form Va.—N. Stopforth and E. Hailwood won the Form Shield, beating Form VI.—G. Hoban and N. Iddon.

HOCKEY.—There are many promising hockey players this season, and we hope there will be a second as well as a first eleven.

Judging from the matches that have already been played, we should like to offer a warning against selfishness. There seems to be little, if any, idea of passing, and the sooner the girls learn to keep their places, the better. Lack of cohesion has prevented better results. The play has been handicapped by the short pitch, but permission has now been given to play on the boys football-field twice a week.



BASKET BALL.—Few matches have been played, but in them the players have often failed to pass, or to keep their positions. Players should give these points their attention, and should observe carefully the rule about offside.

A list of matches has been drawn up ; these will be played as soon as possible, and in them we hope the many promising players will achieve great things.

The Captains.

### SPORTS NEWS.—Boys

#### CRICKET.

Balshaw's Grammar School played Leyland Motors School three times last seasons. The School was successful on two occasions, and the third time was defeated by a very narrow margin.

We did not play other schools last cricket season, but I sincerely hope that the pitch will be in suitable condition next season for us to challenge other schools to play cricket matches on our ground.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES for the present season are as follows —

		F A	
Oct. 8	Leyland Motors School .. ..	(a) 1 1	(Aban.)
„ 15	Hutton Grammar School .. ..	(a) 1 6	
„ 22	Leyland Motors School .. ..	(a) 0 1	
Nov. 5	Leyland Motors School .. ..	(h)	(Aban.)
„ 12	Catholic College, Preston .. ..	(a)	
„ 19	Hutton Grammar School .. ..	(h)	
Dec. 3	Chorley Grammar School .. ..	(a)	
„ 10	Rivington Grammar School .. ..	(a)	
Jan. 28	Catholic College, Preston .. ..	(h)	
Feb. 11	Chorley Grammar School .. ..	(h)	
„ 18	Rivington Grammar School .. ..	(h)	

#### BALSHAW'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. LEYLAND MOTORS.

The Team selected after trial matches :—Gorse ; Crosse Howard ; Iddon, Ellis, Askwith ; Threlfall, Marshall, Coug O'Donnell, Wootton.

The School backs kept the home forwards away well, but after 15 minutes, the home inside right scored with a high shot which deceived Gorse. Five minutes later, Marshall scored from a rebound After this the match was abandoned.

#### BALSHAW'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL V. HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Hutton at first took the aggressive, but were quickly stopped by the cool play of the visitor's backs. After the interval, Balshaw's attacked strongly severely raiding the home citadel, which was brilliantly defended. Although the score was a decisive one, Hutton were not really so much superior to Balshaw's.

#### HOUSE MATCHES.

				GOALS.						
				P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Crossen's ..	..	..	..	5	3	0	2	15	5	8
Marshall's ..	..	..	..	5	4	1	0	9	4	8
Coupe's ..	..	..	..	5	2	1	2	20	11	6
Yate's ..	..	..	..	5	2	1	2	12	6	6
Glover's ..	..	..	..	5	1	4	0	7	18	2
O'Donnell's ..	..	..	..	5	0	5	0	3	21	0

A pleasing point in the school football has been the interest taken by the masters in trying to form a really good team.

The question now is, how far back will the school have to be moved when home matches are played ?

The Captains.

#### THE HEROINE OF LOOS.

Wounded, I lay on the battlefield grey,

While the shot and the shell fell around ;

And many lay there who knew, that they were

For a better and brighter land bound.



Hundreds were dying, but the living were crying,  
"We'll take Loos if we die for the gain."  
Each soldier was true and his own duty knew;  
And a highlander cares not for pain.

As faint I was feeling, I saw someone kneeling,  
A 'someone' so fair and so white.  
My wounds she'd done dressing before I'd done guessing,  
Was she woman, or angel of light.

A deep German curse, caused my wonderful nurse,  
To turn her sweet self quickly round:  
A big German brute, was ready to shoot,  
At a soldier, whom wounded he'd found.

Though the valiant French maid, at first, seemed afraid,  
After drawing a long deep breath;  
My pistol she took, and, though her hand shook,  
She punished the German with death.

Many lives, I can say, she saved there that day  
By her courage and kindness and care;  
And her countrymen showed what they to her owed,  
For her parents had died in the war.

I stood at Versailles in November. The sky  
Seemed to smile on us all when she came;  
For her valour and loss, they gave her the cross,  
That's given only for valour and fame.

Norah Ford.

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#### DO YOU KNOW?

That Queen Elizabeth's Husband was Henry VIII?  
That the Elizabethan stage was an *imitation* of the modern one?  
That "Romeo and Juliet" is a *comedy*?  
We heard so in the classroom.

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#### THE LIBRARY.

Nine people out of every ten who come for Library Books, ask the question "Have you any good books in to-day?"

I can't understand why so little use is made of the School Library, when it contains nothing else but good books.

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Sevenpence.

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#### HEADMASTER'S NOTES.

With the school play so recent, it is a pleasure to have the medium of these pages to express my personal thanks to Miss Bates and to all who so ably responded to her capable leadership. It is evident that a high standard had been the aim, and there was the pleasing recognition of the axiom that "work will tell." This training is in itself valuable, especially so in Balshaw's School where so many future public men and women are preparing themselves and the fruit of the coaching of Miss Bates and Mr. Lomax will be seen in the happy stage efforts of pupils of our present pupils.

The support which parents and friends extended is welcomed as an index to the School's popularity. The repeated calls which our varied activities make on the time of my staff are always answered with enthusiasm. Balshaw's has yet to make the acquaintance of the legendary schoolastic who is 'away before the last pupil.'

Thank you also for the co-operation on an effort which brought in £85 for the Blind Musicians' Concert.

Miss Carden of the Young Helpers' League hopes to address you on Tuesday April 4th.

The features of School life which have been noted have been produced by corporate effort. The Summer term makes a demand for individual enterprise, for in the examination room the pupil must rely on self. The value of



the School Leaving Certificate as a national diploma, and a local one grows yearly. Employers have learned to expect it, and rightly so, for the absence of this Certificate may mean time wasted. The 'Times' has given prominence to the difficulty in finding after School employment. May this humble journal make its appeal for serious endeavour.

Before our present pupils reach full estate the term 'colonist' may have disappeared, and the Empire claim all its children with equal affection. You will not be lost to the old school should you follow the trail of many of our best who cross the sea.

The scattering of old pupils was brought to notice at our last re-union. Many well known enthusiasts were miles away from Leyland when the dance was held on "Twelfth Night." Those of us who enjoyed the evening are grateful to Mr. Jack Barnes for his zeal and pleasant welcome.

One concluding thought! If life should call you from Leyland to be adopted sons in another clime, you will be expected to carry on the Leyland tradition for Cricket. Look at Wisden's Almanac and count the names of Leyland's front rank men. So, please bowl down every ball in grim earnest, and play every stroke until you attain that flick of the wrist which sends the square cut for four.

F. J.

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#### JUST A WORD BY THE EDITRESS.

The appearance of this, the third number of the *Effort*, has been somewhat delayed by the production of the school play. To the play, however, we owe the possibility of publishing the magazine at its old price—7d. a copy.

If there be force in the theory that 'Practice makes

Perfect' the *Effort* should this term make some progress towards the achievement of a higher standard. For many are the form magazines in which experience is being gained. Form IVa should be congratulated on the capable way in which they make and advertise their monthly "Pie"; its sale must by this time have obtained quite a sum for St. Dunstan's. While its surprising neatness merits praise, the discovery of such printer's errors as "Fur with the Flat Tale" would suggest the advisability of a closer censorship. The well printed copy of III b's "Form Chat" is pleasing, IVb are busy with "Form Favourite" and IIIa with their "Bright Idea" while yet other classes suggest following the lead which these have given them.

Great things are thus to be hoped for 'The *Effort*,' which has first claim on all this enthusiasm for authorship, since a school magazine naturally takes precedence of all form magazines.

We want each number of 'The *Effort*' to be thoroughly representative of the school; of the staff and the students, both past and present, in fact it should represent and interest us all. If it is to do so, all must share in its production. We try to print each term something from each form, as well as news and articles from old pupils and the staff, but we cannot succeed unless all contribute something. Will readers then take this as an invitation to make and send in their individual efforts?—any member of the magazine staff will be pleased to hear from old pupils. For you who are still at school, there is in each form a magazine representative. Overwhelm them with contributions, your best, *and do not wait to be asked*. Then if, as some of you must find has happened here, a press of more important material crowd your effort out, why, send in a better one still next time. That way lies success, for you and for the magazine.



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SOME BODY SAID.

- "All eyes on the boat."  
"Now, what about the Effort, any contributions?"  
"Dis lil chile wants somefing."  
"Now, last day we were—um—er—discussing the—er—  
question of um—ah—er—."  
"You confounded nuisance, take out your class-books and  
don't argue with me."  
"Hello, sweet one!"  
"How long have I to wait for you?"  
"Learn to ride a Pogo Stick, fee 12/6 for a course of 12  
Lessons."  
"Confound this eternal incessant chatter! I shall be  
dropping on some of you soon."  
"When the Huguenots went to seek the Golden Fleece—."  
"Put your feet right for the lesson,—and take an order  
mark."  
"Pl-e-e-ese! pl-e-ese! be quiet there."  
"Put some sock in it!"  
"Everything in the garden's lovely."  
But who is that somebody?—that, faith is a question I can  
scarce answer.

"SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER."

The Spring Term has been marked by the renewal of the annual presentation (suspended since 1914) of a School Play. Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" was selected, and by this selection those concerned were paying a compliment to the histrionic powers of the pupils, for it is generally acknowledged that it is one that requires no small skill adequately to interpret.

The play not only provided entertainment for many parents and friends at the Public Hall, but also for all and sundry at the rehearsals. These took place in the School Hall on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and provided endless amusement for the understudies of Form VI (when not engaged in practising the National Anthem), and also to Form IIIa, whose enthusiasm was aroused to the extent of mounting the desks, the better to appreciate the details of the Alehouse Scene. Some consternation was felt by members of the Upper School at the encroachments made by the rehearsals upon their opportunities of studying the Latin tongue, but they fought manfully against such feelings and trusted to providence for the future.

Miss Bates and Mr. Lomax assumed the arduous but pleasant task of coaching the members of the cast. Mr. Riddell supervised the printing and sale of tickets, this latter being no small matter if one may judge by the numerous enquiries made for him between lessons and at the dinner interval. In fact, the distance covered by him in searching for applicants who were as diligently searching for him in other parts of the premises must have been very considerable.

Mr. Wilcocks kindly wrote the music for the song in the Alehouse Scene. Mr. Taylor's duties as scene-shifter and stage manager were many and various, not the least arduous among them being the arranging of the drop scenes from a very perilous height above the stage, this peril



involving not only himself but any enthusiastic helper who might be at work below.

Fortunately the preparations were made without mishap, though there was at one time a danger that 'Roger's' wig might be filched by some other member of the troupe from motives of professional jealousy. Miss Royle and Miss Brindle very kindly took charge of the Green Rooms and the Prompters Box.

On both evenings the Public Hall was filled with a very appreciative audience. Special vehicles were chartered from places no less distant than Longridge and Darwen. In no case we hope and believe did the audience return dissatisfied. Those who took part in the play seemed thoroughly to enter into the parts they were taking, and in every case the actual performances were of higher merit than the best of the rehearsals.

This report would perhaps be incomplete without comment on the individual performances of the actors. The part of Miss Hardcastle was taken by Nancy Iddon: she spoke very clearly and was readily audible in all parts of the Hall, and her acting as the poor dependent was especially good.

Ellis as Mr. Hardcastle had a difficult part to sustain and he accomplished it creditably. Annie Jackson as Marlow "made up" excellently. Her acting and enunciation were very good. As Tony Lumpkin, Coupe did well, and he was not afraid of letting himself go when occasion required. As Mrs. Hardeastle, Gladys Hoban looked the age and the part and did particularly well in the Garden Scene. The important parts taken by Doris Moon as Constance Neville, and by Pinder as Hastings were very good indeed. Edna Hailwood in the small part of maid, acted and spoke admirably. Marshall did well in the double part of Innkeeper and Sir Charles.

The minor parts were well done and all the actors entered into the spirit of the play. To them as well as to all the others much credit is due for careful study of their parts, and for the whole hearted way in which they have striven to keep up the reputation of the school for doing things thoroughly. We must also mention the pianists Hilda Parker and Emily Brown who played pleasing selections between the acts. Our thanks are also due to those who whether members of the school or friends outside have helped in various ways to make the play a success.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, a large number of parents and of old pupils, and a former member of the staff, Mrs. Stanton, who in the past has on several occasions been foremost in promoting similar entertainments.

At the close of the performance on Friday evening, the players were given a hearty greeting and were presented by Miss Lilius Lomax with a tangible token of appreciation of their efforts.

The financial results were excellent. His Majesty's Government, the Leyland Unemployment Fund, and the School Sports Fund have all benefited, and the present pupils of Balshaw's Grammar School have achieved a not inconsiderable success and left an example for others to follow.

H. B.

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#### MARKS.

Marks of beauty are a grace,  
Marks of duty are a brace,  
Marks of right ever patent,  
Marks of wrong never latent,  
Marks—The Hallmarks of gold,  
Marks—The Scars of Battles old,  
Marks—The playfield outline,  
Marks—The school-work define.  
Marks! Marks!! Marks!!!

Iris Bimson. Form IIIa.



## LEYLANDE PILGRIMS WAITING FOR THE BUSSE.

Bifel that in a sesoun on a day,  
In Leyland at the Seven Stars as I lay  
Redy to wenden on a happie voyage  
To North Ende with ful light corage,  
At morn had come into that hostelryē  
Wel five and seventy in a compaignye,  
Of sondry folk by aventure y-mette  
On supporting North Ende wer they sette.  
And unto Preston in the busse woulde ride,  
(If they coulde finde roome ynogh inside).  
I soon had spoken with hem everichon,  
And so I will tell you of hem anon.

A soldier was ther home from the East,  
And with him eke ther was a little beaste  
A dogge that coulde runnen fulle welle,  
And truth to tellen eke coulde it yelle.  
Round his waiste he wered a lether belt,  
His clothes were thik as they wer made of felt.  
At Ypres and at Lille had he beene  
And eke the angels of Mons had he seene:  
Ful many a tale coulde he well telle  
Y-clept he was by them Nowelle.

A clerk ther was also of Balshaw's schoole,  
That in the inne was against the rule,  
Ful merry was he and light of hert,  
For he was eating a big jam tart.  
French he coulde not learn at alle,  
But was very happy when with a balle:  
And of the cinema ful fond was he  
And ther on Saturday nights woulde bee.  
Fredde did they this yonge boye y-calle  
And a general favourite he was with alle.

A man ther was as thin as is a rake,  
And he was playing with a Put and Take.  
He had big feet and wered shoen black,  
And many bags hadde he carried of slack  
For his master a coal-man was by trade  
That in the war much money hadde made.

A woman was ther and she was jollie  
I think it so they called her Pollie.  
Hir face and here redde were of hue.  
And she wered a cote by no means newe:  
A jumper welle eke coulde she knitte,  
And even then was she doing a bitte  
To passen on the time she hadde to waite,  
For the busse that already was so late.

A goode wif ther was who kept a shope  
Who sold cake and eke toffee, and poppe,  
And all did see hir face brightly beame,  
For ther she haddē some Sharp's Super Kreem,  
Which in the busse she had y-thought to ete,  
But now to it the others she did treate.  
They alle hadde of it, but one manne  
Who by them everichon y-clept was Danne.  
Black wer his face, his handes and eke his dresse  
And to us alle then he did confesse  
That toffee always made his teeth to ache  
So that he nevere could thereof partake.

A profiteere was eke withe his wife  
You never saw the like in all youre life.  
Of muchysquashe was y-made hir cote  
And shaped hir hatte was y-like a bote;  
On hir fingers wer ther ringes seven  
Glittering like unto the starres in heven.  
Her voīce was loud as is a megaphone,  
I guess hir weight to be nigh sixteen stone.  
Hir husband was a big man and a bold,  
And many tales of thir Rolls Royce they told,  
His cigarre was very longe and fatte,  
Of greene veloure was y-made his hatte,  
Ful many a draughte of port did he drawe  
And he believed his word to be the lawe.  
But nowe in my tale must I delaye  
For nowe the busse theye seye is on hir waye  
And for a goode seate must I to fight,  
And into to it be squashed very tighte.  
But later I will tellen truth to saye  
How talked that seventy five upon the way.  
Nancy Iddon, Form VI.



## THE ADVENTURES OF THE SECOND "STRIPES" THE UNCONCERNED."

Stripes II. first saw the light of day in a snug little burrow hidden away under the overhanging bank of a large river. Even before he could walk he learnt from his mother an utter disregard for fear, and one day while his mother was absent he proved himself to be a true chip of the old block.

It happened this way, his mother had left him while he was asleep, feeling that she ought to have something to eat. Soon after she left, a big hungry porcupine came nosing round. He was a new arrival to that part of the forest and had never previously knocked up against any of Stripes' kin.

A gentle breeze was blowing a nice warm smell down to him and a moment later a squeal of hunger followed. The porcupine waited for nothing more, but charged down on the mouth of the burrow. Stripes had never seen any other animal than his mother, but instinct told him how to fight. He waited till his enemy was right on him, then turned round and gave a clumsy jerk of his hind quarters.

Clumsy it might be but it acted quite well, the porcupine found himself covered with an evil smelling and sticky fluid, which entered his nose, his mouth and his eyes. He stumbled to the mouth of the burrow, on to the narrow ledge, and over that into the rushing river below. Mother Stripes was just in time to see him "go over the top."

Thus quite early in life Stripes II. showed that he was a fighter of no mean value. This quality was shown more clearly than ever about two years later when he again had to fight for his life. Stripes II. was now a full grown animal, and spent his days (and nights) in alternately sleeping, hunting and eating.

The sun was just sinking as Stripes awoke, stretched himself and then peeped out at the mouth of his burrow and sniffed suspiciously once or twice. An unmistakable scent of Mr. Reynard was wafted down to him and he scurried back to the far end of his home, for though he knew he was armed with a weapon more deadly than any, he wished to reserve it for his hunting expedition. The fox suddenly stopped, he had also smelt something, it was the ordinary scent of Stripes, but the fox knew it would be a very different smell if he ventured too close; he had had experience.

A few minutes later a nose peeped out of the burrow, then two bright eyes, and then the rest of Mr. Stripes.

If Stripes could have spoken he would probably have mapped out his plan something like this (the names are his not mine) "I think to night I'll go round by "Many Egg" pond and try to pick up a few water fowl's eggs, then round by "Bee Tree" hollow and get the bee's nest I left on my last visit."

All went smoothly till the finish. He got several eggs and demolished them in about as much time as it takes to tell it. The honey was the best he had ever tasted and he was almost home when he saw a surly old Wood Chuck, whom he had turned out of his home a short time before, bearing down on him, forgetting in his anger his natural caution. Stripes waited, turned his back on the enemy, and gave a contemptuous flick of his hind quarters (no clumsiness this time) and the Wood Chuck pulled up choking in the evil smelling fluid.

Stripes walked on complacently to his burrow where he lay down for the sleep he had promised himself.

E. M. Hutchinson. Form IVa.

[See "Animal Stories," by C. D. E. Roberts, for the Adventures of Stripes I.—Ed.]



## SONNET TO SHACKLETON.

O Shackleton ! whom now the nations mourn,  
Thy glorious deeds upon the southern main  
Are ended. Never more the earthly bourn  
Shall tempt thee to approach the ice bound chain,  
Which Scott thy teacher crossed, and proved the way.  
Thy comrade Wilde, made of heroic mould,  
May conquer what thou sought'st, and we do pray  
That other heroes, blest and surely bold  
May imitate thy zeal and worthy skill,  
And pass, as thou hast passed them before,  
Far from this life's huge, sad, discordant mill  
Into that vale upon the other shore,  
Where some have gone, and some remaining wait  
For that great day when Christ shall come in state.

Hannah W. Briggs. Form Vb.

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## THE HAUNTED GRANGE.

The setting sun cast curious shadows on the ancient granite walls of Selkirk Grange; and the old arched windows glinted and glimmered as if laughing gleefully over the fate of their old master, who, on walking carelessly round the musty walls, had, only that day,—so the village gossipers said—, “bin’ ta’en bi th’ old boggart.”

The Grange stood away from the main road, amid a clump of sombre conifers; and, as the young mistress and her two charges stood gazing spellbound at the lofty towers, the great masonry arches, and the handsome, yet frowning walls, the thought simultaneously flashed through their minds, that the country folks’ gossip was based on more than rumour.

One of the children, Ronald, was a scout aged fourteen years, while his sister Edith was almost two years his junior. They had come with their governess, to spend the summer in the great, grey Grange which crowned the Brow (the Brow was a small hill which rose amidst the luxuriant foliage of the Scottish firs), and were quite excited at the prospect of living in a haunted house for seven whole weeks. They were eager to search for the lost owner of the Grange, their grandfather, whom as yet they had never seen.

The morning of the next day dawned dull and cheerless, and, as Miss Dixon said, it was not fit to go exploring, so Ronald and his sister resigned themselves to a morning in-side, living on the hope that the clouds would clear after dinner, yet in this they were disappointed, and so Edith suggested exploring the attic, “for” she whispered to her brother, “the ghost might easily live there.” After searching for about an hour they did not seem to discover anything, and so gave it up as a hopeless task, both agreeing that tea-time was not far off.

At breakfast, next morning, Miss Dixon looked pale and ill; the cause was, she replied to Edith’s anxious questioning, that she had been disturbed in the night by sundry wailings and cries for help; Ronald and Edith exchanged kicks under the table.

All the morning, during lesson time, Miss Dixon found her charges exceedingly restless, and, upon inquiring she learnt that the brilliant sunshine outside was attracting their attention, so she there and then promised them the afternoon out-of-doors.

“Shh !” whispered Ronald, as the two crept cautiously towards Miss Dixon’s room during the afternoon; for, though the naughty pair had said that it was the sunshine they needed, the true cause of their restlessness was the news of the wailing sounds in the room towards which they were now creeping.



When they were inside the place, there was nothing which could be called ghostly; yet a large portrait in oil paintings was really out of place in the prettily furnished room, so to this they went. "How very dusty," exclaimed Edith, as she started rubbing it with her hanky. Ronald was examining the walls, with his back toward his sister, so, when he heard her call, he turned with a start, to find her standing before a gaping opening where the picture had been.

Eagerly they proceeded, and as a clock chimed, a dark panel opened before them, so without hesitation Ronald entered, telling his sister to follow if he said all was right. Receiving his word Edith stepped in, but catching her foot on a loose board, she stumbled and fell; at the same moment she heard Ronald say despairingly that the way was blocked. Down she fell, never seeming to stop, and suddenly she realised that her foot must have touched a spring, and opened a panel.

When she reached earth, a little dazed but not seriously hurt, she found her brother by her, and someone said "Who's that?" Ronald explained, and when he finished, the owner of the voice gave them an eager welcome, saying he was their old grandfather and master of the Grange, who, when taking a walk, had fallen down a hole in the ground which led to the place where the trio now stood.

It was his cries for help which had been heard, and the wailing, which had caused the villagers to sav the Grange was haunted, had the simple explanation of being the wind playing on the broken glass of a tiny window. Tea-time was over and Miss Dixon was growing anxious, when three very dusty and very cobwebby persons arrived and demanded the attention of the governess. A great many explanations followed, and in time, the fears of the haunted Grange were laughed at, and proved a good joke.

Margaret Worden. Form IIIb.

## THE NIGHTINGALE.

- I. The Nightingale sings a lovely song,  
Although 'tis rarely seen;  
We all rejoice to hear its voice  
In the woods so cool and green.
  - II. When the summer moon sheds her silver light,  
On every hill and dell,  
The mother bird sits upon her nest,  
And sings with a voice like a bell.
- Donald Hey, Form IIIa.

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## MARCH.

The birds are singing,  
Joy is everywhere ringing;  
The fields are free from snow,  
As over the meadow, the meadow, the children do go.  
Kendal Southworth, Form II.

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## REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

On November 4th, the Old Girls' Association held a Sewing Meeting in the Cookery Room. Light refreshments were provided. We hope to continue Sewing Meetings during the year.

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A Social Meeting, including a Whist Drive, in connection with the Old Girls' Association was held on November 25th, Miss D. Tomlinson winning the 1st Prize, Mrs. Jackson the 2nd Prize.

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We hope to hold the Annual General Meeting of the above Association on May 1st, and shall be glad to see a good muster of "Old Girls;" and to receive suggestions as to future meetings.



We offer our best wishes for the happiness of Mr. E. Norbury and Miss N. Goodier, whose marriage is to take place shortly.

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On Sports Day there will be a small Sale of Work made by girls and friends of the school. The proceeds are to be devoted to the cause of the Young Helpers' League (Dr. Barnardo's). Mrs. Jackson will welcome contributions of useful articles.

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**LIBRARY.** Several additions have been made to the School Library during the last few weeks. A complete list may be obtained from the librarian. Borrowers please note that these books are graded "A—in good condition."

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We all offer our best wishes to Doris Gregson for her success in her new life at Southport Physical Training College.

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**BALSHAW'S ANNUAL RE-UNION.** It is regrettable to know that the Annual Re-Union of Balshaw's School, which was held on Friday, January 7th, 1922, in the Public Hall, Leyland, proved a failure owing to lack of support from a great many of our old students, especially those living in the neighbourhood of the School, who in the past took a keen interest in the School and the Old Boys' and Girls' Association. But now that interest, which is very much looked forward to by the Headmaster, Mr. Jackson, seems to have become dead. Whether the price charged for the Re-Union, i.e., 11/- per couple, was too much or not I cannot say.

At the last Re-Union about 140 were present, compared with 92 this year. The number of Ladies' Tickets sold was 48 at 5/- each and the number of Gents' Tickets 44 at 6/- each. Refreshments were included. Snape's Orchestral Band supplied us with selections of Dance Music. The

Statement of Accounts for the Re-Union shows Receipts £25 5s. 9d., Expenditure £27 7s. 6d.; making a deficit of £2 1s. 9d. To meet this the Old Boys' Association have had to revert to the funds of the Association.

The Assets of the the Old Boys' Club now stand at £17 13s. 3d. Eight new members were admitted during 1912, who left school at the 'Xmas Term, and all those leaving school at the Easter Term are expected to join the Association. The subscription for the year is one shilling only.

The Association has a stock of 50 School Hat Bands, which may be obtained at the price of 2/6 each, on application to A. Barnes, Queen's Hotel, Leyland.

Nothing has been done with regard to the War Memorial, since we invited subscriptions for this in 1919, but we are hoping that more subscriptions may come forth when it has become known, through the *Effort*, to many of our friends who have not yet assisted us in this Memorial. The amount now subscribed is £33 3s. 0d. A. Barnes, Sec. O.B.A.

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A subscription of £1 to the Old Boys' War Memorial has been received from Mr. Frank Hampson in memory of his brother Willie Hampson, D.L.I.

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**SPEECH DAY.** Speech Day took place on December 21st, in the Public Hall, Leyland. The ceremony was well attended by proud parents and friends. The certificates were distributed by Mrs. J. Stanton, Junr., and the pupils shewed their appreciation by presenting her with a bouquet. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Kinch (to whom we all offer our deepest sympathy) the chair was taken by Mrs. Davies, who spoke encouragingly to both boys and girls. The places of numerous other absentees were taken by members of the Staff. A.J.

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Orders and contributions for *The Effort* should be sent to one of the magazine staff, whose names will be found elsewhere in this number.



## SPORTS NEWS, 1921-22.

### BOYS.

During the latter half of the Football season, our football matches with Preston Catholic College, and Rivington Grammar School were cancelled, while Chorley Technical School defeated us 4-2, on our ground, the scorers for the home side being Marshall and Coupe, It was a hard fought game, and Balshaw's, with a bit of luck, might easily have won.

Excitement ran to a high pitch on the election day. Owing to the departure of Crossen, the school captain, who has gone into the motoring business, it was necessary to elect a new captain to take his place. Three names were offered as candidates for the vacant captaincy, namely, Askwith, Brown and Cochran.

The votes were counted, and Askwith was elected captain, by a large majority.

The actual figures were as follows :

Askwith	-	-	50 (maj. 23).
Brown	-	-	27
Cochran	-	-	6

Askwith is now in charge of the dark and light blue house.

Rolling duties have commenced, in order to get the field into suitable condition for the coming cricket season. We are expecting to have better cricket this year than we had last, and we are cherishing the hope that we shall have a pro. to coach us.

May our 1st Eleven do better at cricket than it has done at football. Good Luck to it!

B.E. and J.M., Captains.

### GIRLS.

In the first few weeks of the hockey season we had nice weather and played as many matches as possible. We were handicapped very much however by the shortness of the pitch and later by the dark nights.

A League had been formed and we had intended playing off the matches after Christmas, but owing to many of us taking part in the "Play" and the field being out of bounds we were unable to do this.

Very little basket ball has been played this season for similar reasons but everyone is looking forward to a good tennis season and we hope to start playing as soon as the courts are ready.

### RESULTS OF HOCKEY MATCHES PLAYED.

(The first named is the winning team).

N. Iddon v. E. Hailwood,	2—1.
N. Stopforth v. P. Slater,	1—1.
E. Rowcroft v. L. Cooke,	5—0.
N. Stopforth v. N. Iddon,	2—0.
P. Slater v. E. Hailwood,	2—1.
N. Stopforth v. L. Cooke,	3—0.
E. Rowcroft v. N. Iddon,	3—0.
E. Hailwood v. P. Slater,	2—1.
E. Rowcroft v. L. Cooke,	2—0.
N. Stopforth v. E. Hailwood,	1—1
E. Rowcroft v. P. Slater,	3—0.

The Captains.



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## EDITORIAL FOREWORD.

The first issue of volume two of "The Effort" will appear in December. Contributions may be sent in up to the end of November. Henceforward it will be advisable for all people desiring copies to order them in good time from the committee.

## NOTES AND NOTICES.

Early in April, Miss Carden, Warden for Lancashire, gave an address to the School on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's "Young Helpers' League," the work of which is to assist destitute children who are crippled. As a result, about twenty-one pupils joined the League, and received a Collecting Box. We hope to have a Box Opening next term and that the boxes will contain a substantial amount to be sent to Headquarters.

In connection with this League, a small Sale of Work was held on the day of our Annual Sports, June 24th, and in spite of most inclement weather our Young Helpers

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realised the gratifying sum of £3 10s. 0d. which has been forwarded to Miss Rachel Norton, General Secretary.

At the last General Meeting of the Old Girls' Association, it was decided to send, gratis, a copy of each publication of "The Effort" to all members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, which began in March 1922. Will members whose subscriptions (2/6) are still owing—please note—and send them as soon as possible to Mrs. F. Jackson—until a new treasurer has been appointed, when they will be notified.

Former pupils may be interested to hear of the marriage, last May, of Miss Mabel Haydock to Mr. Alfred James—our best wishes to the happy pair. Their present address is 55 Second Avenue, Heaton, Bolton.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Albert Parr who has recently been appointed Conductor to the Leyland Prize Band; also to Mr. W. H. Moss who has just taken an Honours Degree in Chemistry at Manchester.

It is with pleasure that we hear of the success and well-being of Mr. Fred Hunt in his new sphere of work in Canada.

Our good wishes accompany Frank Walsh who is leaving us shortly to find a new home in Australia.

Mr. A. E. S. Riddle, B.A. (Oxon.), leaves us in July, after a year's teaching, to take up other work. He goes forth with the good wishes both of the Staff and of the pupils.

His successor will be Mr. S. Farrar, B.A. (Cantab.), who, besides four year's War Service, graduated with a First Class in the English Tripos and a Second Class in the French Tripos.  
*Mod. Lang.*

The sympathy of all connected with the School goes out to those families who have, since our last issue, suffered bereavements—to Doris Gregson's, Alice Knowles's, Beatrice and Ethel Duckworth's and to Mr. and Mrs. Wane.

## AGAP'E.

In one of London's soul-destroying streets  
I pause outside a squalid tenement  
To catch the plaintive lullaby which greets  
My ear and fills my heart with wonderment.  
I venture to the doorway, there I wait  
And peer across the unaccustomed gloom,  
Intent to see the human soul so great  
As to make melody in such a room.  
A room that seemed by devils set apart,  
Where all earth's blackest misery was met  
To wreak rude havoc on the human heart  
And rob it of its kindliness, and yet  
I there saw love in one young mother's face  
Make that foul hovel Beauty's dwelling-place.

S.E.A.

## FAME.

A huge fantastic immemorial oak,  
Clad in the grandeur of its time-worn strength,  
Older by centuries than all old folk,  
Breaks in upon a sylvan lane's dim length,  
And gives it such a share in Nature's glory  
That all its lesser beauties fade from view.  
So, if we contemplate our human story,  
Memories of men bestrew Time's avenue  
Like trees decked out in Nature's loveliness;  
Yet soon, too soon must wither and decay,  
Because of their inherent feebleness  
And sometimes at Death's blast they pass away;  
Whilst only here and there in all Time's length  
Beauty stands forth revealed in godlike strength.

S.E.A.



## SCOUTS IN NEW ZEALAND.

*(1) Excerpt from New Zealand paper.*

"A troop of Girl Peace Scouts has recently been formed in Hamilton, at the instigation of Mr. and Mrs. Carless, who now act as scout master and scout mistress respectively. The girl scouts have been making a speciality of the St. John Ambulance course, and at the recent examinations achieved marked success. A pleasing function was accordingly held in the Methodist school room, Hamilton, at which the certificates were presented to the successful candidates. The certificates were for various degrees of proficiency and reflected in the main the satisfactory standard of fitness to which the girls have attained."

*(2) From a home letter of Mrs. Carless (née Ethel Weaver)*

Hamilton, March 26th, 1922.

"Last Monday night we had the first public meeting in connection with the Girl Scouts. We all looked very nice in our Khaki uniform, although we haven't got the hats yet. We had Mr. Young, M.P., to give out the First Aid Certificates, and he spoke very nicely to the girls. Under my directions the scouts gave an exhibition of bandaging, which the people seemed to enjoy. We also sang the Scouts Rally in Maori. The rest of the concert was supplied by outsiders, one of whom, a little girl of about 10 years, recited splendidly. I believe she is a member of the Hamilton Shakespearian Club. The meeting acted as a good advertisement, for we had a new member at Wednesday's meeting and have had enquiries from others."

The Effort Staff tender their thanks to Mr. J. Weaver for his kindness in sending the above; and to Mr. and Mrs. Carless the congratulations of Balshaw's Grammar School on the success of their undertaking, with all good wishes for its continuance.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER WRITTEN TO MRS. JACKSON  
BY MISS MARGARET PRINCE.

Territet, Suisse,

April 29th.

"The school.....is a very fine big building with a lovely outlook across the lake. It is impossible for me to describe the beauty of the scenery. Always it changes according to the weather, but it is always magnificent. At present, snow tops the mountains across the lake and in the sunshine the clear blue water with the glittering snow in the background makes a perfect picture. But, I like better the sunsets, they are simply gorgeous and often we have the most perfect after a stormy day.

A few minutes walk down the road is Chillon Castle—of Byron's poem—with the Dents du Midi in the background. It looks very old and interesting and somewhat gruesome. I am waiting for a bright sunny day before I explore those dungeons. In the opposite direction lies Montreux, only ten minutes walk from Territet, a fairly large town with good shops, big hotels, and several places of amusement. After that, Clarens, which I remember well from our study of 'Childe Harold' with Mr. Jackson. I walked there one sunny day soon after I came, and returned by the lake. It was a perfect day, Clarens is a haven of beauty and peace and I can well understand Byron's enthusiasm for it. On this side of the Lake the mountains are wooded, and there are some lovely walks up to Ghon, Caux, and the Dechers de Naye.

In the winter the sports up there are good, and I hear that we have opportunity to go up fairly often for ski-ing &c. I am looking forward to that time, but Summer comes first, and I am told that we make trips by steamer to the places on the other side of the Lake, some of them French, and we also have long walks in the country round here.....



During the (Easter) holiday I spent one day in Lausanne, an hour's journey by train, 'à côté du lac' with lovely scenery all the way. I had chosen a stifling hot day unfortunately, and the town seemed a mass of steep hills and narrow streets; my shopping finished, I was quite glad to return to Territet by an early train in the evening. However, I must not judge by my first impressions; the town is very large and I saw only little of it apart from the shops.

It seems to me much longer than two months since I left England, but the time passes quickly, and besides attending two French lectures every day I have much reading to do. I find it is a wonderful help in conversation."

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#### SUMMER.

Oh the summer's sweet when we do meet,  
And flowers kiss our dancing feet,  
When soaring larks salute the day,  
And we do through the meadows stray.  
With lingering feet we lounge along,  
Where hawthorn flowers the hedges throng,  
And through the rustling greenwood stray,  
Where rambling sunbeams streak the way.  
In scented meadows we delay,  
To tumble in the new mown hay,  
While the farmer whets his scythe and sings,  
Of country fun and fairy rings.

Ethel Saunt. Form IVb.

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#### IF I WERE A FAIRY.

If I were a fairy, I'd frolic all the day;  
For elf men, of course, need do nothing but play!  
I'd mount on the sea-gulls that fly over the wave,  
Or sleep at my ease in a cool sea cave,  
And sing with mermen all the day through  
For then I should have no lessons to do!

G. Molyneux. Form IVa.

#### "THE WORM."

The worms are very long and thin,  
Their figures like a rolling pin,  
They eat the rubbish out of sight  
When we are in our beds at night;  
But when they seek an earthly bed  
The moles devour them, instead.

I'm very glad t'was not to be  
Nature should make a worm of me,  
For moles in bed and birds by day  
Would take all peace of mind away;  
And how could breakfast prove a boon  
Knowing I might be lunch at noon?

Marjorie Mogridge, Form IVa.

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#### THE ANNUAL SPORTS DAY.

The morning of June 24th 1922, the day of the school sports, dawned wet and dull. Many preparations for the occasion had been made during the previous day or two. The field was marked out for the races, and seating accommodation for the spectators had been arranged round the course. The rain ceased in the morning, and there was every prospect of the day clearing.

Two o'clock! the hour announced for the commencement of the sports programme, and rain was falling heavily! The girls, dressed in their drill tunics, and the boys in their running shorts all assembled in front of the school, and then paraded round the field, headed by St. Thomas' Boys Band, which played well.

Having paraded round the field, we were greeted by a lusty round of applause, so feeling quite satisfied with ourselves we dispersed in high glee (in spite of the rain).



The heats for the first events were run off quite successfully, Junior boys, especially Jenkinson, running the 100 yds in fine style. The boys' heats were followed by the girls'. Mishaps were numerous owing to the greasy surface of the ground, but no injuries however were noticed. Whilst several of the girls' events were being completed, the Senior boys' high jump was contested, Cochram winning this event by jumping 4ft 5in, a remarkable height, considering the condition of the ground.

The final for the senior boys' 100 yds. was won in fine style by G. Coupe, followed by F. O'Donnell, and B. Ellis, who were a close 2nd and 3rd. The girls' senior 100 yds. final was won easily by Nellie Stopforth, who ran remarkably well. In the finals for the junior girls there were many close finishes, mishaps frequently occurring several yards from the winning post owing to the slope and condition of the field.

The quarter mile handicap was run by many competitors under bad conditions, in heavier rain. This was won by G. Coupe, who was followed by Parkinson. After the quarter mile the sports were temporally abandoned owing to the torrent of rain, and the spectators crowded indoors, where tea was provided by the Leyland and Farington Co-op. Society. In Form II. room a sale of work in aid of "The Young Helpers League" was well managed by some of the girls. The Hall, in which many were taking tea, was packed with the spectators, viewing the prizes, some of which were given by the Head Master, and friends, such as Messrs. Coupe, Jenkinson, Latham and Briggs, and Mrs. Watson.

After the interval, the boys' half mile was run before a good gathering, many viewing the contest from the school windows. This eventful race was won by N. Parkinson who ran well from start to finish. Much praise is due to the winner because this is the second successive year of his victory in the same race. After the half mile was run, the

rest of the sports were abandoned until Thursday, of the following week, and a large gathering witnessed the distribution of the prizes for the day's events, Mrs. Pilkington kindly attending to present them. Coupe was called upon several times to go up and claim his prizes, having won two cups, one of which was presented by his father. His team won the school Challenge Cup for the second year in succession, so cheers were given for Coupe's house. When the prizes had been distributed, Mr. Jackson offered our thanks to Mrs. Pilkington for her kindness in visiting Balshaw's in such inclement weather, and Mr. Pilkington replied. The Captain of the school (Coupe) called for three cheers for the Headmaster, which were heartily given by all. The singing of <sup>the</sup> National Anthem officially closed the eventful day, although Dancing was continued in the Hall until 6-45 p.m.

F. O'Donnell. Form Vb

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## SPORTS DAY.

### PRIZE WINNERS.—BOYS.

#### 100 Yards (Senior):

1. Coupe      2. O'Donnell      3. Ellis

#### 100 Yards (Junior):

1. Jenkinson      2. Almond      3. Wootton

#### 100 Yards (Under 12):

1. R. Walsh      2. D. Hey      3. Miller

#### High Jump (Senior):

1. Cochram      2. Gaskell

#### High Jump (Junior):

1. Fairhurst      2. Hutchinson

#### 440 Yards (Open Handicap):

1. Coupe      2. Parkinson      3. Cochram



## Throwing Cricket Ball:

1. Coupe 2. Wootton

## Long Jump (Senior):

1. Coupe 2. Cochram

## Long Jump (Junior):

1. Wootton 2. Hutchinson

## 880 Yards (Open Handicap):

1. Parkinson 2. Almond 3. Coupe

## Victoria Cross Race: Coupe and Jenkinson

## Relay Race: Coupe's Team

## Tug of War: Coupe's Team

## GIRLS.

## 100 Yards (Senior):

1. N. Stopforth 2. E. Hailwood 3. E. Rowcroft

## 100 Yards (Junior):

1. M. Crozier 2. M. Fazackerly 3. E. Thomas

## 75 Yards (under 13):

1. J. Reid 2. K. Sheehan 3. M. Miller

## Egg and Spoon:

1. L. Stopforth 2. L. Cooke 3. A. Jackson

## High Jump (over 13):

1. N. Stopforth 2. P. Slater 3. A. Wright

## High Jump (under 13):

1. G. Leigh 2. M. Lomax 3. K. Carr

## Post Office Race:

1. M. Ward 2. L. Thornber 3. D. Woodhouse

## Skipping:

1. M. Lomax 2. E. Holmes 3. I. Bimson

## Relay (House):

1. N. Stopforth's 2. E. Hailwood's 3. N. Iddon's

## Girdle Race (IIIb. v. II.): 3b.

## House Challenge Cup, presented by the Headmaster:

Peggy Slater's House.

HOUSE CHALLENGE CUP FOR FOOTBALL, CRICKET  
AND FINALS IN SPORT.

Name of House,	Foot-ball	Cricket	100 yards			440 yds	880 yds	Long Jump	High Jump	Tug of War	Relay	Total
			over 14	12-14	under 12							
COUPE'S ...	12	4	3	3		6	4	5	6	3	3	49
MARSHALL'S	16			1	2			3	1			23
YATES' ...	12				1				3			16
O'DONNELL'S		4	2	2			2	3	2	2	2	19
BROWN'S	4	4										8
ELLIS'	16		1		3			1	1	1	1	24

## GIRLS' HOUSE CHALLENGE CUP FOR FINALS IN SPORT.

Name of House	100 yards		75 yds	Egg & Spoon	Post Office	Skip-ping	High Jump		Relay	Total
	Senior	Junior					over 13	under 13		
N. IDDON'S ...			2		4				1	7
E. HAILWOOD'S	2			1		2		3	2	10
N. STOPFORTH'S	3		1				4		3	11
P. SLATER'S ...		3			2	3	2	2		12
L. COOKE'S ...		2	3	2		1				8
E. ROWCROFT'S	1	1		3				1		6



## B.G.S.O.G.A.

## HON. SECS. REPORT FOR 1921—1922.

The Balshaw's Grammar School Old Girl's Association now enters upon its third year of existence. Since its formation on the 23rd February, 1920, its membership has grown from 18 to 32. During the past year 4 new members have been enrolled, Miss Prudence Baron, Miss Ivy Lowe, Miss Bertha Ward, and Miss Constance Wilding; two have resigned, Miss Jean Norris having entered Edge Hill Training College has temporarily resigned, and the other is Miss Smith. No report would be complete without recording sincere gratitude for her untiring services on behalf of the Association.

This year has seen only one Social Evening as against six last year; it took the form of a Whist Drive on the 25th November. It has however seen the introduction of fortnightly sewing meetings.

Many thanks are due to Mr. Jackson for allowing us the use of the School; to the Treasurer and Committee for their patience and attendance at Meetings, and most of all to our President whose unfailing sympathy and tact have always been our guide and on which we hope still to rely.

GLADYS S. PORTER, Hon. Sec.

## BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1921-1922.

CR.	£	s.	d.
By Bank Balance .....	4	2	0
„ Cash in hand .....	1	1	5
„ Balance from Hockey Section, per Miss Davies .....	3	0	10
„ Subscriptions .....	3	6	6
„ Bank Interest .....	0	0	7
	<u>£11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>

DR.	£	s.	d.
By Paid to Miss Smith—Hockey Field .....	3	0	0
„ Goal Posts .....	1	5	0
„ Stamps, Envelopes, etc. ....	0	8	5
„ Whist Prize .....	0	1	7
„ Loss on Socials .....	0	2	9
„ Bank Balance .....	6	2	7
„ Cash in Treasurer's hands .....	0	11	0
	<u>£11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>

May 15th, 1922.

B. PARKER, Hon. Treasurer.  
M. M. JACKSON, President.

## PHOTOGRAPHS.

There was great excitement in the school. Of course. What else could there be when we were going to have our photographs taken? A few minutes before the bell rang we arranged our hair and tidied ourselves so as to be ready when the photographer came. We were arranged in order of size and then we filed out to take our places in a corner of the boys' yard. Masters and Mistresses took their places in the centre of the groups, with boys sitting in front and girls standing up at the back. Then some of us trembled, some tried to smile and failed dismally. At last all was ready. One of the men clapped his hands. The photographs were taken!

F. Rigby, Illa.

## WIRELESS.

Within a few years wireless will become the chief source of communication and detection of crime in the world. It is better than the telephone because it needs no wires. Thus a man speaking into a transmitter in England can be heard in Australia, America, or elsewhere if the wave lengths are the same.



The greatest station in Great Britain is in Wales, on Cefudu, which is about one thousand feet high. It is exposed to storms, and the wind and pressure on the guy ropes is enormous, but so strongly built is it that it remains safe.

Wireless messages are often taken mechanically down on paper in Morse Code. This is done by means of tape paper, which is connected with the receiver so that as the message comes through the paper is punched. Then the message is sent out again word for word. Wireless is of great use on board a ship, for it enables the travellers if lost to find their position; or when in distress, to send out in the Morse Code the three letters S.O.S. (... --- ...) which mean "Save our Souls."

Broadcasting stations are set up as an advertisement by firms who sell wireless apparatus. These consist of a transmitting apparatus in a room which contains a piano and other musical instruments. Singers, and speakers, sometimes members of Parliament, are employed to give entertainment. All the concert can be heard by people whose receivers are tuned to the wave length used by the station. The English Broadcasting stations are at present stopped; but in addition to Greenwich time, messages between aeroplanes, ships, and Dutch concerts can be heard from a Dutch station in Hague on every Sunday afternoon, when half the programme is given in Dutch and half in English.

Like those on water, wireless waves have two crests, and the distance between the two crests is called wavelength. That is why all the stations cannot be heard at once, for if the receiving set is tuned to a certain wavelength, only messages which are contained in that wavelength can be heard.

The Police are going to set up wireless in every motor car of the flying squadron of Scotland Yard. When some

breach of Law has been committed, the police will be able to spread the hue and cry all over the country in about two minutes, and not only will they be searching for the criminal, but also the many amateur detectives will be on the look out for him. When any trace of the criminal is found the news will be broadcasted immediately, and the police will concentrate on the spot indicated. Thus the criminal will soon be surrounded and caught.

About nine months ago Marconi picked up some impulses which he thought were messages with a wave length of about one hundred and fifty thousand metres. These must be either electrical waves caused by sun-spots and magnetic storms, or, as Marconi thinks they are, messages from Mars. He is going to sail in the Atlantic with his vessel the "Electra" which contains instruments for finding the direction of wireless waves. If he is successful he will be able to say whether the messages came to us from the sun spots around the sun, or from Mars. The messages which he picked up ended abruptly. This points to the Martian theory, for it seems as if someone in Mars has been trying to communicate with us with a tremendous wave length, and on failing, stopped suddenly. If the electric waves came from the sun they would not be likely to end abruptly.

Sun spots are storms on the face of the sun (which is a whirling ball of incandescent gas). These, when they occur, send up pillars of the white hot gas of which the sun consists. These soon cool and make dark patches on the face of the sun. Thus the sun spots are huge electric sparks, and like the old fashioned spark in the wireless set they send out wireless waves. The question is whether Marconi has intercepted one of these or a message from Mars.

There is still a lot to learn about wireless, and it is expected that in years to come wireless will be able to reproduce pictures.

John Bamber, Form IVa.



## CRICKET.

Runs! Runs! Runs!  
 Runs galore!  
 Runs, not alone  
 But runs by the score!  
 Wickets fall,  
 Bails go spinning,  
 Down with the ball,  
 We are winning!  
 Two to win,  
 And one to tie,  
 Last man in,  
 The end is nigh.

M. Burrows, Form IVb.

## SPORTS NEWS.

## GIRLS.

At the beginning of the tennis season the weather was favourable and we all expected the doubles and singles tournaments would be finished for Sports Day, so that the shield and racquet could be presented.

The weather changed however and only the doubles tournament was finished. Form VI., represented by A. Jackson and N. Iddon, and Form IVa., represented by S. Stopforth and M. Mogridge, being in the final, it could only be expected that Form VI. would be the victors. Their opponents played excellently and took their defeat in the true Balshaw spirit. Among the juniors are many enthusiasts, and the good play of D. Woodhouse, D. Lomax, and E. Saunt deserves special mention.

As we cannot always be on the courts giving advice to players, we would remind them here to make all strokes with the full force of the arm swinging from the shoulder, and to serve always from behind the base line.

A match between the Staff and Form VI., the former kindly providing tea, was played on June 28th, the VI. winning by 42 games to 40 (4 sets to 5).

The Old Girls have challenged the Present Girls to a tennis tournament which will take place on Monday, July 17th, weather permitting.

CRICKET. Few matches have been played this season except at dinnertime, because when the boys play the girls cannot.

Results. 1.	3a v. 4b.	4b won, 22—21.
2.	3b v. 3a.	3b won, 30—23.
3.	3b v. 4b.	4b won, 48—7.
4.	5b v. 5a.	5b won, 40—20.
5.	4a v. 4b.	4a won, 23—17.
6.	N. Stopforth, E. Hailwood, E. Rowcroft's teams v. P. Slater, S. Cooke, N. Iddon's teams; abandoned owing to the inclemency of the weather.	

We had new cricket tackle at the beginning of the season, but notice that some of it has found its way into the boys' cricket bag.

Thanks are offered to Mr. Jackson for presenting to the girls an Inter-House Challenge Cup, won this year by Peggy Slater's House. The girls' houses now have colours similar to those of the corresponding boys' houses.

From now onwards girls will be able to obtain blazers in the school colours, and we hope that in time all will avail themselves of the opportunity.

N.S. & E.H., Captains.



## BOYS.

The cricket season opened at school with the very welcome assistance of Mr. Walmsley, of Leyland C.C. 1st eleven, who recently made a record score of 133. Before house matches could be started, a pitch was prepared in the centre of the field for the match with the Old Boys, which was played on May 20th. Tea was kindly provided by Mrs. Jackson, and served by members of the cookery class. We were favoured with a fine day, and an enjoyable game ensued.

Result: 1st Innings, School 59, Old Boys 14;

2nd " " 21, " 29.

The School thus winning by 37 runs.

The Old Boys' Association was represented by Messrs. F. Silcock, R. Barrow, C. Brown, R. Tomlinson, A. Barnes, J. Sherwin, J. Glover, R. Kite, N. Horrocks, T. Kenyon and J. Kite (Captain).

Players for the school were G. Coupe (Capt.), J. Marshall, H. Yates, F. O'Donnell, A. Brown, B. Ellis, M. Cochram, W. H. Wootton, J. Gaskell, W. Rawcliffe, N. Jackson. Reserve, P. Iddon.

Performances of merit: Batting—Cochram 13, J. Kite 13; Bowling—Marshall 6 for 1 and 2 for 14, Coupe 7 for 10 and 4 for 12, Kenyon 9 for 9 and 5 for 18.

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Balshaw's v. Leyland III.—Mr. Walmsley kindly arranged a match with Leyland III., which was played on the Fox Lane Ground, on May 30th. Leyland III. won by a margin of 24 runs, the scores being 47 and 71. Yates and Coupe especially distinguished themselves by their bowling, their records being 2 for 6 and 4 for 28, while Marshall with a total of 13 reached the highest score in batting.

House Matches.—Each house played one match, and Coupe's, O'Donnell's and Brown's houses succeeded in beating their opponents.

Record of Batting.—Coupe 44, Iddon 35, Cochram 23, Marshall 24, Brown 25, Gorse 36, O'Donnell 23.

Fixtures.—A return match with Leyland III. had been arranged, but has been delayed owing to bad weather.

G. C. and B. E.—Captains.