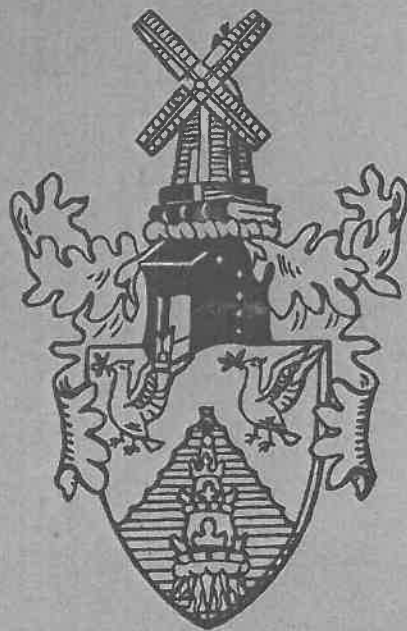


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"As the ends of such a partnership cannot be obtained in many generations it becomes a partnership not only between those who are living, but between those who are living, those who dead, and those who are to be born". Thus did Edmund Burke sum up his views of society in his "Reflections on the French Revolution". He saw society as a stable framework through which various generations passed; its only change is progress, never mutation. One's view of the miniature society which composes a school must be similar to this. The framework of a school, its departments, official positions, societies and sports, has an existence of far greater duration than that of any particular member: the name and traditions continue but the former is attached to and the latter maintained by different individuals as one generation gives way to another.

This is the spirit which has always been approved at K.G.S.: continuance, tradition and conservatism. During the four centuries since it was founded the school itself, not the buildings, nor yet those who enter the buildings, but the name of K.G.S. has developed its own particular attributes, and it is the right and duty of all who come within the school to maintain, even to enrich, these facets of community life within the school. Radical upheaval would mean the destruction of all that four hundred years' masters and boys have produced. In this the twentieth century it seems a common delight to raze ancient foundations and to begin afresh; but is this the true enlightenment which it pretends to be, or mere iconoclasm?

These thoughts always appear in July at the end of the school year, when the school receives its last adieus from sixty boys, in general the leaders of the school, and prepares itself to greet sixty more new entrants in September. But this year the thoughts go even deeper than usual, for by the end of this year five masters will also have left, and five others, replacing these, will be welcomed next year. Mr. Fielding left at Easter, and Messrs. Brunt, Hoyle and Wilkinson are leaving in summer, in the company of Mr. Stevenson, to whom our deepest gratitude is owed for his thirty-eight years of able and energetic service to K.G.S. With all these men go our most sincere thanks and best wishes for a happy future, and we may only hope that the school, improved, within the bounds of its traditions, by their work, may continue to be a richly fertile field over which further generations may pass, reaping advantages from the seeds sown by their forbears during the last four centuries.

The Editor wishes gratefully to acknowledge receipt of the following school magazines: The Rossallian, The Arnoldian, The Georgian, The Poultonian.

HOUSE REPORTS

Fylde House

House Masters: MR. B. COATES, MR. I. J. KREMER, MR. A. L. BRUNT, MR. D. BUTTERWORTH.

House Captain: D. THISTLETHWAITE.

House Prefects: W. A. COWARD, P. J. HOLLIDAY, P. M. TOMLINSON.

Although this year has not been one of outstanding success in House Competitions yet nevertheless we feel that the way has been paved for better things in the future.

Let us start where we left off in the winter report with the Junior Rugby Competition. The team played hard and combined well but was unable to cope with the stronger and experienced Preston backs and was finally beaten by 28 points — nil.

Not wishing 'to cry over spilt milk' in any way it is only fair to say that in all the major sporting events our chances were marred by injury. The Cross-Country team without Worden and Gregson made no impression on the remaining Houses and finished sixth in the Competition.

The Music Festival interrupted the sporting activities of the House and it is here that we look for an improvement over last year's performance. The Competition was very close and we finished in 3rd place only 10 points behind Lytham House, the winners. Our three items consisted of a piano duet by the Parkin brothers, a choir piece under the leadership of A. Coward, and a piano solo by P. Richmond.

The custom in past years has been for the House to look to the Athletics Cup for a possible victory. This year proved no exception but again our hopes were dashed by injury. On this occasion it was D. Brownbill, an outstanding Intermediate, who sustained a leg injury before Sports Day. The House finished in fourth position only 20 points behind the winning House. R. Helm with four firsts and P. Hunt with two first were our outstanding athletes.

Our position in the Work Cup was elevated from fourth to second place by the 'mock' exam results but more effort is needed from the people in the lower forms if first or second position is to be gained.

So the House activities and practices go on. The Shooting team and cricket teams are practising industriously and we wish them the best of luck.

Ashton House

House Masters: MR. H. B. WILSON, MR. T. JACKMAN.

House Captain: J. J. BAMBER.

House Prefects: H. TAYLOR, G. R. CLARK, A. J. LEWIS, M. C. KIRKHAM.

Since the publication of the last magazine the House has gained great success and suffered extreme disappointment alternately.

In the Junior Rugby the House, following good victories over Lytham House and Preston House, due mainly to the efforts and leadership of Kay and Varley, reached the final only to be defeated by a superior School House XV.

Next came the Musical Competition which the House had won consecutively since its inception. House spirit was aroused by the enthusiasm of A. J. Lewis and G. R. Clark, and many practices were held. However, despite a fine and creditable effort on the day, the House was most unlucky to be placed second to Lytham House by a mere one point.

In the Debating Competition the House, after defeating School in the preliminary round, lost narrowly to Lytham in the semi-final by eight votes to three.

The heights of the House's success were reached in the Cross-Country and Athletic Competitions, both of which the House won. The Cross-Country Cup was retained due, both to a very fine team effort and to the excellent running and leadership of G. R. Clark.

The House was successful in the Athletics for the first time in its history, and once again it was due to an all round team effort in which each member played his part. The House was fifth in standard points, and it was not until the final event that the House managed to wipe off this deficit and move into first place with $192\frac{1}{2}$ points to Preston's $185\frac{1}{2}$. A magnificent effort on the part of all the competitors in gaining 23 places, with P. Whitehead, G. Clark, B. Lewis, M. Hill and the Senior Relay Team all obtaining first places.

The Summer Term saw the House's greatest disappointments of the year. First of all the Junior Cricket XI lost in the preliminary round by 3 wickets to School House. But then, to follow this up, the Senior XI, which was considered to be almost invincible and easily favourites to win the Cricket Shield, lost in the semi-final to Preston House by 32 runs. After dismissing Preston for 69 the team, all except M. Hill who scored a very creditable 27, had no answer to the bowling of Garnett and were dismissed for 37.

The House Chess activities of the year have been throughout very creditable. M. Kirkham, the captain, seems to have inspired the team with greater enthusiasm, with the result that having completed our games the House leads the field but with Lytham very close behind with one to play.

The Shooting, Swimming and Gym Competitions still remain to be decided and we hope for the best in these to atone, at least in some part, for one or two of the losses we have incurred during the year.

Kirkham House

House Masters: MR. H. J. REAY, MR. S. CRANE, MR. L. A. REDMAN.

House Captain: E. PARKINSON.

House Prefects: P. N. CARMONT, D. J. SHEARMAN.

In the last six months the House has had both success and failure in Inter-House Competitions, but the most pleasing thing about the period has been the spirit and determination shown by the House in general. These qualities are well illustrated by the success in the Senior Rugby Competition. As reported in the last issue the House had been doing a little 'Giant Killing' on its way to the final. In this match, we eventually defeated Preston House by 9 points to 6. This was undoubtedly one of the hardest and closest finals for many years and in fact the winning score came only two minutes from the end of extra time. Unfortunately this feat was not repeated by the Junior team, and, although they fought hard, a very good School House team and the handicap of playing with only 14 men for the most of the match proved too much and they were defeated by 30 points to nil.

In the House Music Festival the House could only raise itself to third equal in the final order despite some very hard rehearsal by all concerned, not least the Junior Choir.

The fourth place gained by the House team in the Cross-Country Race was our highest position and Kirby and Sowerbutts are to be congratulated on coming fourth and eighth respectively.

During the Chess Competition the House has taken part in two very close matches tying with Ashton 12 all and being defeated by Preston by only 12 points. Unfortunately this form was not maintained in our last match against Lytham which we lost by 20 points to 4.

In spite of a rather discouraging performance by the Seniors in the Work Cup the House still holds first place. Our lead after the 'Mock' results was cut to 35 and it will require a great effort by all, the Juniors to increase this lead and the Seniors to hold it, if we are going to be the first House to receive the new trophy next Speech Day.

In the very close Inter-House Athletic Sports the House could only manage sixth place; our only winner being Jackson in the Senior Discus. An encouraging feature was, however, the performance of everyone in the House gaining 87 points from the 'Standards'.

Good bowling by Gardner, 6 for 3, and Horn, 4 for 2, enabled the Junior Cricket team to dismiss Lytham Juniors for 6 runs and so win by 27 runs.

A score of 33 by Sowerbutts backed up some useful support from the middle order, enabled the House to score 87 runs against School House in the Senior Cricket Competition but School managed to pass this total for the loss of only 3 wickets and so register a win.

Lytham House

House Masters: MR. C. K. LEE, MR. R. T. BENTLEY, MR. J. MURRAY.

House Captain: R. W. OGDEN.

House Prefects: C. D. DEWSE, K. HOWARD, J. L. INGLEBY, J. D. FLEET, D. JAGGER.

The achievements of the House in the academic sphere have far exceeded those on the playing fields, though not a few members of the House would rather have seen this state of affairs reversed.

For the first time since its inauguration the Music Competition was won from the Ashton House who were threatening to attain a monopoly of the Cup in years to come. M. R. Bennet played a collection of piano solos and C. J. Foy a solo on the clarinet, the final item consisting of a Junior Choir. The ability of the first two individual performers was never in question, but the Choir's natural ability was of an extremely dubious nature requiring endless practices to bring it into shape. The adjudicator particularly praised the arrangement and order of the programme as a unity of entertainment within the Competition as a whole.

Since the two setbacks of the Christmas Term the Chess team has at last found its real form, beating Fylde and Kirkham respectively. This means that we are now only four points behind Ashton the present leaders in the Competition with a game in hand, and are thus almost certain to win the Competition for the first time ever. Howard K., Archer J. and Archer G. are to be congratulated on filling the first three places respectively in the School Senior team.

In the Inter-House Debating Competition the House has reached the final, beating Kirkham and Ashton on the way. On both occasions the main speaker was J. D. Fleet, who was seconded by Box in the preliminary round and Ogden in the semi-final.

The Work Cup has witnessed a decline in the fortunes of the House, falling from third to fifth position since the magazine last went to press. However it is hoped to rectify this position in the forthcoming G.C.E. when twelve persons will be sitting their 'A' level exams. The House has always until this year held a good reputation for Cross-Country running. This year we filled sixth place, one point behind Kirkham. I. A. Walton running for the first time was our first man home being twelfth man home in the full count.

Unfortunately very little notice was taken of the note in last year's report concerning Standard points. In the Athletic Sports we started thirty points behind Preston House, finally filling third place only twenty points behind the winning House. Firsts were gained by K. Howard (2), V. Gorrie, A. Smith and J. Bailey, numerous places being gained by other members of the team, notably A. R. Carpenter with two seconds and a third. It is to be hoped that the Swimming team is not also to be handicapped in the same way.

For the last few years the Junior Cricket team has been beaten in the final but this year it did not even pass the preliminary round. Dismissing the Kirkham House for 33, (Cartmell and Snape sharing the wickets between them), the team literally slumped out against some extremely mediocre bowling by Kirkham for 6 runs. The Senior team also did not pass the preliminary round. Preston were dismissed for 71, Moor taking 4 for 13 and Archer 5 for 30. With Moor and Ogden putting on 33 between them for the second wicket the game seemed 'in the bag'. When Ogden was run out at 37 however, the team slumped to 44 for 8, when Gorrie with 9 not out added a semblance of respectability to the scene, but even so were eventually beaten by 6 runs.

In closing the House would like to express its good wishes to M. R. Bennet who has left for Scotland, and to thank him for his contribution to the House Music and Chess Competitions for the last few years.

Preston House

House Masters: MR. S. MIDDLETON, MR. G. H. BOOCOCK, MR. I. W. MCKERROW.

House Captain: G. BARNES.

House Prefects: M. E. H. BARNES, H. R. MAYOR, J. M. WILKINSON, D. W. GARNETT.

The whole theme of a Preston House Report must this year be the House's ability to be runner-up in Competitions. It seems that there is sufficient energy and skill to press a House team up into the final of most activities, but never quite enough to carry the last victory home.

This theme may be exemplified from the Senior Rugby Competition. At the end of the last report it was recorded that the House had narrowly defeated Ashton by 9 points to 8. The final against Kirkham, was similarly close, and despite R. M. Wilcock's having left, an irreparable loss to the scrum, and D. W. Garnett's absence, a noticeable disadvantage in the line-outs, the House was defeated only during extra time, and then by a penalty kick leaving the score nine points to six.

In the Junior Rugby the House did not go so far, being defeated in the semi-final by the Ashton House.

In Cross Country Running the House came third, defeated by Ashton and School. D. W. Garnett must be congratulated for being the first Preston man home, being seventh in the whole race.

At the beginning of the Athletics Sports the House was leading in Standard points, demonstrating the excellent esprit de corps which exists. On pain of being found monotonous I must again report that the House was second at the end, and second to the Ashton House once more, gaining $185\frac{1}{2}$ points to Ashton's $192\frac{1}{2}$. This result was finally decided only by the last event, the House being in the first place throughout the Sports Day until then, with 12 firsts won, 5 by Leigh, 4 by Harrison, 2 by Barnes G. and 1 by Crombleholme.

The rest of the story is soon told. In the Music Competition the House was fifth: in Chess, after a disastrous start, some improvement may be noted: the House 'orators' were ignominiously defeated by 20 votes to nil by Fylde, in the semi-final: and from another poor start in the Work Cup the House has now risen to third place.

H. R. Mayor should be congratulated on his acceptance at St. John's College, Oxford, where he will take up residence in October.

The anticipated lack of Seniors has told during this year, but it has been made up, in many cases, by the Junior and Middle parts of the House whose keenness in all activities is to be commended.

The House has wended its way to the final of the Cricket Competition with a victory over the Lytham House by 71 runs against 65, and in the semi-final, versus the Ashton House, by 69 against 37. M. E. H. Barnes and D. W. Garnett are to be congratulated on their performances in the latter match, Barnes for his 35, and Garnett for taking 7 wickets for 25 runs. It is to be hoped that the House team will have greater luck in the final than has been our fate in other Competitions.

School House

House Masters: MR. G. J. WILKINSON, MR. J. R. HOYLE.

House Captain: M. A. MCCARTNEY.

House Prefects: D. B. ROGERS, J. B. ALLCOCK, M. LEANEY.

It is the tradition of the School House to meet success with modesty, misfortune with tolerance, and mediocrity with disapproval. With a view to this, the House has little reason to be anything but satisfied with its efforts over the past few months.

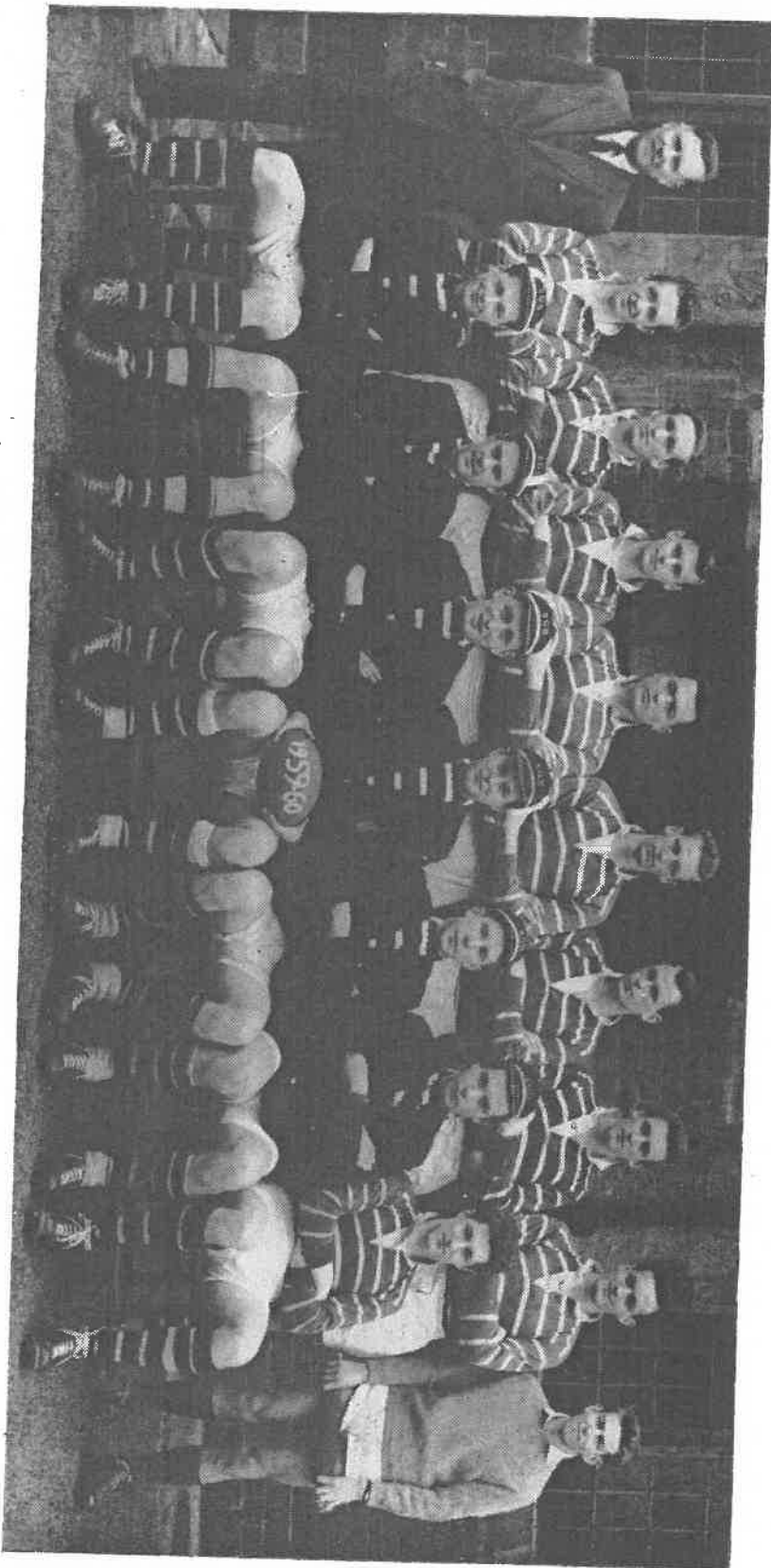
The end of the last term saw the House take second place in the Cross-Country Competition, thanks to magnificent personal efforts by all members of the team, of which Gunn was indubitably the outstanding runner.

We are slowly improving our musical talent, the House being fifth equal this year as compared with sixth outright last year. And we were the proud possessor of the only musician to play three instruments.

McCartney and Allcock put up a redoubtable argument in the first round of the Debating Competition but failed to win through; albeit under less dubious conditions we consider they might have fared better.

As far as Athletics are concerned, we claim a considerable proportion of "average boys." Sports Day saw us start in second place on Standard Points. At the end of the afternoon, it is true, we were in fifth place but that fact in no way records the actual state of affairs. A series of superb performances was produced by the team, resulting in our finishing only thirty points behind the first House. Notably praiseworthy was the record breaking run in the half-mile by Chrystall who, together with McCartney, Allcock, and Montgomery is to be congratulated on being amongst the select band of "school athletes".

Our Junior cricketers show great promise. In the match in which they beat Ashton House by three wickets, we sported a fine array of bowlers and one long-ball hitter — Leeming. Our hopes are very much that they may complete the double and add the Junior Cricket Trophy to its twin: the Junior Rugby Trophy. The Seniors, no doubt emulating the example set by the Juniors, started the Senior Competition by defeating Kirkham House by seven wickets, despite the high target set by Kirkham. In the semi-final accurate bowling by Messrs. Moore and Chrystall returned the entire Fylde House team to the pavilion for twenty-six runs, leaving the batters in a fairly comfortable position to which they responded by finishing the game before 4-15 p.m. We are indeed looking forward to meeting Preston House in the final at term-end.



KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XV, 1959-60

(Played 14, won 14)

Standing: extreme left, Mr. S. Crane, (left to right) H. Taylor, M. C. Kirkham, A. J. Lewis, M. A. McCartney, J. Montgomery, M. E. H. Barnes, A. R. Carpenter, M. E. Sant, B. R. J. Walters (Touch judge); Seated: (left to right) K. Howard, C. D. Dewse, E. Parkinson, J. J. Bamber (captain), G. Barnes, J. G. Ethelston, D. Thistlethwaite.

Carpenter. At full back C. Dewse was his usual reliable and adventurous self and gave great confidence to those in front. The XV is to be heartily congratulated on maintaining an unbeaten record through the season. Perhaps the only regret was the cancellation through bad weather of three matches, including the fixture with Cowley School.

During the Christmas holidays, R. M. Wilcock played for Lancashire Schoolboys against Yorkshire and Cheshire, whilst E. Parkinson was travelling reserve on both occasions.

At a committee meeting at the end of the season Full Colours were awarded to J. Bamber, who took over the captaincy on Wilcock's departure, G. Barnes, C. Dewse, J. Ethelston, K. Howard and E. Parkinson, and Team Colours to M. E. Barnes, A. Carpenter, M. Kirkham, A. Lewis, M. A. McCartney, J. Montgomery, M. E. Sant, H. Taylor and D. Thistlethwaite.

It is a sporting adage that the strength of a team depends on its reserves but remarkably few calls have been made upon the 2nd XV which consequently was able to field an unusually settled team. They followed the example of the 1st XV and played with great keenness and no little skill but unfortunately suffered one heavy and one narrow defeat. The forwards formed a good solid pack with G. R. Clark outstanding, P. Carmont and N. Kirby combined well at half-back whilst the threequarter line was safe if unspectacular. At full back, G. Holmes was a much improved player. The other Senior team, the Under XVI, after losing its first match, won its remaining three and while its members lacked a certain amount of experience they made up for it by an abundance of enthusiasm. The outstanding players were T. Fulford-Brown, F. Harrison, D. Jackson, and the captain P. Whitehead. Of the Junior teams the Under XV was a little disappointing. Its members possessed plenty of skill but failed to develop a real team spirit, so that on several occasions the side failed to do itself justice. M. Hill, the captain, was the outstanding player, the Under XIV was a very strong and capable side, particularly when the ball was moving about in the threequarters. Given keenness and ability to learn and understand the game, many of its members, especially S. Cartmell, A. Myers, W. Redfearn and D. Gibson should develop into first class players. As was to be expected, both the Under XIII and XII did extremely well not only for its results but for the general pattern of their play.

In conclusion it has been a most successful term from all points of view and the Rugby Committee would like to express its thanks to members of the Staff who have coached the teams, to the linesmen, to the Canteen Staff for their hospitality, and to those boys who have been eager to come back to school on a Saturday afternoon to watch their team in action.

K.G.S. RUGBY, 1959-60

1st XV results

		points for	points against
K.G.S. v. Preston G.S.	(away)	26	0
K.G.S. v. Old Boys	(home)	17	3
K.G.S. v. Hutton G.S.	(home)	19	0
K.G.S. v. Wigan G.S.	(home)	27	9
K.G.S. v. Arnold	(away)	21	9
K.G.S. v. Blackpool G.S.	(away)	34	3
K.G.S. v. Rossall 2nd XV	(home)	26	3
K.G.S. v. Hutton G.S.	(away)	23	0
K.G.S. v. King Edward, Lytham ...	(home)	31	0
K.G.S. v. King George V, Southport ..	(away)	22	0
K.G.S. v. St. Joseph's College	(away)	32	0
K.G.S. v. Balshaws G.S.	(home)	20	3
K.G.S. v. Bolton School	(away)	29	3
K.G.S. v. Manchester G.S.	(home)	16	0

ATHLETICS

It has been another enjoyable and successful season. The Standard Points' System, already well established, has again worked well and the only cause for dissatisfaction here has been the apparent lack of interest and effort by the Seniors in any race longer than 220 yards. It is interesting to note that the Preston House supplanted the School House as the winners of this competition for the first time. The School Athletics team proved to be a strong one although there were weaknesses in the middle distance events. The season opened and closed with comfortable victories over King Edward School, Lytham, and Preston Grammar School respectively but we were again disappointing at Blackpool at the Inter-Grammar School Sports where little seemed to go right. R. H. Helm has been the outstanding performer and he is to be heartily congratulated on his double victory at Blackpool. N. Kirby, too, did well in the High Jump as did J. Ethelston in the Shot, G. Barnes (Captain) in the Pole Vault, and P. Whitehead in the Javelin. We were very glad to welcome Mr. A. Bilborough, Senior Organiser for Physical Education for Lancashire, as our Guest of Honour at Sports Day which was held on a fine but blustery afternoon. No new Senior records were established but the performance of A. E. Chrystall in breaking the Intermediate record in the 880 yards in a time only 5 seconds slower than the Senior Race augers well for the future, as does the running of B. Lewis in the mile.

After a most interesting and keen competition the Athletics Cup was won by the Ashton House for the first time in its history.

At the end of the season Full Colours were awarded to:
J. Ethelston, R. H. Helm and N. Kirby.

Team Colours to:
G. Barnes, K. Howard, A. Lewis, M. Kirkham, H. Pilkington,
M. A. McCartney, D. Jackson, G. Clark, J. Bamber and P.
Whitehead.

HARRIERS

The season has witnessed a revival in the fortunes of the Harriers. Perhaps the new course which involves no crossing of major roads has something to do with this. The usual slow start was made due to the fact that the majority of the team do not run throughout the winter but change straight over to running at the end of the Rugby season. An early defeat was inflicted by Blackpool Grammar School but all subsequent matches were won quite comfortably with victories over Hutton, Balshaws, and towards the end of the season over Blackpool Grammar School; the team also did well to gain third place in the Inter-Grammar Schools Cross Country Race at Lancaster out of a field of nine schools. G. Barnes made a good captain but the outstanding runners were undoubtedly G. R. Clark and to a lesser degree J. M. Wilkinson, whilst N. Kirby, D. Thistlethwaite and J. B. Alcock ran well on occasions

At the end of the season Full Colours were awarded to G. R. Clark and Team Colours to G. Barnes, J. B. Alcock, N. Kirby, D. Thistlethwaite, J. Wilkinson and A. Lewis.

After a good and interesting race, the House Cup was won by the Ashton House.

ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1960

Triple Jump (Senior)

1st K. Howard, 38 ft. 2½ ins.; 2nd N. R. Kirby; 3rd A. R. Carpenter.

Triple Jump (Junior)

1st A. M. Leigh, 28 ft. 10 ins.; 2nd J. Bailey; 3rd J. Clark.

Triple Jump (Intermediate)

1st P. Hunt, 34 ft. 10 ins.; 2nd S. Cartmell; 3rd M. Hill.

Pole Vault (Senior)

1st G. Barnes, 8 ft.; 2nd C. D. Dewse; 3rd G. R. Clark.

110 yards Hurdles (Intermediate)

1st F. Harrison, 15.4 sec.; 2nd A. Chrystall; 3rd A. Smith.

Putting the Shot (Intermediate)

1st Harrison, 37 ft. 3 ins.; 2nd A. Gibson; 3rd P. Bamber.

Long Jump (Intermediate)

1st F. Harrison, 16 ft. 3½ ins.; 2nd W. Kay; 3rd R. Barclay, A. Smith.

Long Jump (Junior)

1st J. Bailey, 13 ft. 5½ ins.; 2nd F. Thompson, 3rd P. Clark.

440 yards (Senior)

1st K. Howard, 56.2 sec.; 2nd M. Kirkham; 3rd A. Lewis.

440 yards (Intermediate)

1st M. Hill, 60.6 sec.; 2nd I. Johnson; 3rd R. Wood.

120 yards Hurdles (Senior)

1st R. Helm, 17. 7sec.; 2nd J. J. Bamber; 3rd J. Alcock.

Inter-House Relay (Junior)

1st School; 2nd Preston; 3rd Fylde.

Inter-House Relay (Intermediate)

1st School; 2nd Preston, Ashton.

Inter-House Relay (Senior)

1st Ashton; 2nd Lytham; 3rd Fylde.

CRICKET REPORTS

K.G.S. v. Baines G.S., Home
K.G.S. 45, B.G.S. 29 (Elliott 6/13)

Winning the toss and batting first K.G.S. collapsed badly and their innings closed at tea for 45. Barnes, scoring 9, offered the only resistance.

When the visitors batted the bowlers soon struck and Elliott and Moor quickly had two wickets each. The batting did not improve, mainly due to good sustained bowling by Elliott and the innings folded to its close at 29.

K.G.S. v. Preston G.S., Away
K.G.S. 104, P.G.S. 31 (Moor 5/7)

Once more taking first strike, K.G.S. batted considerably better than against Baines, and, with a particularly bellicose innings from Bamber (33) backed up well by Taylor (18), set the opposition a reasonable total, 104.

Partial resistance from early Preston batsmen prevented our bowlers from inflicting a clear run through. Nevertheless the tail folded completely to Moor (5/7) and Garnett (2/8).

K.G.S. v. Urmston G.S., Away
U.G.S. 172/4 dec., K.G.S. 137

In what will probably prove to be our most exciting match of the season against a strong Urmston team, the home team batted first and gave a lesson in how to bat, passing 150 with 1 wicket down. Then Elliott (3/36) broke through in his second spell with 3 for 8 and Urmston declared at 172.

Once more batting competently, three rather useful scores in the twenties from Holmes, Bamber and Moor laid foundations for a good score but the middle order batting failed to back them up, and the score slumped to 108/8. This was by no means the end as far as Garnett was concerned, who struck out to score 27 not out.

K.G.S. v. K.G. V, Southport, Away
K.G.S. 81, K.G. V 58

Batting first K.G.S., somewhat mysteriously failed to impress against an indifferent attack, and were all out for 81 before tea.

When K.G. V batted, a team which usually sets our bowlers a number of problems, they were soon in trouble. No one was able to force the pace, but this was mainly due to some fine tight bowling by Elliott and Garnett, which is illustrated by their figures, Elliott 12-5-11-2, Garnett 12-5-15-3.

C.C.F. REPORT

Army Section

C.S.M.: G. R. CLARK.

S/Sgt.: D. THISTLETHWAITE.

Sgts.: J. B. ALLCOCK, P. N. CARMONT, D. W. GARNETT, D. B. ROGERS, H. TAYLOR, J. M. WILKINSON, A. J. LEWIS.

L/Cpls.: ASCROFT, WILLIAMS, WEBSTER, HALSTEAD, IRVING, JACKSON, LANGLEY, MADDOCK, PILKINGTON, SOWERBUTTS, WALMSLEY.

In the opening paragraph of the C.C.F. Report of the last issue it was found necessary to bemoan the shrinking number of N.C.O'S, there being then a mere 9. Now, however, a new influx has swelled their company to 20.. This allows for greater scope in training and for the Preliminary Certificate 'A' work to be done more quickly, for the new instructors have settled down remarkably quickly to their responsibilities, a fact which augers well for the future.

Training during the past weeks has been quite successful, in spite of the inclement weather which has marred most Thursday afternoons, making it necessary to replace interesting and active outside lessons in practice by less inspiring discourses inside. An interest in the work has been maintained by all cadets, especially by those of the Basic Section, who this term have outshone in turn-out some of the Senior cadets.

In general however, turn-out has been good and the inspections which have been held from time to time have borne considerable fruit.

Field Day this term was held on Thursday, 26th May, in the country and fells north of Chipping. Platoons 3, 4, 5, and 6 took part in this most enjoyable and very successful exercise, helped in every respect by the gloriously hot weather on the day. The cadets who attended responded wonderfully to the training programme, especially those members of the Basic Section, and Brigadier J. H. M. Hackett, D.S.O., O.B.E., who paid a visit to the cadet force on that occasion was most impressed. The Senior cadets again completed a map reading course successfully — a tribute both to them and to their instructors.

Summer Camp this year is to be held at Brecon in South Wales. Sixty cadets will be going to this camp, never visited before by members of the K.G.S. C.C.F. It is hoped that the camp will be most enjoyable, for the contingent will be on its own in the camp, and will be housed in huts and under canvas. Good weather ought to make a pleasant stay certain.

Two Officers and thirty-two cadets attended a parade for the Civic Sunday Service in Kirkham Parish Church. They are to be commended for the neatness of their appearance. It is probable that there will this year be a parade on Founder's Day.

The success of this term's work by the cadet force may be exemplified by the fact that the competition for the "Cord of Honour," introduced for the first time this year, resulted in a very close tie between cadets Ramsbottom and Bailey who could not be separated at all.

EASTER CAMP, 1960

Three Officers and Mr. Hoyle, with fifteen cadets arrived at 7 p.m. on the 25th March at Menai Bridge Station. The uneventful nature of the journey had been broken only by an order that we had to change trains at Bangor. Obeying this direction led to the cadets struggling through crowded compartments, much to the chagrin of the occupants, in order to reach a door. As soon as they jumped out they were immediately told that a change of trains was unnecessary and the progress through the compartments was reversed, as the train would stop at Menai Bridge. On arrival we were faced with a 3 mile walk to the camp across Menai Bridge itself. At the time of crossing it seemed as though half a gale was blowing but all bravely tramped on to the camp entrance, represented by a 100 yards long bridge across the river, our only link with civilisation. The camp itself was totally different in plan from any other we have seen: there was no semblance of a parade ground and the billets were arranged amongst the trees. The first night was spent in generally sorting things out, and then all cadets slept in sleeping bags on the hard and cold floor. Cooking was done on primus stoves kept in the cook-house.

Saturday was taken up by walking around the Snowdon Horseshoe, but, as it was continually misty, little of the scenery was apparent. On Sunday we paid a visit to Idwal where some preliminary rock-climbing was done, and then the party was split up into groups 'Meeces', 'Jinx', 'Huck' and 'Yogi', to go their own respective ways. A circuit similar to that last year was carried out, with rock-climbing, initiative tests, hikes and a 'tod scheme', in which cadets were completely on their own for one night. Everything went smoothly despite the fact that one group had to dig their tents out of snow on one occasion, and that of our awaited transport, one third turned up on Thursday two days before we were due to leave.

Everyone who attended enjoyed this most successful of camps, and certainly business in Bangor and Menai Bridge must be prospering with the trade which our visit gave.

R.A.F. Section

Camp this year was held at R.A.F. Upwood. The programme was very full and included flying, gliding, an obstacle course and an initiative test. Each cadet had at least 30 minutes in a Chipmunk and several had a short time in an Anson. Unfortunately only two cadets managed to get any time in the glider. They received the usual tuition, i.e. six slides and one hop.

Four other stations were visited, and great interest was shown at each visit. There was also one day at a nearby .303 rifle range and two cadets achieved their R.A.F. Marksman. In all, it was a very enjoyable camp.

Field Day for the R.A.F. Section consisted of the usual trip to Woodvale. Unfortunately only the Lower Fifts could attend. They each had two thirty minute flights in Chipmunks and several cadets did aerobatics. An enjoyable day was had by all and it was a pity that more cadets could not go.

Speech Day

1960

Once again this year the Speech Day ceremony was held in the Public Hall at Preston, and it was felt that the ample space provided there does possibly atone for the loss of the R.A.F. cinema which was situated so conveniently close to school, for now all those connected with K.G.S. may be invited to attend at this important occasion.

The Chairman of the Governors referred in his opening remarks to the new wing which, it is hoped, will be built on the west side of the quadrangle in the next few years. He said that the present plans had been condemned as insufficiently extensive and that in order to satisfy the desires of the Lancashire Education Committee a more ambitious scheme would have to be initiated. This would mean, he continued, that an even greater response would have to be made by those interested in the affairs of K.G.S. so as to provide the necessary extra funds. The Rev. A. R. Allen then went on to mention the art of conversation, which, he said, was dying out today, due to the introduction into the home of such artificial aids to entertainment as television. This is wholly to be deplored and a good education is a strong weapon against the trend.

The Headmaster's annual report followed, in which Mr. Kennedy spoke of all the varied aspects of school life. He emphasised the need for regulation of dress worn at school and hoped that parents would underline this. His speech went on to demonstrate his belief in the broad education, not by any means confined to academic studies alone, but to all the facets of life.

The school was then very pleased to welcome Mr. Norwood as guest speaker. After distributing the prizes and certificates he made one of the most interesting addresses that the school has ever been privileged to hear at a Speech Day. He mentioned the artists whom he had heard in the Public Hall at Preston in times gone by and then he went on to the main subject of his speech, maintaining that life is social and that a disciplined freedom — not complete *laissez faire* — was the most appropriate basis for any society.

The following is a list of awards made:—

Rev. Cresswell Strange's Prize for Latin	J. J. Bamber
Sixth Form Prize for English Literature	A. P. Watkinson
Headmaster's Prize for History	A. R. W. Lean
Headmaster's Prize for Geography	R. S. Thompson
Sixth Form Prize for French	A. E. Haythornwhite
Allcock Prize for Physics	D. F. Wootton
Lambert Prize for Biology	R. H. Duckworth
Rotary Club Prizes for 'Service'	N. S. and K. S. Jackson

Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board G.C.E.

Passes at advanced level in three subjects were gained by:

J. Archer, J. J. Bamber, R. H. Duckworth, A. E. Haythornwhite, H. R. Mayor, J. D. Nightingale, E. Parkinson, M. E. C. Sant, R. S. Thompson (Distinction in Geography), R. M. Wilcock, D. F. Wootton.

House Trophies

Rugby Football Shield	Ashton
Cricket Shield	Ashton
Athletic Sports Cup	Fylde
Cross-Country Cup	Ashton
Swimming Cup	School
Gymnastics Cup	School
Shooting Cup	Fylde
Whiteside Musical Festival Cup	Ashton
Chess Cup	School
Debating Cup	Preston
Junior Rugby Football Cup	Lytham
Junior Cricket Cup	School

Inter-House Work Cup	Preston
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Boys who have done most for the Sport of the School:

1st—R. M. Wilcock
2nd—G. Barnes

Cricket Prizes:

J. H. S. Matthews Prize for Batting	A. R. W. Lean
Gilbert Taylor Prize for Bowling	I. E. Elliott

Lower Sixth Form Merit Prizes:

D. Jagger, C. I. Doris

Form Prizes:

UVa: G. Parkinson
UVb: L. G. Docherty
LVa: J. G. Morgan
LVb: P. R. G. Langley
UIVa: C. T. Robinson

UIVb: A. Smith
LIVa: S. Cartmell
LIVb: M. M. Varley
IIa: S. E. Buckley
IIb: T. Barraclough

Upper Fifth Form Subject Prizes:

English: G. Parkinson
History and Geography: G. Parkinson
Mathematics: J. G. Brownbill
Languages: G. Robinson
Science: J. G. Brownbill

Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board G.C.E.:**Passes in five or more subjects at ordinary level were gained by:**

I. D. Ascroft, J. G. Brownbill, J. Catterall, P. J. Cresswell,
R. J. Denchfield, I. G. Docherty, C. J. Foy, W. J. Harvey,
R. H. Helm, B. Hodson, J. Iddon, I. R. Mason, W. D.
Molyneux, J. Montgomery, D. I. Parkin, G. Parkinson,
S. W. Richards, R. J. Schofield, D. J. Shearman, P. J. Sharples,
A. Thistlethwaite, T. Threlfall, A. J. Williams, A. Wormwell.

Gymnastics Prizes:

Senior: G. R. Clark
Junior: J. Bailey
Intermediate: N. Moss

Chess:

School Chess Champion, 1959, K. Howard

Divinity Prizes:

Senior: J. Berry
Junior: R. D. Coates
Intermediate: W. H. Owen

Art Prizes:

Senior: K. S. Jackson
Junior: T. M. Smith
Intermediate: G. R. Moores

Music Prizes:

Senior: A. E. Haythornwhite
Junior: C. T. Robinson

Matthews Prize for Proficiency in Agricultural Studies:

I. R. Mason

General Knowledge Prizes:

Senior: W. H. Harvey
Junior: M. R. Bennett and G. H. Gudgin
Intermediate: R. H. Wood

Public Speaking Prize:

A. R. W. Lean

Friends of K.G.S Association Reading Prizes:

Intermediate: R. H. Wood
Junior: D. R. Knowles
Senior: W. H. Harvey

Middle School Subject Prizes:

Mathematics and Science: R. O. Maddock
English Subjects: J. G. Morgan
Languages: J. G. Morgan

Lower School Subject Prizes:

Mathematics and Science: P. J. Lambert
English Subjects: S. Cartmell
Languages: S. Cartmell

Easter Fair

1960

Once again we were fortunate in having glorious weather and this contributed in no small way to the success of the afternoon. After a few introductory remarks by the Chairman, Mr. Wilson, the Fair was opened by Mr. Kennedy promptly at 2-30 and the afternoon's activities began. The first stall to be 'sold out' was the 'mystery parcel' stall, a new venture introduced this year by Mrs. Kennedy, which sold out within thirty minutes of opening. We have to thank her too for organising an excellent tea which everyone enjoyed. More people attended the Fair this year than ever before and they were expertly catered for and persuaded to part with their money to the tune of £221, breaking all records. We are indeed fortunate in having so many generous parents and friends. This is a day when every boy in the school can participate in some activity and enjoy it — most boys did and at the same time conducted themselves admirably.

All the stalls deserve some mention but two are of special note, namely the "food stall" and the "bottle stall" with profits of £42 and £29 respectively. The whole afternoon from the opening to the final auction went without a hitch and for the first time on record, every saleable item was disposed of — we sold out !! Much work goes on behind the scenes in preparation for such an event as this, but I am sure everyone will agree that it is worth it.

As a result of the Easter Fair £75 was provided for the construction of a permanent high jump pit which has been completed. £40 was added to money already set aside from a previous Fair, for the purchase of a cine-camera. After much expert advice a Paillard-Bolex 8 m.m. was bought and it has already been in action during the school athletic sports, taking both still and slow motion pictures. The remainder of the money has been devoted to the school library and many new books are already on the shelves and more books are coming in.

Every year our Easter Fair goes from strength to strength and the 1960 Fair has proved to be the most enjoyable and financially successful of all.

Well done, everyone!

The S.C.M. Conference

The annual S.C.M. Conference was held at the School on Friday the 4th, and Saturday the 5th of March. Delegates from Kirkham joined with those of the Park School, Penwortham G.S., Queen Mary School, Preston G.S., and Hutton G.S. making a total of about 160 members.

The addresses and discussions were on the subject of "The Church and Scientific Discovery of Today". The speakers were, on Friday, Dr. H. K. King, the lecturer in Biochemistry at the University of Liverpool, and on Saturday, Dr. C. A. Taylor, Reader in Physics at the Manchester College of Science and Technology.

Between them they covered the subjects of the relative "truths" of science and religion, the bearing of each on the other in the light of modern knowledge, and several metaphysical concepts designed to provoke thought among their listeners. It was this feature of the Conference which distinguished it, for in spite of the fact that the general discussion was found to be sadly limited by lack of time, groups found ample material for a vigorous argument.

This report can not legitimately close without grateful reference to those responsible for the organisation of the Conference, particularly Miss A. J. Podger, the Area Secretary of the S.C.M. Committee, headed by Mr. Wood.

As usual, a most interesting and stimulating time was had by all, and we look forward with interest to the next Conference, which will be held at the Park School.

Inter-House Musical Competition and School Concert

The Inter-House Musical Competition was held on Monday, 7th March. The fact that the result this year was never a foregone conclusion created much enthusiasm amongst both competitors and even those who were not so musically inclined.

Result:—1st Lytham House
2nd Ashton House
3rd Fylde House and Kirkham House
5th School House and Preston House

The adjudicator was Mr. J. Simpson of King Edward VII School, Lytham.

As usual the best of the items performed in the Competition were selected to supplement the programme for the Easter Concert, which was:—

The Choir's rendering of selections from "Iolanthe" was excellent and among the other vocal items A. J. Lewis and G. R. Clark sang the unparodied (for a change!) form of Offenbach's "The Gendarmes' Duet".

The highlight of the evening was R. Croft's performance of the Sonata "Pathetique". R. Croft is an old boy who is studying at the Royal College of Music, Manchester.

Photographic Society

Chairman: MR. L. A. REDMAN. *Secretary:* P. N. TOMLINSON.
Treasurer: H. TAYLOR.
Committee: G. J. ARCHER, D. B. ROGERS, T. LINDLEY, F. J. WILLIS.

The most important feature of this term was the purchase of the new cine camera and projector by the G.S.C. The camera has been used by the Senior members of the Society for making a film of the school's activities. Already shots have been taken of the Inter-House Athletic Sports and the Inter-School Sports at Blackpool, the colour film of the former having been completed has been shown to certain school members.

Membership cards have now been issued to everyone in the Society in order that they may benefit from a 10% discount on all photographic materials from Peter Anthony's in Preston from whom the camera was purchased.

A growing interest in photography in the school has been apparent this year and owing to this greater demand the dark-room is now open every dinner-time as well as two evenings each week.

It is hoped that in the future this interest will continue to grow.

Scientific Society

Secretary: T. J. HUSS.
Committee: WORDEN, LOMAS, MADDOCK, WALLBANK.

During the Spring Term we held film-shows nearly every week, which were well attended, and seemed to be well appreciated. Our thanks are due to Maddock for his work in arranging these. We have not recently had any film shows as the weather has been too fine. Unfortunately we were not able to arrange the proposed trip and we do not now intend to have one this term.

At the end of the Easter Term, the Society, as usual, held a Scientific Exhibition, and this raised a useful amount of money towards the new record total achieved by the Easter Fair. The Committee would like to thank members of the sixth form Science Group, for helping with the Exhibition.

The Committee would like to thank Mr. Hoyle for the work he has done for the Society since he joined us and to wish him well for his next job.

Geographic Society

Chairman: MR. WILKINSON

Secretary: E. PARKINSON

Committee: H. TAYLOR, C. D. DEWSE, A. R. CARPENTER, H. WHITLOCK, G. R. MOORES.

Following the success of the film "Tennessee Venture" at the end of the Christmas Term, the Society decided to book six films for the Easter Term. These films proved very popular indeed and attendances ranged between 60 and 75.

The subjects dealt with in these films covered many topics ranging from the use of air transport in the Outer Hebrides, to the exploitation of timber and palm oil in the tropical forests of Nigeria.

The experiment of holding meetings in the Summer Term has not been very successful but the fifteen boys who attended the talk given by Mr. Butterworth entitled "Footloose in Africa" were rewarded by an interesting and enjoyable discourse.

A land utilisation survey of the district is now under way. This survey is part of a nation-wide survey organised by London University and the Isle of Thanet Geographical Society. The results of this survey will eventually be published on a 2½ inch scale but the 6 inch field maps can be seen in Room 11 and will be displayed in the Library on Founder's Day.

Debating Society

Chairman: MR. G. H. BOOCOCK

Secretary: H. R. MAYOR

Committee: G. C. BOX, W. A. COWARD, J. D. FLEET, G. PARKINSON.

During this term the preliminary rounds of the Inter-House Debating Competition have taken place. A draw was held in order to arrange the positions of the Houses, and then the Committee drew up a list of motions likely to be suitable for these debates. A toss of the coin decides which House shall propose and which oppose, since sometimes there is some prejudice attached to one side of the House. Motions this term have been: "This House will boycott South African Goods", with which Lytham defeated Kirkham; "This House will oppose Britain's entry into the space race", with which Ashton defeated School; Preston were beaten by Fylde on "This House believes that corporal punishment serves no useful purpose"; and Lytham won over Ashton with "This House believes that Britain should give up her nuclear weapons". These rounds of the competition have thus left the final between Lytham House and Fylde, and the last debate will take place at the end of the Summer Term.

Throughout the last term abortive attempts have been made to arrange a debate against Winckley Square Convent Girls' School, but all possible dates seem to clash with other school functions, especially with Athletics matches, and, moreover, enthusiasm seems to be declining with the lighter evenings. We can only hope that some arrangements will be made at the end of term.

Boxing Club

Chairman: MR. WILSON

Secretary: J. LEONARD INGLEBY

Committee: I. DORIS, J. G. ETHELSTON, R. BARCLAY, H. BRADBURY.

Unfortunately due to the G.C.E. and Internal Examinations this term, the Boxing Club has been unable to hold many meetings.

However, I am glad to announce that the few meetings that we have had have been very well attended, and the Junior ranks continue to swell. The Juniors are continuing to show great promise, and I expect that in the not too distant future we shall have some excellent pugilists.

The Club welcomes any new members who are interested.

Library Report

Chairman: MR. B. COATES

Secretary: G. BARNES

Committee: C. D. DEWSE, H. R. MAYOR, J. ALLCOCK, G. BOX, R. BUTTERWORTH, A. COWARD, J. FLEET, D. GARNETT, M. KIRKHAM, M. LEANEY, D. THISTLETHWAITE.

The Library Sub-Committee has been quite active this term, accessioning a large number of books. It has been possible to buy these books with a generous grant from the Friends of K.G.S. and also with money raised at the Easter Fair and given by the G.S.C. These sums of money have allowed the Committee to purchase some of the volumes whose titles have appeared in the Suggestions Book, and we hope that this may encourage more people to suggest good books for the library in this way.

The Pelican Books, first introduced in the last school year, have stood up well to wear and tear, and some more have been bought. These permit a much larger than usual number of books to be gained for the library, and show the importance of, and advantage to be gained from, handling books with the greatest care and strictest attention.

During the Spring Term the number of books issued was 620, an improvement on the 602 in the corresponding term last year, and, moreover, the number of missing books was reduced from 19 to 14. These figures demonstrate an increased interest and sense of responsibility in the library.

The Committee would like to extend its thanks to J. J. Bamber and H. R. Mayor for their work in reclassifying books in the History Section.

The question of magazines to be bought for the library is still undecided, and during last term the Observer was again replaced by the Sunday Times, which seems to be more popular by far — perhaps the Sixth are prematurely senile and enjoy reading interminable memoirs Feeling is also growing up against the New Statesman, for whose left-wing tendencies some feel that the unemotional conservatism of the Spectator would be a worthy replacement. Moving the Notice Board within the precincts of the library will, it is hoped, induce persons to regard it more fully.

All members of the Sub-Committee are to be thanked for their year's work for the library.

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Dear Members,

I am taking this opportunity to give some account of the news and events of Old Boys and of the Association. Probably the most important feature has been the completion of the Joint Appeal Building Fund, which, at the end of June, will be handed over to the Trustees, two of whom are appointed by the Association and two by the Friends of K.G.S. The total amount available for building will be in the region of £2,800, half of which has been contributed by members of the Association. Of this sum £500 was donated in direct gifts, and the remainder promised

by seven years' deed of Covenant. The Trust deed has now been set up and the first payments by Covenant have been made. The administration of the Fund will now pass into the hands of Mr. S. Middleton and Mr. J. S. Mills who have been appointed as Trustees. Detailed figures and an account of the Joint Fund will be found elsewhere in an article in the magazine.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank the many Old Boys who contributed to the Appeal, and by doing so have helped to make the venture a great success.

On Founders' Day this year (Saturday, July 9th) Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Saunders will make a presentation to the President of a pendant and chain of office, which they have kindly given to the Association in memory of the late Clifford Turner, Old Boy 1916-23, Governor of the School 1947-58, and Secretary of the Association 1946-54. The address at the Church service will be given by the Rev. R. Brown, an Old Boy of the School, and in the afternoon the annual cricket match against the School will be played.

A cricket match has been arranged at Great Eccleston on July 10th, and in August a game on the Village Green against Wrea Green. On September 7th an Old Boys Rugby XV will take on a Fylde Club XV at Ansdell and the Old Boys will play the School on Saturday, September 24th.

Over a hundred members attended the Dinner in Preston in December last, and this year the Annual General Meeting and the Dinner will be held at the Bull and Royal Hotel, Church Street, Preston, on Friday, 16th of December. A special appeal is made to those annual subscribers who are in arrears with subscriptions. This is our main source of income, from which must be met the cost of postages and purchase of the Magazine, as recently our dances have left only a small profit. However, a record number of new members has joined the Association over the past year, and we hope that they especially will join us at our social functions.

Some items of news of old boys — David Mather writes from Brisbane, where he is employed by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, and tells of his experiences, and of his plans for a holiday in New Guinea. The Rev. S. A. Tate is now in Jamaica, from which country L. Rathbone has recently returned.

T. Howarth is now director of the School of Architecture at Toronto University, Ontario. B. Bargh and D. Weaver have now completed their National Service, and J. Blossom is continuing his studies at the Lancaster School of Art. G. Thornton and A. J.

Cottam are both working in the Accounts Section of the Atomic Energy Authority at Windscale, Cumberland. S. H. Wilcock was married earlier in the year at Leighton Buzzard and J. S. Mills last month. Michael Cresswell, now living in Penwortham, is on the reporting staff of the Lancashire Evening Post, and another former School House member, David Goodenough, is now the proud (and successful) proprietor of the Sixty Six Espresso Bar in Friargate, Preston. Good coffee made in the best Italian style. J. Copley has now set up home in St. Annes and R. A. Nash in South Shore, Blackpool.

Harry Greenway has had to retire from business for reasons of health and is now living at 5723, North 70th Place, Scottsdale, Arizona, U.S.A., where he would welcome letters from friends.

G. R. Sagar is leaving Oxford University and is taking up a post as Lecturer in Agricultural Botany at the University College of North Wales, Bangor.

Finally all correspondence after 1st September should be forwarded to Peter Hodgson, at 285, Norbreck Road, Cleveleys, who will then be taking over duties as Hon. Secretary/Treasurer of the Association and who will no doubt be pleased to hear news of Old Boys and their activities.

Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Keith Thornton

PROFILE
No. 6

**Bernard
Stevenson**

B.Sc., N.D.A.

(1922-1960)



In 1922 there arrived at K.G.S. a new master, fresh-complexioned, slight in build, athletic and with all of such boyish appearance that he was advised, lest he should be mistaken for one of the boys, to grow a moustache and, of that same moustache, we may say with Macaulay:—

‘And there it stands unto this day
To witness if I lie.’

It is somewhat grizzled now, for this summer, after 38 years of devoted and whole-hearted service to the school, Bernard Stevenson is going into retirement.

Surely the most outstanding feature of his life's-work at K.G.S. has been his versatility. Very amusingly he told the last O.B.'s dinner of how when he was first appointed to K.G.S. he was expected to teach every subject in the Time Table with the possible exception of Languages. Outside the classroom also he has been remarkably many sided. As a cricketer he was a very successful batsman and hardly ever failed to make a good score on the school field. W. B. Roberts said of him that he was as good a wicketkeeper as any playing in first-class cricket. In his

early days he was first-rate as a cross-country runner and a cunning inside forward at soccer. When the school turned over to rugger, and at an age when other men would gladly have retired, he turned himself into a very useful scrum-half and became very knowledgeable about the finer points of the game. His versatility was not confined to sport, at which he excelled, but he took in his stride such jobs as Cadet Officer, School journeys, after-dinner speaking and once — *mirabile dictu* — he did a song and dance at a school concert.

As a teacher he had his own methods which, though perhaps unorthodox, certainly produced results and all over the country are Old Boys doing well in work such as medicine, veterinary science, biology and botany who owe their early training and subsequent success in their work to the inspiration they received from B. S. All over the rich farming land of the Fylde are farmers who remember with gratitude their lessons in Agriculture at K.G.S. and the fine educational work Mr. Stevenson did by lecturing, coaching and judging competitions for Young Farmers Clubs.

As 'Steve' sits in lean and slippered pantaloons contemplating in retrospect his life's work at K.G.S. perhaps he will remember such occasions as when he and Mr. Budden in an opening stand for the School v. The Old Boys in 1925 put on 244 of which L.B. got 129 and B.S. 96; or when in 1938 a piece of apparatus exploded in the lab. and some of the fragments lodged in his eyes; or when in 1943-4 under his guidance as Games Master the 1st XV, including such fine players as W. B. Cartmell, P. Jackson, and D. W. finished up with the fine record of 14 matches played, 13 won, 1 lost, 734 pts. for 86 against. (One can imagine that there is plenty of scope for dreaming how this team would have fared against the unbeaten XV of last season).

In many fields K.G.S. owes much to Mr. Stevenson, and to his ideals from which he would permit no deviation. Right is right and on that there can be no compromise. All Kirkhamians, past and present, will remember him with gratitude, affection and respect, and will wish him and Mrs. Stevenson a long and happy retirement at their new home, Rosendale, 3 Retreat Road, Wimborne Minster, Dorset.

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If there are any who study these notes closely, even to the extent of comparing them with the previous edition, it may come to their notice that the name of the Treasurer has changed despite the fact that the annual election of officers does not take place until the Autumn Term. It was a considerable shock to the General Executive Committee at their March meeting when Mr. Bennet announced that his job was taking him to Edinburgh and he must perforce resign his appointment as Treasurer of the Friends.

Mr. Bennet was a founder member of the Association, and during the seven years of its existence had served at various times as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Meticulous in his attention to the duties of these offices, he did not spare himself in his desire to give everything of the best to the work of the Friends. Mrs. Bennet has also served the Friends as a loyal member of the Rank and File. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Bennet every success in their new sphere.

Nor is Mr. Bennet the only stalwart to leave the Committee. Mr. R. Fielding, one of our School Staff Representatives, resigned when he took up his new appointment at Baines Grammar School. It is a pleasure to know that, although he must relinquish his Committee work, Mr. Fielding will still bring his cheerful personality and talents to our social events — he was a prizewinner at our recent Car Treasure Hunt and is to occupy his familiar position as Bottle Stall custodian at the Garden Party.

At the time of going to Press we hear of other sad departures. Mr. K. L. Holland, ever a willing Committee member, removes to Bristol in August, whilst in July the Association will share with the school the loss which the retirement and removal of Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson will bring. Throughout the existence of the Association they have been wonderful workers and an invaluable link with the School. The General Executive Committee will be paying tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson at the July meeting, and never will tributes have been more genuinely earned or more sincerely given.

Sometimes we feel that the departure of stalwart helpers is a mortal blow to our Association — and indeed in many ways their individual personalities and abilities are irreplaceable. But new helpers are always forthcoming, and we have been fortunate in recruiting Mr. Bentley to fill the gap caused by Mr. Fielding's departure. Already Mr. Bentley has shown that he has much to contribute to our work. It is, too, a pleasure to have Mr. Harvey as our new Treasurer. He is a quiet and thorough worker, who has served loyally and efficiently for some time as Assistant Treasurer. Promotion caused him some misgivings, but we are sure he will occupy his higher station with considerable distinction.

The Spring Term brought us three highly successful items. The Social Committee produced an excellent Social Evening, when we enjoyed a Beetle Drive, some brilliant and baffling conjuring by Mr. W. Snalam, and a fine display of Scottish Dancing. Then we had a first class result from the Christmas Competition — who is to replace Mr. Bennet as organiser and quiz-master in-chief? This time over £36 were added to our Funds. Finally, the dance at Samlesbury Hall in March, now an annual event, was again an informal and warm-hearted affair enjoyed by the 115 folk who attended.

Now, as these notes are penned, June is in, with its promise of the Annual Garden Party, and a prayer that the 25th will be a day of warm sunshine, big crowds, and a record taking. We finished May (within an hour or so) with the Car Treasure Hunt, wonderfully organised by Mr. Stevenson (any offers for next year?). And so the Friends' year comes, astonishingly quickly, towards its end. With Autumn will come Annual General Meeting time — this year there will be scope for new Committee workers so may we again appeal for all who are willing to work for the good of K.G.S. to volunteer for service. Those elected will find work to do, but will also find immeasurable friendships and joy in the doing.

Finally, a sincere appeal for a good attendance at the Annual General Meeting, and a hope that we shall see old and new friends (or Friends) at our Dinner and Dance on 26th October at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Lytham.

School Building Extension

JOINT APPEAL BY THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION AND THE FRIENDS OF KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

I have been requested to write an article on the history of the above-mentioned Appeal, and delving into past minutes of the General Executive Committee of the Friends of K.G.S. I find it was in December, 1956, that it was resolved to create a fund for a "long-term" project for assisting School. An initial deposit of £100 was paid into this fund, and it was from this small beginning that great hopes have developed. At that time there was some talk of the need for a new School Hall, spacious enough to meet the expansion in the number of boys which had occurred over the years.

Mr. Norwood stated that he intended to discuss certain projects with the School Governors, and in July, 1957, he reported that the Governors were faced with the urgent need to provide extensions in the way of laboratories to meet the situation on the science side. As a school which had retained its "aided" status, the Governors would be responsible for half of the capital cost of such extensions, and the immediate requirements would involve them in an expenditure of £5,000 — an additional £5,000 being provided by the Minister of Education. Without realising on capital investments, which were required to provide money to meet the Governors' responsibility for half the cost of keeping the present School fabric in repair, they were unable to see their way to providing this sum of £5,000, and wondered whether the Friends could undertake to be responsible for an amount of £2,500.

Without such aid the situation would be difficult in the extreme and might well jeopardise the School's "aided" status in the future. The Governors had expressed a wish that they might confer with representatives of the Friends regarding this question.

This was indeed a challenge to the Friends, and, on reflection, I feel the whole future of the Association hinged on our reaction to this test of loyalty. Were we to meet it, and go forward through the years, strengthened in our purpose, or were we to fail School at this crucial time and eventually fade from the K.G.S. scene?

A special sub-committee was formed to examine the situation, and in October, 1957, it recommended that the Chairman and Secretary should meet the Governors to discuss the proposal in more detail. This was accepted and the meeting with the Governors took place on November 13th, 1957. Following this meeting the Governors commissioned sketch plans in order that consultation with the Lancashire C.C. could take place.

In July, 1958, the Friends were informed that the Governors had approved in principle a 3-phase scheme of extensions, subject to support from the Friends of a sum of £2,500 towards phase 1, which was estimated to cost £10,000. It now rested with the Friends to guarantee this sum of £2,500.

In December, 1958, the Appeal Sub-Committee recommended that an appeal should be issued to all members asking for promises of direct donations or 7-year covenanted amounts on which income tax could probably be reclaimed, and submitted a draft appeal letter which had received the approval of the Governors. If the replies indicated that a sum of £2,500 would be forthcoming, then an Appeal Fund should be set up, a Trust Deed with the Governors executed, and members be asked to implement their promises of donations.

It was at this juncture that the Old Boys' Association, through their representative on the Friends Executive Committee, indicated their wish to be associated with the Appeal. This wish to make a joint appeal was very much appreciated by the Friends because apart from providing an additional source of donations which would make more certain the guaranteeing of the sum of £2,500, it indicated the strengthening of the link between the two Associations connected with School. It is worthy of recording, at this point, that as result of the Joint Appeal a bond has been forged between what may be termed the Senior and Junior School Associations which I feel is to be highly prized, and which but for the Joint Appeal may never have occurred.

The Sub-Committee's recommendation was adopted and a Joint Appeal Committee was set up consisting of three representatives of the Old Boys' Association and three representatives of the Friends.

A printed circular letter explaining the proposed Appeal and asking for promises of donations was sent out to all members of both Associations, on February 13th, 1959.

At a meeting in July, 1959 it was stated that by June 30th promises of donations amounted to approximately £1,800, and authority was given to the Appeal Sub-Committee to go forward with the Appeal if it appeared within the following month that the target of £2,500 was likely to be reached, and if the Governors were entirely satisfied with the result.

At a later meeting it was stated that promises of donations together with probable tax reclaims on covenanted amounts had resulted in a figure of approximately £2,700. The Governors had been informed of this result, and the Chairman, the Rev. A. R. Allen, had expressed the Governors' delight with it and said they were going ahead immediately with the necessary plans. In view of this, letters were sent out asking for implementation of the promises of direct donations, but covenanted amounts over 7 years were not being called in until a Trust Deed had been executed with the Governors. This was necessary because of the regulations applying to reclaim of income tax under such covenants.

Mr. J. S. Mills, a solicitor and member of the Old Boys' Association, who was acting in the capacity of Hon. Solicitor for the Appeal Fund, advised that two trustees must be appointed from each Association. The Old Boys appointed Mr. S. Midd'eton, a member of the School Staff, and Mr. J. S. Mills, as their trustees and the Friends appointed Mr. C. E. Holgate and Mr. F. Wootton as their trustees.

The execution of the Trust Deed proved fraught with many difficulties and the Joint Appeal Sub-Committee held numerous meetings, and I would like to acknowledge the work done and valuable assistance given by Mr. J. S. Mills in this direction. We are indebted to him and I am happy to say we were able to go ahead and call in covenant amounts in March of this year.

The financial position today is that most of the promised donations and first payments on 7-year covenanted amounts have been received and paid into the Joint Appeal Fund which has been set up at the Midland Bank, Fishergate, Preston, and when all amounts have been received, including the last covenanted payments in six years time, and income tax reclaims, the position will be as follows:—

	Old Boys	Friends
Direct outright Donations	£510	£850
"Covenanted" payments plus income tax reclaims	£890	£600
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	£1400	£1450
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Appeal Fund Total £2,850

At this point I would like to make reference to changes which occurred in July, 1959 in the legislation relating to schools with 'aided' status. Prior to that date, as explained earlier in this article, the Governors were responsible for half the capital cost of extensions to the School. In July, 1959 this was changed and the Governors became responsible for only a quarter of such capital cost.

This had a profound effect on the real value of the Appeal Fund. At the outset the Appeal was relied on to produce £2,500. The Governors were to provide a further £2,500, giving a total of £5,000. Ministry grant of an equal amount gave a grand total of £10,000 for extensions. Since July, 1959 the position is that the £5,000 provided by the Appeal and the Governors will attract a grant of £15,000 from the Ministry. This means a total of £20,000 for School extensions. This is indeed a very different picture from the initial conception, enabling the Governors to embark on a far more ambitious scheme than originally envisaged.

A further factor which has also enlarged the scope of the scheme is that Messrs. English Electric Ltd. have covenanted an amount over 7 years, which together with income tax reclaims, will ultimately produce a sum of £4,000. Add this £4,000 to the £5,000 from the Governors and the Appeal and a sum of £9,000 is produced. Ministry grant on such an amount would be £27,000, so in total somewhere approximating to £36,000 should be available for extensions to School.

One can appreciate that the outlook of the Governors has changed and I understand from the Headmaster, that plans of a vastly different order are now under examination. This will admittedly take time and consultations will have to take place with the Lancs. C.C. and the Ministry, but we may be assured that all speed is being exercised and within a year we should see a solid start on the extensions and the result should give School many long needed improvements.

Before closing I must make reference to the solid backing given by the Executive Committees of both the Old Boys and the Friends, and in particular to the encouragement and leadership given us by Mr. D. Norwood, the late Headmaster, and Mr. W. H. Kennedy, the present Headmaster. I must also especially mention Mr. K. Thornton, Mr. G. Thornton, Mr. S. Middleton, Mr. J. S. Mills and Mr. E. Smith of the Old Boys, and Mrs. A. Harvey, Mr. W. N. Harvey, Mr. J. R. Bennet, Mr. F. S. Benson, Mr. C. E. Holgate, Mr. F. Wootton, Mr. J. Davy and Mr. A. C. Smith of the Friends. All these people have either served at sometime on the Appeal Sub-Committee, held office as Fund Trustees or as solicitor, accountant, etc.

I feel this article has proved rather lengthy, but I have endeavoured to trace the Appeal from its early beginnings to the present fulfilment of our design to help School at a vital moment in its history, and I trust readers have found it of some interest.

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