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Editorial

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Committee: S. E. Buckley, D. A. Knowles, D. R. Knowles, E. T. Redfern, A. P. Jackson.

The persistent appeals for contributions, the last-minute editing and sorting, the unexpected snags in printing — all these produce a frantic end of term session which, almost out of tradition, precedes yet another publication of "The Kirkhamian". Perhaps in such a turmoil it is easy to forget the true functions and character of a school magazine.

A school magazine should provide an adequate report of all school activities, but it should not degenerate, as seems the practice elsewhere, into a detailed compendium, where facts are the only raw material. Cricket matches are reported down to the number of leg-byes; members of the 1st XV are individually portrayed as great heroes, even the "orange-porter" at half-time could possibly be mentioned. Wherein lies the value of such reporting? A school magazine is not a terminal hall-of-fame, the success of whose residents is assessed by the number of times that their names appear in print.

There are two other pitfalls which any school magazine should avoid: one akin to the frivolity of a university "rag" and the other similar to the traditional stodginess of a church magazine. Unfortunately one is left with the inevitable compromise between all three, and only contributions abundant in quantity and high in quality can prevent the typical stagnation and dullness.

A school magazine must inform, entertain, and be of some literary value. It must not be a cyclopaedia, another "Punch", or a school institution.

The Editors wish to acknowledge receipt of the following magazines: The Balshavian, The Rosallian, The Lancastrian, The Hoghtonian, and The Arnoldian.

House Reports

Ashton House

House Master: Mr. H. B. Wilson

Asst. House Masters. Mr. T. Jackman, Mr. G. S. Cheeseborough.

House Captain: P. E. Clark

House Prefects: M. E. Greenhalgh, G. S. Worrall.

Arm yourselves with dusters, O ye Ashtonians! Make ready to clean the Ashton house trophy cupboard which lies encrusted with three years' dust! For, on the next Speech Day programme will the most revered and respected word ever uttered at K.G.S. — ASHTON — be seen printed opposite "Junior Rugby" and "Whiteside Music Festival Cup"; a wonderful sight for sore Ashtonian eyes.

Yes once again the music cup has returned to its rightful guardians; the only house worthy to win it, as it has only been out of our possession three times in its nine years of existence. The juniors at the time of writing have the opportunity to continue in their victorious way — they meet Kirkham house in the cricket final.

Also at the time of writing we are looking forward to the day when we can maintain our traditional excellence in the 'Swimming Gala — even to surpass it! But, look out Ashtonians, the Work Cup is slipping from our grasp.

P.E.C.

Fylde House

House Master Mr. I. W. McKerrow.

Asst. House Masters: Mr. D. H. Butterworth, Mr. I. J. Kremer,

House Captain: R. E. H. Jones

House Prefects: P. A. Richards, D. Robson, G. T. Taylor.

Since the last report, much water has flowed under the old bridge bringing many shapes and sizes of boats. To date, very few of these boats have sailed into our port.

During the Spring term our Junior Rugby team played the Preston House. Although the team put much effort into the match we were defeated by 38 points to 9. With plenty of practice and much more experience our young side should fare much better next year.

Considering our encouraging chess matches last term the position of the House in the Chess Competition is rather dis-

appointing and some serious effort is needed to gain a higher standard.

In the inter-House Cross Country, the seniors gave a very creditable performance indeed, with P. A. Richards being placed 2nd and the rest of the team all below position 30 out of a total of 48 runners: Fylde were placed second and all concerned are to be heartily congratulated on their good performance in such adverse weather conditions.

We were placed fifth in the House Music Festival. The competition was very close, only 4 points separating first and last positions. Much enjoyment was gained by all those who took part.

In the Athletic Sports we were not able to repeat the successes of previous years and were placed fifth. However, great enthusiasm was shown by the House and we gained 85 standard points out of a possible 100. Porter and Rayton are to be congratulated on gaining first places, along with Richards who established a new record time for the mile of 4 minutes 53.4 seconds. It is much to his credit that at a later date he broke this record. Unfortunately on Sports Day we did not gain a large number of supporting second and third places.

In the Junior Cricket we were narrowly beaten by the Ashton House, by 27 runs to 16. Our fielding and bowling were very good, T. Baines taking 7 wickets for 10 runs. Our batting, however, let us down. But with more team practice this shows much promise for the future.

It is regrettable to have to report a deterioration of standards in the academic field, and the Work Cup seems still far from our grasp. It is felt that a little all-round effort on the part of each and every member in the House would place us in a more amenable position.

R.E.H.J.

Kirkham House

House Master: Mr. H. J. Reay

Assistant House Masters: Mr. L. A. Redman, Mr. K. Hanmer

House Captain: R. F. Cresswell

House Prefects: M: B. Giles, D. A. Knowles, D. R. Knowles,
J. P. Lewin.

Since the Christmas Holidays the House has shone in some activities in which we haven't been prominent for many years. But despite this, so far we haven't come away with any trophies, being usually placed 2nd or 3rd. Even when we acquired a Jag, we were beaten to the post by Ashton!

Ashton also were the cause of the downfall of the Senior Rugby Team, for in what was anticipated to be an easy match we were beaten by 22-12, by what was virtually a two-man team. A few days later the Juniors gave the Seniors a demonstration in house spirit, for although they lost 26-8 to Preston they made up in determination what they lacked in skill. Pemberton (the captain), Cox, Williams A. J., and Evenson all played well.

In the cross-country competitions we had more success. The Juniors had plenty of pre-race propaganda, and Irving was first home, but even so we were 2nd overall to School House. Other good runners were McCondichie (6th), Spedding (11th) and Williams A. J. (13th). As the Seniors were under strength their achieving 3rd place close behind Fylde was even more commendable in view of the regular 5th or 6th position we have occupied for the last few years. D. A. and D. R. Knowles were the pre-eminent runners, gaining 3rd and 5th places respectively.

Meanwhile the House has been showing that we have brains as well as brawn. The chess team has been all-conquering, with seniors (Ellis, Kerby G., Hird and Irving) being especially strong, and now only the match against Lytham stands between us and the prospect of retaining the Chess Cup. Furthermore, Elliott has treated us to a very rare spectacle — a 'chess-ladder' type of competition within the House which has actually remained working! In the Work Cup, we still keep around the 3rd position, and with the G.C.E. and Summer examination results yet to come in we have a chance of regaining the Cup, although it will need more effort than has so far been shown this year. Another unusual occurrence for us is to win even a preliminary round in the debating competition. But, speaking against the motion that "Progress would be impossible under the maxim: "Love Your Neighbour", Knowles D. R. and myself managed to beat strong Lytham opposition, despite rather dubious speeches from the floor.

Next came the Music Festival, where our items seemed to be the case of the talented few being supported by the less talented many. Simpson D. V.'s piano solo was impeccable, and the 'group' (Giles, Fare and Lewin) also played well, but unfortunately, the choir performed "Times Are A'Changing" in a style too similar to Bob Dylan's original to please the tender ear of the adjudicator. As a result we came 4th. Emery must be congratulated on the effort he put into training the choir.

With the start of the Summer term there loomed the athletics competition, and here again we achieved a success not seen in Kirkham House for many a year. Even with a lack of standard points, especially in the Juniors, we were placed 2nd equal with Ashton. But they had a recount. Result: we were

deprived of just one point, and so we came 3rd. We were especially strong in the Inters, where in only 3 events out of a total of 13 we were not placed. Notable in the Juniors was Benson, in the Inters were Irving, McCondichie and Kerby J., and in Seniors were Knowles D.A. and Almond.

Determined to avenge the athletics debacle, in cricket we have so far been invincible. The Juniors have beaten convincingly both School and Lytham, and our earlier apprehensions that it was a two-man team, i.e. Simpson R. (who took 5 wickets in one over in the School match) and Williams A.J., have now been somewhat allayed, for Dernie showed in the match against Lytham that there is plenty of other talent in the team. If Mr. Hammer's practices continue to improve the fielding we should retain the cup. The Senior team also had little trouble in their game when they beat Preston by 8 wickets, although they took their time about it (rumour has it that Mr. Kremer, umpiring, even ran out of Polos!) The LV's duly pointed out that we weren't doing so well when we went in to bat, but (Knowles D. R. apart) the batsmen — Simpson D.V., Cookson and Kerby G. — soon knocked up the runs, all scoring over 20.

And so we have had substantial successes, even though trophies have been noticeably lacking. Yet this can be remedied, and before the end of this term there is still ample time to win several (if not all) of the remaining finals and to gain some trophies with which to crown the year.

R.F.C.

Lytham House

House Master: Mr. R. T. Bentley

Assistant House Masters: Mr. J. L. Verity, Mr. J. Murray,
Mr. C. W. Day.

House Captain: S. Cartmell

House Prefects: S. Hemmingway, P. H. Jeffrey, E. T. Redfern,
W. J. Ross, T. M. Smith

The House has followed an inconsistent course in the past two terms. The Juniors seem to have followed an extreme policy — "If you can't win, then lose properly". 6th place in the Cross Country Race and heavy defeats in the Rugby and Cricket competitions have typified their do-or-die approach. Unfortunately the latter has predominated. Only T. Carter distinguished himself in any of these competitions.

The biggest disappointment of the year was the defeat in the semi-final of the Senior Rugby competition, when the House lost by 9-3 to the School House. But recompense was to follow

when the Cross Country competition was won in convincing style. It was excellent performances on the part of J. Ballard, T. Smith, and W. Stanway, who finished in 6th, 7th and 8th positions respectively, which laid the foundations for the victory. But the running of the whole team must be commended, in particular the fine rearguard action and stout running of W. Ross; who could have "rounded off" the victory better?

A similar performance, but of a different nature, was also expected of W. Ross in the Music competition, but he was unfortunately absent on the day. The depth of musical talent in the house was shown when C. Taylor admirably stepped in to fill the large breach. In view of this forced impromptu nature of two of the items the House did very well to gain 3rd position.

On the academic side the marks gained in the Work Cup competition have been sufficient to put us in 1st position. In the debating competition the House was defeated in the semi-final by Kirkham House.

Finally to the Athletics competition where the theory that Sports Day is won or lost before the actual day was clearly borne out as far as Lytham House was concerned. Starting well down in the standard points' table, the points that the House gained on the actual day were second only to the eventual winners' but it could only gain fourth position overall. It is regrettable that the House is consistently handicapped by this poor showing in the standard points.

Looking further into the future than the end-of-term Cricket and Swimming competitions, one can foresee a lean period unless the apparent dearth of talent among the inters and juniors suddenly springs to life. For the House is going to be left next year with a possible 6th form section of perhaps six, and therefore more scope will have to be given to the younger members. Only practice and more practice can overcome any lack of talent. Thereby a solution may be found to the "Lytham House Trade Cycle" — sudden booms followed by deep depressions.

S.C.

Preston House

House Master: Mr. S. Crane

Assistant House Masters: Mr. B. Coates, Mr. M. Airey.

House Captain: M. J. Briers

House Prefects: R. H. Hill, D. Harper

At the first House Meeting this Term, the absence of P. J. Lambert, after being house Captain for two terms, was noted with regret. He has won a Scholarship to Manchester University, and we wish him the best of luck in his future career.

The House demonstrated the ability of its members at being Runners-up in House Competitions: After beating Fylde and Kirkham Houses convincingly in the preliminary rounds of the Junior Rugby Cup, we were narrowly beaten in the Final by a much stronger Ashton House. The Juniors played well, and show great promise of a future Senior Team.

The lack of Seniors in the house was obvious in the Senior Cross-Country, when Preston House came a dismal sixth, but not through lack of spirit.

In the new House Competition, Junior Cross-Country, our team led by Benson, ran well but only ended up fourth.

Away from the field of Sport, the House has had much more success. In the Debating Cup, Ashton House was defeated by Lambert and Green. We look forward to the finals at the end of this term. In the Chess Cup — which has been in progress throughout the year, the team, led by Scott, is going from strength to strength, and at present is lying third.

And so on to this term. In the Athletic Sports, the first fixture of this term, the house was sixth. Notable performances were given by K. Bignell, S. Martindale and D. Nash. On the whole the result was disappointing, due to lack of ability in the Senior Section, but the Juniors and Intermediates show great promise for future years.

The House was again overcome by a stronger Ashton House side in the Junior Cricket. The Senior Cricket team batted well, Bignell and Hill scoring 50 of the 70 runs. We were hampered by the lack of bowlers, and Kirkham House eventually won.

On the whole this has been a reasonable successful term among the lower and middle House, but in the much smaller Senior Section there is much dead wood.

M.J.B.

School House

House Master: Mr. R. A. Knowles.

Assistant House Masters: Mr. G. Bellis, Mr. S. J. Cooper
Mr. D. E. Worth.

House Captain: F. E. Thompson

House Prefects: S. E. Buckley, R. D. Hartley, M. J. Barnes

Since the magazine last went to press the House has continued to be successful in all spheres of activity.

After a hard fought match against Lytham House the House XV won by 9 pts. - 3 pts. in extra-time. Ashton House

were then defeated 12-3 in the final, and so after a long absence the Rugby Shield returned to our collection of trophies. The Junior XV did not enjoy the success of their elder brethren, being eliminated in the first round of the competition by Ashton House.

Four members of the House are to be congratulated on gaining their Rugby colours, namely F. E. Thompson, L. Harrop, G. C. Bult and I. R. Haworth.

Showing its versatility in more cultural activities the House was second in the Music Competition mainly due to the efforts of J. N. S. Jones and his musicians along with S. E. Buckley leading his choir, which made up in keenness and numbers what it lacked in harmony. Consequently the House was well represented in the School Concert.

Unfortunately S. E. Buckley and I. K. Hague were unable to convince the adjudicators that the "Spirit of Dunkirk could not be recreated" and they were forced to make a strategic withdrawal from the Debating Competition.

The Harriers were unable to retain the Cross-Country Running Cup despite the efforts of I. K. Hague who is to be congratulated on finishing first in the race. The juniors on the other hand were much more successful, winning the new competition in fine style. This success can be equated with their keenness and willingness to practice.

Perhaps our finest hour came on Sports Day when we retained the most coveted of all trophies, the Athletics Cup. Each member of the House had the opportunity of making his contribution to the victory and it was pleasing to see that the efforts of many had been rewarded by a 34% lead in standard points. We were well represented on the day and our lead was augmented as the afternoon passed, which came as a surprise to even the most hopeful clairvoyants. C. Bult and I. Ruddlesden were our most distinguished contributors.

The House Chess Team has won three of its five matches but it seems unlikely that their efforts will be rewarded by any better than second place in the Chess Competition.

After last year's achievement, last term's improvement in the Work Competition was overdue and it is to be hoped that the results of coming G.C.E. examinations will improve our present position of third.

R. D. Hartley has been our only regular member of the 1st XI, but there has been a wealth of talent in the, as yet undefeated 2nd XI in the form of S. E. Buckley, T. M. Pearce, I. R. Haworth, I. K. Hague and J. Donald.

House Junior XI was convincingly beaten by Kirkham House in the preliminary round of the Cricket Competition, but the seniors were able to beat narrowly a weak Ashton House XI. It is to be hoped that much latent talent will be developed before the next match.

The end of term brings the Shooting and Swimming competitions and the house has its sights fixed on both trophies.

Finally, the house wishes every success to those who are leaving. R. D. Hartley has gained one of the few places at Guy's Hospital Medical School; F. E. Thompson (medicine) and S. E. Buckley (architecture) are both going to Newcastle University, and we hope that all will continue to build on the success they have gained at K.G.S.

F.E.T.

The Societies

Chess Club

Chairman: Mr. C. W. Day

Secretary and Treasurer: J. P. Ballard

Committee: E. T. Redfern, R. D. Hartley, R. L. Orrell, G. Irving and W. J. Ross.

In the School Chess Competition only the final remains to be played. The semi-finalists were, by some strange quirk of fate, the top four boards in the School team.

In the Inter-House Competition only one match remains. This is between Kirkham and Lytham and will decide who takes the first two places. At the time of writing Lytham lead with 80 pts., Kirkham have 67 and School are third with 66 pts:

The results of School matches have been particularly pleasing. Out of the eleven matches played only one has been lost. The School won the Fylde School's Chess League Trophy at the first attempt.

Final table was:—

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
1 Kirkham G.S.	8	5	3	0	13
2 Blackpool G.S.	8	3	3	2	9
3 Fleetwood G.S.	7	4	1	2	9
4 Baines G.S.	8	1	4	3	6
5 St. Joseph's College	7	0	1	5	1

(Fleetwood G.S. were unable to complete their fixtures).

The School was represented by J. P. Ballard, I. Hird, G. Irving, P. B. Ellis, E. T. Redfern and R. L. Orrell who were ably supported by R. D. Hartley and W. Stanway.

The future also looks bright with a strong nucleus of the School team remaining next year and an upsurge in chess playing activity amongst the juniors who, unfortunately, show far greater alacrity in removing the chess sets from room 4 than they do in returning them.

J.P.B.

Geographical Society

Chairman: Mr. R. A. Knowles.
Secretary: G. Cartmell. Treasurer: J. N. S. Jones
Committee: M. J. Barnes, G. M. Fletcher, R. A. Little,
W. R. J. McQueen.

The Spring Term film shows were well attended but the society, as usual, ended its lunch-time meetings this term in favour of more attractive pursuits, football and examinations for example. The new committee hopes to make use of the society's healthy financial position in more ambitious activities next term. A varied film programme is being arranged and, to gain support from the upper part of the school, some distinguished and some undistinguished speakers are to give lectures, entirely free of charge. The society is confident of success next term, both in popular support and monetary matters.

G.C.

Tennis Club

Captain: P. Ballard.
Secretary: D. Harper. Treasurer: T. M. Smith
Committee: D. Walsh, K. Gowan, P. Richards, M. Barnes,
T. Cara

The Tennis Club has thrived in its first season using the school tennis courts. Enthusiasm has been shown from all levels of the school, and the membership of the club has risen rapidly, and now stands at seventy. It is pleasing to see that many of the members are from the junior part of the school, and some good players should develop.

The club has purchased four rackets and some balls which should encourage members of the school to try their hand at the game.

The tennis team has a number of fixtures this term, and it is only with practice that a good standard can be attained.

An inter-house tennis competition is being arranged for the end of the term and we hope this will be a success. Also the club is trying to arrange an inter-school tennis league, and if the present enthusiasm continues our performance in this league should be creditable.

D.C.H.

Debating Society

Chairman: Mr. G. Bellis

Secretary: S. Cartmell

Committee: S. E. Buckley, R. F. Cresswell, E. T. Redfern,
I. K. Hague.

Interest in the Debating Society has been maintained during the Easter Term and even into the Summer Term against competition from outdoor activities. The preliminary rounds of the House Competition functioned very smoothly and provided some good debating with, often, close results. The Kirkham and Preston Houses are to be congratulated on reaching the final.

To give LVI members a chance to show their potential and to gain experience, three debates were held in the Summer Term. This innovation was successful. Walsh D. and Harper D. proved that history was bunk, and the motion that "Happiness is other people" was proposed successfully by Coope P. and Gregory M. In the final debate the conservative stranglehold of the school was revealed when Emery and Salisbury refused to have this house planned.

Seventeen debates have been held during the school year and over one third of the VI form have acted as principal speakers. It is such co-operation and interest which have enabled the society to enjoy a successful year. Thanks are due to all the speakers, in particular those members of the LVI and may they continue to support the society in the forthcoming terms.

S.C.

Musical Society

Chairman: Mr. J. Murray.

Secretary: W. J. Ross

Treasurer: A. D. Emery

As the year draws to a close once again, we try and summarise our various successes throughout the period. The orchestra and choir have flourished admirably this year under Mr. Murray's versatile direction. Our congratulations go to Ashton House for their victory in the House Music Festival which Mr. Allcock of Lytham kindly adjudicated. The competition seems to become keener every year and the best groups continue to play an ever increasing part in this particular competition.

We now look forward to the main musical event of this term, namely the Founders' Day Service in Kirkham Parish Church. The orchestra, fresh from their rousing success at the

Annual C.C.F. Inspection, are eagerly practising for the event, if to the amusement of several listeners. The choir, although depleted recently with part of them away on exams is attempting a reproduction of Stanford's "Te Deum" which we hope will be a success.

Finally we offer our congratulations and best wishes to W. J. Ross, who is leaving at the end of this year to go to the Royal Academy of Music in London. We hope his work there will be interesting and rewarding and that he will follow in Mr. Murray's footsteps!

A.D.E.

Automobile Society

Chairman: Mr. D. H. Butterworth

Secretary: E. Hornby

Committee: S. E. Buckley, G. J. Cooke, P. E. Clark,
I. A. A. Smith.

Since the last report we have started a course of pre-driving instruction, which takes the form of lectures on driving techniques and practical mechanics from senior members of the Society. These lectures have been attended with interest and will, no doubt, be continued. Towards the end of this term it is hoped that we shall have a visit to the police driving school at Hutton. Arrangements are being made by Mr. Butterworth.

A new committee has now been elected to take over the organisation of the Society during the examination period and the following school year. I should like to congratulate Walsh on his election as secretary for the year 1965-66 and hope the Society functions well under his leadership.

E.H.

Gym Club

Chairman: Mr. D. F. Worth

Secretary: A. D. Irvine

Committee: A. Cross, G. Irving, J. S. Donald

The main event of the last two terms have been Inter-School competitions against Preston G.S. and Rossall. In the first the school had a convincing win over Preston by 14 points. The team put up an excellent performance and special mention goes to Harrop who gave an extremely good display, along with a good all round average of points from the rest of the team.

In the match against Rossall the team through lack of practice never showed good form and was narrowly beaten by a more polished performance from Rossall. Special mention should be made of West, who gave a consistently good performance and helped the average of points considerably.

The Gymnasts were in action again at the Easter Fair, when they gave displays of vaulting and agility. At both Sessions, the Gym was crowded and the show was greatly appreciated. It was most encouraging to see several "III form" boys working well and it is hoped that they will continue to show the same enthusiasm.

At the present the Club is busy practising ready for the summer Garden Party display and hoping to give a bigger and better show than before.

Results of Competitions

K.G.S. v. Preston G.S. (H)		K.G.S. v. Rossall (A)	
1	K.G.S. 496 pts.	1	Rossall 492 pts.
2	Preston G.S. 482 pts.	2	K.G.S. 469½ pts.

A.D.I.

Scientific Society

Committee: M. E. Greenhalgh, R. D. Hartley, J. B. Green, T. M. Pearce, P. L. Archer.

During the Spring term many new and interesting films were shown. They were all very well attended both by members of the upper and lower forms of the school.

This term the Scientific Society has expanded to form a new Experimental Section. The response from the School has been very encouraging and a successful future for this Section seems assured. It provides laboratory facilities for those boys who wish to perform experiments, which otherwise they would be unable to carry out and also for those who wish to construct new equipment.

A trip to the Mullards Factory at Blackburn has been arranged for the end of the Summer term and should prove of great interest to those who go.

Looking back over the last year the Scientific Society, under the guidance of our new chairman has maintained a very high standard as an active society, and has encouraged a great deal of interest in scientific matter, especially amongst the junior section of the School.

R.E. H.J.

Library Committee

Chairman: Mr. B. Coates.

Secretary: D. A. Knowles

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With every major publishing house now issuing its own paper-backs, the Library has taken the opportunity to fill many of the vacant-looking shelves with standard works at a reasonable price. The paperbacks will be hard-bound by an Edinburgh firm and it is hoped that they will be on the shelves before the end of term. Needless to say the funds for such an expansion have come from a very generous grant of £150 from the General School Committee, passed at the end of the Easter Term. Apart from specialised subject books both the Junior Section and the Senior Fiction Section will be considerably extended.

As far as routine is concerned the number of books issued has slightly increased on last year's total; behaviour is again very satisfactory and the sub-committee are functioning conscientiously. In the absence of the UVI for exams the good work is being carried out by a dedicated group of temporary librarians.

D.A.K.

Photographic Society

Chairman: Mr. L. A. Redman.

Secretary: I. A. A. Smith

This has been another very successful term for the Society. The number of members is now over 40. The dark-room has been in continuous use and many new members have been taught to develop and print their own photographs.

The film of the Norwood Block has progressed, and will be completed by the end of the term. Mr. O'Niel and the workmen are to be thanked for their co-operation during the filming. Some film was also taken on Sports Day for use by Mr. Worth in athletics training.

The Society again provided an exhibition for the Easter Fair, but instead of the usual display of photographs, a competition was held in which the competitors guessed the identity of objects photographed from unusual angles. The winner was Mr. McKerrow.

I. A. A. Smith and E. Hornby are to be thanked for carrying out the tasks of Secretary and Treasurer during the last year, and thanks are also due to C. G. Beeson and R. J. Hall for taking their places during the "A-level" exams.

I.A.A.S.

C.C.F. Report

C.S.M. P.E. Clark

S/Sgt. S. Cartmell

Sgts. R. F. Cresswell, M. Giles, G. S. Worrall, T. M. Smith

Cpls: J: P. Lewin, A. J. Fare, B. G. Pike

L/Cpls. G. P. Andrews, J. C. A: Emmett, I: K: Hague, R: A:

Hall, J. N. S. Jones, D. Cookson, P. Coope; A. D: Emery;

D. C. Harper, P. B. Hayton, J. F. Salisbury, D. A. Walsh,

C. J. Alexander.

The main event of this term was the General Inspection by Brigadier H. C. W. Ironside O.B.E. on the 27th May. The Guard of honour was the first to be inspected, after which it was the turn of the whole contingent. The cadets must be commended on their excellent turn-out and also for their steadiness on parade, a point which Brigadier Ironside mentioned in his address after the training was completed. He also said that the march past was almost faultless and that the training and instruction were very good.

Last term 13 Lance-Corporals were appointed. These are all the Lance Corporals listed above and are to be congratulated on their appointment.

One weekend last term Rossall School, Arnold G.S. and Kirkham were asked to send 8 senior cadets (now L/Cpls.) on a "C.C.F. Liaison Course" at Fulwood Barracks. This consisted mainly of competitions between the three schools on the assault course, in the range, and in map reading exercises.

Kirkham and Rossall tied for first place but Rossall won the "shoot off".

On 25th March, 1965, thirty-four candidates were entered for the Army Proficiency Examination. The Examining Board was provided by 5 Loyals under the presidency of Major Whitehead and it is pleasing to report that all candidates were successful. All the cadets concerned are to be congratulated on this high standard, and a special word of commendation is due to the following cadets who obtained a credit pass:— Cara T.P., Cartmell G., Cook D. R.

On field day last term platoons 1, 2, 3, and 4 went to the Lake District and took part in cross country map reading exercises in the Shap region.

This term there will be another field day for the senior cadets who will go to Altcar to shoot on the 100 and 200 yard ranges.

An Easter Camp report can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Kirkhamian.

On the 13th June we have been invited to take part in Kirkham's Civic Sunday celebrations. We shall be sending a number of officers and cadets to take part in the procession and service.

A party of officers N.C.O.'s and some 60 cadets are to attend the annual Summer camp in July. This year it will be held at Cultybraggan near Loch Earn in Scotland, the scene of many pleasant camps in the past and it is hoped that this year's camp will be as enjoyable.

P.E.C.

Adventure Training Camp: Snowdonia, 1965

A party of 2 officers and 14 cadets left K.G.S. on the last day of term, looking forward to the enjoyable arduous training which was in store for them. Everyone arrived safely at Bangor where the train party was collected by our 3 ton lorry party, although the Land Rover ran out of petrol at Chester. At 6-30 the party arrived at an old Welsh farm, two miles from Idwell Cottage. Tents were soon erected, a meal was cooked, and the cadets and officers soon settled down to the camp routine.

The next day, the cadets were shown how to erect and use the new 'Andre Jamet' tents which had been bought. Then they left the camp with all their kit, to spend the night in pairs about two miles from base camp. This was very successful and enjoyable, as everyone got used to the camping routine.

On the Thursday, the great pilgrimage to Snowdon was made. With the sun burning down on our bodies, we left the Llanberis hotel to start the slow plod along the "Pig" track. Mr. Kremer suggested that we should walk along the ridge towards Snowdon which we, unsuspectingly, agreed to. It turned out that we had to climb 1,000 feet up a very steep path, to arrive at the summit of Crib Goch. Some just walked up as if it were a normal walk while others were wary of the steep drop on either side. Walking along the ridge was also very difficult because of narrow paths and sudden drops, and even a walking stick was useless against such obstacles.

Eventually we arrived at the top, guided by Shearman, an old boy of K.G.S., and admired the wonderful views of the surrounding countryside. We soon returned to the Llanberis Inn where the Major was waiting for us and to our surprise found out that he had been to the top and down again by the normal track!

The remaining days were spent equally well by the cadets, who split up into groups who went out for a three day walking exercise and rock climbing.

The first group went off the next day to climb the Carnedd Llewellyn group, while the other groups did rock climbing. It was very hot and progress was slow, because of our heavy, fully loaded and sometimes bulging rucksacks, but after attaining the ridge we soon increased our pace. On the top of Carnedd Llewellyn we stopped for our lunch of cheese and army biscuits, and evaporated milk, then to our surprise, a helicopter landed on the top!! We continued our route and eventually, when we reached our bivey site, with Mr. Reay waiting, we were only 10 minutes late.

The next day we were up a very steep mountain called Tryfan, over 3,000 feet. Again it was very hot so we left our rucksacks near the top and continued our scramble to the summit. Our journey finished that day at our new bivey site at the Pen-Y-Gwryd Hotel, where satisfactory refreshment was obtained. On the third day, the weather became bad and in low cloud and drizzle we returned to base camp.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Kremer and Shearman for teaching us rock climbing on the slopes of Tryfan with their great patience. Our thanks must also go to Mr. Reay for organising the camp, and to the weather for being so kind.

J. N. S. Jones LVISc.

R.A.F. Section

Flt/Sgt. R. E. H. Jones.

Sgts. E. Hornby, P. H. Jeffery, E. T. Redfern, I: A: A: Smith:

Cpls. M. J. Briers, S. E. Buckley, T: M: Pearce:

On Field Day the R.A.F. Section visited the British Aircraft Company at Warton, and R.A.F. Barton Hall. At Warton we were conducted on an interesting tour around the airfield and hangers, and were fortunate to see the T.S.R.2 at very close quarters. We also witnessed the quick action taken when a Lightning had to make an emergency landing. At Barton Hall we were shown the emergency systems for aircraft in distress.

Also during the Spring term, cadets Mattick and Proctor gained distinctions in the R.A.F. Proficiency examination while cadets Lytham, Orchard and Warden gained credit passes. In all, 19 cadets out of the 24 entered reached the pass standard.

During the Easter Holidays there were two R.A.F. camps in Scotland and in all 31 cadets attended.

For the General Inspection the R.A.F. Section provided a wide variety of activities, which included stripping engines, navigation, airfield layout, and an exercise on the assault course.

After the inspection of training, Brigadier Ironside spoke to the contingent saying how impressed he was with both the turn-out of the cadets and the training programme. He also stressed how useful this training would be in later life.

In the Summer holidays the R.A.F. Section is to send eight cadets on Gliding Courses at Burtonwood and Swanton Morley.

Throughout the year great interest and enthusiasm has been shown by the cadets and it is gratifying to record that the R.A.F. Section has expanded so rapidly.

R.E.H.J:

R.A.F. Section Camp

Easter, 1965, at Auchallater, Aberdeenshire.

We arrived at the expedition hut from R.A.F. Leuchars on Tuesday the 6th April. At Leuchars we were joined by a "fiendish mountain rescue goat" — or "Mac" as he was sometimes called.

The hut contained a kitchen, drying room, lounge and two bedrooms. After settling in, we made a short recce up the local peak near the hut to survey the area and pick out the various landmarks.

Early next morning 'Mac' led a party to the Stuic. Setting a slowish pace he strode off, and after a few minutes, on looking back, he was horrified to find us at least 100 yards behind, struggling to keep up with him. We pushed on and eventually reached a large show field — journey's end we thought. But no, 'Mac' led on for 2 miles and eventually reached the Stuic at mid-day. A second party, led by Mr. McKerrow, set off later, but was unable to reach the Stuic after being caught in a "White-out". 'Mac' however, led us back through a large snowdrift inclined at about 60° to the horizontal. Our heaviest member proved to have a little "Fred trouble" en route.

Next morning most of the party had a late breakfast, while a short compass exercise was prepared in the local area. Each competitor marched with a compass over a series of 'legs' and had to indicate where he thought the finishing point should be. The results were good and all were within 25 yards of the actual finish.

In the afternoon we set out for Braemar only to find that it was early closing day. After eventually obtaining the essential paraffin and exploring the ruined castle, where 'Tim' was intrigued by the idea of changing two signs, we returned home.

The meals seemed to improve every day with 'Jonah' and 'Dibble' becoming the recognised chefs, while 'Jeff', 'Tim' and 'C.J.' had organised the washing-up to a fine art and 'Chris' retained his title as 'Spud King.'

Rather later next morning 'Jeff' 'Chris' and 'Fred' left on their initiative tests. 'Jeff' walked over 40 miles and eventually obtained his signature of a footballer in Aberdeen. 'Chris' and 'Fred' visited four Castles in the area — not Balmoral! The other party set off on a ridge walk which was eventually finished in very bad weather. Bed took its toll early that night. But when all was quiet, a local policeman came to ask if we could supply a rescue party. A team of five was selected and set off to the search area. They returned at 06.30 hours, wet and exhausted, and so spent much of the day in bed. The rest of the party had taken turns to keep the home fires burning.

On Saturday 'Jonah' 'Tim' and 'C.J.' set out on their initiative tests. 'Jonah' travelled to Aberdeen to get a signature from the owner of an E-type Jaguar. 'Tim' and 'C.J.' had to visit 4 golf courses.

For the next day an extended ridge-walk was planned for the two groups with a rendezvous on one of the peaks. Unfortunately the weather turned against us and both groups were forced to retreat with the onset of a severe blizzard.

A compass orientation exercise was arranged for the last day. It was assessed as a hard test of skills in navigation and observation. Good results were obtained by all who took part.

After hot soup and a good meal there was soon a cheery atmosphere around the fire, which lasted till bed-time.

It was with considerable difficulty that we got up on the last morning. After disposing of several unwanted items and leaving the hut in immaculate condition we started the long trip home.

All were agreed that it had been a most enjoyable, if sometimes strenuous, experience and we would like to thank Mr. McKerrow for his splendid organisation.

R.E.H.J.

R.A.F. Camp: Leuchars, April, 1965

On the morning of Wednesday, 7th April, Flg. Off. Cheeseborough, 21 cadets, and 2 N.C.O.'s set out on what was to be a most eventful journey and an equally interesting camp at R.A.F. Leuchars, Fife. The main party met at Preston, found their reserved compartments on the train and settled down on what they thought would be a four hour journey to Edinburgh. It was their firm belief that they would duly arrive at Edinburgh, until they saw that fateful sign, "Glasgow Central 200 yds." It was then that they began to worry. However, the explanation was simple: British Railways, in its startling efficiency, had

put our reserved coach and us on the wrong section of the train. Having been in Glasgow for an hour and the difficulty sorted out we arrived in Leuchars, only one hour late. We were met by the A.C.L.O., Flg. Off. Johnson who was to be our host for the week. We also met a party of cadets from King Edwards Grammar School, Birmingham, who were at the camp at the same time.

After a night's sleep (or otherwise) the cadets were awakened at 8-30 by a wonderfully efficient "corporal" alarm.

Those that recovered in time had breakfast consisting of those inevitable BEANS among other things. They were then addressed and welcomed to the camp by the Wing Commander. The remainder of the first day was taken up by shooting on the range, in which 3 cadets gained R.A.F. marksman, and by lectures and visits to the fire section, and 74 Squadron (Lightnings). Friday morning was taken up by swimming at Dundee baths, where several cadets obtained the swimming proficiency certificates.

On Saturday morning we prepared to set out on a field exercise in groups of six. The exercise included four stages, the first a walk to the first checkpoint and the second a longer walk to the second checkpoint. The third section took place in a wood and the object was to draw a map of the wood, coast-line and defences without being spotted by the two umpires. Only one group had no captives in this section but judging from their map it was not entirely certain that they were in the correct wood. (Comment from group leader. "It was due to brilliant camouflage"). The final section was a walk back to camp. In all, about twelve miles were covered and questions were asked on all sections of the exercise.

On Sunday the cadets were given the morning off so that they could be in camp during the afternoon for a visit by an Air Commandant in charge of air cadets in Scotland. However, he only stayed 10 minutes so the rest of the afternoon was free.

Monday and Tuesday were taken up by further lectures and visits. Throughout the camp flying took precedence over other activities and all the cadets got up in Chipmunks, some happier than others.

On the recreational side of the camp, there were more than ample facilities, including the gym, the NAAFI, the cinema, and the airmen's club in addition to a much frequented cafe and youth club in the village of Leuchars.

The meals on the camp were of the same good standard as the other R.A.F. camps but the organisation of the camp was far superior to that of any other of the camps we have visited previously. Our thanks must go to Flg. Off. Johnson and all the other officers and men of R.A.F. Leuchars for an excellent camp. All the cadets thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

E. Hornby.

Easter Fair, 1965

. . . A sad occasion for the writer, for whom Saturday March 20th was the last day of school, and yet the best possible day on which to see, reflected from so many people from different families in the Fylde, the true underlying spirit of life at K.G.S. — this was the day of the Easter Fair. A day when the youngsters and their folk were eager to meet each other and enjoy themselves to the full, and the older boys were, perhaps, beginning to realise that although soon they would be departing, here was one annual festival above all others on which boys, parents, masters and Old Boys could meet, simply to enjoy one another's company, and to wander about their school at will.

The amount of money made £260 15s. 9d. was not a record; but perhaps even this financial aspect of the afternoon takes second place to the real purpose of the exercise — that everybody should have a good time. And there can be no doubt that that was achieved . . .

There was the Gymnastics display, in which Mr. Worth's chosen few demonstrated their virility to an audience of wide-eyed young girls and fascinated parents — and there was the dimly-illuminated record room, where boys stood in groups on the floor and girls sat in rows round the walls (was that really true K.G.S. spirit??) Then there was the auction — and "Greenbags" frightening the crowds away with his raucous rowdy bellowings — and the Raffle, with another win for School House — Mr. Wilson, gloating over a large heap of cash, and Mr. Crane's beloved bottle stall, where nobody ever wins anything but orange squash or domestos, or possibly, with luck, tomato sauce — the air-rifle range, where sadistic young Kirkhamians aimed at everything but the targets — there was the crazy golf, which was too muddy to use, and a loudspeaker system that was nothing but a menace — all of this is our Easter Fair, the most important social gathering of the year. A day, indeed, upon which to relax, to smile and to show the world just what we from Kirkham Grammar School are made of.

P. J. Lambert
(1957-65)

Athletics, 1965

With the loss of several outstanding athletes last term, the prospects for this season looked none too bright, but the team has proved itself equally as capable and talented as its predecessor.

After suffering defeat at the hands of Rossall and Lancaster, the team has gone from strength to strength, and reached a peak in time for the Inter-Grammar School Sports. At this meeting both Senior and Junior teams finished in second place. This was a praiseworthy effort, as the standard of athletics was high. Bult deserves special mention for his fine performance in both the hurdles and triple jump.

In defeating Bolton School, and later in the term, winning a four-sided competition, the school showed that it is quite capable of holding its own against the larger schools.

The annual Sports Day at K.G.S. was graced with fine weather, and once again everything ran smoothly. Records were broken by Ruddlesden (Inter Triple Jump), Richards (Senior Mile); Alexander (Junior H.J.). In the Senior events Cartmell and Bult won three events each. Ruddlesden and Irving were outstanding in the intermediate section, and Matthews showed great promise by winning three events in the Junior Section.

Thanks go to Mr. Morse, President of the Old Boys' Association, for presenting the trophy and awards, and to all the members of staff who helped in the running of the Sports.

RESULTS

K.G.S v. Rossall and Lancaster R.G.S. (A)

Senior			Junior		
1	Rossall	65 pts.	1	Rossall	55 pts.
2	Lancaster	54 pts.	2	Lancaster	46 pts.
3	Kirkham	26 pts.	3	Kirkham	33½ pts.

K.G.S. v. Bolton (H)

Senior			Junior		
K.G.S.	77½ pts.	Bolton	69½ pts.		
K.G.S.	98 pts.	Bolton	49 pts.		

K.G.S v. Preston G.S.: King Edward: St. Josephs College (H)

Senior			Junior		
1	K.G.S.	57 pts.	1	St. Josephs	38 pts
2	St. Josephs	24 pts.	2	Preston	36 pts
3	Preston	19 pts.	3	King Edward	27 pts
4	King Edward	17 pts.	4	K.G.S.	16 pts

K.G.S. v Bolton: Stoneyhurst: Liverpool (A)

Senior		Junior	
1	Liverpool College 59 pts.	1	Liverpool College 61 pts.
2	K.G.S. 54 pts.	2	Stoneyhurst 59 pts.
3	Stoneyhurst 51 pts.	3	Bolton School 57 pts.
4	Bolton School 50 pts.	4	K.G.S. 53 pts.

INTER GRAMMAR-SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Senior

1.	Hutton G.S.	35 pts.
2.	Kirkham G.S.	24 pts.
3.	{ Baines G.S.	21 pts.
	{ Blackpool G.S.	21 pts.
5.	St. Joseph's College	19 pts.
6.	Arnold School	14 pts.
7.	Fleetwood G.S.	11 pts.
8.	Lancaster R.G.S.	9 pts.

Junior

1.	Baines G.S.	26½ pts.
2.	Kirkham G.S.	21 pts.
3.	Lancaster R.G.S.	16 pts.
4.	Arnold School	14 pts.
5.	Hutton G.S.	12 pts.
6.	Blackpool G.S.	11½ pts.
7.	St. Joseph's College	7 pts.
8.	Fleetwood G.S.	2 pts.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

Standard Points:

Ashton 92; Fylde 85; Kirkham 77; Lytham 66; Preston 57; School 100.

Total Scores:

1. School House 219 pts.; 2. Ashton House 165 pts.; 3. Kirkham House 164 pts.; 4. Lytham House 153 pts.; 5. Fylde House 148 pts.; 6. Preston House 11 pts.

The following have been chosen to represent the South Fylde in the Lancashire School Sports, at Stretford on June 19th, 1965.

100 yds. Inter — Walton
 220 yds: Senior — Cartmell
 440 yds: Inter — Nash
 880 yds. Inter — Irving
 880 yds. Senior — Knowles D. A.
 High Jump Senior — Donald
 Long Jump Inter — Ball
 Discus Inter — Howarth
 Discus Senior — Hague
 Javelin Senior — Clark
 Shot Inter — Porter
 Hurdles Inter — Ruddlesden
 Hurdles Senior — Bult

The following represented K.G.S.

Senior—

Cartmell (Capt.); Bult; Nash; Knowles D. A.; Richards; Warton; Donald; Ball; Rayton; Pilling; Hough; Pearce; Hague; Giles; Clark; Howarth.

Full Couolors — Cartmell; Bult.

Junior—

McCondichie; Ruddlesden; Kirkham; Irving; Benson; Cross; Pennington; Smith A.; Porter; Kirby; Bignell; Cook; Carter; Cowell; Pigott.

Rugby

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Against
1stXV	18	5	3	10	162	248
2nd XV	11	1	1	9	57	270

There were, at the beginning of the Rugby Season, few players left from last year's XV, and it was obvious after the first two matches, that the team lacked experience. After several defeats, however, the XV began to play more confidently, and had a successful run just before Christmas. During this spell, the forwards although they were often out-pushed and out-jumped, began to play more destructive rugby, and the ball began to reach the backs, who were then given the opportunity to prove themselves.

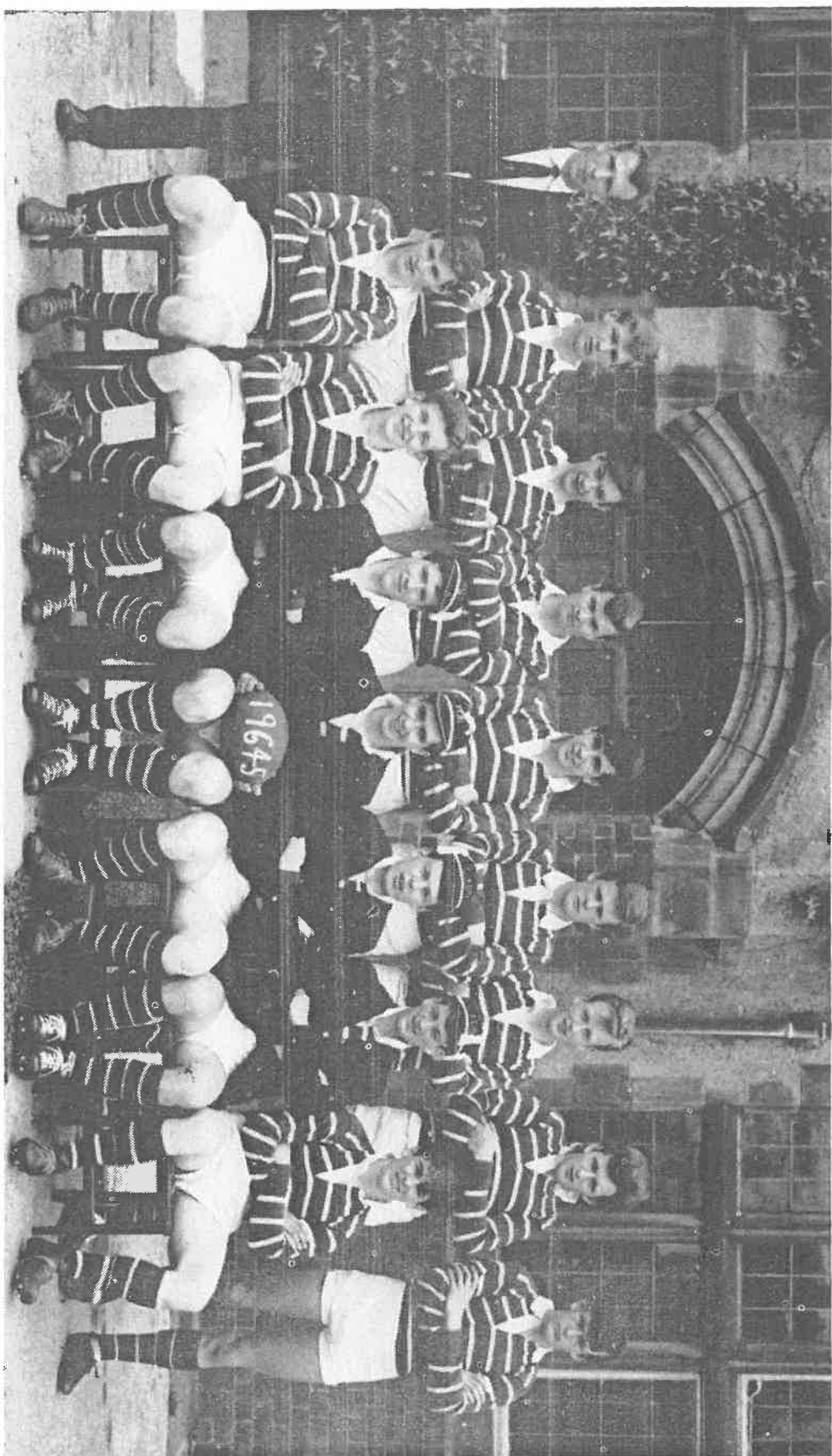
After the Christmas break, the fire and fight which the forwards had previously found, was lacking, and it took them some time to regain their effectiveness. Towards the end of the season, the team was again playing well, and, to their credit, they beat Southport G.S., who had not been beaten by K.G.S. for some seasons, and drew with Manchester G.S. in a hard fought game.

Cartmell led the team well throughout the season, and noticeable were newcomers to 1st XV Rugby, Hole and Howarth. Hole developed during the season as a competent and polished full-back and Howarth at scrum-half provided a sound link between forwards and backs.

S. Cartmell is to be congratulated on gaining his place in the Lancashire Schoolboys' team, and he also played in the final North trial.

The second XV were not successful during the season, but in spite of their continued defeats, they always played as well as possible. Throughout, they had an unsettled team, and as there were few other Rugby players of 1st or 2nd XV standard, it was often difficult to find reserves for injured players.

Although they often showed individual ability, they rarely played as a team, and lost several matches because of



K.G.S. 1st XV, 1964-65

Back Row: D. E. Worth, Esq.: G. T. Taylor, L. Harrop, S. Hemmingway, R. F. Cresswell, R. I. Howarth, W. G. Hole, D. Butler, C. Bult.
 Front Row: C. J. Shaw, F. E. Thompson, P. E. Clark, S. Cartmell (Capt.), W. J. Ross (V. Capt.), G. S. Worrall, D. Robson.

this. However, the experience gained by some of the younger members during the season, should prove valuable to them next season.

TEAMS 1st XV—

Full Colours: Cartmell, Clark, Ross, Worrall.

Team Colours: Thompson, Cresswell, Robson, Shaw, Hemingway, Bult, Howarth, Hole, Butler, Taylor.

Also played: Harrop, Hill.

2nd XV—

Jeffrey (Capt.), Buckley, Pardey, Warden, Lewin, Johnson, Orchard, Pearce, Hague, Simpson, Hall, Donald, Rayton, Akeroyde, Ball.

Also played: Hartley, Almond.

Harriers, 1964-5

Once again, the Harriers have had an enjoyable and moderately successful season. Defeats in the early part of the season at the hands of Hutton and Rossall were balanced by victories over Queen Elizabeth's, Blackburn, Blackpool G.S. and Baines G.S. but it was not with any degree of confidence that the team took part in the Inter Schools Cross Country Race at Blackpool. However, the eight excelled itself and in a field of ten schools finished in third place behind Lancaster R.G.S. the winners and Rossall School. The success was achieved not by outstanding individual performances but by consistent packing by all members of the team. P. A. Richards, the captain, D. A. Knowles and sometimes I. K. Hague, have been the most successful of the runners. An interesting innovation this year has been the formation of an under 15 team and the success of the new venture coupled with enthusiasm of those taking part, will make this a permanent feature of the Cross Country scene. As always, the culmination of the season has been the Inter House Competition and Lytham and School House are to be congratulated on winning the Senior and under 15 races respectively.

At a committee meeting at the end of the term it was decided to award Full Colours to P. A. Richards and D. A. Knowles and Team Colours to J. P. Ballard, I. K. Hague, D. R. Knowles, T. M. Smith, W. Stanway and G. Worrall.

Cricket, 1964

MAY 1st. 1st XI v. Q.E.G.S. BLACKBURN

K.G.S. 69: Q.E.G.S. 70 for 4

As it was the first match of the season, the Kirkham side contained many new players without much experience of 1st

eleven cricket. Kirkham lost a wicket in the second ball, without scoring, but Worrall (13) joined Simpson (6) to bring the score up to 23 when both were out: Taylor (12) and Cartmell (13) soon settled down to some sensible cricket to take the score to 48 for 4. Unfortunately Kirkham's tail was soon dismissed for the addition of only 21 runs, mainly due to the bowling of Fletcher (4 for 10).

Queen Elizabeth's started very badly and Hartley (2 for 5) and Walton (2 for 15) kept the score down to 15 for 4 after 45 minutes. Then spin bowlers were brought on and the score jumped up to 50 in another 20 minutes. Kirkham's total of 69 runs was soon surpassed without further loss mainly due to very poor bowling from the slow bowlers.

MAY 15th: 1st XI v. BLACKPOOL G.S.

K.G.S. 80: Blackpool 81 for 1

Kirkham started well and the first wicket fell at 17, but the only batsman to put up any real resistance against the accurate bowling of Potter (5 for 24) and Doyle (3 for 22) was Hall with a good fighting innings of 28. Kirkham's last four wickets fell for a miserable 15 runs.

Blackpool greatly excelled in their batting, aided by poor bowling and fielding, and in less than an hour surpassed Kirkham's score, mainly due to Storey (46).

MAY 22nd 1st XI v. BAINES G.S.

K.G.S. 76: Baines 77 for 4

Kirkham had a good start with Simpson (19) who showed some good attacking and defensive play. Taylor (15) also helped to push the score along to 53 for 4 in just under an hour. Cartmell (12) also helped with some attacking strokes but lacked a partner at the other end, as the last five wickets fell for 7 runs, mainly due to Porter (5 for 8).

Walton (2 for 25) and Hartley (2 for 18) soon made a big hole in the Baines batting, bringing the score to 11 for 2 but Craven (47 n.o.) and Ellacott (17) revived the Baines team, and aided by poor bowling and dropped catches, made a 30 run partnership. Then two more wickets fell to Hartley and Walton, but they could not stop Baines from passing Kirkham's total.

MAY 29th 1st XI v. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

St. Joseph's 72: K.G.S. 43

After a quick wicket by Hartley, St. Joseph's struggled hard but managed to push the score very slowly to 28 for 2, mainly aided by dropped catches. Schools (27) and Halter (21) soon pushed the score along to 43 when Walton dismissed Schools. Then the scoring rate slowed up quickly and Kirkham dismissed the remaining batsmen for another 30 runs,

mainly due to the efforts of Walton (9 for 5) who bowled 11 maidens from 17 overs.

Kirkham started disastrously, and lost two batsmen in the first over, without score: Kirkham's disaster was not yet over for after several overs, Kirkham were 6 runs for the loss of 5 wickets mainly due to the bowling of Schools. Then Cartmell (25 n.o.) with some steady batting was joined by Hole (11) to take the score up to 33 for 6: Then again Kirkham's batting collapsed and they were 43 all out, after a very dismal innings.

JUNE 2nd 1st XI v. HUTTON G:S.

Hutton 117 for 7 dec.: K.G.S. 84

Hutton started well but never settled down to the accurate bowling of Walton and Hartley, but managed to take the score up to 22 for the first wicket and 38 for the second. There was a minor collapse as Hutton moved to 49 for 4 due to Walton (3 for 36) but Wright (38) and Hey (23) withstood the bowling to make a very attacking 50 partnership in 40 minutes: Then again Hutton partly collapsed to 108 for 7, but they took their score up to 117 before declaring.

Kirkham again started disastrously, losing 3 wickets for 5 runs to Staziker (5 for 19) but Taylor (43) played carefully with Cartmell and then Hall at the other end increased the score to 70 for 6 but yet again Kirkham's remaining batsmen could not hold out 15 minutes for a draw and were quickly dismissed after bringing the total to 84.

J.N.S.J.

Book Review

Next term the school library will possess English translations of three novels and one volume of short stories by Albert Camus. The following is an introduction to his work and ideas.

Camus was born near Constantine in Algeria in 1913. His father, a poor colonial, died when his son was still an infant. A distinguished university career was curtailed by serious illness and after several short jobs Camus became a journalist. During the occupation of France he was a prominent resistance leader and editor of a resistance newspaper, "Combat". After a brief spell in politics he devoted himself to his literary talents. In 1956 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. In January 1960, his genius still maturing, he was killed in a road accident. He had his railway ticket in his pocket.

As a philosopher who accepts only what he perceives or what his logical mind can tell him, he rejected Christianity. His logic found no substitute for the faith which answers all questions, instead the present, the world as he found it, rather than

the world to come, provided enough food for speculation and doubt. His primary finding was one of incongruity with his surroundings. He saw man as being outside the nature of the universe in which he can find no comfort. To him even a sunset is a beautiful alien. He did not understand life and could find no meaning in it; consequently death was the great unintelligible absurdity. This sensation of vacancy, of void emphasised the thought "what am I doing here?" He never tried to find the answer. He spent his life examining, through his literature, the question and its implications. A secondary, subordinate theme is expressed in his descriptions of the tremendous pleasures that the senses can bring. Happiness lies in sensual satisfaction. All thought leads inevitably to despair. These ideas are perhaps not as formidable as they might sound. Necessarily they suffer from condensation and the brief acknowledgement above does his thought little justice.

In his novels and short stories, unlike his plays, his characters become alive, being portrayed as individuals rather than mere vehicles for philosophy. Mersault in *L'Etranger* although spiratually dead kindles interest through the unique qualities of his character; Father Paneloux, a minor character in "La Peste" illustrates the stoicism and ultimate self-sacrifice which Camus sees as the logic of faith; Jean-Baptiste Clamence (an ironic name) contains an amazing mixture of honesty and sarcasm; and lastly the Renegade, the subject of a short story in "L'Exil et le Royaume", is a tortured missionary in a city of salt (with equally bitter inhabitants) whose failure has led him to conceive a deep and uncompromising hatred for those whose values he betrayed. All these characters live to make his works exciting yet thought-provoking and dramatic in ideas as well as action.

D. R. Knowles

Contributions

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

This year's competition has already produced many oral gems, two of which are printed below. Competitors were asked to praise the virtues of a particular article, person, or activity and to convince the audience of such merits.

IN PRAISE OF CRICKET

It's really quite amazing what people will put up with nowadays. Take cricket for instance. Have you ever considered a game of cricket?

It seems that there are two teams; one team occupies a small fortified hut at one end of a field, while the other team stands about in a grass square in the centre of the field. Those

in the square are Out, while those out of the square are In. The team which is In sends two representatives out into the square, where the other team tries to get them out. Now, when all of the team have been got out, the teams change over and the Out team becomes the In. It must take a lot of imagination to play cricket!

Have you ever considered what happens before a match? A sort of ragged priest sets up a sacrifice to some God. This sacrifice goes round and round and sprays water on the holy turf. Even more sinister is the way that, just before the match, when the teams are deciding who is going to be In, two men in white coats come out. These men are high priests and they come out to bless the wicket. During the match the two high priests make sure that nobody sins, for it takes some nerve to have a savage googly thrown at you when you aren't watching and people sometimes crack under the strain.

If I had my way I would trample on the precious wickets and tear up the holy turf, but that wouldn't be cricket, would it?

(G. J. Cooke, UVIS)

IN PRAISE OF FRED

It all began one foggy November evening when Fred was returning home from a brass band practice across the notorious Ribble marshes. He lost his way in that fog and was sore afraid. But then he had an idea, he took out his big euphonium and began to blow—a foghorn-like sound went out across the marshes, a desperate grunting plea for help. Somebody heard it and moved to Fred's rescue. Fred was spotted but in more ways than one. For his rescuer was one of those infernal managers of pop groups. The pop manager was fascinated by this talented grunt from the euphonium; here was a new gimmick, a new sound, the Ribble Sound, with the euphonium as a replacement for those tiring guitars.

So, on those lonely Ribble Marshes poor Fred was seduced. Before he knew what had happened he was the leader of a group called Fred and the Foghorns. The first records were made and soon the Ribble sound was sweeping the country. To the grunting of those euphoniums a new dance was born; it was called the honk. This was especially suited to smokey night clubs with limited visibility where the dance consisted of one single movement towards your partner, known as the grope.

By now Fred and the Foghorns were the rage of the country. Back on the marshes where it all began handfulls of mud were being sold as souvenirs. Teenagers flocked from miles around just to look at the place.

Then Fred and the Foghorns made their first film. This was the sign of their maturity. It was called "Dredgers down the Ribble". Let it not be said that the new craze had a smooth progress to the top. Fred had to fight against malicious rumours put out by the redundant guitar groups, who said that Fred was in fact miming to a foghorn.

The film was a great success and it was decided to give Fred a civic reception on the Ribble marshes, following a journey down the Ribble on an actual dredger. But what was happening to Fred? All these one-night stands with his heavy euphonium were too much for him. His health was shattered and he was running short of puff. Moreover he was disgusted with pop music and was anxious to return as a simple euphonium player in the local prize band. On the day of the reception he had a row with his manager and as the dredger neared the marshes he refused to come ashore but continued downstream into the Irish Sea.

It is in the Irish Sea that the story comes to its tragic end. There, in his dredger, Fred came face to face with his deadly enemies, the guitar groups, all assembled on their notorious pirate ship "The Radio Caroline". Only six months after that November evening the Battle of the Irish Sea took place. Euphoniums v. Guitars. The air was rent with the sound of music, euphoniums blasted, guitars shrieked, the radio waves were tossed to and fro. But Fred was losing, all his group had gone, only he remained, playing on to the bitter end. Then death struck, as with one final broadside of concrete and clay the dredger went down, taking with it Fred and his euphonium.

Fred had died in a valiant sole attempt on pop music. The nation was indignant and by order of Parliament "The Radio Caroline" was finally silenced. But Fred didn't just reveal the evils of pop music he became the first martyr of the brass band cause. The nation was awakened to the beauties of brass band music. They all remembered that final scene as Fred bobbed about in the water. Like a true bandsman he shared his final gasps with his faithful instrument and sad grunts from the euphonium drifted across the water. As he sank lower the grunts from the euphonium became diluted. Then with one deep gurgle all was swallowed up.

But the brass bands play on, fortified by the great courage of their hero. Let us praise such heroic bandsmen — the name of Fred, 2nd Euphonium player, shall live for ever.

Age shall not weary him, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the euphonium through the Irish
Sea

We will remember him, we will remember him.

(S. Cartmell).

A TRIP ON A MINESWEEPER

It was very cold, very dark and very dank. From our crawling position we could speak, smell, and even sweat but we could neither see nor dance. I tried to force a smile on my wrinkled face but the grit and mud and slime were too much for my dentures, and all I could muster was a hollow, grade O gargle. My spirits were waning fast when suddenly the tunnel opened out into a huge dimly-lit cave. We gasped breathlessly. There it was, at last. Huge in all its entirety, spew-coloured to stand out from its surroundings and in good condition. We looked on in awe. "This thing is bigger than both of us." I whispered. "Yes, but what does it do?" she asked. "It's a Fordson Dexta, multi-gearred mine-sweeper," I replied. The suspension was terrific. "Are they the tractor people?" she asked. "Yes, that's right, would you like a ride?" "Ever so," she giggled, jumping on and falling over the brake, thereby buckling her brain. "That was a nasty trip," I remarked when she regained consciousness. But there was no reply. And to this day she has never again had a trip in a mine-sweeper.

P. A. Richards, UVIM

A TRAGIC EXPERIENCE

During Easter a party of 7 cadets — Fl/Sgt. Jones, Cpl. Jeffreys, Cadets Pearce, Shaw, Akeroyd, Taylor, Ball and Fl/Lt. McKerrow and J. T. MacMillan a Mountain Rescue expert from R.A.F. Leuchars spent a week at the R.A.F. Expedition hut at Anchallater. Whilst they were there they had a rather unexpected night out.

On Friday, 9th April, at about 10-30 p.m., just after seven rather tired looking cadets had crawled into their sleeping bags, Fl/Lt. McKerrow opened the door to the knocks of the local P.C. There was a lot of talking for a few minutes and then J. T. MacMillan came up into the loft dormitory. "O.K. lads it's a call out. Two Cadets are missing from Derry lodge. I want five volunteers fully dressed for the worst possible weather."

Within 10 minutes seven cadets were down in the main lounge clad in anoraks etc. and with rucksacs full of extra clothing, chocolate, dextrasol and spare torch batteries. Unfortunately the car sent to pick up the party could take only six people including the driver. The cadets chosen to go with J. T. MacMillan and Fl/Lt. McKerrow were Cpl. Jeffreys, and Cadets Pearce and Ball.

When the party arrived at the police station at about 11-0 p.m. it was briefed as to the whereabouts of the missing cadets and some of the party were given powerful head lamps which could be attached to the forehead. From the police station the party were taken up to the Derry Lodge where it was joined by

more search volunteers. The whole search party numbered about thirty. Here the party was told that three not two cadets were missing and the exact map references of the three cadets were given. The party then set off up Glenn Derry accompanied by two land rovers which were left a short way up the glenn just before a bridge 2 miles from Derry Lodge.

About 3 miles from Derry Lodge someone thought they saw a torch beam off to the right so J. T. MacMillan, Pearce and Ball went to have a look. All they found were a couple of white strips of snow on the glenn side just beyond a foul smelling bog into which they nearly walked.

The search party then carried on up the glenn and the first boy, David Cran, was found alive and conscious about 4 miles from Derry Lodge. He was given chocolate and dextrasol to eat and was put into an exposure suit and then strapped onto a stretcher. The K.G.S. party, along with three or four other search and rescue people, then carried this stretcher down to the Landrovers. After seeing this boy off to the doctor, along with Ball to keep him company, the K.G.S. party, now consisting of Ft/Lt. McKerrow, J.T. MacMillan, Cpl. Jeffreys and Pearce, returned up the glenn with the stretcher to bring the 3rd boy down who was found $4\frac{3}{4}$ miles from Derry Lodge. On the way up they passed the second stretcher party coming down with the body of the second cadet who died just after they reached him. The third boy was already dead when the search party reached him. He was carried down on the stretcher manned by the K.G.S. party and other members of the search team.

After seeing the last stretcher into the landrover the K.G.S. Party walked back to Derry Lodge from where they were transported back to the Expedition hut.

On arrival at the hut the K.G.S. search party found the rest of the boys still awake with the fire roaring and plenty of hot water on. By 8-30 everyone in the search party was flat out. So ended the night out.

T. M. Pearce, LVIS.

FINE AND SOFT

"Good morning" we remarked hopefully.

"Well it is indeed a fine, soft, immortal morning" replied the little man behind the bar. We thought slowly, and sounded the depths of this profound statement. Indeed it was a morning. Fine perhaps, if it would stop raining. Soft, even. Immortal? The little man impatiently adjusted his bow tie and casually twitched an ear. We guessed that this was customary, and twitched our ear back. The little man turned abruptly and set out the bottles of Guinness and two glasses. Nothing about this in our phrase book, we thought, but replied to his toast by including the Pope in ours, mortally noting our ecumenical effort for that year.

"Well, Mooney," we started, "we've come about a spring."

"Lovely," he interrupted, turning on a neon Guinness sign, "lovely, and it was only May two months ago." We agreed but decided upon a more constructive approach. "No, about a caravan spring" we explained, refilling our glass, "we need one," we added unnecessarily.

"Is that a fact?"

"That's a fact," we replied, slipping into our newly acquired brogue. "So we'll need to use the phone, long distance to England."

"Heaven's above, so you'll be thirsty talking all that long way" came his rejoinder, and topped up our glass with Guinness and admirable presence of mind.

"Mary!" he called. The original agricultural Irish maid appeared from within and greeted us.

"A fine, soft and immortal day," we replied, twitching for more Guinness.

"Would it be the milk, eggs, tweed, wool, hardware, petrol, victuals, shamrock, tobacco, confession, or a drop of the hard stuff you're after?" she enumerated in ascending order of importance.

"Phone" we told her weakly, "long distance to Newmarket, England!"

"Saint's preserve us that's the first long distance call since the Troubles, you'll be thirsty after such a long time." We succeeded in guiding the next Guinness into our glass, as she went to her switchboard bearing six plugs. Eventually we found the phone outside in a box marked "FONE", and we picked up the receiver.

"Good morning to . . ."

"Fine and soft," we mumbled.

"Number, please"

"Newmarket two-one-eight . . ."

Sounds of incredulity assailed our ear. "Sorry but this phone serves only Sneen and Ballycrud, good morning," and she hung up on us.

We ventured inside for a clean glass and half a bottle of "paddy." Next time we rushed her, "Top of the immortal morning to you, fine and soft it is, long distance to Newmarket, England!"

"Where are you calling from, please?" We retired into Mooney's again to fill up for a second time. This would obviously take time. At the third try we didn't let her have a chance.

"Where's Newmarket?" she queried.

Muttering something about Irish race horses, we explained that the place is at the bottom right hand corner as you look north.

As we extracted the cork with our teeth from the second half of "paddy", she succeeded in understanding us.

We sat on the floor of the "fone" box and poured a tot.

Seized with a sudden insatiable desire to burst into song, we delivered a sensitive rendering of Molly Malone. We had just simultaneously started the second verse of "Phil the Fluter's Ball" and the fifth tot from the second bottle, when a rugged but kindly priest, no doubt about his parish business, emerged from Mooney's and carried us in.

Mary glanced round from her switchboard, "Heaven's above and if it isn't another, and me with an important long distance call to put through!"

S. E. Buckley, (Pref.)

MY SHIP

My favourite ship is not afloat,
It never sails or spoils its coat.
The wintry storms or summer gales
Do not disturb its handsome sails.
No captain strides its shining deck,
Nor look out keeps the watchful check.
But in my mind her unknown history
Sends me to sleep, to dream of mystery,
Of desert isles and pirate's treasure,
Of gold and silver beyond all measure.
Alas! My Ship! it is not able —
It's in a bottle on my table.

G. Hunt (UIVB)

FAILURE?

And must I go, to contemplate no more
Those buildings set in spacious greens,
The stagnant pool, the trees that bend before
The gale, nor view again familiar scenes?
And must I go, nor ever take the stage
To play before the crowded hall, nor stand
In lecture room and speak, nor scan the page
Of learning, or the history of the land?
And must I go, and leave the sportive throng
Who press around the court, or make their way
Untiring, through the country-side, along
The paths, and o'er the fields, a comp'ny gay?
And must I leave these walls, and sorrowing go
Into the world, with steps unwilling, slow?

D. A. Walsh, LMVI

HAIR TO-DAY, GONE TO-MORROW

The first warning one has of the forthcoming interview is usually about a fortnight before the fateful day dawns when you become the subject of a variety of witty remarks such as "Have you read the 'Rape of the Lock' by Alexander Pope, young man?" When such things are said to me I mumble something vague about it being my own hair and hastily change the subject. Gradually reprovals get sterner and remarks become more uncivil and so, tired of being equated with Jimmy Saville or Phil May, (no relation to our Fred). I am forced to give way.

. . . . As I enter the saloon the barber grins menacingly at me and utters a dull "G'd afternoon" and then with a greedy look on his face, picks up his clippers and starts "polishing off" the man in the chair. The people in the room look up from their magazines and gape at me with awe, so that I begin to wonder if my hair is really long after all, and feeling extremely embarrassed I seat myself nervously on the first vacant chair trying to soothe my nerves with the thought that I'm only going to have a trim.

. . . . After an interminably long time, during which no one has uttered a word, the fiend himself looks up with a leer on his face and calls, "You next son!" and red with self-consciousness, my knees knocking with fear, I move slowly over to the chair and sit down.

"What d'yer want me to do fo yer" asks the barber sinisterly, as he strangles me with a piece of tissue and stuffs his large cloth down my shirt-collar. "I want a tr-trim, please," I mumble, hoping, but realising that barbers never seem to be able to differentiate between a "trim" and a "scalping."

So the torture begins. First of all he takes a comb and proceeds to comb my hair until I look like something out of an old film. Then he picks up his machine of destruction and I grit my teeth and close my eyes as he brings its little teeth nearer to my head. For fifteen solid minutes my head is pushed and knocked all over the place as though it were a football, and finally I am annointed with oil. Then my hair, or rather, all that's left of it, is plastered down with brush and comb.

The barber, brushing hairs down my neck, proceeds to tell me that "it needed thinning" and dazed I mutter, "Yes you're quite right," but knowing that my whole life was ruined for what could I do without long hair. The shame of having to return to school the next day and having to face all my friends and their comments. But when I get back home and look in the mirror I'm forced to admit that it does look better and what's more, feels more comfortable too!

D. A. Walsh, LMVI

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations go to the Biology Department of K.G.S., a member of which spent several minutes watching a Black-browed Albatross; the fourth ever seen in Britain.

OF AMBITION

I want;
It is great to have it,
Ambition, youth's dream,
To lose is divine.
You don't get if you don't ask,
They tell me,
And you don't ask if you haven't got
And don't want
More.
What's it? and why?
Why to be rich, and why?
Why to die
When your little red pump
Stops.
He was ambitious they say,
You're lost without it,
But where are you with it?
How many love you?
How much have you?
If you be M.B., Ch.B., M.A., M.Sc., LLB.;
Why not F.R.C.S.?—
and thence to R.I.P.

M. J. Barnes LMVI

M.B.Eatles

With the publication of the Birthday Honours a new form of inverted snobbery has appeared. In protest to the award of the M.B.E. to the Beatles, certain distinguished gentlemen have ostentatiously, will full Press coverage and accompanied insults to the Beatles, returned their awards to the Queen.

The unfavourable light with which they regard the Beatles merely reflects back onto themselves. After going to Buckingham Palace in their borrowed plumes they bask in the reflected glory of the M.B.E. for a few years till the novelty wears thin. Then they seek to flatter themselves by returning the medal. They infer that either they are too good for the M.B.E. or that the award has degenerated since they themselves set such a high standard many years ago.

If they criticise the Beatles because of their achievement then who are they to estimate the value or otherwise of the Beatles "contribution" to national renown? Do they condemn

the Beatles because their own exalted taste dislikes "pop" music? On a purely monetary plane, in respect of dollars earned they deserve an export lunch with Mr. Harold Wilson, O.B.E., and Sir Donald Stokes. If the worthy gentlemen object to the Beatles on personal grounds then there is no reason why they should seek to broadcast their dislike with affected gestures.

D. A. Knowles.

A Letter from an Old Boy

Windsor Castle,
Capetown.

Once again we have set sail on another voyage to South Africa. This is my sixth trip on board this ship as a baker.

I might add that the ship has a tonnage of 37,647 tons and is a cargo liner. It belongs to the Union Castle Co., which in turn is a member of the British and Commonwealth group.

The Windsor's route runs between Southampton and Durban, a distance of over 7,000 miles. The round voyage takes six weeks, stopping at the following ports both outward and homeward bound:—Madeira, Las Palmas, Capetown, Port Elizabeth, East London and Durban.

My job as 2nd/As./Baker is to make all the confectionery needed for afternoon teas and other meals, the goods produced being similar to what one would find in a confectioner's shop ashore. They are all of very high standard and great variety.

Also made in the Baker's Shop everyday are rolls, different breads, Vienna bread, Cobs, fancy breads and sweets for all meals. These range from a simple rice pudding to a Baa-Baa Oriental, or a Souffle Supreme.

Work in the Bakers Shop is carried on twenty four hours a day, the day staff usually start at six a.m. and work in three shifts, each of four or five hours and they coincide with each meal, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. The night staff, of which I am a part, start at 9 p.m. and work straight through to either seven or eight a.m. in the morning depending on how much overtime one has got.

The Windsor when full can carry nearly 1,000 passengers and 420 crew. 50% of the crew belong to the catering department.

We sailed on May 20th from Southampton at 4 p.m.. Soon we were out of the Solent past the Isle of Wight and into the English Channel. At 11 p.m. that evening we entered the Bay of Biscay. Ushant Island marks the beginning of the Bay and Cape Finisterre the end of it.

At 10 a.m. Sunday morning one could just see the Isle of Madeira in the distance. At 11.45 a.m. we were tied up in the harbour at Funchal, the capital of Madeira.

Madeira is a small rocky island but very picturesque. It is my favourite port of call.

We stayed here for five hours both loading and unloading cargo. At 5 p.m. we were once again on our way, this time to Las Palmas.

At 6 a.m. we berthed along side the quay in Las Palmas. It is a small volcanic island.

Here one can buy anything from fruit to tape recorders at a very cheap price. There is no tax on any article bought here.

A tape recorder costing £60 in England would cost about £35.

The ship picks up oil and cargo ready for the ten day trip to Capetown, and at 1 p.m. is on her way for South Africa.

Late Monday evening we crossed the Tropic of Cancer. The weather improves greatly in this area. The average temperature is about 82°F.

On Wednesday morning we passed Cape Verde and Dakar which are in Senegal. This is the last glimpse of land before Capetown.

On Thursday at 2 p.m. we passed another of the company's ships, the Pendennis Castle. Both ships passed each other within 300 yards.

Friday at 11 a.m., we crossed the Equator. There was the "crossing of the line" ceremony for the passengers. On this day I noted that both the air and sea temperatures were the same at 84°F.

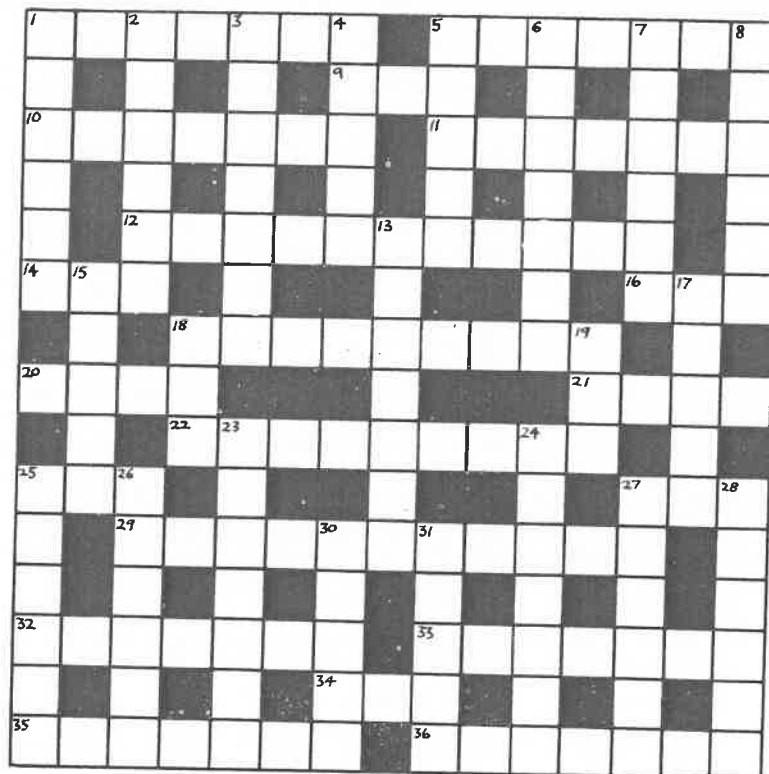
From now on there is very little to see except the sea. Of course there are literally thousands of flying fish. There are the occasional dolphins, sharks and whales.

Thursday, exactly a fortnight from Southampton, and we were in Table Bay at Capetown.

The first thing one notices about Capetown is Table Mountain towering above the city. It is a really magnificent sight.

From here the ship goes up the coast to Port Elizabeth, East London and then the terminus, Durban.

Paul Crabtree, 2nd/As./Baker,
(1957-62)



The Kirkhamian Crossword

Compiled by T. M. Smith
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CLUES ACROSS

1. That man's M.P. tells of the past (7).
5. But too good to be the groom? (4, 3)
9. Turkish commander looks the same from both sides (3)
10. Self-denying like in the beginning (7)
11. Provide restraint in panic on trolleybus (7)
12. Such conspicuous debts (11)
14. Neither is Ron backward (3)
16. This one has been around a long time (3)
18. Confused boy helper tends to exaggeration (9).
20. Fit enough to be a seaman? (4)
21. Sounded like a step on the ladder (4)
22. Anyone that sounds like a confirmed sorceress (9)
25. Pigs make their home in East Yorkshire (3)
27. Childish ammunition (3)
29. Put an end to exam, enter it in confusion (11)
32. Share, but still left with particle (7)
33. Enliven Ian, mate (7)
34. Drink at a very early age? (3)
35. Officers not likely to flag (7)
36. Chosen to be a representative (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Such a collision could be the result of sticking your neck out (4, 2)
2. Dissect orb containing required area (6)
3. Go in last because of superior endurance (7)
4. In turmoil, Cathy sails (5)
5. Author found at breakfast table? (5)
6. Shadowy time-piece (3,4)
7. This motorway tantrum is mere hallucination (6)
8. Columnist who turned a blind eye (6)
13. Was biblical leader a Brahma? (7)
15. In such a state you're just going round in circles (5)
17. Big cat looks like a feather-weight (5)
18. Cut it out! (3)
19. Go astray in terror (3)
23. Failing to avoid contact (7)
24. Probe the matter of question and answer in the East (7)
25. Keeps things together despite pastel mix-up (6)
26. Longs to be given directions after some time has elapsed (6)
27. Stopped antagonistic feeling involving schoolmaster (6)
28. Go up at the time a hundred finish (6)
30. Leases damage to clothing (5)
31. Speed after one becomes angry (5)



Profile No. 18

J. F. MORSE

(1917-1920)

President
of the
Old Boys'
Association
1965

"You're going to find it difficult — I'm just an ordinary bloke!" said Mr. J. F. Morse when informed that he was to be the subject of our next "Profile". just after his return from a two week holiday in Venice, Greece and Israel — for this warm, friendly man is strikingly modest about his school days which were spent, from the age of 14, at Kirkham Grammar School.

It was in 1917 that J. F. Morse first came to K.G.S. and began an association which has lasted nearly 50 years. His parents had moved to Great Eccleston and Mr. Morse joined the School House, travelling home every weekend. He insists that, in school, he was in the bottom half of the form each time, and often in detention — but, in his own words, he found K.G.S. "a happy shool" and he reflects with great affection upon the pleasure he has derived from his days there.

He was one of the more outstanding sportsmen of the school, being a member of the Soccer and Cricket XI's and he still remembers the beautiful cricket of Mr. Budden, the School House Master and "a jolly fine coach in cricket". Mr. Morse loves his cricket — in 1919 he joined Great Eccleston Cricket Club and played for them for many years. He has been President of the Club, and is still a member, never missing one of their matches even today.

In 1919 too, he created a major stir at K.G.S. — by becoming the first boy ever to introduce a motor-bike into the school! He joined the Fylde House and began to travel daily to school on his machine. It was one of the very early types of motor-cycle, with no kick start or gears, and to start it up he had to run along with it and then jump on. He, and his machine, were the school joke for many months. He recalls that one member of the staff even borrowed it for a weekend!

J. F. Morse left school in 1920, having decided to become an Auctioneer and Valuer. He served his articles, and obtained his finals in 1925. Shortly, he set out upon a career which has since brought him much experience and interest. He became a 'Rating Surveyor' in Harrogate for 12 months, and then completed a spell in London doing investment valuation work, later joining the Valuation Department of the Inland Revenue at Lancaster. At last, he set up his own one-man business in Blackpool as a Chartered Estate Agent and Auctioneer — and, not very long after that, had to close the business down to join the R.A.F. as World War II came along!

Still following his interest, Mr. Morse became a Lands' officer doing R.A.F. valuation work. He fell in with a group of men from different walks of life, all of whom had similar interests, and thoroughly enjoyed six years of "working hard and playing hard too". One evening, as Duty Officer he came across a confidential file about himself, and read, written on it "not amenable to discipline". He still remembers this because, at the time, he says, it struck him that such a comment might well have been written by one of his old masters at K.G.S.!

The war over, J. F. Morse found no difficulty in re-opening his business in Blackpool, and now it is a thriving concern, dealing largely with the professional work of solicitors and bankers.

Today he lives in Cleveleys, and his wife is a Great Eccleston girl, (with the initials K.G.S.!) who is actually a half-cousin to his old form-mate Jack Davy. She goes to all the functions Mr. Morse attends as this year's President of the Old Boys' Association, and these have included the Carol Service ("by jove, it put the wind up me, reading that lesson . . .!") and the presentation of prizes at our most recent Sport's Day. He often comes to the school to talk with Mr. Kennedy, and declares, with a twinkle in his eye, that the only times he had ever been in the H.M.'s study before was "at his entrance exam., when Rev. T. C. Walton was Head, . . . and for some damn good hidings!"

He says that it came as a complete shock to be invited to be President of the Old Boys' and insists that he is still absolutely amazed — that he, "an ordinary bloke" should follow in the footsteps of all the past Presidents. But when you hear Mr. Morse reminiscing about his school days, showing his deep love for K.G.S., perhaps you will understand why he should be chosen to represent those of our past pupils who still remember their old school.

The New Building

The idea of having a new Science Block at K.G.S. was first mooted about 1958. Now, seven years later, after many difficulties and delays, the buildings are an accomplished fact and will be ready for use in September, 1965.

The Governors have decided that the buildings should be known as the Norwood Block and Mr. Denis Norwood has kindly consented to open them formally on the afternoon of Saturday, September 25th at 2-30 p.m. This will very conveniently take place before the Old Boys' v. School rugger match.

It is hoped that there will be a good attendance of all who are interested in the progress of the School. An especially warm welcome is extended to all those Old Boys and Friends who, by their generosity, have contributed towards the raising of nearly £3,000 towards the cost of the building.

K.G.S. Old Boys' Association

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The Annual Dinner for 1965 will be held on Friday, 24th September at the Barton Grange Hotel when the principal guest speaker will be Mr. Roy Russell, an old boy who is a radio and television playwright. The Annual General Meeting of the Association will precede the Dinner and will include the election of officers for the ensuing year. The Committee has discussed at length the price of tickets and in view of rising costs it has been necessary to increase the price of these to £1. However, to encourage younger members, who may be students or articulated, to attend this important event tickets will be priced at 10/- to those who have left K.G.S. at, or later than July, 1963. At least one other Old Boys' Association in this area has a similar system and it is felt that all members will agree that it has some merit. In case some members are not familiar with the exact location of the Barton Grange Hotel it must be mentioned that this is on the A6 road approximately four miles north of Preston.

All members will be interested to learn that the school extension is nearing completion and that it is to be known as the Norwood block. The official opening ceremony will take place on the 25th September prior to the annual rugby match between the school and the old boys' XV. Mr. Denis Norwood has consented to perform the opening and many of his ex pupils will no

doubt wish to be present. Within 24 hours therefore we have our A.G.M. and Dinner, the opening of the school extension and the annual rugby match; surely a most interesting time for all members who are able to attend.

The 1965 Car Treasure Hunt, held on the 1st June, attracted a field of 19 cars containing some 64 entrants. In spite of the organising committee's efforts to make some of the clues more "tricky" than in the past, the answer sheets and treasure collected were, on the whole, very well completed. The winning car, containing no less than Messrs. Kennedy, Middleton, Reay and Kremer, produced a 100 per cent. correct result and only suffered a few penalty marks during the driving test which preceded the "trip around the Fylde". In addition to the driving test another innovation was a lights test, brake, side and head, which almost every car passed with flying colours; one competitor asked to have his oil and tyres checked as well! The prizewinners were:

1st Mr. S. Middleton,

2nd Mr. P. M. England,

3rd Mr. J. Booth,

4th Mrs. Kirby.

The "booby" was awarded to Mr. G. Howarth (for the second time!) All those attending appeared to enjoy the evening and it is hoped that this event will become a regular item on our calendar.

Friends of Kirkham Grammar School

President: Rev. A. R. Allen, M.A.
Secretary: Mr. A. R. Andrews

Chairman: Mrs. D. Benson
Treasurer: Mr. J. A. Scott

At the time of writing, our annual programme is almost completed, and we are looking forward to wholehearted support and good weather for our major effort of the year — the Garden Party.

Continuing from where the last report left off, the second Whist and Domino Drive in January was as successful as ever, and the February event — a Beetle Drive and Film Show — attracted a capacity house, considerably enlivened by the presence of the younger element. Despite holding our second dance of the year in the area in which most of our members reside (Preston), it suffered from the same lack of support as did the first one held last October — not that that detracted from a very enjoyable evening for those who did attend. Our Chairman has put out an appeal for “feed-back” from members, so that we may know what functions and venues are preferred by the majority, instead of our having to plan on guesswork. For preference, we would like to have the members’ views put forward personally at the next Annual General Meeting, which will be held in September or October next.

The latest event held — a Car Treasure Hunt — was ingeniously contrived by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewis so as to eliminate the use of a map. Because of this, or in spite of it, depending on how you look at it, several competitors (including the writer’s party) found themselves in by-ways previously unexplored, and probably uncharted. Fortunately, the final rendezvous had been selected for its expertise in dispensing cures for exposure.

Partly because of the expiry of some long-term subscriptions this year, our membership will be showing a drop. We can anticipate that some of this number will be made up by enrolling parents of new boys entering School this September, but there must be some parents or guardians of boys already in School who are not members. May I extend a cordial invitation to them to join us in the coming School year, and support us in our very worthwhile objectives. As tangible results of these, there is first of all our current project to contribute to the cost of some practice nets and concrete bases for the sports field, and to provide an additional piano for class-room use. Secondly, our Association, in conjunction with the Old Boys’ Association, is making a useful contribution to the cost of the new Science Block which is due to be opened in September.

A. R. Andrews, Hon. General Secretary,
17, Edward Street, St. Annes-on-Sea.

Solution to Kirkhamian Crossword

ACROSS

1. History; 5. Best man; 9. Aga;
10. Ascetic; 11. Control; 12. Out-
standing; 14. Nor; 16. Eon; 18.
Hyperbole; 20. Able; 21. Rung;
22. Whichever; 25. Sty; 27.
Pea; 29. Exterminate; 32. Portion;
33. Animate; 34. Tot; 35. En-
signes; 36. Elected.

DOWN

1. Head on; 2. Sector; 3. Outstay;
4. Yacht; 5. Bacon; 6. Sun dial;
7. Mirage; 8. Nelson; 13. Abra-
ham; 15. Orbit; 17. Ounce; 18.
Hew; 19. Err; 23. Hitting; 24.
Examine; 25. Staple; 26. Yearns;
27. Pedant; 28. Ascend; 30.
Rents; 31. Irate.

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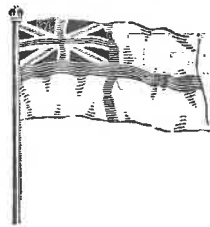
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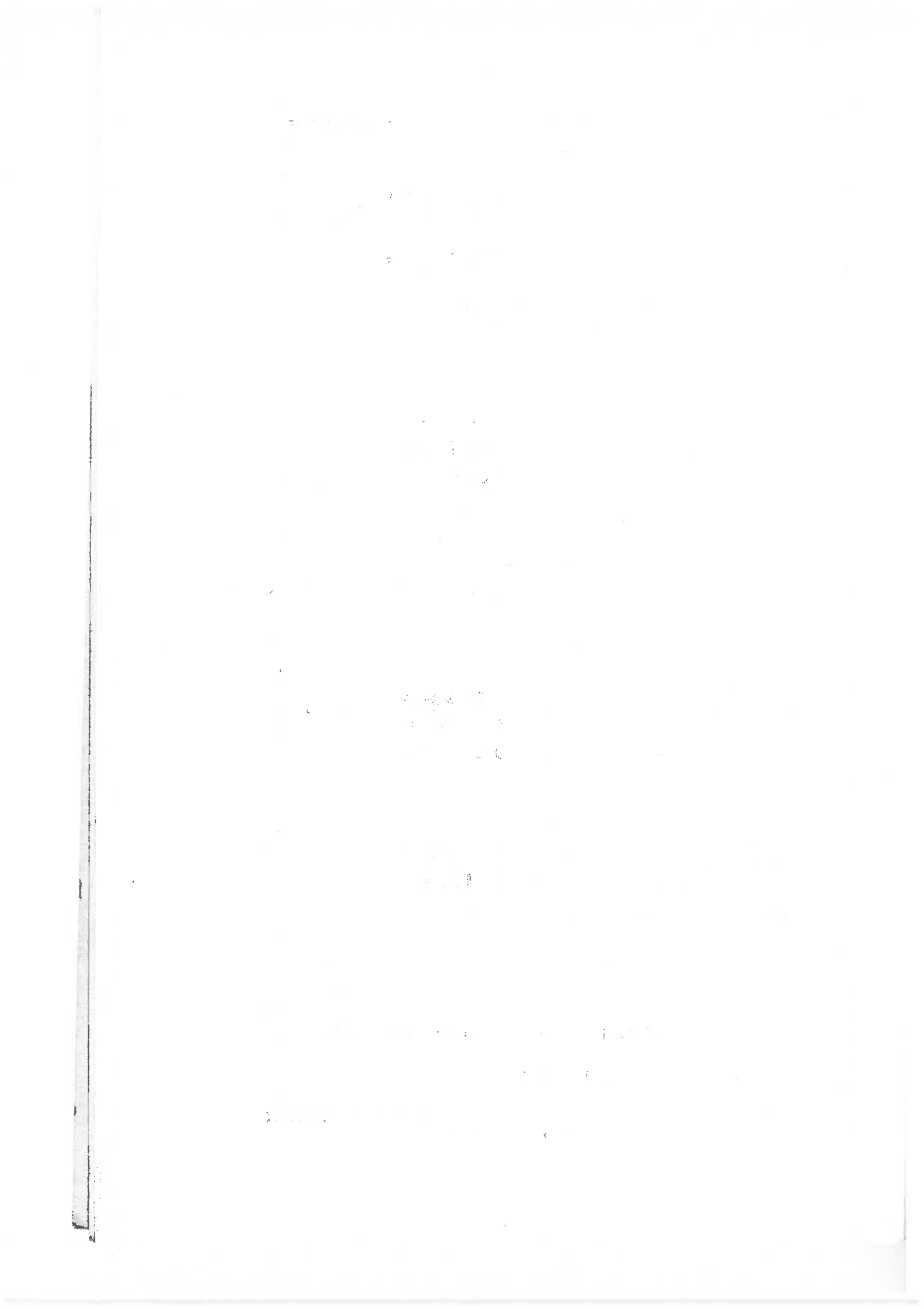
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