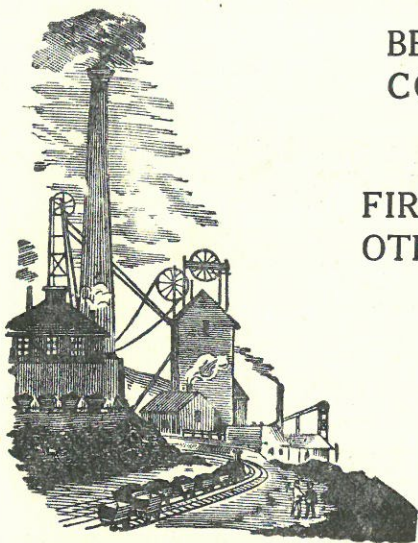


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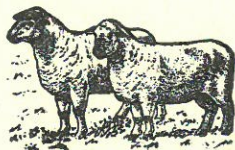


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HOCKEY 1st XI., 1933-34

Back Row:—M. Allibone, D. Herring, M. Holden, G. Houlden, A. Nuttall, H. Baron.  
Front Row:—H. B. Hey, F. Bell, E. Sharples (Capt.), M. Deacon, G. Hutchings.  
PLAYED 7, WON 4, LOST 1, DRAWN 2.



RUGBY FOOTBALL 1st XV., 1933-34.

Back Row:—Rimmer A., Wood H., Morris S., Darnell P., Sharples J., Bland G., Bellis R., Banks M.  
Seated:—Greenwood A., Haydock J., Fishwick J.(Capt.), Nelson T. A., Stringfellow C. D.  
Front Row:—Barrow N., Gates E.  
PLAYED 7, WON 2, LOST 5.

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## EDITORIAL

Since the last issue of the "*Balshavian*" was published the School has enjoyed two of its most important annual social functions in addition to several minor events, and we feel sure that the performance of the Dramatic Society and the Athletic Sports were thoroughly appreciated by all who witnessed them. We would take this opportunity of thanking once again the parents and friends of pupils upon whose co-operation our success so largely depends.

The aspect of the School grounds has undergone the change which is customary between the Spring and Summer terms and we are once again enjoying a season of cricket, rounders and tennis.

Unfortunately acceptable original contributions to the Magazine have again been rather scarce; it would indeed be a pleasure for the Editor to be bombarded by a host of importunate enthusiasts instead of having to extract compositions from a few unwilling satellites.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

### PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

*Boys:* *Head Prefect:* Briggs C. A.

*Prefects:* Fishwick J., Stringfellow C. D., Nelson T. A.,  
Haydock J.

*Sub-Prefects:* Procter R., Greenwood A., Bellis, R.

*Girls:* *Head Prefect:* A. M. Nuttall.

*Prefect:* E. Sharples.

*Sub-Prefects:* H. Baron, M. Holden, I. Edelston, K. Iddon.

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On Thursday and Friday, March 1st and 2nd, the School Dramatic Society presented Sheridan's "The Rivals." The play was the most ambitious they have yet attempted, and was very successful. An account is included in this Magazine.



On Thursday, March 8th, a lecture entitled "Rouen and the Lower Valley of the Rhine" was given in the School Hall by Mr. W. H. Fawcett, B.A. The lecture was accompanied by many slides and proved to be most interesting.

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On March 16th, at 7.0 p.m., the third and last of the series of concerts given at the School, under the auspices of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, took place. A well chosen programme, ably rendered by Miss Mabel Norton (Soprano) and Miss Ethel Cook (Pianoforte), brought the series of concerts to a successful close. A full account of the concert is to be found elsewhere.

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This half term (Feb. 26th) a trip to London was organised. A large party, under the care of various members of the Staff, visited many places of interest, including the British Art Exhibition, St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey. The expedition was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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This term the Choir held its first party. The visitors were ably entertained by members of the Choir, who gave songs, dances and a small burlesque. We hope the success of this function will lead to a repetition in future.

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We must congratulate D. Herring and E. Sharples on having obtained their Hockey Colours for the season 1933-4, and Fishwick J., Nelson T., Gates E., Greenwood A., Haydock J., Stringfellow C. D., on having won their Rugby Colours.

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We have to congratulate Clayton on having won the Rugby Knock-Out Final for the third year in succession, thus retaining the Wanklyn Cup for another year. Cuerden also repeated their successes of the previous two years in the Hockey Knock-out Competition. Both Houses will receive replicas of the cups, having won them for three years in succession.

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On Saturday, April 21st, the School Athletic Sports were held. The day was fine but windy. We congratulate Worden on taking both the House and relay cups, Fishwick J. on winning the Victor Ludorum Cup and E. Haydock on winning the Victrix Ludorum Cup. A list of results will be found on a later page.

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Fishwick J. is to be congratulated on having beaten the standard time for the 440 yards by  $4\frac{1}{5}$ ths of a second at the Public School Sports Meeting at the White City Stadium, London, on April 6th and 7th.

On Saturday, March 25th, the Prefects gave their third annual social. It was a most original entertainment and excellent refreshments were provided. An account of the Social will be found later in this issue.

Farington House are to be congratulated on heading the Merit Order for the Spring Term. This is the sixth consecutive time they have had this honour.

One afternoon during the Spring Term a visit was made to Leyland Motor Works by the senior boys of the School. A description of the tour round the works is contained in later pages of this issue.

By the time this Magazine is published, the Old Student's Dramatic Society will have given their two performances of "Hobson's Choice," a Lancashire comedy by Harold Brighouse. We hope and expect that they will enjoy great success.

#### VALETE.

The following pupils have left the School since the beginning of the Spring Term, 1934.

*Annie Alty.*—Va. Clayton. Hockey 2nd XI.

*Joyce Caldwell.*—Va. Farington. Hockey League.

*Mary Cuerden.*—Va. Cuerden. Hockey League.

*Annie Cliffe.*—IVb. Worden.

*Margaret Edge.*—IVb. Clayton.

*Isabel Haydock.*—L.VI. Worden. Oxford S.C., 1933. Hockey 1st XI. Tennis 1st VI. Rounders 1st IX. Victrix Ludorum, 1931, 1932, 1933. Sub Prefect, 1934.

*Beryl Johnson.*—IVb. Cuerden. Hockey League.

*Dorothy Howard.*—Va. Cuerden. Hockey League.

*Irene Oakes.*—Va. Farington. Hockey 2nd XI.

*Maud Pickles.*—IVb. Clayton, Hockey League.

*Allibone F.*—U.VI. Farington. Oxford S.C., 1932. Rugby 1st XV.

*Berry J.*—Va. Clayton. League Teams.

*Coates S.*—IIIb. Worden. Rugby League.

*Davies R. T.*—IVb. Clayton. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket 1st XI.



*Davies J. B.*—IVb. Clayton. League Teams.

*Dixon J. W.*—IVb. Farington.

*Hocking H. D.*—U.VI. Cuerden. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket 2nd XI.

*Hoskins G. F.*—Vb. Farington. Rugby, 2nd XV.

*Orrell N. T.*—Vb. Farington. Rugby, 1st XV.

*Patefield P. W.*—L.VI. Farington. House Captain. Oxford S.C., 1932.  
Rugby, 1st XV. Cricket, 2nd XI. Prefect.

*Shepherd F. W.*—L.VI. Cuerden. Rugby, 1st XV. Cricket, 1st XI. Oxford S.C., 1933.

*Rawcliffe R.*—I. Farington.

*Smart L. G.*—IVb. Cuerden. Cricket, 2nd XI.

### SALVETE.

*To Farington House.*

V. Haythornthwaite.

M. S. Butterworth.

Lee, R. D.

Wright, E.

*To Worden House.*

E. Smith.

*To Cuerden House.*

M. Norburn.

Lloyd, H.

*To Clayton House.*

S. Mangnall.



## THE RIVALS

On March 1st and 2nd the School Dramatic Society presented "The Rivals," by R. B. Sheridan, in the School Hall. This year, the play was of quite a different type from last year's—"A Midsummer Night's Dream," and proved itself to be an even bigger success.

During the last few weeks before the performance there was in the School an ever-increasing excitement and curiosity. Strange speeches were heard being repeated, curious hats with big feathers were occasionally seen, and once, a bundle of wigs, grey, black and flaxen.

## "THE RIVALS"

March 1st and 2nd, 1934.



### THE CAST.

J. Sharples, J. Downie, Doris Ball, G. Bland, Gladys Hutchings, M. Banks.  
Joan Iddon, J. Fishwick, Hilda Baron, Mr.C.S. Hilditch, Nellie Hey, S. Whittaker, Margaret Holden.  
C. Whistlecroft. E. Challenger.



# "THE RIVALS"

March 1st and 2nd, 1934.



SIR ANTHONY ABSOLUTE: "PUT UP JACK, OR I SHALL BE IN A FRENZY!"

Faulkland.	Capt. Absolute.	Lydia.	Mrs. Malaprop.	Sir Anthony.	Julia.	O'Trigger	Acres.	David.
(S. Whittaker)	(J. Fishwick)	(Hilda Baron)	(Nellie Hey)	(Mr. C. S. Hilditch)	(Margaret Holden)	(G. Bland)	(J. Downie)	(E. Challenger)

The whole School, staff and pupils alike, entered into the spirit of the thing, and without this wholehearted support such an elaborate play could not have been produced. The play was directed by Mr. Hilditch, to whom valuable assistance was given by the Sixth Form boys, who painted the scenery under the guidance of Miss Raby, and performed willingly the task of scene-shifting. Miss Middlehurst helped with the dresses and Mr. Lomax acted as stage-manager.

On both evenings there was a large audience of appreciative parents and friends gathered in the Hall. After a short speech by the Headmaster introducing the production and welcoming the guests, the play began.

The performers themselves had worked extremely hard for this production and were well rewarded by its success. Joan Iddon, who played the part of Lucy, was extremely good. Her acting produced a good deal of amusement and her artificial simplicity appealed to all. H. B. Hey represented Mrs. Malaprop to perfection, and though at first all the malapropisms were not grasped, the audience soon began to listen for them and enjoy them to the full. Margaret Holden rendered a charming portrayal of Julia, while the part of Miss Lydia Languish was played well by Hilda Baron, who showed her full capacity for acting in the love-scene with Fishwick, who represented Ensign Beverley *alias* Captain Absolute. The part of Sir Anthony Absolute was taken by Mr. Hilditch. His gout, which prevented him from sitting and rising rapidly, provided a humorous touch as did also his consistent scolding of his son Captain Absolute. Bland, who represented "a tall, young Irish baronet," Sir Lucius O'Trigger, acted remarkably well, moreover his brogue sounded genuinely Irish and he never lapsed into his natural English. The part of Squire Acres was taken by Downie, who was naturally suited to the part, but at times became a little too boisterous and demonstrative. Others worthy of note in the cast were Whittaker, Sharples, Banks and Challender who all performed remarkably well.

On the Friday evening the performers were worthy of additional praise. For a considerable time they were working under great difficulties, when the lights on the stage fused and every minute they were in danger of being plunged into complete darkness. Throughout this nerve-wracking period the actors went on with the play without any outward signs of distress or fear, until at length the lights were righted again and everyone breathed freely once more.

All the performers had worked hard and consequently the play was a big success, and not much fault could be found with the acting. Without the kind help and active co-operation of the School Staff in the details of the production such a success as this would have been impossible.

I.E., Lr.VI. (Worden).



## THE ANNUAL SPORTS

The Annual Sports this year were held on April 21st in almost perfect weather. Several records were broken.

The Girls' Championship Cup was won by Edna Haydock with a total of 32 points. The Boys' Championship Cup was won by Fishwick who was first in seven events. His best performances were the quarter of a mile (54-3/5 secs.) and High Jump (5 ft. 4 ins.).

The House Relay Cup was won by Worden with a total of 52 points. Worden obtained first place in all three Girls' Relays, two of the three times beating previous records.

The House Championship Cup also went to Worden, with a total of 158 points. Worden owed their success mainly to the fact that their girls obtained almost twice as many points as the girls in the other three Houses put together. Excluding the Hockey Ball Event, every single Girls' Event, except the "Under 13" High Jump, was won by a Wordenite. To secure 14 out of a possible 15 Firsts is a noteworthy achievement.

The full results are as follows :—

*Hitting the Hockey Ball (under 15).* Girls.—1, M. Ryding (Cu.); 2, G. Hutchings (Cl.); 3, E. Grimshaw (W.). Distance : 62 yds. 2 ft. Record : 64 yds. 1 ft.

*Hitting the Hockey Ball (Open).* Girls.—1, G. Houlden (F.); 2, E. Haydock (W.); 3, M. Holden (F.). Distance : 81 yds. Record : 84 yds.

*Throwing the Cricket Ball (under 15).* Boys.—1, Tomlinson (Cl.); 2, Bland (F.); 3, Postlethwaite (Cu.). Distance : 70 yds. 1 ft. Record : 74 yds.

*Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open).* Boys.—1, Fishwick (Cl.); 2, Stringfellow (Cu.); 3, Gates (Cu.). Distance : 92 yds. 1 ft. Record : 107 yds.

*Long Jump (under 15).* Girls.—1, E. Haydock (W.); 2, J. Shepherd (Cu.); 3, D. Smith (W.). \*\*Distance : 13 ft. 9 ins. Record : 13 ft. 3½ ins.

*Long Jump (Open).* Girls.—1, E. Haydock (W.); 2, N. Hey (Cu.); 3, D. Herring (Cu.). \*Distance : 13 ft. 11 ins. Record : 13 ft. 11 ins.

*Long Jump (under 15).* Boys.—1, Dugdale (Cl.); 2, Darnell (F.); 3, Whalley (Cu.). \*\*Distance : 15 ft. 3 ins. Record : 14 ft. 8 ins.

*Long Jump (Open).* Boys.—1, Fishwick (Cl.); 2, Whittaker (Cu.); 3, Stringfellow (Cu.). \*\* Distance : 18 ft. 4 ins. Record : 18 ft.

*100 Yards (under 13).* Girls.—1, A. Merriott (W.); 2, P. Sagar (F.); 3, B. Slater (Cl.). Time : 14-2/5 secs. Record : 13-2/5 secs.

*100 Yards (under 15).* Girls.—1, D. Smith (W.); 2, A. Seed (F.); 3, G. Hodson, (W.). Time : 13 secs. Record : 12-2/5 secs.



100 Yards (Open). Girls.—1, F. Bell (W.); 2, E. Haydock (W.); 3, D. Herring (Cu.). \*Time: 13 secs. Record: 13 secs.

100 Yards (under 13). Boys.—1, Latham (F.); 2, Sanderson (F.); 3, Farington (F.). Time: 13-1/5 secs. Record: 12-2/5 secs.

100 Yards (under 15). Boys.—1, Darnell (F.); 2, Wilkinson (Cl.); 3, Witter (Cu.). Time: 12-1/5 secs. Record: 11-4/5 secs.

100 Yards (Open). Boys.—1, Fishwick (Cl.); 2, Whittaker (Cu.); 3, Stringfellow (Cu.). Time: 11-3/5 secs. Record: 11 secs.

High Jump (under 15). Girls.—1, D. Smith (W.); 2, B. Damp (Cl.); 3, L. Ratcliffe (F.). \*Height: 4 ft. 1 ins. Record: 4 ft. 1 in.

High Jump (under 15). Boys.—1, Bland (F.); 2, Pennington (W.); 3, Challender (W.). Height: 4 ft. 4 ins. Record: 4 ft. 7 ins.

80 Yards (under 12). Girls.—1, C. Marshall (W.); 2, R. Morphet (Cl.); 3, N. Ryding (F.). Time: 12 secs. Record: 11-4/5 secs.

80 Yards (under 12). Boys.—1, Sanderson (F.); 2, Glover (W.); 3, Marsden (F.). Time: 11-1/5 secs. Record: 10-4/5 secs.

High Jump (Open). Girls.—1, D. Smith (W.); 2, D. Herring (W.) and E. Haydock (W.), tied. Height: 4 ft. 4 ins. Record: 4 ft. 3 ins.

100 Yards Hurdles (under 15). Boys.—1, Darnell (F.); 2, King (Cl.); 3, Bland (F.). Time: 14-4/5 secs. Record: 15-3/5 secs.

High Jump (Open). Boys.—1, Fishwick (Cl.); 2, Whittaker (Cu.); 3, Parker (W.). \*Height: 5 ft. 4 ins. Record: 5 ft. 4 ins.

100 Yards Hurdles (Open). Girls.—1, F. Bell (W.); 2, D. Herring (Cu.); 3, I. Edelston (W.). Time: 18 secs. Record: 17-2/5 secs.

100 Yards Hurdles (Open). Boys.—1, Fishwick (Cl.); 2, Whittaker (Cu.); 3, Stringfellow (Cu.). Time: 13-4/5 secs. Record: 13-3/5 secs.

220 Yards (under 15). Boys.—1, Darnell (F.); 2, Dugdale (Cl.); 3, Bland (F.). \*\*Time: 27 secs. Record: 28-2/5 secs.

220 Yards (Open). Boys.—1, Fishwick (Cl.); 2, Whittaker (Cu.); 3, Morris (W.). Time: 25-3/5 secs. Record: 25 secs.

High Jump (under 13). Girls.—1, B. Slater (Cl.); 2, C. Marshall (W.); 3, A. Merriott (W.). Height: 3 ft. 7 ins. Record: 3 ft. 10 ins.

High Jump (under 13). Boys.—1, Farington (F.); 2, Fairhurst (W.); 3, Morphet (Cl.). \*\*Height: 4 ft. Record: 3 ft. 11 ins.



440 Yards (*under 15*). Boys.—1, Darnell (F.) ; 2, Dugdale (Cl.) ; 3, Ryding.  
 \*\*Time : 65 secs. Record : 70 secs.

440 Yards (*Open*). Boys.—1, Fishwick (Cl.) ; 2, Marland (W.) ; 3, Parker (W.).  
 \*\*Time : 54-3/5 secs. Record : 62-4/5 secs.

180 Yards (*under 15*). Girls.—1, D. Smith (W.) ; 2, A. Seed (F.) ; 3, J. Shepherd (Cu.).  
 \*\*Time : 22-3/5 secs. Record : 23-4/5 secs.

220 Yards (*Open*). Girls.—1, E. Haydock (W.) ; 2, D. Herring (Cu.) ; 3, I. Edelston (W.). Time : 33-2/5 secs. Record : 31 secs.

220 Yards (*under 13*). Boys.—1, Latham (F.) ; 2, Farington (F.) ; 3, Robinson (Cu.).  
 Time : 31-3/5 secs. Record : 30-4/5 secs.

880 Yards (*Open*). Boys.—1, Whittaker (Cu.) ; 2, Rimmer (Cl.) ; 3, Stringfellow (Cu.). \*\*Time : 2 mins. 15 secs. Record : 2 mins. 28 secs.

House Tug (*under 15*). Final.—Winners : Farington.

House Tug (*Open*). Final.—Winners : Clayton.

Mile (*Open*). Boys.—1, Salthouse (Cu.) ; 2, Sharples (Cu.) ; 3, Haydock (Cu.).  
 \*\*Time : 5 mins. 26 secs. Record : 5 mins. 30-2/5 secs.

Old Boys' Race.—1, Patefield.

House Relay (*under 13*). Girls.—1, Worden ; 2, Cuerden ; 3, Clayton.  
 \*\*Time : 59 secs. Record : 60 secs.

House Relay (*under 15*). Girls.—1, Worden ; 2, Cuerden ; 3, Farington.  
 \*\*Time : 53 secs. Record : 55-4/5 secs.

House Relay (*Open*). Girls.—1, Worden ; 2, Clayton ; 3, Cuerden.  
 Time : 56-1/5 secs. Record : 56 secs.

House Relay (*under 13*). Boys.—1, Farington ; 2, Worden ; 3, Clayton.  
 \*\*Time : 2 mins. 5 secs. Record : 2 mins. 13 secs.

House Relay (*under 15*). Boys.—1, Clayton ; 2, Farington ; 3, Cuerden.  
 \*\*Time : 1 min. 55-2/5 secs. Record : 2 mins.

House Relay (*Open*). Boys.—1, Cuerden ; 2, Clayton ; 3, Worden.  
 Time : 1 min. 46 secs. Record : 1 min. 50 secs.

\*\*—denotes breaking of record. \*—denotes equalling of record.

Winner of *Victrix Ludorum Cup*.—E. Haydock (32 points).

Winner of *Victor Ludorum Cup*.—Fishwick (54 points).

The Relay points were as follows.—Worden, 52 points ; Clayton, 38 points ; Cuerden, 38 points ; Farington, 26 points.

*The House Championship points were as follows.*—Worden, 158 points ; Clayton, 133 points ; Cuerden, 126 points ; Farington, 108 points.

The Cups and Shields were distributed at the close by Mrs. A. K. Davies, who, in turn, was presented by Mr. Oldland with a shield in memory of the occasion. The Headmaster thanked Mrs. Davies on behalf of the School.

During the afternoon, musical selections were rendered by the Leyland Prize Band.

## MICROCOSMOGRAPHY

Little grains of sugar,  
Little grains of sand,  
Make the grocer's income  
A marvel in the land.

Many drops of water,  
Little grains of malt,  
Make the brewers' dividend  
Rise without a halt.

Many grains of untruths,  
Mixed with flakes of spite,  
Make the tales of scandal  
Grow up overnight.

Jolly lumps of sob-stuff  
Tiny spots of truth,  
Make the noble demagogue  
So beloved of youth.

Little streaks of pigment,  
Little dabs of flour,  
Make the beauteous maiden,  
Glorious for an hour.

H.B.H., Lower VI. (Cuerden).

## THE LONDON TRIP

At half-term last a party of 93 children from the School went to London for the purpose of visiting the Exhibition of British Art. The visit was a great success.

We departed from Preston at 8.57 a.m., being due to arrive in London at 1 p.m. All the children brought lunch and tea, the intention being to dispose of lunch somewhere



about midday, which means to say that a large proportion of it had disappeared long before half-past ten. The original sizes of the food packets of some of the smaller children were alarming—the size of the parcel being roughly in inverse proportion to the size of the child. When lunch hour became normally due, the children began inroads on their tea.

Arriving at Euston we were conveyed in two 'buses down Tottenham Court Road, Charing Cross Road, across Piccadilly Circus to the Burlington Galleries. We remained here for an hour and saw a representative collection of British Art, including pictures, sculpture and old English furniture.

Leaving the Galleries we went, *via* Haymarket, Strand and Fleet Street to St. Paul's Cathedral, where the children found an excellent opportunity to dispose of (a) sandwiches they did not want, and (b) sandwiches they still had left. The cathedral pigeons pecked vigorously and comprehensively in an ecstasy of gastronomic bliss. Two minutes previously these birds had been disconsolately examining the cracks in the cathedral steps for signs of afternoon tea; and then, suddenly, a party of ninety-three Lancastrians descend from a couple of 'buses with buns to burn. It was a royal feed; Penwortham pies and Coppull crumbs all came alike to these cathedral pigeons. "Not such a bad lot, these Balshavians," they murmured a quarter of an hour later as they contentedly wiped their beaks and watched us depart westwards.

Our next objectives were the Embankment, Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. Here the party split into three groups, led by Mr. Sutcliffe, Mr. Bull, and Mr. Wilkinson respectively. The subsequent activities of the three leaders were characteristic. Mr. Sutcliffe betook his party to examine the doors of the offices of the Imperial Chemical Industries; Mr. Bull led the way to the Poet's Corner, though in justice to his followers it must be added that they didn't know where he was taking them; whilst Mr. Wilkinson's party circled Big Ben and made several speculations of a trigonometrical character on the width of the clock. They all came back to be conveyed to St. James' Palace.

Walking through the Palace Grounds ("Does the Prince of Wales live *there*?" asked a small girl incredulously, no doubt calling to mind many superior examples of hotel architecture in Blackpool), we passed by Buckingham Palace (universally admitted to be more worthy of Royalty), grinned at the peripatetic sentries, made our way along Constitution Hill and came to Hyde Park Corner. The policeman on duty there cast one comprehensive glance at our hat bands and held up his hand. The gyroscopic maze of traffic was suddenly halted. Long, powerful cars pulled up with impressive promptness. Bicycles, tricycles, 'buses, wagons, lorries and horses and carts all paused in their tracks. The moment was electrical in its stillness. Ninety-six Balshavians hurriedly and self-consciously crossed over a little scared to think that they were responsible for this traffic armistice.

A walk through Hyde Park *via* the Serpentine, brought us to Lancaster Gate, where we disappeared into the entrance of the Underground Station. A few moments later we reappeared into the light of day at the Marble Arch Station. The 'buses then took us to the British Museum.



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We left Euston at 6.10 p.m. On board the train, a meal was placed in front of each of us, impressive in its solidity and scrupulous attention to fair apportion. The party munched steadily and stolidly from Watford to Bletchley. Under the soothing influence of tea, Messrs. S—, B— and W— entertained reasonable expectations that the party would conclude the remainder of the journey by a long doze, with nothing more exhausting than perhaps an intelligent question or two from some of the older children (if they remained awake). These expectations were approximately five or six hours ahead of time.

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## THE THIRD I.S.M. CONCERT

### Programme

#### 1.—PIANOFORTE :

- (a) O Mistress Myne.....*William Byrd*  
(b) The King's Hunt.....*Bull, arr. Craxton*

MISS ETHEL COOK.

#### 2.—SONGS :

- (a) "It was a Lover and his Lass".....*Morley*  
(b) "Have you seen but a white lily grow".....*Anon*  
(c) "Fine knacks for Ladies".....*Dowland*  
(d) "Hark ! the Ecch'ing Air".....*Purcell*

MISS MABEL NORTON.

#### 3.—PIANOFORTE :

- (a) Toccata and Minuet from Suite for Harpsichord.....*Purcell*  
(b) The Countess of Westmorland's Delight.....*Shield, arr. Moffat*

#### 4.—SONGS :

- (a) "The Two Magicians..... } *arr. Baring Gould*  
(b) "The Old Woman and the Pedlar"..... } *and Cecil Sharp*  
(c) "Dear Liza".....*arr. Hugh Mackay*  
(d) "Twelve Days of Christmas".....*arr. F. Austin*

#### 5.—PIANOFORTE :

- (a) O dear what can the matter be.....*Felix Swinstead*  
(b) London Bridge.....*Balfour Gardiner*  
(c) Dance for Harpsichord.....*Delius*  
(d) Sing a song of sixpence.....*Les Livens*



## 6.—SONGS :

- (a) "Nod".....*Armstrong Gibbs*  
 (b) "I have twelve oxen".....*Ireland*  
 (c) "The Roadside Fire".....*Vaughan Williams*

## 7.—PIANOFORTE :

- Romp.....*York Bowen*

The programme was certainly interesting. We were offered examples of the English XVIth century School of Virginal music, the XVIIth century English School of Harpsichord music and examples of folk songs from these periods. As a contrast we were also given examples of modern tonality.

Miss Ethel Cook opened with Byrd's "O Mistress Myne," and immediately disappointed us by cutting out the next three pieces on the original programme which were also by this composer. Why such scanty treatment of a man who, after all, was the foremost composer of the XVIth century? Byrd produced work of the highest class in every field that he explored, and there was hardly a branch of composition that he did not essay. The Pavane (Earl of Salisbury) and The Carman's Whistle should have been given.

Miss Cook's other piece in the first group was Bull's "The King's Hunt." Bull, a contemporary of Byrd, was the Liszt of his age; he was ingenious rather than beautiful. "The King's Hunt" is a good example of his harpsichord music.

Miss Norton then gave us four songs. Purcell's "Hark! the Ecch'ing Air" was perhaps the finest of these; it was certainly the most vital and flowing. Dowland's "Fine Knacks for Ladies" took the fancy by reason of its independent accompaniment. Dowland, another contemporary of Byrd (a golden age in English music, this) was known in his day as a lute player without rival. Nevertheless it is as a song writer that Dowland establishes a claim to be placed among the immortals. His songs show no signs of old age—he stands, indeed, among the first half-dozen of the world's greatest song writers.

Miss Cook's next piano solo was a Toccata and Minuet by Purcell. The Toccata was firm and decisive—delightfully played; the Minuet was taken too fast.

Miss Norton's remaining two groups of songs pleased or disappointed according as to whether one prefers humour (and sentimentality) or art. "Dear Liza," "Twelve Days of Christmas," "The Old Woman and the Pedlar" can scarcely be considered serious contributions to the art of song. The audience, however, appeared aroused.

Miss Cook's last pianoforte solo group was selected from modern composers. "Oh dear what can the matter be" depicts, musically, a girl's mind wandering. "London Bridge" is a musical representation of the collapse of that ill-used structure. The Delius is a study in modern harmony, whilst "Sing a Song of Sixpence" is a musical version of that nursery rhyme.



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Let us say at once that Miss Cook's playing was beyond reproach. Her touch was firm and pleasing ; her whole technique, indeed, told of correct training. But surely Delius, for instance, is a little out of place in a concert of this description ? And why, of all his compositions, choose one that can be of no real interest to anyone except a professional pianist ? The average audience is not interested in harmonic experiments when these are the sole object of the composition.

We must, too, reproach Miss Cook for her explanatory remarks on the descriptive pieces—the ones by Swinstead, Gardiner and Livens. The present writer has never ceased to be astonished that the essential absurdity of descriptive music apparently passes unnoticed. Can we really depict in music the wandering of a girl's mind ? Might not Liven's music equally depict the wandering of a sheep, or a person lost in a fog ? And can a piano really depict the collapse of London Bridge ? Would a listener *know* that the music represents the collapse of London Bridge if he were not told so beforehand ? Suppose the piece was played to an audience who did not know the work, and they were asked to say what the music represented. Would any single person even guess the correct answer ? Might not a person claim with perfect justification that the piece represents the collapse of Penwortham Bridge—or even the collapse of a factory chimney ?

Descriptive music, as description, is utterly absurd, and doubtless Miss Cook knows this as well as anyone. But why tell the audience in all seriousness that such-and-such music represents so-and-so ? An event cannot possibly be represented in sound ; and to claim that it can is only one of the many illusions under which too many people labour in regard to music. A child with a paintbox could make a far more realistic picture of a black-bird biting off one's nose, than the cleverest composer could ever do with a piano.

The point that should be emphasised in introducing a work like "London Bridge" is not the fact that the composer intended to give a representation of the collapse of the Bridge, but the fact that the music is developed logically out of a phrase or two at the beginning, and works up to a climax. It is the power to *develop* his musical ideas that distinguishes a good composer from a bad one.

This concert concluded the first series of I.S.M. Concerts. We hope that we shall be able to continue them next year.

B.L.W.

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WORDEN

My first is in window but not in door,  
My second's in roof and also in floor  
My third is in right and also in wrong,  
My fourth is in dance but not in song,  
My fifth is in easy but not in hard,  
My sixth is in inch but not in yard,  
The members are always quick and cool  
Of Worden the very best house in the School.

J.J., IVb. (Worden).



## THE PREFECTS' THIRD ANNUAL SOCIAL

On March 24th the Prefects held their annual social which was very well attended, and it was with pleasure that we welcomed so many old pupils to pass, as we hope, a happy evening with us.

The first part of the evening passed quietly with a little dancing and a few games played extremely gently. These, perhaps, seemed to lack that air of gaiety which prevails at Christmastime and with which the previous socials have been favoured. We venture to say that the mock broadcast, arranged and produced by the boy prefects, was favourably received by the audience.

Then followed the most important event of the evening—Supper. This was really adequate, proved by the fact that it met with Mr. Hilditch's approval, a fact on which he laid great emphasis in his vote of thanks. For this appreciation we are extremely grateful.

The remainder of the evening was devoted entirely to dancing, into which everyone entered whole heartedly. So ended the Prefects' third annual social which we hope was as entertaining and enjoyable as those of former years.

A.M.N., Up.VI.

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## "Twelfth Night" at the Manchester Hippodrome

Thirty pupils left the School at about 12.45 p.m. on Saturday, April 28th, in a luxurious coach, which carried us very quickly to Manchester. We took our seats in the Hippodrome and Shakespeare's comedy "Twelfth Night" began. We all loved Viola who, "like patience on a monument" concealed her love for Count Orsino. Boisterous Sir Toby Belch and bland Sir Andrew Aguecheek afforded jolly laughter, and Malvolio was very good. We all enjoyed the scene in which Malvolio, obeying the orders of the letter which he thinks Olivia has written, struts down the centre of the stage in yellow stockings which are green cross-gartered, and with a broad smile on his face.

When the curtain finally fell we had tea and came home just in time for some of us to see the Old Students' play "Hobson's Choice," at the School in the evening.

G.H., IVa. (Clayton).

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## WIND FLOWERS

The wind flowers dance so gaily,

In groups upon the green.

White frocks with sweet pink ribbons

And cloaks of emerald sheen.

What could be more like a fairy court,

In golden sunshine seen ;

What so like fairy dancers,

Paying homage to their queen ?

M.B., IVa. (Cuerden).

## HERCULES AND THE PYGMIES

Once in Africa lived a race  
 Small of figure but fierce of face ;  
 When the hostile cranes they fought,  
 A Giant's help they sometimes sought.  
 This Giant, Antaeus, was their friend,  
 And their dominions did defend ,  
 O'er his huge body they races ran,  
 And then to tease him they began.  
 Oft into his ear they crept,  
 And safely there the pygmies slept,  
 They pulled his nose and tweaked his ear,  
 So blithe were they and free from fear.  
 This giant only had one eye,  
 But when he on the ground did lie  
 These little people, full of fun,  
 Round and round his eye did run.  
 When their mill-sails flagged, with a dreadful blast  
 From his cavernous mouth he whirled them past,  
 The pygmy children played in his hair,  
 But for all their teasing he did not care.  
 But, alack ! O dear ! one terrible day  
 He a thousand souls did slay,  
 When upon the ground he sat !  
 Alas ! he never thought of that !  
 Antaeus was sleeping, one fine day,  
 And by his side his pine tree lay,  
 From his forehead broad and high  
 Antaeus' foe the pygmies spy.  
 Hercules was the stranger's name,  
 Defiance hurled he, as he came ;  
 Soon the deadly foes began  
 Fighting fiercely, man to man.  
 With crash and thud the blows were struck,  
 But with each step Antaeus took,  
 From Mother Earth, he drew more strength,  
 Till Hercules seized him at length,  
 And raised him high above his head,  
 And held him there till he was dead.  
 Long grieved the pygmies for their friend,  
 Who met with so untimely end.

Form IIa.



## The Pains of a School Plotholder

Do you see this pained look on my face ?  
This agonised aspect of woe ?  
It's a result of setting the pace  
With trowel, the spade and the hoe.  
My back's very painful and sore  
And has to be kept perpendicular ;  
(To keep straight is a bit of a bore  
But I've got to be very particular).  
All offers of seats I decline,  
For upholstery I simply don't care ;  
On doorposts I'd rather recline  
Than on sofa or luxury chair.  
I've tried ointments and various lotions  
Rubbed in "embroc" with masterly hand ;  
I've tried poultices, plasters and potions  
Of every conceivable brand.  
I know of some folks who find charm  
In applying a hot mustard dressing ;  
But for me there is certainly no balm  
In this questionable surgical blessing.  
I regret now I posed as expert  
With every appearance of skill ;  
But the truth I was loth to assert  
That my knowledge of flora is nil !  
I trust I've not wasted those hours  
Of digging and the planting of seeds ;  
I trust, too, the intentional flowers  
Will vastly outnumber the weeds !

B.L.W.

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## THE SNOWMAN

Outside I always love to go  
When all the ground is deep in snow,  
And redbreast sings upon his twig.  
When the snow is all collected,  
(Only clean snow is selected)  
Bright-faced boys begin to dig  
The snow to build a snowman !

F.C. (IIa.), Worden.

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MRS. MALAPROP: "TURN ROUND LYDIA!"

Capt. Absolute	Sir Anthony	Mrs. Malaprop	Lydia Languish
(J. Fishwick)	(Mr. C. S. Hilditch)	(Nellie Hey)	(Hilda Baron)



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DAVID: "YOU GO TO THE WORMS!"  
David (E. Challenger). Acres (J. Downie).

## Rouen and the Lower Valley of the Seine

On the afternoon of Thursday, March 8th, we had an interesting lecture by Mr. W. H. Fawcett, B.A. He showed us some pictures of the quay where there were all kinds of ships from fishing boats to steamers. One side of the Seine, he said, was like Chester with old buildings and remains of walls, but the other side was busy and with new buildings.

There were many large buildings such as a cathedral, tower and Court of Justice. The Cathedral was very big and beautiful and he said that when anyone first entered the first thing he noticed was the very great height. Down the aisle there were huge pillars and at the top of these were beautiful carved figures of stone. In the Court of Justice there were seventy yards of sculpture, and in the court yard there were many figures of different men. The main street had a large archway, with bells and a clock, the bells being put there in the sixteenth century and the clock in the fourteenth. The bells are still rung every evening.

Mr. Fawcett ended with saying he hoped that we should go to Rouen some day and see this interesting town for ourselves.

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D.M., IIIb. (Clayton)

## The Visit to the Leyland Motor Works

One afternoon during the Spring Term the senior boys of the School were taken for a brief inspection of the Leyland Motor Works.

On arriving at the works, our three parties were met by their respective guides and the tour commenced immediately.

First we visited the Machine Shop. Various types of motor engines, both oil and petrol, in different stages of construction, covered the floor. From there we descended into the case-hardening department. Perspiring stokers shovelled coke into great furnaces while others plunged red and white hot metal into vats of oil and water.

In other departments we saw much varied and wonderful machinery. One machine especially attracted our attention. As we were admiring it our guide explained that there was only one more like it in the country. It was entirely automatic and all that the attendant had to do was to feed it with metal.

In the erection department we saw motor vehicles in all stages from sheet metal to the finished product. We learned that motor vehicles went from here to all parts of the world, and we were impressed to hear the number of places which received them.

Our last place for inspection was the gauge-testing room. Delicate and fragile gauges lined the walls. On one machine, a heated screw could be seen expanding. In another corner stood a large projection apparatus which threw magnified images of gauges and the like, on to a screen, where, in their magnified state, they could be tested. After this, the news was gently broken to us that it was time to leave.

As we reassembled outside, after a most enjoyable visit, we reflected that it spoke well for the safety-first methods of the works that there had not been an accident for twenty-seven days.

J.D., Va. (Farington).



## Literary, Musical and Debating Society

During the Easter Term two very enjoyable debates were held and were well attended. Members of the Society have shown great enthusiasm since their initial apathy has been overcome.

The motion at the first debate was "That this House considers that the best solution of the present unemployment problem would be to replace all women in business and industry by men." Briggs C. A. took the chair. Bellis R. was the proposer.

He reminded us that the unemployment problem is being discussed today in every sphere of life. Many causes have been suggested for the growth of this evil in Britain but of the many remedies, only very few are at all sensible. There is no completely effective cure, but the one suggested in the motion seems to be the best attempt.

Women intruding in industry have caused the present chaos. The home is also in a chaotic condition when the women are occupied with outside work. The "back to the land" solution and that of "shorter hours" are futile. Bellis delivered his speech in confident and fluent manner.

Marland L. led the opposition. He pleased his audience by some amusing, if not quite relevant, remarks. He maintained that men can scrub floors and "mind the baby" as well as women can. He did not think it right that women should not have a chance in business, but his chief reason for wanting them to remain in industry seemed to be to relieve its monotony.

Stringfellow C. D., seconder to Bellis, explained how much more competent in business are men than women. He admitted that women are infinitely better at managing the home but urged that they should leave the "deeper" affairs to the more capable male mind.

Barrow N., seconder to Marland, said that he could see no reason why women should not "go to work." He declared that contrary to Stringfellow's assertions, some of the women in business are absolutely indispensable.

When the motion was declared open to the House, many interesting questions were asked and answered. G. Houlden asked the proposer what he would do with all the unmarried women whom he proposed to displace from industry.

In summing up the Chairman displayed such knowledge of economics and used such a decisive style that his statements were very devastating. So much so that the proposers accused him of partiality to the opposition.

The motion was defeated by 26 votes to 3 votes.



On Wednesday, April 18th, a Debate was held at the School between the Old Boys and the present pupils on the Motion "That the B.B.C. is a highbrow and autocratic institution seeking to educate rather than to entertain."

Mr. Bull was the Chairman and about twenty were present.

Mr. F. Roscoe took the view of the man in the street. He made a general attack on the plan of talks, asking what use the average listener had for Economics, German, highbrow views on the theatre, music, etc. The B.B.C. was autocratic, taking no notice of criticism; by contrast commercial broadcasters, *e.g.*, from Athlone, gave no talks, showing that there was no popular demand for them.

J. Birtill maintained that the B.B.C. did please as shown by the growth of licences. He also thought the B.B.C. autocratic but from a different point of view—*i.e.*, it prevented the real truth about the social system of the country from being told. Mr. R. Sutcliffe thought that the opposition as students would not appreciate the point of view of the average worker. The B.B.C. was a semi-socialist institution, forcing culture on the masses. He pleaded for more entertainment for a public incapable of mental effort.

Mr. B. L. Wilkinson accused the B.B.C. of giving a vast mass of inferior stuff to the public. He agreed with Birtill that it prevented the truth on political and economic matters from being given, quoting the case of the censored communist talk by Mr. Ferris. The B.B.C.'s apparent air of impartiality concealed a determination to put people off with so called educative talks that always avoided the real issues.

After coffee had been served the Debate proceeded. Mr. Oliver deprecated the political tone assumed by the opposition; at this point both sides being happily agreed that the B.B.C. was autocratic the term was deleted from the motion.

Mr. E. Hocking thought the working class not so helpless mentally as the proposers implied; on the contrary the B.B.C. did not give them enough thought.

J. Fishwick put in a word for the B.B.C.—its music and talks were both praiseworthy. Much argument ensued on the quantity and quality of highbrow and lowbrow matter broadcast and Mr. Roscoe summing up reiterated his claim that the B.B.C. does try to raise the average level of intellect but the motion being put to the vote was lost by 9 votes to 7.

The Debate reached a consistently high level and one of its most interesting features was the variety of manner in which the principal speakers delivered their speeches. Mr. Wilkinson's more fiery style was a welcome contrast, and Mr. R. Sutcliffe's attempts at humour were appreciated.



## GREENHOUSE NOTES

The Summer Term is always the busiest for the Greenhouse monitors. Owing to the heat the aquaria need very great attention, the water becomes warm and the fish look very miserable. Soon the stones are covered with what appears to be a green slime. On examination this will probably be found to consist of numerous small plants called *Spirogyra*. These small plants are of the lowest type and are placed end to end to form long thread-like forms. So quickly do they multiply that unless the tank is cleared it will soon be filled with thousands of these minute forms. The more sunlight there is, the more quickly they multiply.

They are not alone, because other small forms such as *Ygnemae*, *Draparnaldiae*, *Amoebae* and *Chlamydomonas* exist in any kind of water, whether salt, running or stagnant. Quite often the water itself turns green for no apparent reason. If a drop of this is examined under a microscope it will probably contain numerous *Desmids* and *Diatoms*. These too multiply very quickly.

All decaying matter should be taken out of the aquaria immediately, and as this cannot always be done the best way is to place whelks, winkles, or snails in because these live on the decaying plants. The three commonest varieties are the Freshwater Whelk (*Limnea stagnalis*), the Freshwater Winkle (*Paludina vivipara*) and the Ramshorn Snail (*Planorbis corneus*). Although they are not very handsome they are very useful and do not interfere with the more important specimens of the aquaria.

When arranging an aquarium it is best to try and get a balance between the plant and animal life. Plants breathe carbon-dioxide and give out oxygen. Fish however, breathe in oxygen and breathe out carbon-dioxide, so that if a balance is obtained between the two, each form of life will help to keep the other alive.

This term has proved very successful as far as the plants are concerned owing to the increased heat. The chrysanthemum cuttings that were taken at the beginning of the year have all rooted and are now nearly ready for placing outside.

In addition to these we have grown many new plants with good results. There are Anemones, single and double, in white, blue and red and white. The Freesias have now finished flowering but they were quite good. They were blue, yellow and purple. We have also grown some Golden Gleam *Nasturtiums* which are a new variety and are semi-double. We have grown *Schizanthus* and *Ursinia Anethoides* all with good results.

During the recent spell of hot weather the fig trees, the orange trees and the cacti have grown far better than we expected. The alpine plants, the vines and numerous other small plants have benefitted greatly owing to the weather. The geraniums have not yet flowered but we are looking forward to a very good show because most of the plants now bear buds, some of which are on the point of coming out.

The narcissi have nearly finished flowering ; the first lot have now died down but some of the later ones are still flowering. All of them had very good big flowers on them. On the whole the plants and the fishes have done very well and we have been very pleased with their progress.

R. Turner, IIIa. (Worden).

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ABSOLUTE: "WE TRIFLE WITH OUR PRECIOUS MOMENTS."

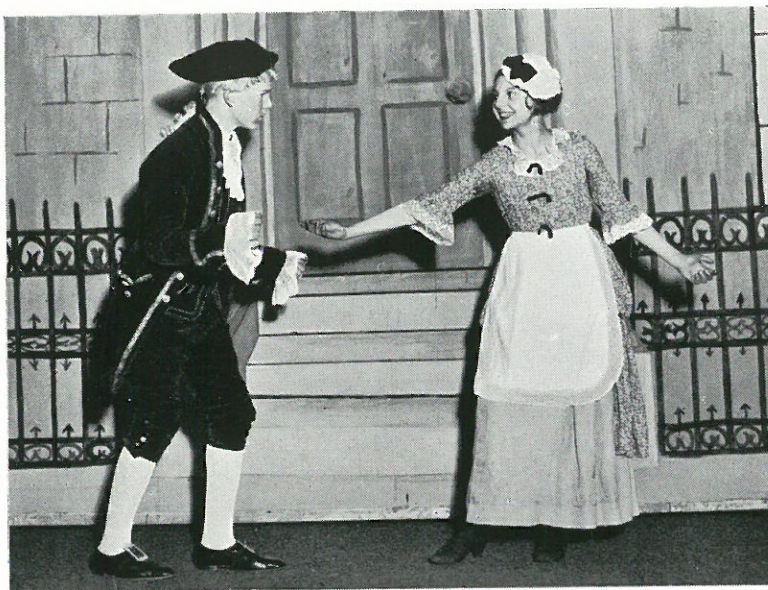
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LUCY: "WOULD YOU HAVE ME TELL HER A LIE?"  
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## CHOIR NOTES

Spring term was full of events as far as the choir was concerned. We all took part in the many varied preparations for the choir party. Small numbers of us met in the hall to practise for our own individual items. Even if we had not the "real thing" we found good substitutes. When in the want of a couple of oars we fled for assistance to the girls' hockey sticks, and chairs made a boat. Quaint little "Japs" in the making shuffled up and down the stage wafting imaginary fans.

But preparations drew to a close and the day of the party arrived. A bagatelle competition was held which was quite new to school parties. The party was voted to be a great success and the food was excellent. We all went home anticipating a still better party next year.

G.H. (Clayton), IVa.

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## HOUSE NOTES

### CLAYTON HOUSE.

*House Master:* Mr. J. Sutcliffe.

*House Mistress:* Miss F. W. Royle.

*House Captains:* E. Alty and Briggs C.A.

Yet another term has passed and once again we chronicle our achievements during the term which was chiefly marked by preparations for what is considered the most important event of the year on the athletic side—Sports Day.

Our hopes of keeping the House Championship Cup for another year were high but unfortunately this hope did not materialize and we were beaten by Worden, although it must be said that the House as usual put up a good fight. Fishwick especially is to be complimented on winning the Victor Ludorum Cup a second time, while Rimmer, Dugdale and Wilkinson of the boys, and G. Hutchings, B. Damp, B. Slater and R. Morphet of the girls, kept the flag flying and in fact put up a fine performance.

Earlier last term Knock-Outs and Leagues were fought out, and certainly at least a measure of success rewarded our efforts. The Hockey League Team played very well all through the season and finished top of the League, although during the season several members were drafted into the 2nd XI. The boys also were fairly successful in the Rugby Leagues, and although they did not succeed in winning the Shield, they managed to finish second. In the Knock-Outs we won, as expected, the Wanklyn Cup, playing in the final against Worden, and as the latter was on the whole a younger, less heavy team, Clayton won fairly easily. This was the third year in succession that Clayton had obtained the Wanklyn Cup and therefore Mrs. Wanklyn, in presenting the cup after the match, said she would be pleased to give us a replica of it.



However, in the Hockey Knock-Out we were less fortunate, being defeated by Farington in the first round. As we had fewer members of the 1st and 2nd XI's this was perhaps to be expected, but the team fought well and had the shooting been a little less erratic might have forced a victory or at least a draw.

We might point out to all Clayton members that the loss of the Athletic House Championship Cup causes a void in the House Room, which might easily be filled if the usual prowess is shown in the various summer games. We therefore look forward with hope and anticipation to the season of cricket, tennis and rounders.

Nor should members forget as some are apt to do that there is such a thing as work, and that Clayton's position in the House Merit Order is not always what it should be, though we are pleased to see some improvement from what was noticeable a year or so ago when Clayton's position was several times fourth.

#### CUERDEN HOUSE.

*House Master:* Mr. C. S. Hilditch.

*House Mistress:* Miss E. Brindle.

*House Captains:* A. M. Nuttall and Stringfellow, C. D.

The success of a Spring Term must, perforce, depend upon House enthusiasm and ability for athletics. Capacity for indulging in games with keen spirit seems to be limited in the case of a few apathetic members, but the House as a whole has come up to expectations.

Though we have had the misfortune to lose our Relay Cup, the girls have managed to retain the Hockey Knockout Cup. Cuerden was also awarded a replica—the girls having been hockey champions for three consecutive seasons.

We were neither surprised nor disappointed at Cuerden's defeat in the 1st round of the Rugger Knock-outs; we played against a much superior team. Praise is due to Gates E. (Capt.), Banks, and Greenhalgh for the way in which they tackled their opponents. The Rugby League Team finished 3rd this season. We hope that the Cricket League will try to improve on this position. At the Annual Sports, Cuerden was 3rd in House positions.

Whittaker is to be congratulated on being "runner-up" to Fishwick. His outstanding performance of 29 pts. is a record achievement for a Cuerdenite, and his support certainly saved Cuerden from occupying the bottom position.

C. D. Stringfellow also did some fine work by cornering 12 points for Cuerden. The girls, with the exception of D. Herring (who obtained 14 pts.) put up a rather disappointing show, especially in the relays.

Our failure to retain the relay Cup was not due to lack of support from the Senior Boys. Their "open" team:—Birtill, Stringfellow, Sharples, Whittaker, won in the record time of 1 minute 46 secs., after leading all the way.

Salthouse did well in winning the mile, a race in which Cuerden was well represented by Sharples J., who was 2nd and Haydock J., who came in 3rd. The "mile" was certainly a Cuerden event.



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We were unfortunate in losing both the finals of the House Tugs, but our "open" team had an exciting tussle with Clayton.

It is pleasing to note that Cuerden has maintained its position of 2nd in the Terminal Order of Merit.

Finally we wish the best of luck to Smart in his new vocation.

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### FARINGTON HOUSE.

*House Master:* Mr. H. J. Lomax.

*House Mistress:* Miss A. Milroy.

*House Captains:* G. Houlden and Bellis, R.

"Farington House Champions"—yes, it does look well, but unfortunately it is incorrect. Sports Day has once more become a memory, though not an unpleasant one; to members of the house it is definitely more satisfactory than were the former ones.

The Junior Tug team are to be congratulated on their success; the House Relay teams showed a team spirit which had good results, especially in the under 13 boys' Relay team, when a record was established. The individual successes of Darnell, Bland, Latham and Farrington are pleasing signs for the future. The total number of points gained this year shows an increase of 100% on last year's aggregate, and we were close challengers to Clayton and Cuerden.

In Rugby we have been comparatively unsuccessful. In the League matches, although at one stage we were in the second place, we were bottom at the end of the season. But we cannot lay the blame to any lack of enthusiasm on the part of the juniors; in fact, we must congratulate them on their attitude to the practices each week.

In the Rugger Knock-Out, Farington's hopes of gaining the Wanklyn Cup were dashed to the ground by an unexpected defeat by Worden in the first round.

In the first round of the Hockey Knock-Outs, Farington was successful in winning by 2 goals to 1, but were unfortunate in losing against Cuerden in the final. It was a very hard fight and each member of the team showed great enthusiasm and played steadily and consistently.

The results of the Hockey House League Matches are very gratifying, although Farington do not head the list. The juniors have played particularly well this term and should prove to be good players next year.

Farington was head of the house merit list last term. This is the sixth consecutive time Farington has held this position. We hope that this position will be maintained.

Once again we strike the note of "hope." In the present term the fate of three cups hangs in the balance—the Rounders, the Tennis and the Cricket cups, and we urge all members of Farington House to work strenuously and gain at least one of these coveted trophies.



## WORDEN HOUSE.

*House Master:* Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

*House Mistress:* Miss M. A. Rahill.

*House Captains:* I. Edelston and Haydock J.

Tender budlets peep coyly from leafy cups ; sprightly lambs frisk and bound o'er verdant pasture ; the sprightly gazelle leaps wantonly through glade and woodland ; the albuminous gosling cackleth long in strawlaid incubator. In plain English, it is Spring.

The assiduous reader will recall that in last Term's Notes we entertained no serious ambition for the Rugger Cup. Bacteria hovered in vain round the heads of our Clayton contemporaries ; the latter remained aggressively healthy, with the result that they comfortably retained their Cup.

Perhaps it is as well. Already we have an accumulation of silver in our House room which bids fair to turn us grey with responsibility. At the present moment we have four Cups—Tennis, Cricket, Relay and Athletics. The Relay Cup returns to us after a year's uneasy existence in Cuerden's room, whilst the Athletics Cup was won back from Clayton as a result of our exertions on Sports Day.

Our success was largely due to the girls of the House who secured 129 of the 158 points obtained. The girls won all three Relays—indeed, excluding the Hockey Ball Events, they won every single event with the exception of the "Under 13" High Jump, and even in this they were second and third.

We congratulate Edna Haydock on winning the Girls' Championship Cup ; we also congratulate Dorothy Smith and Frances Bell who won four and two shields respectively.

Here, we presume, the House congratulates itself on its success. In reality there is another side of the question with which the boys of the House might with profit concern themselves. Out of the 158 points obtained, the boys were responsible for a mere 29—and this in an activity that is supposedly the province of the male ! One shudders to think what would have happened had the House been a tribe of Red Indians taking part in a tribal jamboree. 29 points out of 158 ! Why, the outraged squaws would have taken each warrior by his headfeathers and pitched him into the boiling cauldron !

Let us admit that there was not much chance of any shields, but what of that ? Boys at school should rejoice in their youth and energy.

A word of praise for the girls. They have shown themselves keen, and none more so than their captain. The Worden "Under 13" Relay team actually took the baton out each Break and practised by themselves ! Excluding the Hockey Ball Events, Worden girls obtained 14 Firsts out of a possible 15, or 124 points out of a possible 186. To secure exactly twice as many points in athletic events as the girls in the other three Houses put together shows enthusiasm of a very high order. The boys secured 29 points out of a possible 282, which shows languidity of an equally high order.



## LIBRARY NOTES

This term has been a fairly successful one as regards the library, although there is still a comparative lack of interest on the part of most senior boys. We are glad to see, however, a considerable increase in the number of Junior boy members.

There are now 151 members in the Fiction library, and we receive a regular supply of new books, which are very popular, from the Junior Book Club. For the benefit of newcomers to the school, we repeat that they can join the Fiction library on payment of a penny, for which they receive a membership card. They can then take out one book on Mondays 4.0 - 4.45 p.m., or Wednesdays and Fridays 1.0 - 1.45 p.m., these books must not be kept longer than a fortnight a penny fine being charged for every extra week. No fine is charged for books kept out during holidays.

We would like to remind library members that when they leave the school, any library book in their possession must be returned.

No books must be removed from the reference library unless they have been signed for, and if the Borrower's book is mislaid the librarian must be notified.

We wish to thank Miss Rahill, Mr. Sutcliffe, and J. Archibald for their gifts of books to the Fiction library.

J.M. (librarian), Farington.

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## RUGGER

We cannot claim to have had a very successful season as regards results, but we can claim to have acquired a great amount of experience as well as delight from our efforts.

The 1st XV played, in all, seven matches of which two were won, the rest lost. The 2nd XV played six matches of which one only was won. If the 2nd XV are going to be successful in any forthcoming season, they will have to learn to play with much more determination.

The 1st XV was considerably disarranged at the end of the Christmas Term owing to a number of the members leaving school.

In the House Leagues, the competition was very exciting. Worden were the Shield winners by two points from Clayton and Cuerden, with Farington two points behind them. Worden showed good combination, were unbeaten during Christmas Term, but only won one match in the second half of the season, and the result of the League was only decided when Clayton beat Cuerden in the last match of the season.

In the Knock-Out Competition, Clayton were again victorious and must be congratulated on winning the Wanklyn Cup for three successive years. The other finalists were Worden, who beat Farington in the first round.

J. F.



## A SCHOOL XV v. NEWTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XV. (home). WON 11-3.

A strengthened 2nd XV containing one or two 1st XV members, played Newton G. S. at home. The inclusion of these players encouraged the other members of the team, and the result was a very keen game.

The school took the field eager to avenge a defeat sustained earlier in the season at Newton. The school XV was always the sharper behind the scrum; this led to pressure on the Newton line. A few minutes after the start, a kick made by the opposing full-back was charged down, Greenwood seized an opportunity and scored at the corner. The kick failed. The school team were now encouraged and just before the interval Briggs crossed over for a try, after a clever passing movement. The kick again failed. Soon after resuming, Austin, the visitor's full back, who had done some good defensive work, received the ball well near the half-way line, and beat two or three men to score a good try. Newton were unfortunate to fail with the kick at goal.

The play then lapsed for a short while, until the school forwards, well led by Nelson, took the ball into the Newton '25, and after a few minutes of sustained pressure Briggs scored his second try which Gates converted. There was no further scoring, and the result, 11-3 in favour of the school, justified the run of the play.

## 1st XV v KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Home). LOST 0-6.

The game was keen and was fought at a fast pace throughout. The School team was never allowed to start any passing bouts owing to the keen spotting of the opposition. The visitors' two tries were scored by their right wing threequarter, Rigby, who showed a good turn of speed in just getting over at the corner in each case. The School XV had many newcomers who all showed distinct promise for next season.

## 2nd XV. v. KIRKHAM G.S. 2nd (Away). LOST, 72-0.

The team was outweighed but showed some improvement on previous displays in spite of the heavy score. Greenhalgh showed some dash in the loose while Williams and Challender made many good tackles. A strong wind and strange ground disconcerted the visitors at first.

## 2nd XV. v. BLACKPOOL G.S. COLTS (Away). LOST, 60-0.

This was a poor display against a much more enterprising team and there is nothing to say except that the first necessity of the game is to play hard and not hang back for somebody else whether on your side or the other, to go for the ball.

## CHARACTERS OF THE TEAM.

*Fiskwick J. (Capt.).*—Has been a tower of strength throughout the season both in defence and attack, usually getting through the work of two. A powerful runner and very quick for his size. Deserves much credit for his general influence and leadership as captain.



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*Nelson T.*—Has led the forwards with vigour and determination. Not his fault that the pack has on the whole been the weakest part of the team.

*Gates E.*—Played very well at scrum-half. Takes a lot of stopping, and tackles very soundly.

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*Greenwood A.*—Set an excellent example at loose forward in the matter of tackling. A keen player.

*Stringfellow C.*—Runs strongly in attack but apt to miss his man in defence. Combined well with Gates at times.

*Briggs C. A.*—Dangerous in attack but made no serious effort to improve his defence.

*Haydock J.*—Improved a good deal at centre, especially in his tackling. Attack only fair.

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*Darnell P.*—Showed promise though clumsy as yet ; should be useful next season.

The following also showed promise and should develop :—Banks, Bland, Morris, Barrow and Wood.

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## RUGGER KNOCK-OUT FINAL

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For the third year in succession Clayton appeared in the Knock-Out Final, confident of their superiority which was again fully proved.

Worden appearing for the first time were inspired by their convincing win over Farington.

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The opening stage of the game was unfortunately marred by an accident. Briggs in attempting to burst over the line was pulled down awkwardly ; he sustained an injury to his leg and was assisted from the field. Clayton continued quite confidently although they lost a valuable member.

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The play in the first few minutes was evenly contested in mid-field ; but the enthusiasm and good combination of the Worden backs soon carried the play inside the Clayton 25. By good passing they found a few gaps in the Clayton defence but were always checked by keen tackling before they got very near the line.

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A good movement by the Clayton team took play to the Worden 25, and it resulted in Siddle going over at the corner to open the score. Soon after this Fishwick made some good individual runs, which the Worden defence found hard to cope with ; however, Haydock got through some good work in defence. Fishwick soon added to Clayton's account with a good try, and, although almost all the Worden defence was concentrated on him, he repeated the score a little later. The Clayton forwards were by this time gaining superiority in the set and loose scrums, in which Nelson was prominent.



Brown, who was brought in the team at the last minute, played a good game at scrum-half, giving the Clayton three-quarters many fine opportunities in attack. He should develop into a valuable 1st XV player. By the interval Clayton had established a good lead of 9 points.

After the resumption Worden's valiant spirit was obviously ebbing before the Clayton onslaught; and Fishwick who added six more tries, seemed to score as he pleased. The Clayton goal-kickers had an off-day, only one of the nine tries was converted, that by Tomlinson. Thus by the final score of 29 pts.—nil Clayton easily proved their superiority.

After the match Mrs. Wanklyn presented the Cup to the winning Captain, Fishwick; and as the same house won the Cup for the third year in succession, she promised that a replica would be forwarded in due course, to adorn the Clayton House Room.

Clayton 29 points, Worden nil.

#### RUGGER LEAGUE.

	Pl.	W.	D.	L.	For	Pts. Ag.	Pts.
Worden.....	12	7	—	5	90	74	14
Clayton.....	12	6	—	6	106	88	12
Cuerden.....	12	6	—	6	83	101	12
Farington.....	12	5	—	7	63	79	10

Shield Winners.—Worden.

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## WHITE

White of the river when flowing,  
 White of the beautiful sand,  
 White where the daises are blowing,  
 And white of the long, noisy strand.

White of the men at their mowing,  
 White of the stars in the sky,  
 White of the moon brightly glowing,  
 And white of the mists rolling by.

White is the beautiful ring-dove,  
 White gleams the greenhouse of glass,  
 But whitest of all little things we love,  
 Is the white of the lamb in the grass.

A.D., IIa. (Worden).

# HOCKEY NOTES

Having achieved a good record during the Autumn Term our Hockey XI's had hoped to complete a successful season, but unfortunately the weather has been unkind to us and consequently it has been necessary to cancel our return fixtures with the Old Girls, Ashton and Rivington. Of the matches played, however, the 2nd XI have gained victories over Newton and Lytham, and again when we visited the Convent, the 1st XI match resulted in a draw.

The Hockey Knock-Outs again attracted much attention and resulted in some keen, fast games, Cuerden House retaining the Cup for the third time in succession.

In the Lower School much enthusiasm has been displayed in the League teams which include many promising players, who with some hard practice should be worthy of positions in future School XI's. Our congratulations are due to Clayton House, who with a fine record have won the League Championship.

FEBRUARY 3rd. SCHOOL 2nd XI v. NEWTON G.S. 2nd XI (home). WON.

The match was a keen hard fight, the teams being equally strong and it was only due to the effective combination of the defence that the game resulted in a victory for the School.

Result:—School 1, Newton 0.

FEB. 10th. 2nd XI v. QUEEN MARY'S SCHOOL LYTHAM, 2nd XI (home).  
WON.

In this match the School combined particularly well, and although at first the teams appeared to be equally matched, in the second half it was apparent that we were the superior side. The forwards had improved since the previous match and their attacks were much more effective.

Result:—School 4, Lytham 1.

FEB. 17th. 1st XI v. CONVENT 1st XI, at Preston. DRAW.

The game proved fast and exciting and in spite of numerous substitutes in the School team we were able to hold our own. However, in the first half we were given very few opportunities to break through the Convent defence and at half time the score was 3-0 against us. In the second half our defence improved and the position was reversed, the final score being a draw 3-3.

Result:—Convent 3, School 3.

FEB. 17th. 2nd XI v. CONVENT 2nd XI., at Preston. WON.

The School forward line did not combine, and their attacks proved futile at first, being unable to penetrate through the Convent defence. The School defence played well and succeeded in repelling the attacks of the opposing forwards, but after a hard fight Balshaw's were able to break through and the result was 2-1 —a victory for the School.

Result:—School 2, Convent 1.



## LEAGUE TABLES.

House	Clayton	Cuerden	Far'gton	Worden	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
1. Clayton.....	.... .... .... ....	D. 1-1 Canc'ld W. 1-0 Canc'ld	W. 2-1 W. 2-1 W. 3-1 W. 1-0	W. 10-0 Canc'ld D. 0-0 W. 4-0	7	2	0	24	4	16
2. Cuerden.....	D. 1-1 Canc'ld L. 0-1 Canc'ld	.... .... .... ....	D. 2-2 Canc'ld W. 2-0 D. 0-0	W. 3-0 W. 2-0 L. 0-2 D. 0-0	3	4	2	10	6	10
3. Farington....	L. 1-2 L. 1-2 L. 1-3 L. 1-0	D. 2-2 Canc'ld L. 0-2 D. 0-0	.... .... .... ....	W. 4-1 Canc'ld D. 1-1 Canc'ld	1	3	5	10	14	5
4. Worden.....	L. 0-10 Canc'ld D. 0-0 L. 0-4	L. 0-3 L. 0-2 W. 2-0 D. 1-1	L. 1-4 Canc'ld D. 1-1 Canc'ld	.... .... .... ....	1	3	5	5	25	5

Shield Winners :—Clayton.

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## THOUGHTS

What more pleasant occupation is there, than that of sitting before a bright fire, on a winter evening? The sun has set, twilight falls, and from outside you can hear the last drowsy twitterings of the birds. You gaze deep down into the glowing coals, feeling like a fortune-teller gazing into her crystal, only that as a rule your thoughts are of the past rather than the future. On the wall behind you the flames are casting strange everchanging shadows; in the flickering half-light even the ordinary every day objects seem transformed, and the glow which lights them gives them an added beauty, not seen before.

You turn over in your mind the events of the last few years, both pleasant and sad, or perhaps you are thinking of some now absent friend; sometimes your thoughts turn to the future, and you wonder what life has in store for you.

The last flame flickers out; the now-hollow coals, from which you have built your pictures fall with a crash. You sigh, and turn away, switch on the light, draw the curtains, and settle down to work.

H.B.H. (L.VI.), Cuerden.



# Balshaw's Grammar School Old Girls' Association

*President* : Miss Rahill, B.A.

*Vice-Presidents*: Miss Royle, B.A.; Miss Brindle, B.A.

*Hon. Secretary*: Miss J. Vause.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Miss K. Sheehan.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

During the past few months a number of socials and dances have taken place in the School Hall which have been well supported by Old Students and friends.

The Ball held in the Public Hall on April 6th, was a great success and we were pleased to see a number of new faces and it is to be hoped that these girls will join the Association in the near future.

## TENNIS.

It is hoped to arrange a series of matches this season, but this can only be achieved by the continued support of all members who are keen on the game, and thus we rely on the Old Girls to come forward and thus enable the Old Balshavians to present a good team.

## CONGRATULATIONS.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the 1st and 2nd Eleven Hockey Teams who are the respective championship winners for the Lancashire Central Ladies Hockey League.

## THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The above has made considerable progress and we hope that following the initial production of "Hobson's Choice" more members will become interested and offer their support for future productions.

THE DEBATING AND LITERARY SOCIETY held its first debate on Wednesday, April 18th, but we should be pleased to see a few more girls present at the next meeting (Notification of the next meeting will be circularised).

SUBSCRIPTIONS are now due and members are asked to co-operate with all Old Girls and steadily increase the membership of the Association.

SUGGESTIONS will be greatly appreciated by the Committee to further the expansion of activities in all directions.

A hearty invitation is extended to all Old Students to attend the Open Day to be held on July 14th, when the school will entertain the Old Students to Cricket and Tennis and tea. This will be followed by a dance to be held in the School Hall.

Joy Vause, *Hon. Secretary*,  
6 Balfour Street.



## OLD GIRLS' HOCKEY NOTES.

At last we have come to the end of a very successful Hockey Season.

Our 1st team have won the 1st Division trophy of the Lancs. Central Ladies Hockey League for the third year in succession; our 2nd team have also won the 2nd Division trophy.

Our heartiest congratulations to Miss Edith Rowcroft, who was chosen to play for the English League Association team v. the Scottish League team on April 14th, 1934.

## MATCH RESULTS FROM JANUARY 20th, 1934.

1st Division.		F.	A.
Jan. 20—Longton Ladies.....	A.	5	2
Jan. 27—Winckley Square O.G.....	H.	6	4
Feb. 10—Leyland Motors Ladies.....	A.	1	4
Feb. 17—Blakey Moor O.G.....	H.	8	1
Feb. 24—Hesketh Bank Ladies.....	H.	9	2
Mar. 10—Social Club.....	A.	10	1
Mar. 17—Old Chorleians.....	H.	10	0
Mar. 24—Blackburn Ladies.....	A.	6	1
April 7—Blackburn Ladies.....	H.	8	0

2nd Division.		F.	A.
Jan. 20—Leyland Wesleyans.....	H.	10	0
Jan. 27—Garstang Ladies.....	A.	9	3
Feb. 3—St. Cuthbert's (Preston).....	A.	4	3
Feb. 10—*Blackpool Tec. O.G.....	H.	1	3
Feb. 17—Leyland Motors II.....	A.	2	2
Mar. 3—St. Cuthbert's (Preston).....	H.	1	3
Mar. 10—L.M.S. (Manchester).....	A.	6	3

\*—Friendly fixtures.

Gwen M. Mortimer, *Hockey Secretary.*

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## TWILIGHT

There's one lone star in the evening sky,  
A lonely light a-hanging high,  
And the red, red sun a-slipping by,  
And the sorrowful breeze a-sighing.

A drowsy twitter from out of a nest,  
For the singing birds have gone to rest,  
There's one lone crow out in the west,  
And the purple night creeps on.

B.J. (IVb.), Cuerden.



# Balshaw's Grammar School Old Boys' Association

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1934.

The past few months have seen a continuance in our activities ; two important events being the first meeting of the Debating and Literary Society and the Second Re-Union Ball. The period has also been notable for the strenuous preparations for the Dramatic Society's production "Hobson's Choice," which will take place after these notes are written but before the *Balshavian* is in the hands of its readers.

The membership is still increasing and is now nearly one hundred and twenty. We are still open to receive subscriptions for the present year and invite any Old Boys who are not already formally members of the Association to join at once.

## HOT POT SUPPER AND SMOKING CONCERT.

About sixty old boys and friends gathered in the School Dining Hall on Thursday, March 8th, for this concert and a convivial evening was enjoyed. Mr. J. Kirkham was the entertainer, but many old boys including Mr. H. Hood, Mr. R. M. Sumner and Mr. T. Lazenby contributed items.

## SECOND RE-UNION BALL.

At the request of many Old Students we held a Second Ball in the Public Hall, Leyland, on Friday, April 6th, and some one hundred and seventy were present. Croasdale's Dance Orchestra played the music for dancing. We were encouraged by the excellent attendance despite the fact that the season was drawing to a close. A special bus, arranged by Mr. R. E. Stringfellow, the Coppull and District Secretary, brought the people from Coppull and Chorley.

## DEBATING AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Society's first fixture was, appropriately, with the School Debating Society and the proposition put forward was "That the B.B.C. is an autocratic and highbrow institution seeking to educate rather than to entertain." An interesting and lively discussion ensued and we particularly liked J. E. Birtill's smooth reply to Mr. F. W. Roscoe's opening proposition speech. Mr. B. L. Wilkinson made a lively contribution to the debate and the proposition was finally lost by 7 votes to 9. Voting was impartial.

## "HOBSON'S CHOICE."

The Dramatic Society's production takes place Thursday, April 26th and Saturday, April 28th, and will have occurred by the time these notes are printed. Every effort is being made to make the production a real success, and we hope that we shall be able to report satisfactorily in the next issue.

Cuerden.



## OLD BOYS' TIES.

These are now available and are obtainable from Mr. Chas. Rose, Mr. T. L. Guest, or myself at 2/9d. each.

## TENNIS.

The facilities will be continued as last year and practice commences on Thursday, May 9th. Members may expect further announcements as to matches and additional practice nights later. A special request is made for support of this section and we hope there will be a good attendance on the evenings the courts are available.

## CRICKET NOTES.

Mr. Charles Rose, who is in charge of the Old Boys' Cricket Team writes as follows :—

"Mr. Oldland has again allowed the Old Boys the use of the School Cricket Ground during the coming season. Matches will be played on Wednesday evenings and any Old Boys who wish to play are asked to send their names to Chas. Rose, Liszt House, Sandy Lane, Leyland. So far matches have been arranged with Leyland III, British Goodrich, Wellington House, Preston Imperial, the County Offices, and Preston Grammar School Old Boys. The School will be played on Saturday, June 9th and Saturday, July 14th, and the latter match will be followed by a dance in the School Hall, and the School have kindly offered to provide tea for the teams and for all spectators who attend the match. The Old Girls play the present Girls at tennis on the same day. We ask Old Students particularly to bear in mind this date—July 14th."

Chas. Rose.

## WEDDING OF MR. RICHARD MARSDEN.

We should like to congratulate Mr. Richard Marsden, an Old Boy of the School, on his recent marriage to Miss Elizabeth Threlfall. We wish them every success in their new life.

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

There seems to be a dearth of would-be contributors and we hope that this will be remedied by the time of our next issue.

T. W. Oliver, *Hon. General Secretary.*

## THE FOUR WINDS

It's a bleak wind, the North wind  
When through the trees it blows,  
And sweeps through the mountains  
From the land of ice and snows.

'Tis a warm wind, the South wind,  
It dreams of sunny sky,  
And golden sands, and blue seas,  
Where sails go sweeping by.

It's a noisy wind, the West wind,  
Stirring up the leaves,  
Moaning in the chimneys,  
Whirling round the eaves.

It's a keen wind, the East wind,  
Shrilling down the street,  
Whistling down the narrow alley  
With biting rain and sleet.

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## THE FOX AND THE CROW

Once in a wood there lived a crow  
Who stole a piece of cheese,  
And settled down on a lofty bough  
To eat as she did please.

Just then a sly old fox stole by,  
Who soon espied the crow.  
"I'll try to get that cheese," he said,  
"Although she's in that bough.

Ah ! my dear crow, I like your voice  
It is so sweet and clear ;  
And now's your chance to caw to me  
Because I am so near."

When once the crow began to caw,  
The piece of cheese she dropped ;  
The wise old fox soon picked it up,  
And away he quickly hopped.

R.L. (IIa.), Farington.



## THE EXILE

Farewell ! farewell ! my native land,  
A long and last adieu,  
Farewell to bonny Scotland,  
And Cheviot's mountains blue.

We seek a wild and distant shore,  
Beyond the Spanish Main,  
We leave thee to return no more,  
Nor seek thy shore again.

But we will always love thee,  
Tho' we be far away  
Sailing o'er the stormy sea,  
Until the break of day.

R.S. (IIa.), Farington.

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## THE GIPSY

I would I were a gipsy, to rove where fancy calls,  
In sunshine or in shadow or when the soft rain falls,  
To roam the earth in freedom, not stayed by human hand,  
Nor wild wind, bleak and stormy, that sweeps the rugged strand ;  
A gipsy with a caravan and a dog that's staunch and true,  
Who has no fear of winter snows or winds that cut one through.  
The Romany life is a wild one ; from other men apart,  
The gipsy strives with nature, happy and light of heart.

When nightfall dims the skyline, and silence holds her sway,  
The Romany in his "vardo" sleeps on till dawn of day,  
And while he sleeps, the nighthawks with the owls and bats awake,  
Calling to the waning moon, their lamentations make.  
With dawn the world arises ; the sun climbs in the sky ;  
The gipsy tribe awakens. Another day is nigh.  
There are some who would be sailors and sail the Seven Seas,  
But would I were a gipsy to wander as I please.

J.S. (IVa.), Cuerden.

## CALENDAR

APRIL, 1934.		Sports Results.
W. 11	Summer Term begins. Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, Fishwick J., A. Nuttall.	
Th. 12		
F. 13		
S. 14		
M. 16	Supervision Duty : Mr. Hilditch, Stringfellow C. D., H. Baron.	
Tu. 17		
W. 18	Literary, Musical and Debating Society : 7.0 p.m.— Debate with Old Boys.	
Th. 19		
F. 20		
S. 21	2.15 p.m. Athletic Sports.	
M. 23	Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy, Haydock J., I. Edelston.	
Tu. 24		
W. 25	Last date of entry for contributions to <i>The Balshavian</i> , Vol. X, No. 2.	
Th. 26	Presentation of "Hobson's Choice," in the School Hall, by the Old Students' Dramatic Society (First Night).	
F. 27	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (1)..... F. v. W. (1).....	
S. 28	Tennis : 1st VI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School (h)..... Presentation of "Hobson's Choice," in the School Hall, by the Old Students' Dramatic Society (Second Night)	
M. 30	Supervision Duty : Mr. Sutcliffe, Nelson T., M. Holden.	
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Tu. 1		
W. 2	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. F. (1)..... Cu. v. W. (1).....	
Th. 3	Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. W. (1)..... Cu. v. F. (1).....	
F. 4	7.0 p.m. Presentation in the School Hall of a programme of sound films including the official sound film of the 1933 Mount Everest Expedition, "Climbing Mount Everest."	
S. 5	Cricket : 1st XI v. Chorley Grammar School (h)..... 2nd XI v. Chorley Grammar School (a).....	
M. 7	Supervision Duty : Miss Brindle, Briggs C. A., K. Iddon.	
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W. 9	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (1)..... F. v. W. (1).....	
Th. 10	Cricket : 1st XI v. Preston County Offices (h).....	
F. 11	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. F. (1)..... Cu. v. W. (1).....	
S. 12	Cricket : Colts XI v. Chorley G.S. (a)..... Rounders : 1st IX v. Ashton -in-Makerfield G.S. (a).....	
M. 14	Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson, Procter R., E. Sharples.	
Tu. 15		
W. 16		
Th. 17	Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (1)..... F. v. W. (1).....	
F. 18	Publication of <i>The Balshavian</i> , Vol. X., No. 2.	
S. 19	Whitsuntide Holiday begins. Half Term Reports.	
M. 28	School resumes. Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, Greenwood A., A. Nuttall	



MAY—continued.	
Tu. 29	
W. 30	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. W. (1).....
	Cu. v. F. (1).....
Th. 31	Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. F. (1).....
	Cu. v. W. (1).....
JUNE.	
F. 1	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. W. (1).....
	Cu. v. F. (1).....
S. 2	Cricket : 2nd XI v. Preston Catholic College (h).....
	Rounders : 1st IX v. Upholland Grammar School (h).....
	Tennis : 1st VI v. Old Girls (h).....
M. 4	Supervision Duty : Mr. Hilditch, Fishwick J., H. Baron.
Tu. 5	
W. 6	Cricket Knock-outs : Cu. v. F.....
Th. 7	
F. 8	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (2).....
	F. v. W. (2).....
S. 9	Cricket : 1st XI v. Old Boys (h).....
	Colts XI v. Chorley G.S. (h).....
	Tennis : 1st VI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. (a).....
M. 11	Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy, Stringfellow C. D., I. Edelston.
Tu. 12	Cricket : 1st XI v. Sedbergh School 3rd XI (h).....
W. 13	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. F. (2).....
	Cu. v. W. (2).....
Th. 14	Tennis Knock-outs : Cl. v. F.....
F. 15	Rounders Knock-outs : Cu. v. W.....
S. 16	Cricket : 1st XI v. Kirkham Grammar School (a).....
	2nd XI v. Kirkham Grammar School (h).....
M. 18	Supervision Duty : Mr. Sutcliffe, Haydock J, M. Holden.
Tu. 19	
W. 20	Cricket : 1st XI v. Urmston Grammar School (h).....
Th. 21	Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. W. (2).....
	Cu. v. F. (2).....
F. 22	Rounders Knock-outs : Cl. v. F.....
S. 23	Tennis : 1st VI v. Preston Convent School (a).....
	Cricket : 1st XI v. Chorley Grammar School (a).....
	2nd XI v. Chorley Grammar School (h).....
M. 25	Supervision Duty : Miss Brindle, Nelson T., K. Iddon.
Tu. 26	Cricket : 1st XI v. Wellington House (h).....
W. 27	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (2).....
	F. v. W. (2).....
Th. 28	Tennis Knock-outs : Cu. v. W.....
F. 29	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. F. (2).....
	Cu. v. W. (2).....
S. 30	Cricket : 1st XI v. Urmston Grammar School (a).....
	2nd XI v. Preston Catholic College (a).....
	Rounders : 1st IX v. Upholland Grammar School (a).....
JULY.	
M. 2	Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson, Procter R., E. Sharples. N.U. Higher School Certificate Examination commences.
Tu. 3	
W. 4	Cricket Knock-out : Cl. v. W.....
Th. 5	Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. Cu. (2).....
	F. v. W. (2).....
F. 6	
S. 7	Rounders : 1st IX v. Ashton-in-Makerfield (h).....
M. 9	Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, Greenwood A., A. Nuttall
Tu. 10	
W. 11	School Examinations. Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. W. (2).....
	Cu. v. F. (2).....

## JULY—continued.

Th. 12	School Examinations. Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. F. (2)..... Cu. v. W. (2).....	
F. 13	School Examinations. Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. W. (2)..... Cu. v. F. (2).....	
S. 14	Old Students' Day. Cricket : 1st XI v. Old Boys (h)..... Tennis : 1st VI v. Old Girls (h).....	
M. 16	Supervision Duty : Mr. Hilditch, Briggs C. A., H. Baron. Oxford School Certificate Examination commences.	
Tu. 17		
W. 18	Final of Cricket Knock-outs (first day).....	
Th. 19		
F. 20	Final of Cricket Knock-outs (second day).	
S. 21		
M. 23	Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy, Fishwick J., I. Edelston.	
Tu. 24	Final of Rounders Knock-outs.	
W. 25	Cricket : 1st XI v. Kirkham Grammar School (h)..... 2nd XI v. Kirkham Grammar School (a)..... Tennis : 1st VI v. Staff (h).....	
Th. 26	Final of Tennis Knock-outs. Cricket : 1st XI v. Staff (h).....	
F. 27	Summer Term Ends.	
Sep. 18	Autumn Term Begins.	

## MISCELLANEA.

<i>Clayton House:</i>	House Mistress : Miss F. W. Royle, B.A. House Master : Mr. J. Sutcliffe, B.A., B.Sc. House Captains : E. Alty (Girls), Briggs C. A. (Boys). House Colour : Green. House Room : IVa.
<i>Cuerden House:</i>	House Mistress : Miss E. Brindle, B.A. House Master : Mr. C. S. Hilditch, B.A. House Captains : A. M. Nuttall (Girls), Stringfellow C. D. (Boys) House Colour : Red. House Room : IIIa.
<i>Farington House:</i>	House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy, B.A. House Master : Mr. H. J. Lomax, B.Sc., A.R.C.Sc. House Captains : G. Houlden (Girls), Bellis R. (Boys). House Colour : Gold. House Room : I.
<i>Worden House:</i>	House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill, B. A. House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A. House Captains : I. Edelston (Girls), Haydock J. (Boys). House Colour : Blue. House Room : IIIb.



*Boys. Head Prefect:* Briggs C. A. *Prefects:* Fishwick J., Stringfellow C.D., Nelson T., Haydock J.

*Sub-Prefects:* Procter R., Greenwood A.

*Girls. Head Prefect:* A. Nuttall. *Prefect:* E. Sharples.

*Sub-Prefects:* H. Baron, M. Holden, I. Edelston, K. Iddon.

*Captain of Cricket:* Fishwick J.

*Captain of Tennis:* G. Houlden.

*Captain of Rounders:* E. Sharples.

*School Lunch:* 12.30 p.m. in Dining Room. A two course lunch—meat or fish and two vegetables, and sweet—is supplied daily, price 8d. Pupils should purchase a week's supply of tickets from the Senior Mistress, Miss Rahill.

*Tea:* A light tea can be obtained in the Dining Room at 4.5 p.m. Price 3d.

*Milk:* 10.45 a.m. in Dining Room. Certified "Grade A" Milk can be obtained at "Break," price 1d. per bottle (with straw).

*School Bus:* Special buses run from the Ribble Motor Bus Station, Tithebarn Street, Preston, at 8.20 a.m. daily and pick up pupils en route.

*Tuck Shop:* Open at 10.45 a.m. and 4.0 p.m. each day.

*Commissariat:* In IIIa. room at 4.0 p.m. on Thursdays (Miss Brindle).

*Detention:* 4.0 to 4.45 p.m. in IVb. Room.

*Lunch Hour:* In wet weather, girls may stay in IVa. and Va. Rooms, boys in IIa. and IIIb. Rooms. Boys and girls may, if they prefer, listen to the Radio Gramophone in the Hall.

*School Clearance:* All pupils must leave the School premises not later than :—5.15 p.m. Autumn Term; 5.30 p.m., Spring Term; 6.15 p.m., Summer Term.

#### Broadcast Lectures:

*Mondays:* 2.5 -2.25 Science and Agriculture (IIIa).  
2.30-2.55 World History (IIIb).

*Tuesdays:* 2.5 -2.25 Round the Countryside (IIb.).  
3.35-4.0 Early Stages in French (IVb.).  
4.5 -4.25 Current Affairs (Up. and Lr. VI.).

*Fridays:* 2.5 -2.25 Life and Work in the British Empire (I., IIa. and IIb.).  
3.0 -3.30 Concert and Gramophone Recitals [3.0-3.15, IIIa. and IIIb.;  
3.15-3.30, IVa., IVb. and IIIb. (B.)].  
3.35-3.50 Broadcast Stories (I.).

The School Choir meets at 4.0 p.m. on Fridays.

#### GAMES.

	CRICKET (Boys).	ROUNDERS (Girls)	TENNIS (Girls).
M.....	House Practices (Cl., Cu.)	School Teams' Practice	Games for Juniors
Tu.....	1st and 2nd XI Practice	House Practices (Cl., Cu.)	House Practices (F., W.)
W.....	House League Matches	House Practices (F. W.),	House Practices (Cl., Cu.)
Th.....	1st, 2nd and Colts XI Practice	School Teams' Practice	House League Matches.
	Scr. Games for Juniors	Scr. Games for Juniors	
F.....	House Practices (F., W.)	House League Matches	Schools Teams' Practice
S.....	School Matches	School Matches	School Matches

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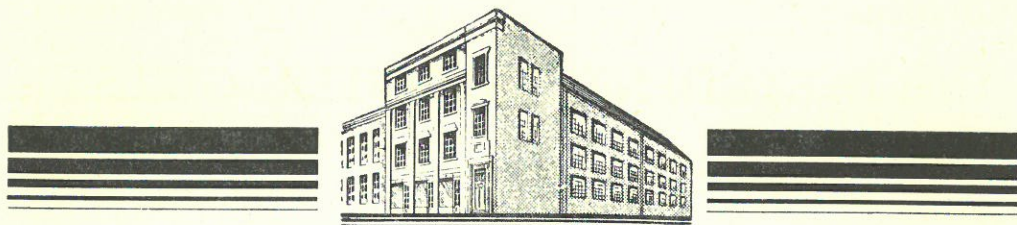
NAME.	ADDRESS.	Date of Leaving School.
Alibone, Frank	2 Sunny Bank, Grimsargh, Preston	Dec., 1933
Berry, J.	"Cedar House," Golden Hill, Leyland	Feb., 1934
Billcliffe, Sam	"Glendower," Bent Lane, Leyland	Nov., 1932
Breaks, Frank	Police Station, Station Road, Bamber Bridge	Dec., 1932
Bretherton, Giles F.	2 Norman Terrace, Leyland	Dec., 1932
Briggs, Eric	"Lyndene," Winsor Avenue, Leyland	Feb., 1933
Bryan, Charles G.	6 Sunny Bank, Grimsargh, Preston	July, 1933
Challender, John	"Kylmoor," Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall	Dec., 1931
Coates, Stanley	Beconsall Farm, Ulnes Walton	Dec., 1933
Cocker, George E.	100 Towngate, Leyland	July, 1933
Cocker, Tom	100 Towngate, Leyland	July, 1932
Davies, John B.	The Homestead, Leyland Lane, Leyland	Dec., 1933
Davies, Reginald T.	"Oakdene," Sandy Lane, Leyland	Dec., 1933
Dixon, John W.	The Brow, Coppull	Dec., 1933
Eddleston, Frank	Lostock Hall Farm, nr. Preston	April, 1933
Edge, Frank	14 Beatrice Terrace, Leyland	July, 1932
Etherington, Jack	"Daisy Bank," Leyland Lane, Leyland	Mar., 1932
Flowers, Gordon	36 Mead Avenue, Leyland	Mar., 1932
Forbes, Arthur	"Roach-dale," Church Road, Leyland	July, 1932
Hallows, Edgar	"Crossleigh," Denford Avenue, E., Leyland	July, 1932
Higham, Jack L.	"Moorfield Villa," Blackmoor, Mawdesley	July, 1933
Hocking, Harold D.	"Maythorpe," Crawford Avenue, Leyland	Dec., 1933
Hoskins, Geoffrey	4 Thurstan Road, Leyland	Mar., 1934
Hull, Charles H.	"Hollinwood," Winsor Avenue, Leyland	Dec., 1931
Iddon, Bert C.	2 Chapel Brow, Leyland	July, 1932
Jackson, Allan	3 Bow Lane, Leyland	July, 1932
Knowles, Frederick A.	1 School Terrace, Farington	July, 1932
Lawton, Frank H.	"Willowton," Sandy Lane, Leyland	Mar., 1932
Lee, Kenneth A.	"Newnham," Bent Lane, Leyland	July, 1933
Marland, Wilson	"Baldwin Croft," Church Road, Leyland	July, 1933
McCann, William	"Oakdene," Todd Lane, Lostock Hall	July, 1932
Mortimer, Harry	Lynton House, Golden Hill, Leyland	July, 1933
Orrell, Norman T.	Lilac Mount, Preston Rd., Clayton Brook, nr. Chorley	Dec., 1933
Palmer, Roy	"The Cottage," Marshall's Brow, Middleforth, Penwortham	July, 1932
Parker, Thomas A.	6 Mill Brook Cottages, Leyland	Dec. 1931
Parker, Robert M.	"Princethorpe," Balcarres Road, Leyland	Nov., 1932
Patefield, Percy W.	23 Hastings Road, Leyland	Dec., 1933
Rawcliffe, Richard	Old House Farm, Cocker Lane, Leyland	Sept., 1933
Rimmer, Alfred G.	"Greendale," Church Road, Leyland	July, 1932
Rimmer, James	Londonderry Farm, Midge Hall	Mar., 1932
Salisbury, William	45 Mersey Street, Longridge	Dec., 1932
Shepherd, Frances W.	42 Crawford Avenue, Leyland	Dec., 1933
Shepherd, Roland T.	42 Crawford Avenue, Leyland	July, 1932
Simmons, Fred W. C.	164 Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall	July, 1932
Simmons, Robert B. V.	164 Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall	July, 1932
Singleton, Frank	2 Sumner Street, Hough Lane, Leyland	Dec., 1932
Smart, Leonard	"Abberton," Royalty Lane, New Longton, Preston	Mar., 1934
Smith, Joshua G.	197 Spendmore Lane W., Coppull	July, 1933
Smith, Stanley E.	1 Prospect Terrace, Hough Lane, Leyland	Dec., 1933
Stringfellow, Roy E.	"Oaklands," 189 Preston Road, Coppull	July, 1933
Threlfall, Harry B.	"Caxton House," 35 Towngate, Leyland	Dec., 1931
Turner, Arthur	62 Little Lane, Longridge	Feb., 1933
Vause, Peter G.	6 Balfour Street, Leyland	July, 1933
Waring, James	15 Starkie Street, Leyland	Dec., 1931
Wilkinson, Charles G.	Latham House, Hough Lane, Leyland	July, 1933
Wilkinson, William	Latham House, Hough Lane, Leyland	Mar., 1932

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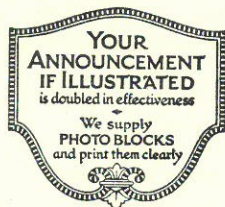
NAME.	ADDRESS.	Date of Leaving School.
Ainsworth, Phyllis...	3 Prospect Terrace, Hough Lane, Leyland	July, 1933
Alty, Annie ...	"Roseville," Broadway, Leyland	Feb., 1934
Bamber, Margaret S. ...	"Ashdene," Sandy Lane, Leyland	July, 1932
Banks, Alice ...	4 Mill Cottages, Penwortham, Preston	Mar. 1932
Blackburn, Dorothy A...	"Newlands," 61 Westfield Road, Blackpool	April, 1933
Burrows, Marjory E. ...	Bowden House, Church Road, Leyland	July, 1932
Butterworth, Kath. M...	Golden Hill Lane, Leyland	Oct., 1932
Caldwell, Joyce ...	Station House, Midge Hall, Preston	Feb., 1934
Cliffe, Annie ...	1 West Brook Terrace, Golden Hill, Leyland	Mar., 1934
Cross, Nellie ...	34 Chapel Street, Chorley	July, 1932
Cuerden, Mary ...	99 Leyland Lane, Leyland	Dec., 1933
Deacon, Annie ...	Carver's Farm, Clayton-le-Woods	July, 1933
Edge, Margaret ...	3 Oak View, Earnshaw Bridge, Leyland	Feb., 1934
Edmunds, Margaret ...	"Croydon," Highgate, Penwortham	July, 1932
Ellam, Doreen A. ...	St. Wilfrid's Terrace, Grimsargh	July, 1933
Forshaw, Edith ...	Burn Cottage, Church Brow, Walton-le-Dale	July, 1932
Grayson, Elsie D. ...	6 Hastings Road, Leyland	July, 1932
Griffiths, Gertrude J. ...	11 Tansley Avenue, Coppull	Dec., 1932
Haydock, Isabel ...	"The Grove," Church Road, Leyland	Feb., 1934
Hesketh, Barbara ...	Lostock Villa, Lostock Hall	July, 1932
Hilton, Dorothy ...	"Norwood," Yewlands Drive, Leyland	Dec., 1932
Howard, Dorothy ...	58 Leyland Lane, Leyland	Dec., 1933
Howard, Hannah ...	Harris Field, Mawdesley, nr. Ormskirk	July, 1933
Hunter, Alice M. ...	Smith's Farm, Ulles Walton, nr. Leyland	July, 1932
Iddon, Daisy ...	10 Lindsay Avenue, Sandy Lane, Leyland	Dec., 1932
Johnson, Beryl ...	Town Brow Farm, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley	Feb., 1934
Lomax, Lilius M. ...	"Lincluden," Church Road, Leyland	July, 1933
Maguire, Margaret...	"Eastdene," Chesmere Drive, Liverpool Road, Penwortham	Dec., 1932
Marginson, Dorothy C. ...	The Homestead, Whitestake, nr. Preston	Dec., 1931
Marland, Joan M. ...	1 Wellfield Terrace, Leyland	Dec., 1932
Mayor, Annie...	Cop Lane, Penwortham	July, 1932
McKittrick, Marjorie ...	1 Methuen Terrace, Leyland	Mar., 1933
Morland, Valentine J. ...	Stansfield Lane, Farington, Preston	April, 1933
Oakes, Irene ...	11 Lindsay Avenue, Leyland	Nov., 1933
Pedder, Margery M. ...	41 Turpin Green Lane, Leyland	Dec., 1931
Pickles, Maud ...	"Pleasant View," Ulles Walton, Preston	Mar., 1934
Shaw, Edith ...	3 East View, Lostock Hall	Dec., 1931
Shawcross, Jean ...	19 Methuen Avenue, Broughton, Preston	Nov., 1932
Smith, Annie ...	"Burnroyd," Halfpenny Lane, Longridge	July, 1932
Storke, Constance M. ...	"Connemara," Broadway, Leyland	Dec., 1933
Sutcliffe, Lucy M. ...	10 Chapel Brow, Leyland	July, 1933
Thornber, Annie ...	5 Dunderdale Street, Longridge	July, 1932
Whatmough, Ruth ...	16 King Street, Longridge	Mar., 1933
Whittaker, Edith A. ...	Pedder House Farm, Ribbleson, Preston	July, 1933
Wilkinson, Eileen M. ...	"Belgrave," Broad Oak Lane, Penwortham	Feb., 1932
Wilkinson, Margaret B. ...	Irwell Cottage, Longridge	July, 1933
Wrennall, Mary H. ...	11 Turpin Green, Leyland	July, 1932
Yates, Ellen ...	5 Browndge Lane, Bamber Bridge	July, 1932



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