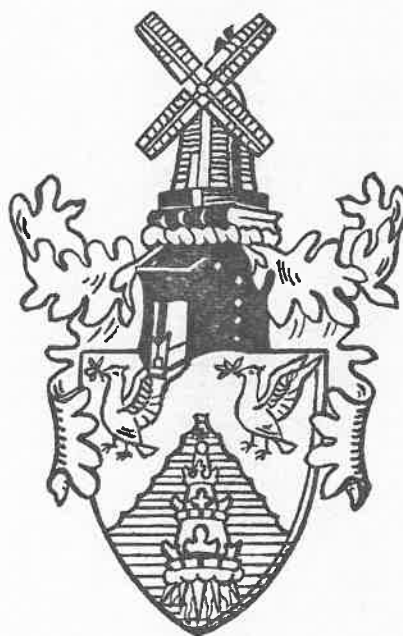


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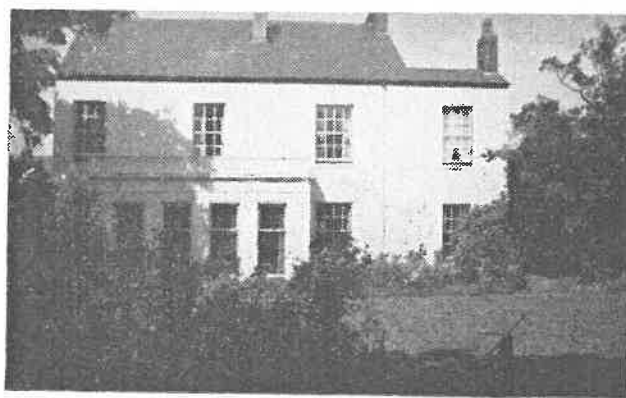
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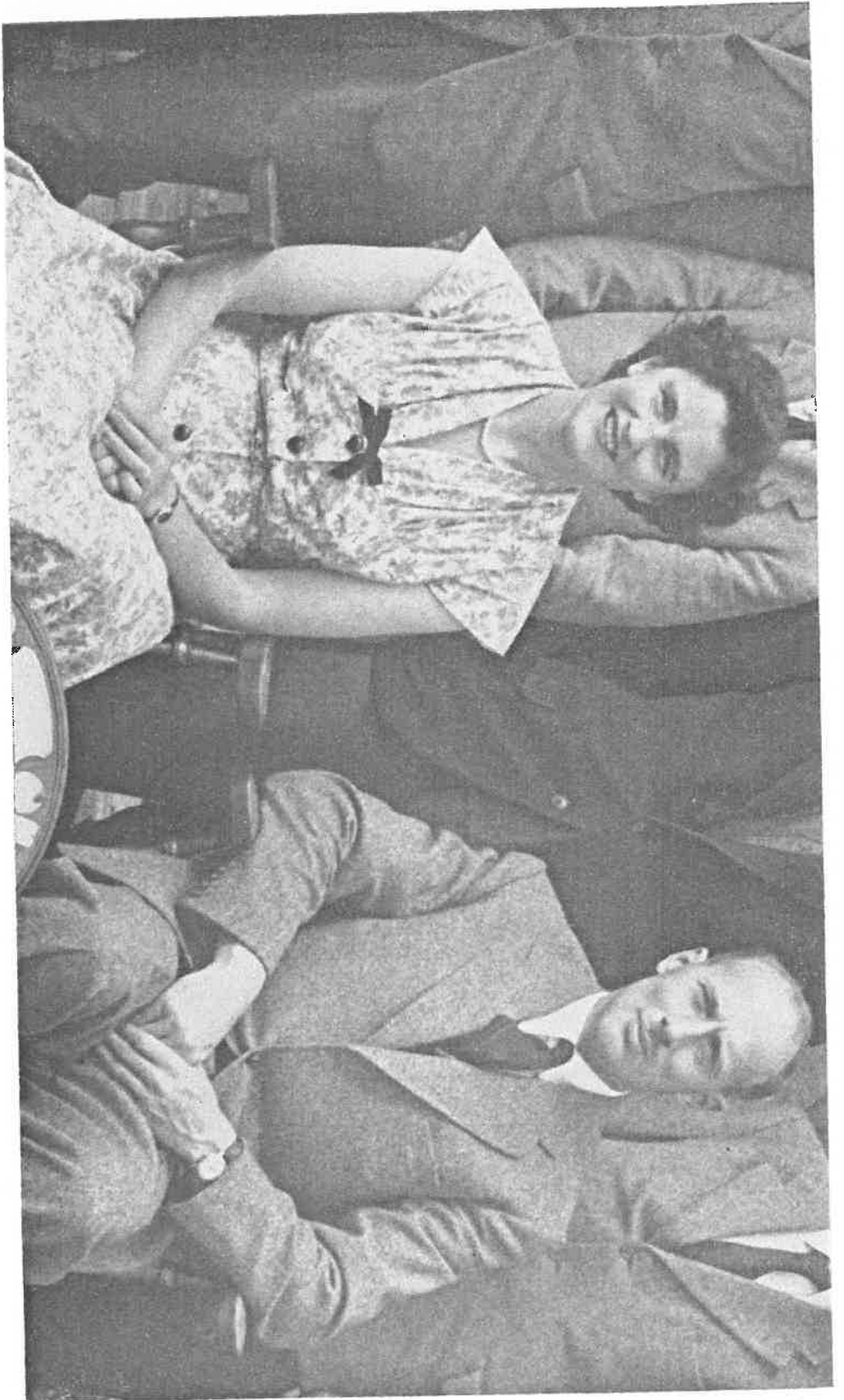
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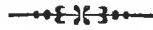
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The first task of the Editorial of this issue must necessarily be the welcoming to our school of Mr. Kennedy, the new Headmaster. We hope that his career may be as happy and successful as that of his predecessor and that under him the school may go from strength to strength, for it has been rightly said that the character of a school is largely dependent upon that of the Headmaster. The school's showing on the Rugby field has been itself in the nature of a welcome to him, especially with the first XV's as yet unbroken run of successes.

Next we should like to point out the unwritten obligation which rests upon all members of the school to purchase copies of this magazine. In the last year or two it has been found possible to publish the magazine without financial loss, and indeed at times to augment the finances of the General School Committee with a small profit, but it must be noted that the margin between profit and loss is extremely narrow. The Magazine Committee has decided to have this issue printed on art paper and the cost of this improvement can only be defrayed by a one hundred per cent response from the school. The boy who openly boasts that he is not going to buy a copy is worthy of contempt, and the boy who complains that there is not enough of interest therein has the remedy in his own hands, in that he will be cordially welcomed when he hands in articles of absorbing interest.

We should like to acknowledge receipt of the 'Cowleian,' the 'Arnoldian,' the 'Poultonian,' the 'Rossallian,' the 'Lancastrian' and the Blackpool Grammar Magazine, and to thank these schools for sending their magazines.

House Reports



Ashton House

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

House Captain: J. J. BAMBER.

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

Since we last went to press the House has had fair success in the competitions which have been held. Probably the most outstanding achievement was one which has always eluded the House, the gaining of the senior House Cricket Shield. Astutely and efficiently captained by A. R. W. Lean, and due mainly to the support of Bamber, Elliot and Whitehead, the team won the competition after victories over the School, Lytham and Preston Houses.

The Junior Cricket XI however was a young and inexperienced team, and they lost to Lytham House in the first round.

Other commendable achievements during the summer term were gained in the Debating (second) and the Gym (second) competitions. Due mainly to the eloquence of Lean the House reached the final of the Debating Competition only to be narrowly defeated by Preston House. Due to a concerted effort in the Gym Competition the House very nearly achieved the impossible, that of wresting the Gym Cup from the possessive fingers of the School House.

Despite the optimism of last year's House Captain with respects to the Swimming Cup, the House, with no desire to break with tradition, quietly retained sixth position. Nevertheless it was heartening that the House had a full team. Thus, at the end of the summer term of 1959, the House could look back upon the most successful year to date. This was in no small amount due to the spirit which was generated by the seniors and especially the House Captain A. R. W. Lean.

With the beginning of the Christmas term whilst welcoming the new members, the House looks forward with hopes of another successful year.

To date the House has only participated actively in two competitions, the Work and the Chess. In the former, despite the encouragement of last year's achievement, after the first half-term the House was holding sixth position. It is hoped that this position can be ameliorated very soon.

However, in the Chess Competition, the House team under the energetic leadership of M. C. Kirkham, has achieved a win and a draw, a great improvement on its former efforts, and promises much for the future.

The House looks forward with expectation and hopes to the Easter term, when we have, in the past, been the most successful.

In the semi-final of the Rugby Competition the House was defeated by 9 points to 8 by the Preston House after a hard and equal struggle.

Fylde House

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

House Captain: D. THISTLETHWAITE.

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

At the commencement of a new year we extend a welcome to all the new members of the House, and at the same time send our best wishes to K. S. Jackson, N. S. Jackson, R. S. Thompson and D. F. Wootton, who will be missed for their services to the House. We congratulate P. J. Holliday, P. N. Tomlinson and W. A. Coward on their appointment as House Prefects.

First let us round off last year's record with the Work Cup. Before the external examinations we held a lowly fifth position, and it was realised that only by maximum effort could this position be remedied. This effort was forthcoming, however, and as a result of those examinations the House was raised to second place.

Both cricket teams were defeated in early rounds of the competition and it is to the Shooting Competition that we must look for our final success of last term. Of a possible 780 points, the team scored 715 points, a record for the competition, and won, by a margin of 130 points from the second House.

In two of the last three inter-house competitions started this term the results do not merit the adjective 'successful'; however results are not the 'be all and end all' and we are sure that the team spirit shown in those activities and at various practices will hold us in good stead, with better results in the future.

In the inter-house Rugby Competition we were drawn against the School House. It was a hard-fought game but we lacked any real penetrative power and the match resulted in the School House being worthy winners, by 22 points to 3.

The Chess team has only played one match this term, against the Kirkham House, which resulted in a narrow defeat by 14 points to 10. However we hope that the return of G. Worden, absent through injury for most of the term, will strengthen the team.

We started well in the Work Cup with 130 points in the first half term, second only to Kirkham House. However a lapse in the second half-term brought us down to fourth position. We hope this backslide will be more than checked next term.

And so we look forward to another term of House activity. The Debating Competition, the Junior Rugby Competition, the Cross-country and Music Competitions all take place next term and we wish the teams every success.

Kirkham House

House Masters: MR. H. J. REAY, MR. S. CRANE, MR. J. R. HOYLE.

House Captain: E. PARKINSON.

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

In the inter-house Swimming Sports the House team, captained by H. Pilkington scored more points than any other House, but due to a lack of standard points the House could only finish second in the competition as a whole.

In the Shooting Competition, the House finished second to a very strong Fylde House team, our team however was a very young one, and with four of its members still in the House we look forward very much to this year's competition.

Although the House only finished sixth in last year's Chess Competition, the team in its one match this term has defeated Fylde House.

After finishing sixth in last year's Work Cup Competition, the House has now leapt ahead into first position with some very creditable performances from the Junior members of the House. If, however the House is going to maintain this position the Seniors too will have to do equally well.

In the Senior Rugby Competition the House team has been doing a little "Giant Killing" defeating Lytham House by 15 points to 6 in the preliminary round and School by 3 points to 0 in the semi-final. Both were hard fought games and every member of the team is to be heartily congratulated for showing such a fighting spirit and for responding so well to the determined and inspired leadership of E. Parkinson. We are now looking forward, with eager anticipation, to the final.

In conclusion we should like to welcome the new members of the House, hoping that their stay will be profitable, both to them and to the House.

Lytham House

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

House Captain: R. W. OGDEN.

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

Since last going to press the House has not achieved any great distinction in any of the school competitions.

For the second year running we provided the losing finalists in the Junior Cricket final which we had reached by defeating Kirkham and Ashton. The latter was won, primarily due to an excellent display of fielding by all the team. All but one of the

Ashton wickets that fell were catches. The reverse is equally true of the final; extremely poor fielding allowed the School House to achieve treble figures, a total which was well above the capabilities of our batsmen.

The Swimming team suffered its usual handicap of a low total of standard points, being 35 behind the leading House; an almost impossible handicap. Despite this however the team managed to gain third place, due mainly to the efforts of the seniors.

Any ideas about walking away with the Chess Competition because we still had the team which came a close second to School last year plus three ex-School House players, from last year's team, were quickly dispelled by a 14-10 defeat at the hands of Ashton, which was balanced by a 14-10 defeat of School.

The House finished a poor fifth in the Work Cup last year. So far this term however, we have shown a marked improvement, so that the House is now standing in third place.

Undoubtedly the greatest failure of the year was the defeat of the Senior Rugby XV at the hands of Kirkham in the preliminary round. The House fielded a team which, on paper, was good enough to win the Shield. The reasons for its failure are numerous. The forwards were outplayed particularly in the tight and in the line-outs by a much smaller and less experienced Kirkham pack. The game was only a few minutes old before the weakness at scrum-half and hooker became apparent. The three-quarters hardly saw the ball throughout the game. The House eventually lost by two goals, a try and a penalty goal to two tries.

What then for the future? Our chances of retaining the Junior Rugby Cup for the third year running are very slender. A greater effort amongst 'the rank and file' of the House members, particularly in the gaining of standard points in the baths, the gym and on the field would make a tremendous difference. Too often in the past years the House teams are at a disadvantage before they start, either through lack of practice or of standard points. All these can be remedied only if each and every member of the House plays his part, little though it may be.

Preston House

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

House Captain: R. M. WILCOCK.

House Prefects: G. BARNES, M. BARNES, H. R. MAYOR.

The Preston House Report again opens with a welcome to the nine new members of the House; also congratulations are extended to the new House Prefects, all of whom are School Prefects.

After last term's leaving the Senior House is somewhat depleted, but if past measures of House spirit are shown, we need fear no eclipse.

Traditionally, it seems that the Preston House always slip to bottom position of the Work Cup during the opening term of the year. However, if history once again repeats itself the House should finish first.

In the Chess team the House has a young and perhaps a somewhat inexperienced team, this undoubtedly accounting for the rather poor record — a draw and a defeat.

Other than Chess, the House this term, has been inactive.

In order to complete the House picture several results from the end of the last school year need to be included. The House was left in possession of the Work and Debating Cups. The Cricket Shield however was won by Ashton with Preston runners-up, whilst in the Swimming Competition the House was fourth.

The Preston House as a whole would like to thank Mr. McKerrow for his invaluable help during the last term. At the end of this term Wilcock is leaving us, ultimately to go in October to read Geography at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.

There have been practices in plenty this term, and the House, after a hard game, narrowly defeated Ashton in the Rugby Cup, by 9 points to 8.

School House

House Masters: MR. G. T. WILKINSON, MR. R. FIELDING, MR. L. A. REDMAN.

House Captain: M. E. C. SANT.

House Prefects: M. A. MCCARTNEY, D. B. ROGERS, J. B. ALLCOCK.

Following the pattern of the previous year, the major successes of the School House were gained in the last few days of the Summer term. During this week the Swimming, Junior Cricket, Gym and Chess Competitions were completed, and all were won by the School House.

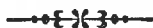
The remaining competitions were for the Shooting and Work Cups; in these we came fifth and fourth respectively — positions on which we ought to improve this year. The Senior Cricket team managed to forget their rather ignominious defeat in their competition and scored a convincing victory by four wickets over a strong team of Masters, Parents and Old Boys raised by Mr. Fielding.

The competitions so far this year have all seen School House in a prominent position. Despite a narrow defeat in their first Chess match, the team holds the leading position on the strength of a resounding 24-0 victory over the Preston House. In the Work Cup Competition we are second, and although the Gym Cup Competition is in its early stages there is no reason why we should not maintain our lead.

However, the main efforts of the term have been on the Rugby field. Fielding a well balanced side, which perhaps was more adept at defence than attack, we recorded a convincing win over Fylde House, by 22 points to 5 points. The semi-final against Kirkham House, brought us against a team with much the same capabilities as ourselves. Consequently the match though keenly fought never aspired to any great heights, as neither set of backs was allowed to start a movement. Thus, although we saw most of the ball, it was an opportunist try by Kirkham House that won the game for them by 3 points to 0. M. E. C. Sant, M. A. McCartney and J. Montgomery are to be congratulated for their regular appearances in the first XV.

Perhaps a word should be said of those who left the House at the end of the last school year. R. M. Wilkinson has gained admission to the school of law at Bristol University, and is to be congratulated; H. G. White, last year's vice-Captain is now in the Civil Service. To these two and all the other leavers we would extend our best wishes for the future.

The Societies



Scientific Society

Chairman: Mr. Hoyle.

Secretary: T. J. Huss.

Committee: J. L. Ingleby, P. Wallbank, D. A. Thomas, G. Worden.

This term the Society has had quite a good programme, with seven film shows in all. The attendance was good, being three times over 60 and only once below 50. The Committee however felt a little disappointed at the lack of seniors at the shows.

Next term film shows for each week have been arranged and also an outing on some Saturday afternoon is hoped for. It is intended to make some new exhibits in the Society's exhibition at the Easter Fair.

Debating Society

Chairman: Mr. Boocock.

Secretary: H. R. Mayor.

Committee: G. C. Box, J. D. Fleet, W. A. Coward, G. Parkinson.

Last term the final round of the inter-house competition was held and that "This House believes democracy to be the rule of the incompetant many" was debated. Preston House, represented by M. D. Lawton, seconded by H. R. Mayor, was judged to have been victorious by a narrow margin over the Ashton speakers A. R. W. Lean and J. Berry. It is hoped that the standard of this debate will set a happy precedent for future years.

The failure of the sixth form to attend debates held by the Society, which was pointed out in last year's report, has been even more marked during this term, and, as a result, the difficulty of finding seniors prepared to speak from the chair has curtailed activities.

The only debate which has evoked any outstanding enthusiasm was that on "Looking forward with pleasure to five more years conservatism". The main speakers, Allcock and Box, presented their respective cases well, and feelings in the house were raised. This shows what the Society is capable of when it has good speakers and a controversial motion; the resemblance of the debate to a stormy election meeting was a pleasant change from the more conventional apathy. Junior debates confined to the Lower V's and those below continue to win an increasing popularity; and that "This House believes in Flying Saucers" was a successful meeting this term. The Committee hopes for greater enthusiasm in the inter-house Debating Competition of which the preliminary rounds will be held during the Easter Term.

Geographical Society

Chairman: Mr. G. T. Wilkinson.

Secretary: E. Parkinson.

Committee: H. Taylor, M. E. C. Sant, C. D. Dewse,
A. R. Carpenter, H. Whitlock, G. R. Moores.

At the beginning of the Christmas term it was suggested by members of the Scholarship Geography set, that this Society should be formed. In due course, when sufficient support had been found throughout the school, an inaugural meeting was held in order to elect a committee and discuss the type of programme to be followed.

On the 16th of October, the Society was successfully launched by Mr. Butterworth, who gave us an amusing, as well as interesting illustrated lecture on "Austria". This was followed by two more lectures, illustrated by some excellent colour slides; the first by E. Parkinson, describing scenery in "Western Norway" — which was visited by a school party in 1957. Mr. Hoyle followed by speaking about "Mountain Scenery" and showing slides taken in North and South Wales, and North West Scotland.

For the final meeting of the term a film was shown, entitled "Tennessee Venture," which showed the building and function of the Bowaters Company pulp and paper mill in the U.S.A. The use of a film to augment the number of meetings must be continued as long as there is a dearth of people prepared to give illustrated talks on their own experiences. However, there is no doubt that such films are popular, as the highest attendance this term was that which saw "Tennessee Venture". In all, attendances were good, varying between 35 and 60, and so, due to this popularity, the Society was registered as an official School Society by the December General School Committee meeting.

Library Report

Chairman: Mr. B. Coates.

Secretary: G. Barnes.

Committee: H. R. Mayor, J. Allcock, G. Box, J. R. Butterworth,
A. Coward, C. D. Dewse, J. Fleet, D. Garnet, M. Kirkham, M.
Leaney, D. Thistlethwaite.

The work of the sub-committee this term has mostly been of a routine nature, but which is most essential to the success of the Library. A few new books have been accessioned, together with the reassessing of part of the History Section.

Again the temporary loan from the County, of Junior books was quite substantial, giving the Juniors and often the Seniors some very good reading. This is evident by the number of issues, which for this term have been 1,020 compared with 980 of the previous year.

Several new periodicals have been ordered this term, including 'Studio,' 'Musical Times,' and 'The Observer' has taken the place of the 'Sunday Times'.

The end of the term book check reveals that there are 14 books missing, only 3 of these being from the Junior Section.

This relatively large number is rather a sad commentary on the abuse that the Library suffers from members of the Sixth Forms. They often fail to realise the work they incur upon the sub-committee by the transfer of books and tickets, or the failure to stamp a book when taking it out in P.S. periods. It is hoped that in future they will show a little more consideration and observe the rules of the Library.

Badminton Society

Chairman: Mr. Fielding.

Captain: G. Worden.

Secretary: W. A. Coward.

Treasurer: D. W. Garnet.

Committee: J. G. Ethelston, A. Irving.

The Badminton Club has had a fairly successful term. Three matches have been played. The first against the Masters' team was, as usual, an extremely enjoyable one, and on this occasion it was the boys who proved to be the masters, for the match resulted in a victory for the Badminton Club by 6 games to 3.

The next match was against Hutton G.S., who, as usual, had a very strong team and from whom the School team could only capture 2 games out of the 9.

The match against King Edward's, Lytham, proved to be the closest of the term for the result was in doubt until the final game, which was won by the K.G.S pair, giving the club its second victory by 5 games to 4.

In the absence of G. Worden, who was unfortunately injured on the rugby field, W. A. Coward acted as captain.

It is pleasing to note that some of the most promising members of the Club are to be found in the Junior section, which seems to suggest further successes in the future.

Boxing Club

Chairman: Mr. Wilson.

Secretary: J. L. Ingleby.

Committee: I. Doris, J. G. Ethelston, R. Barclay, H. Bradbury.

The Boxing Club has been very well attended this term. Meetings have been in the gymnasium every other Monday at 4-20. The membership this term has increased and now stands at over a dozen.

I am glad to announce that the Juniors, who are in the majority have shown great promise for future times. The Club is especially glad to welcome two new sixth form members to its ranks this term, namely I. Doris and J. G. Ethelston, both of whom have proved invaluable assets to the Club for the purpose of training the Junior Members.

The Club welcomes any new members who are interested.

C.C.F. Report

C.S.M.: G. R. Clark.

S/Sgt.: D. Thistlethwaite.

Sgts.: A. J. Lewis, H. Taylor.

Cpls.: J. B. Allcock, P. N. Carmont, D. W. Garnett, D. B. Rogers,
J. M. Wilkinson.

The beginning of the Christmas term found us with a considerable decrease in the number of N.C.O's, the number having dwindled in fact from 19 to 9. However a strong, keen spirit on the part of the new recruits, and Platoons 4 and 5 (the cadets whom the N.C.O's have mainly had the responsibility of instructing) overcome any thought of slackness. I feel that a very good start has been made to the year's training, not only on the part of the N.C.O's but also by the cadets, an attitude which I am sure will continue.

On October 22nd, blessed once more with a fine day, we had our Field-day, in which Platoons 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 took part. Unfortunately there were not enough facilities for the whole contingent, and consequently Platoons 4 and 5 had to remain at school with the C.S.M of the "Travelling Wing" who was quite impressed by their efforts. The Senior Platoon did a cross-country map reading exercise similar to last year's and the following cadets from groups A and H are to be congratulated on tying for first place: GROUP A:- Parkin, Parkinson, Harvey, Catterall, Bradbury, Webster; GROUP H:- Pilkington, Maddock, Hodgson, Jones C. P. S., Langley and Moss. Both these teams gained the maximum number of points available. In this connection also I feel that cadets Shearman, Thistlethwaite, and Walters deserve special mention for their invaluable help in the organisation of the exercise.

Platoons 6 and 7 took part in various Fieldcraft exercises and games, in an area ideally suited for this purpose. Once again a most successful and profitable day was enjoyed by all.

On December 10th at 10 a.m. 32 cadets from Platoons 1 and 2 paraded on the square for their Army Proficiency Certificate examinations (the old Cert. A. part 1). Out of these the following 28 cadets are to be congratulated on being successful (87%): Ascroft, Blunt, Holmes, Molyneux, Walters, Webster, Williams, Banks, Dunn, Ellison, Evans, Halstead, Il'ingworth, Irving, Jackson, Jones, Langley, Maddock, McCreath, Miller, Moor R., Morgan, Owen, Pilkington, Seyfang, Sowerbutts, Walmsley and Wallbank.

The only innovation this term was the introduction of a competition between the Junior cadets for the "Cord of Honour". This was won by cadet Crumbleholme who will now hold it until half-term.

Summer Camp, 1959

5 officers and 80 cadets attended the annual camp at Cultybraggan in Perthshire last July, a number well over the average. Arriving in the late evening in pouring rain, the cadets who had not been before, were greatly impressed by the camp with its large N.A.A.F.I. placed opposite the billets, alongside the recreation ground, the Church of Scotland canteen plus television, and an assault course which certain senior cadets will remember using late one night.

The actual training was divided into 3 parts:- 1. "Adventure Training" for the Senior cadets, 2. A signals course for certain Junior cadets and 3. Ordinary training for the others.

The "Adventure Training" was made even more extensive this year than last, the various groups completing a circular circuit around camps which became known as "Jake," "Mac" and "Tod". At camp "Jake" elementary rock-climbing was the main item; from here groups went about 11 miles on foot to camp "Tod" where they were entirely on their own for the night. Then another walk of 13-15 miles the next day to point "Mac" for one night, where the only item on the agenda for many was simply "a good night's rest" then came perhaps the most popular day of all, "Initiative Training". These cadets were given either something to find out or bring back, spending no more than 2s. 6d. during the day (phone calls from stranded people excepted) and using simply "the thumb" to gain their transport; the items varied from trying to obtain a lighthouse keeper's signature, to visiting three castles. The end of this day's training brought cadets back to "Jake" rounding off a most enjoyable and memorable four days.

The results of the signals course were quite pleasing, 10 cadets passing out of 12 (83%). Congratulations to cadets: Bushell, Duckworth, Halstead, Lomas D. A., Maddock, Miller, Seyfang, Wallbank, Walmsley and Robinson, C. T.

The other cadets did the usual Fieldcraft exercises around camp, and one night out at either camp "Jake" or "Mac", cooking their own meals and sleeping in bivouac tents.

To round off the camp the last day was spent on a coach trip, similar to the one at the end of the camp three years ago, visiting Loch Lomond, The Trossachs and many other points of interest around that area.

The camp finished on July 24th, and surprising as it may seem, there were many cadets who were really sorry to have to leave, they had enjoyed it so much. This proves how successful the camp was and how it will be remembered by all.

G.R.C.

Cricket, 1959

Results:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Tie
1st XI	12	5	4	3	
2nd XI	8	2	4	1	1
Under 15s	4	3	1		
Under 14s	5		5		

I think it is true to say that when the weather is good there is nothing much wrong with a game of cricket. Apart from the school matches there has been a certain revival in the game, and a great deal more cricket has been played during the dinner hour and after school. One record this season has been the fact that no match has been interfered with by rain so that, though from the K.G.S. point of view the season has been no better than average, it has nevertheless been an enjoyable one.

There were times when the 1st XI looked a very good side indeed. They were well captained by J. Bamber who, if a little disappointing with the bat himself, always looked in command of the situation. A. R. Lean, although rather slow, R. Wilcock, D. R. Moor and G. Holmes all made some rather useful scores, but generally speaking the batting was very inconsistent. Not enough runs were scored often enough so that a good victory — as against Queen Elizabeth's XI from Blackburn — would be followed by a defeat against a weaker school. In general the batsmen failed to play their strokes, scoring opportunities were lost and the side dismissed for rather small scores. The one exception to this was against King George V School, Southport when a lot of runs were scored in a very short space of time. The bowling and fielding were very much more consistent. J. Sharples, fast left-hand, and D. Garnett, medium paced left-hand, put up some very good performances, receiving excellent support from I. Elliot and D. R. Moor, whilst the team moved well in the field. J. Montgomery was very much improved as a wicket-keeper and towards the end of the season managed to score runs in a very forthright manner.

The 2nd XI had rather a poor season. They were a keen side under a keen captain, J. Nightingale, but the batting was very undistinguished and unreliable, with H. Taylor putting up the best performances. The bowling was generally adequate to meet the needs of the situation, with M. E. Sant as the most successful. As usual, last year's unsuccessful Under 14s became this year's successful Under 15s. The strongest feature was the bowling where P. Whitehead, the captain, excelled, with good support from F. Harrison and P. Bamber. The best of the batsmen were D. Moore and M. Hill. Another very keen side, which included many promising players, was the Under 14s. They did not win a match but the batting of D. Horn, J. Myers and D. Simmonds,

and the bowling of P. Richards and Snape was most promising. Like their predecessors they should develop into a very useful side.

The Ashton House are to be congratulated on winning the Senior House Cricket Trophy and the School House on regaining the Junior Trophy.

The Cricket Committee would like to express its gratitude to Mrs. Norwood and to Kathleen for their hospitality in the pavilion; to the scorers, and in particular to H. Whitlock, and to anyone else who has contributed to a most enjoyable season.

At the meeting of the Cricket Committee at the end of the season the following awards were made:-

Full Colours to: J. Bamber.

Team Colours to: M. E. H. Barnes, I. Elliot, D. Garnett, G. L. Holmes, A. R. Lean, D. R. Moor, J. Montgomery, V. Rooking, J. Sharples and R. M. Wilcock.

Swimming

It has been a disastrous season for School swimmers in the two fixtures of the term, Hutton G.S. and the Inter-Grammar School Gala at the Derby Baths, Blackpool. But there are some promising swimmers in the school, especially in the Upper IVs, and ways and means must be found to get them properly trained for competition. On the bright side is the fact that 89% of the school can swim. Of the remaining 11% some are medically excused and others can swim up to half a breadth. Only one boy in the Upper IVs has failed to register a point, and he just failed whilst Lower IVa achieved 100% for the first time.

The Swimming Trophy was presented by Mrs. Harvey, Chairman of the Friends to the winners, the School House, who were also the holders.

Physical Education

Eighteen members of the Lower IV and Upper Vs were awarded the Certificate of Physical Education, reaching the necessary standards in Swimming, Cross Country Running, Athletics and Gymnastics.

The Gymnastics Cup was again retained by the School House.

1st XI Cricket Matches for 1960

Sat.	April	30—Baines	(h)
Sat.	May	14—Preston	(a)
Sat.	May	21—Urmston	(a)
Sat.	May	28—Southport	(a)
Sat.	June	11—St. Joseph's	(h)
Wed.	June	15—Blackpool	(h)
Sat.	June	18—Blackburn	(a)
Wed.	June	22—Arnold	(a)
Sat.	June	25—Friends	
Sat.	July	2—Balshaws	(h)
Tues.	July	5—Rev. Walsh's XI	
Wed.	July	6—Hutton	(h)
Thurs.	July	7—K.E.S. Lytham	(h)
Sat.	July	9—Old Boys	



Founders' Day, 1959

"Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us". These opening words to the first lesson are indeed the whole keynote to the Founders' Day ceremony, that ceremony which was this year such a fitting close to Mr Norwood's career at K.G.S.

The parish church was well filled with past members of K.G.S. come to take their part in this service of thanksgiving to the ancient benefactors of the school. They represented there all those who have passed through K.G.S. and have received its benefits, and, with the present boys, in the words of the prayer "to show forth our thankfulness for these Thy mercies and by Thy Grace to leave a goodly heritage".

The service was conducted in a most touching manner, and for this our thanks must primarily go to Mr. Murray for the music which this year reflected with so fine a grace the words of thankfulness and of petition. The choir's entrance from the east end of the church with Tye's "O come, ye servants of the Lord" called the assembly to prayer and the beauty of this introit was later recalled by a fine rendering of Handel's famous 'Hallelujah Chorus.' Upon the merits of such singing did the effectiveness of this service depend.

Canon R. L. Hussey of Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, preached an illuminating sermon on the all-important question of Liberty. He drew, for the school's benefit, that distinction between a man of liberty and a libertine. He decried the freedom in laissez-faire which was, in effect, the licence for the strong to persecute the weak, and then applied this to Mr. Norwood's discipline which was characterised by love. The preacher's style

aroused everyone's interest in this sermon with its modern and easily grasped allusions.

In view of the Headmaster's imminent retirement this service contained a special message for him and for us in the words from the Sarum Primer which were sung; "God be at my end and at my departing".

The Old Boys v. K.G.S. XI Cricket Match

After having lunch in the school canteen, the visitors now turned their attention to the annual cricket match between the K.G.S. 1st XI captained by J. J. Bamber and an O'd Boys XI under R.O. Wilson (1929-35). The weather had brightened up after lunch for the match, and amongst the spectators were a great number of Old Boys, for their team this year looked very strong indeed and merited all the support it could get.

At 2-30 p.m. the game commenced, K.G.S having won the toss put the Old Boys in to bat. The two opening batsmen were R. Bailey and S. H. Wilcock, who prepared to face the two opening bowlers, Sharples and Elliot.

Despite a bad start, the Old Boys showed some fine batting, and the match soon began to tilt in their favour. This was marked by a stand of 37 runs by E. Sidebottom and S. H. Edwards, the latter making many fine strokes until 35 minutes later he was bowled by D. R. Moor for 22, when the score stood at 56 for 4 wickets, R. O. Wilson then joined Sidebottom and a further 17 runs were added before Moor claimed another victim, bowling Sidebottom for 14. At this point, Wilson, playing a fine innings, was joined by P. R. Blackburn, and the pair added 45 runs, resisting the keen bowling of Sharples, Eliot and Moor, until, after the tea interval, Blackburn was caught attempting a straight drive, by Bamber off Elliot for 10. However, Plaster, together with Wilson, who had found fine form, added a further 32 runs until Moor finally bowled Wilson for 53. At a total standing at 150 for 7 wickets, the Old Boys declared, leaving the K.G.S. team two hours in which to get the runs.

Faced with such a formidable task the K.G.S. innings opened disastrously 4 wickets falling in 6 overs.

During the next seven overs, R. M. Wilcock, and M. E. H. Barnes both keenly defended their wickets, Wilcock playing aggressive strokes, and Barnes supporting him at the other end. This pair rapidly raised the score to 28 when bad weather caught up with the game, and a heavy downpour of rain brought a sudden end to the match, at a point when victory for the Old Boys seemed almost certain.

The Old Boys' Rugby Match, 1959

The traditional battle between the Old Boys XV and the School First XV was contested in its usual entertaining fashion on Saturday, 25th September. Indeed the ingredients which go to make fine football could hardly have been better measured. It was a calm sunny day, the ground was firm—concrete to say the least—and we had two skilful teams matched against each other.

The opening session — as one expected — was evenly played: with both sides testing the strength and weakness of their opponents. Furthermore, the Old Boys required time to settle down to a brand of co-ordinated Rugby — one could count as many styles of play as there were colours of jerseys. The game thus proceeded in a pattern of short rushes, relieving kicks, and short penalties. It was in this style that Lewis, following up a loose ball, charged down an Old Boy's relieving kick and scored for the School. There was no conversion and the score was 3—0.

Having by now gained some confidence the First XV began to throw the ball about and were rewarded by another try, scored by Dewse racing in from full-back to take a good pass from the hooker, Montgomery, who had found himself out on the wing. No conversion. 6—0.

These setbacks and the fact that by now the Old Boys had blended into an efficient force led to a series of rushes which carried the ball to the School 25. A scrum, a quick heel, and Myerscough broke through with a scintillating burst of speed, and dummying the full-back, scored a beautiful try. The game was now moving at a very fast pace and continued in this vein till half-time.

The break provided an opportunity to forget Rugby for a moment and to mix instead with those Old Boys who were present. There was Joe Blossom, whom one can remember as a large red-faced junior, still bigger than all of us and sporting a magnificent beard. R. O. Wilson was there too, in the unusual roles of spectator and parent. Could it be that this fine full-back has retired from the game? One cannot help feeling this his performance behind the O.B.'s team has been one of the highlights of the match in previous years.

The second half began as the first half had ended, with both sides full of good intentions which produced a high standard of play. Again the 1st XV dominated and increased their lead by scoring from a scrum, having pushed the O.B.s over their line. E. Parkinson was the scorer. Very few minutes later the same player was again put through for a try after most of the School forwards had handled the ball. No conversions — 12-3.

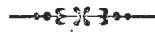
There following another quiet period, punctuated by clever and effective movements instigated by G. Barnes for the First XV and P. Myerscough for the Old Boys. By now, too, the School

scrum was pushing well, and by holding the ball in the back row and again pushing the O.B.s over their own line another try was scored, this time by Wilcock. The only conversion of the match was made by Kirkham. Within minutes the final whistle was blown and the result was a fine win for the School by 17 to 3.

Teams:—

O.B.s:—K. Miller, S. T. Jenkins, E. Sidebottom, D. J. Hinton, N. S. Jackson, C. R. Plaster, P. B. Myerscough, R. Hewitt, R. Bailey, K. Bailey, K. Thornton, C. Barton, J. C. Penrose, N. I. P. McKie, P. Fenton and M. D. Lawton.

SCHOOL—C. D. Dewse, M. E. H. Barnes, K. Howard, M. C. Kirkham, A. R. Carpenter, J. J. Bamber, G. Barnes, A. J. Lewis, R. M. Wilcock, D. Thistlethwaite, E. Parkinson, M. A. McCartney, H. Taylor, J. Montgomery, J. G. Ethelston.



The Carol Service

The festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was held in Kirkham Parish Church on December the 11th. The weather was fine for the time of year and, as usual, the church was full. This year the school was very pleased to welcome the Bishop of Lancaster to the service. The festival began with the traditional carol "Once in Royal David's City". Then the Rev. W. A. P. Francis conducted prayers.

A new carol, sung by the choir, followed and, after that, the first lesson, read, as always, by a newcomer to the school, this year R. B. Brown.

Everyone joined heartily in the singing of "Angels from the Realms of Glory," followed by the second lesson read by D. Knowles.

The service continued with "Ding-dong Merrily on High," a well-loved old carol, and then the third lesson was read by R. H. Wood.

Another joyful carol, "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen," preceded the fourth lesson read by W. J. Harvey.

Everyone sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and then the School Captain, E. Parkinson, read the fifth lesson telling of the Annunciation. The choir ably rose to the occasion with Stanford's "Magnificat" in B flat.

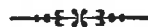
The sixth lesson, the story of Christ's holy birth, was read by Mr. W. S. Watkinson, chairman of the Friends of K.G.S. Association and the seventh lesson by an old boy, K. Thornton, and then the peaceful "Holy Night, Silent Night" was sung by the congregation and the choir. "Good King Wenceslass" followed in which G. Barnes and J. Clark sang solos as the King and his Page.

The eighth lesson, read by Mr. Stevenson, told of the wise men and was followed appropriately by "We Three Kings of Orient Are," sung with solos by G. R. Clark, G. Barnes and A. J. Lewis.

The ninth and final lesson, the unfolding of the mystery of the incarnation, was read by Mr. Kennedy, and the final carol, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," was loudly and joyfully sung by the choir and congregation.

The Bishop of Lancaster said the collect for Christmas Eve and pronounced the Blessing.

The carol service successfully completed for another year, the congregation dispersed, enriched, we hope, by the occasion.



Prefects Carol Party

The epic Carol Party of 1959 was held during the evening and night of the 21st December and the early morning of the 22nd. The arrangements amply demonstrated the impracticability of all ideal philosophical systems from Plato down: to set off at 6 p.m. and visit 10 households over a range of 40 miles proved hopeless, but it must be admitted that a Bidding Prayer given by the Lancashire Constabulary was largely responsible for slowing the start. Also one driver's desire to test his skill by spending precious minutes driving round and round a roundabout in Cleveleys wasted more time. These delays meant that our later calls became put forward to the early morning. Moreover a mistake in direction finding in St. Annes led to our singing at the wrong house to complete strangers.

However in the homes at which actually did arrive our singing was listened to with pleasing patience; at School, on Carr Hill, in Cleveleys, St. Annes and Wrea Green, our reception was warm and the all-important refreshments provided in profusion, indeed one of our hosts was kind enough to arrange for a percussion band to accompany the carols.

Thus apart from the timing of the expedition—at one time an hour and a half behind the Utopian schedule, for which we would take this opportunity of apologising to those masters who were inconvenienced by our late arrival — the evening proved successful. Our thanks therefore for a very pleasant evening, and for such generous contributions, which amounted to £9 11s. 7d., to the World Refugee Fund, are extended to all.

The S.C.M. Conference

The annual S.C.M. Conference, held at the Park School during the winter term, took place on Friday, 13th, and Saturday, 14th of November. A small contingent, consisting of eleven sixth-formers, went from K.G.S. to mingle with 150 delegates from the Park School, Penwortham G.S., Chorley G.S., Hutton G.S. and Preston G.S.

The object of the conference was to listen to and discuss addresses on "The Christian and Personal Morality". The speakers were the Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Edwards, from St. Nicholas Church, Manchester. Addressing the delegates in a most informal way this young couple expounded their own, surprisingly liberal views on the subject. Their method of address proved quite novel but nonetheless was very successful. Mr. Edwards would begin and speak along the general trend of their argument, and then his wife would interrupt in order to put forward another point of view.

The first address was composed of a train of thought relating behaviour to belief and giving this argument a practical basis. The address was followed by group-discussion in which points made by the speakers could be reasoned for or against, and delegates could forward their own opinions. The session was completed by a period of questions to the speakers.

This pattern continued through the two following sessions with the speakers expounding their views on birth control, and divorce and their religious significance.

It would be unfair not to mention the part played by the chairman, the Rev. Gower-Jones of the parish of St. Stephen-on-the-Cliffs, Blackpool. Not only did he fulfil his position admirably but also he participated in answering the questions of the delegates, thus helping to make the conference an even greater success. The conference was memorable for many other features. To name but a few; there were the Mayor's erudite and abstruse wrangling, Howard's "smashing blonde walking down the promenade at Blackpool", and above all the first-class organisation of Miss Podger and the committee of the Park School S.C.M.

In conclusion it need only be said that an interesting and enjoyable time was spent by all of us, and that we look forward to welcoming delegates to what we hope will be an equally successful conference at K.G.S. next term.

Continental Journey

Coach Tours and expensive hotels, no matter how luxurious, cannot give a feeling of freedom to a holiday-maker, but simply one of security. Hitch-hiking, by comparison, offers chronic insecurity. Nonetheless it has all the fascinations of a drug, and after the first two or three doses no other pleasure can compare with it.

I arrived in Calais during the first week of August last year, and having waited for three hours in the outskirts of the town, finally secured a lift to Paris. I arrived there in time to take a nap in the Metro for an hour and at midnight I arrived at the Youth Hostel. By that time the meanest morsel of food would have been a feast. Eager though I was to give due credit to that admirable body of the Youth Hostel Association I fervently hoped that I would not have to spend a more uncomfortable night again. The windows were left open and the friendly little insect world of France invited itself in for a good solid meal of English beef. Had I known when I arose next morning, sore and scratching, that this was to be one of my best nights, I might have fled in panic back to England.

During my first full day in Paris I scrambled around as much of this famous capital as I could in 10 hours, ending up at night at Montmartre with its gay lights and famous night clubs. I returned to the Youth Hostel to find that it was closed and resultantly spent a sleepless night under one of the bridges of the Seine.

The following morning I returned to the hostel for my rucksack and then went to the Arc de Triomphe where I was to meet my friend who was to arrive from England. After having waited for six hours and having walked around the arch numerous times, I finally met my companion and we set out on the road south. During the remaining hours of daylight we had no cause for anxiety, but having arrived at Lyon at midnight the problem of where to sleep grew more pressing. Finally we decided on the station, where we spent a good night on the luggage-rack in the waiting room.

In the morning, heavily burdened with fresh supplies of bread, sugar and wine, on which we lived, we again took the road south. This time we had "Bonne Chance" and travelled all day and night to arrive the following morning in Spain. Alas! luck did not stay with us all the time and we waited for twelve hours in the sun for a friendly car to stop, but although our thumbs grew tired nobody would stop. Thus our first night in Spain was spent in a tiny village miles from our destination and we had to resort to benches to sleep on. Do not be deceived, innocent reader, there is nothing romantic about benches — the Spanish Inquisition devised no worse torture. Nevertheless the following day we reached our goal—Barcelona, only to discover that there was no hostel there. Fortunately the Pensions were cheap and we found that a room for the night cost as little as 2s. 6d. each.

After a few days in Barcelona we took the Palma de Mallorca boat for a pleasant week in the sun at this millionaire's playground. The cost was under fifteen shillings a day and included such luxuries as attending a bullfight, using taxis, having one's shoes cleaned by a shoeshine and spending the evenings and early hours of the morning at a night club; and, of course, fattening up for our return journey home.

The return journey was uneventful except that instead of sleeping on benches and under bridges we slept in the woods or in barns and on one occasion in a police station. We rounded off our holiday with a few days in Paris to spend the remainder of our money and returned home with a grand total . . . 1s. 9d. and three pesetas between us and no worse for wear.

In many respects it was a gruelling experience, but I can recommend this type of holiday to anyone who is moderately fit and blessed with a strong digestion and independent spirit.

J. L. INGLEBY.

Sun and Sea

Probably the main item which attracts the British to Portugal is the climate. The summers are hot, but not unbearably so, in fact, it is true to say that every day of a Portuguese summer is similar to the nicest day of our own year. The climate of course varies considerably from North to South, and the people of Lisbon are often heard to refer to Oporto as a Londoner might to Manchester. However, the main tourist centre is slightly to the North of Lisbon, and in this area, one may confidently expect nice weather for at least nine months of the year.

As seen from the river Tagus, Lisbon is a beautiful city, for although founded by the Romans, it was almost entirely destroyed by an earthquake in 1755, as a result of which, much of it has been constructed very recently. Perhaps the most impressive sight is the Avenida de Liberdade, it is the main street of the city, and is 300 feet wide. It has black and white mosaic pavements, upon which tables are placed during most months of the year, and it is interesting to sit at one of these, and watch the people pass. The most noteworthy fact about the main shopping centre is the heaps of gold coins of every conceivable type, which lie in the windows of the money-lenders, to be bought by anyone who can afford them.

Lisbon is predominantly a modern city, but one feature of the old city still remains, it is the Castle of St. George, which overlooks the city, and from where can be seen the Tagus, the Atlantic, and the seven hills, upon which Lisbon, like Rome, was built.

Leaving Lisbon the tourist's first call should be at Estoril, Portugal's most famous holiday resort. Estoril has everything one can want of a holiday. The Casino is the heart of the town, where the lowest unit of play is 2½ esudos (7½d.), so an evening's excitement need not be expensive. Estoril is situated on what the Portuguese call "the coast of the Sun," and that, I feel, speaks for itself. However the main attraction is, I feel, the people themselves. They are mostly poor and hard-working, and do not, like many countries, expect tourists to spend money like water.

The home of the Portuguese Royal Family was in the little town of Sintra which is dominated by the strangely beautiful Pena Palace, which I am told is a mixture of some half a dozen types of architecture. Slightly north of Sintra is Mafra, which has been described as "little but a monstrous curiosity". Mafra itself is but a tiny village, but the convent which has brought it fame is a completely ridiculous, ugly massive pile of grey stone. It was built by King John V to dispense with some of the immense wealth which Portugal got from diamonds at that time. It is said that 50,000 people were forced to work on it and that 12,000 armed guards watched over them. Some idea of the size can be obtained if it is said that the library is 286 feet long, and contains 36,000 books.

Moving north from Lisbon one passes through the agricultural areas, field of maize, up to seven feet high, mountain slopes stepped to provide extra fertile land, quaint windmills perched on the mountain top, oxen carts, fields of grapes, orange trees and olive trees. The land is very rocky, and the peasants literally scratch a living out of it. This area is also the main fishing area, and the coast is dotted with tiny villages, many of them with only a cart track between them and the outside world.

The Douro valley is of course the Port wine area and the fields here are used mostly for the cultivation of grapes. The food is exceptionally good, if often rather plain; the amusements on the whole are rather primitive outside Lisbon, but when one is on holiday in this country one tends to enjoy oneself more by providing one's own entertainments.

Finally, Portugal is our oldest ally . . . and this is somewhat tied up with the tourist industry, as our long friendship was founded by those earliest of tourists, the Crusaders.

J. G. ETHELSTON.

Paris for the Beginner

The city of Paris is the centre of a very old European civilisation. In it are contained some of the best records of man, especially through the last three hundred years. It is in itself a city of great fascination, and its populace is as cultured and pleasing to the visitor, as one could find in the present world.

In Montmartre one can still feel the atmosphere which the famous painters portrayed in their works, and still see in the Place Du Tertre, the painters outside the small cafes, and the small market stalls just as it was a century ago and yet eight minutes away on the Metro, one can be in the modern world of the Champs Elysees, with its drug stores and cinemas, in fact international Paris.

The best way to explore Paris is by foot and the Metro. If one is in Paris, it is essential to see one of the markets, and the best is Les Halles. This is a flower and vegetable market, but to see it at its best, you must see it between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m. There has been a market there since King Phillip Augustus founded it in the 13th century.

The Sacre Coeur is one of the beautiful churches that are in Paris. This basilica can be seen from nearly all points in Paris, with its beautiful clean white marble walls. Many pilgrims visit this basilica each year, and come to pray where (as legend has it) St. Denis was martyred. The present church was built between the wars of 1870 and 1914.

There are many of the world's finest museums, and the best are the Musee de la Marine at Le Palais de Chaillot, and Musee de l'Armee, but beyond doubt the Louvre is the finest. Here is the most expensive, exquisite museum, in the largest palace in the world. The museum is divided into six parts: Greek and Roman antiquities; Oriental antiquities; Egyptian; Middle ages, Renaissance and Modern sculpture; Paintings and Drawings; and the art of the Middle Ages.

Naturally when in Paris the Eiffel Tower must be visited. The Tower is the result of a mathematical equation, and was built between 1887 and 1889. The tower is still the tallest in Europe, and only a Japanese glass television construction is taller, except for sky scrapers.

Other attractions in Paris are the theatres, of which there are over 60, and of course the Arc de Triomphe. This is at one of the main Eastern gates, and was built by Napoleon as a tribute to the French army. The Pantheon was the church of St. Genevieve, the patron saint of Paris. Here in the crypts lie some of France's most honoured men.

Of course Paris at night is most beautiful in its flood lighting, but to the beginner and even Parisians, Paris is full of marvels and beauty.

Sverige

Why Sweden fails to attract many more visitors than it does each year is a great mystery, for Sweden offers to those who like to spend their holidays out of doors almost unlimited attractions, ranging from the excellent yachting, canoeing and fishing facilities of the fiords of the west coast and vast areas of rugged pine forests and mountains in Swedish Lapland to the equally beautiful girls.

The traveller from Britain to Sweden usually lands at Gothenburgh, a scrupulously clean city in spite of its extensive dockland, which hospitably typifies the nature of the Swedish people, most of whom speak English and soon make any visitors feel at home. Nearly all Swedish families own a summer house on the coast or by a lake-side where they stay during the long — three months — school holidays in summer. The Swedes have a passion for boats and are as much at home on the water as on dry land and most Swedes are expert boatmen. My Swedish friend was quick to introduce me to the art of canoeing and after I had made several involuntary excursions into the Gota canal, providing quite a large gathering of natives with great amusement while doing so, I acquired the

knack of remaining vertical in the canoe and the thrill of riding the waves on a rough sea is one excellent reason why I shall certainly return to Sweden.

The Swedish cuisine is excellent and if anyone goes hungry in a Swedish home he can only blame himself and not his host. The principal drink is neither tea nor coffee but milk, and the breakfast consists of cheese or ham on a delicious type of bread which is more like a hard biscuit. The evening meal, as all over the continent, is the main meal of the day and its constitution and deliciousness are too varied and fabulous to be described here. Sweden is famous for its hors d'oeuvres or "smorgasbord" which is anything from a salad to a pickled herring on a slice of bread. The Swedish equivalent of fish and chip shops is "varm korv" stalls which are found in the centre of all the towns. Varm korv are hot sausages and mashed potatoes sandwiched between two halves of a roll. The sausages and roll are eaten with the fingers and the mashed potato with something like an ice-cream spoon. The reason for its popularity is evident as soon as it is sampled.

Even more common than the varm korv stalls in the centre of a Swedish town are the gangs of Knuttar, or the Swedish equivalent of Teddy Boys. They can be easily distinguished by the fact that they are the only males in Sweden with long hair, and by their shiny black leather jackets. Their sole occupation in life seems to be to tear along the roads like lunatics on their motor bikes with their girl-friends clinging like limpets to their backs. Other road-users wisely give way to them but their antics and amount of road-sense make one wonder if they cause Sweden to have the highest suicide rate in the world.

When one has ultimately to leave Sweden and its likeable people, one does so with a heavy heart and as one watches the cranes of Gothenburg harbour sink behind the horizon one is compelled to make a vow to return some day.

C. I. DORIS.

A Holiday in Germany

A holiday abroad is a breath-taking experience of which thousands of people deprive themselves. Of course, if one is going abroad for a holiday, one tries to discover the cheapest means of getting there and this is what my friend and I did. We had decided, like many other youngsters before us, to try our luck on the continent. In our endeavours to discover a really cheap way of crossing the Channel we discovered the German Student Travel Service, and this enabled us to go from London the whole way to Cologne for the meagre cost of a little under three pounds. Since we had been studying the German language for a whole year we felt we would qualify for the G.S.T.S. This remarkable organisation also provides transport all over Europe but we thanked our lucky stars that we could get to Cologne so cheaply. Germany had always seemed such a wonderful country, with its scattered castles and its beautiful Rhine valley and the world-famous "Schwarzwald"; and so Germany it was to be.

At last we set off with our seemingly light rucksacks for London. In our pockets was a scrap of paper saying that we could pick up our boat tickets at a rendezvous in St. Peter's Church, London. We stayed the first night in a Youth Hostel just outside London and this enabled us to see the sights of the city. At nine o'clock in the evening we found St. Peter's Church and there at the foot of the ancient pillars were hundreds of students. Some were Germans, others were English; all were waiting waiting . . . Suddenly a queue began to form and the tickets were distributed to the multitude. We had to meet a group-leader on Victoria Station and then proceed to Dover. The station was jammed, packed with thousand and thousands of people, but finally we contrived to make our way to the train and thence to Dover.

On the boat it was pandemonium with hundreds crammed in deck chairs in the small space of the deck. It was a freezing cold night and a sleepless one too. However we both survived and at four o'clock in the morning we were eagerly waiting to set foot on Belgian soil. The Ostend customs put a little chalk cross on our bags and our holiday abroad had begun!

We do not remember much about the train journey to Cologne since it was in the early hours of the morning. However one fact failed to slip our memories — the hardness of the seats. Yes, believe it or not, the German trains have wooden seats but the carriages are extremely clean. On leaving Cologne station we were met by a large wedding procession outside the cathedral. This was only the first of many colourful and wonderful things that we encountered in Germany.

As we queued up waiting to get a bed in the large youth hostel in Cologne we thought what a wonderful hostel it was. It must have been able to accommodate about 450 people. In broken English we were told by the warden that the hostel was full and the nearby school was full, and so we would have to sleep in an old German air raid shelter.

The next day we caught a boat at Bonn to the next stop, a few miles up the Rhine, which was mostly industrialised and thus not very beautiful. However it was very interesting and the large number of barges which use the Rhine amazed us. Quite often there were two or three attached in a long line which were pulled by a motor-powered boat at the front.

After a few days of hitch-hiking we emerged into the most beautiful part of the Rhine valley between Bingen and Mainz. Up to this time we had not come across the famous autobahns, but when we did it was not how we expected to. Indeed we were dropped right out in the wilds and miles from anywhere in the middle of a large network of autobahns. The lorry driver decided he was not going the way we wanted, and so we got out. We were right outside the Rhine-Main aerodrome and after watching the planes coming in and out we turned our attention to thumbing a lift. Everyone knows of course that one should not hitch-hike on the autobahns but we tried—unsuccesfully for a long time—until a large American Chevrolet stopped and an American lieutenant with closely cropped hair said in a really broad accent, "Hop in, fellers." He and his wife said we were walking around in circles and that the road we were on was making a large circle round their camp. In between curious expressions like "Holy cow!" he said he would give us a meal in a special cafe for U.S. forces and take us all the way to Heidelbourg youth hostel.

This building was like a first-class hotel with 500 first-class bunks. While we were there it was the famous Heidelbourg festival when all the villages of the Bavarian forest congregated in the town square. Each village, it seemed, had its own special costume and band. It was indeed a remarkable spectacle with the bands parading through streets packed with people shouting and clapping their appreciation.

A few days later we were sitting proudly in the front of a large lorry, with a cab big enough for the driver, his mate and us. It took us right through the heart of the Black Forest, a really magnificent sight. The houses dotted about were all of different colours and the little Bavarian villages looked remarkably fairly-like. The lorry dropped us a few miles from the fabulous Lake Constance, known in Germany as Bodensee, after a journey of over a hundred miles. Then a large Mercedes took us into Konstanz itself which is situated on the side of a mountain with a shimmering lake forty miles in length beside it. Two miles away was the Swiss border and so we hopped over, had our passports stamped, had two ice-creams, found it wasn't any different from Germany, and so went back to Konstanz. We had seen three countries, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland, and only half our holiday gone.

Going back to Belgium was difficult owing to the lack of lifts but many incidents made it as interesting as the journey south. One night, the youth hostel was full and so, after trying all the guest houses, we resigned ourselves to getting in jail, yet even this was not easy and our final resting place was the railway station.

After numerous nightmare incidents and many more pleasant, we arrived back in England safe and sound. It was good to be home; extremely good. However we congratulated ourselves on seeing three countries of Europe for under twenty pounds, and now we really can appreciate the manners of the English people and the beauty of our countryside—the best in Europe.

P. N. CARMONT

Isavo National Game Park, 1959

Kitani Lodge lies in the centre of Tsavo game park, on the plains below Mount Kilimanjaro. Here, situated in the centre of a vast animal kingdom, is a tiny enclave where men may come to watch the beasts of East Africa wandering through the most natural of environments and behaving as they have behaved since their creation. We had come to Kitani precisely for that purpose: to see the animals at dawn, whilst they would be feeding before disappearing to shelter from the sweltering midday sun.

In order to do this we had to achieve the impossible—to rise at 5 a.m. However, our effort was well rewarded. Like all early risers at Kitani, we were able to witness the sun rising over Kilimanjaro, dispersing the upper layers of cloud and allowing the perfectly symmetrical peak to stand in splendid isolation, three miles above us, like a snow-covered pyramid. Within minutes we had dressed, checked our cameras, collected Jeremiah, our guide, and had begun our journey through the game park.

For some time we travelled along the narrow roads without coming across anything more spectacular than small bands of zebras, wildebeestes and gerenuks grazing peacefully by the roadside. Driving, in the parks, is made precarious by these animals since they frequently decide to dash across the road, risking death under the wheels of a motor car. Giraffes, too, were abundant, feeding in pairs, and often with a couple of young. Watching these beautiful animals gliding gracefully from tree to tree in search of food, I could not help feeling that the giraffes are the most attractive of all the animals of Africa.

Further along our route we were impressed by the sight of the rotting carcass of a rhino. There is no room for the weak and aged; unless an animal can feed itself or escape from its enemies, it will not survive for long. Here was an example where an old rhino, we were told, had become infirm and weak and had just been left, by its kind, to die a lonely death by the roadside.

Minutes after the carcass incident we were rewarded by the sight of a live rhino, not a hundred yards away. In contrast to our feverish interest in him, the rhino merely continued his meal without even noticing us. After just a few hundred yards we came across another member of the big game trio: a large herd of buffalo was spread across the plain below us. By now Jeremiah was becoming almost as excited as ourselves, pointing out the animals and describing them in his pidgin English. His senses had developed to an extraordinary degree and he could recognise animals which we could not even see. Thus we could be warned to drive slowly when certain animals might be seen, and so it was that we came across a family of wart-hogs and a cheetah — two of the animals least seen by sight-seers such as ourselves.

By now the sun was high. Kilimanjaro appeared to shed its blanket of clouds. By now, we were beginning to realise that so far we had not had breakfast. So we decided to return to Kitani, a little disappointed that we had not come very close to elephants. However, within a quarter of a mile of the lodge, when we had given up all hope of seeing these beasts, we turned a corner and suddenly saw them. There, before us, were four mature elephants systematically tearing down a tree beside the road. Edging forward slowly, we approached as close as we dared; after all, two tons of irate elephant sitting on your bonnet is no joke. Nevertheless, after sitting in the car for some time without being noticed, we felt safe enough to leave the vehicle and walk to within about 40 yards in order to photograph these magnificent beasts.

Finally with the sun beating mercilessly down on them, the animals decided to move into the cool shelter of the trees.

We, too, were compelled to return—our breakfast was awaiting us.

M. E. C. SANT.



RUGGER HINTS

(With apologies to Shakespeare)

Once more into the scrum, dear friends, once more.
Or pile the field up with our players dead.
In school, there's nothing so becomes a man
As modest stillness and humility.
But when the whistle's blast blows in our ears,
Then imitate the actions of great Wilcock;
Pull down your socks, roll up your sleeves,
Disguise fair nature with a grimace sour,
Now set the teeth and stretch the nostril wide
Go for your man and down him every time.
Dishonour not your mothers, now attest
That he whom you call Crane did coach you.
All you good forwards hardened in the scrum
Demonstrate to us how to heel the ball,
And prove to us that you are worth your salt.
In short do everything to score a try.
Even though you break your comrade's neck
And leave his brains protruding from the mire.

R. J. DENCHFIELD

The Old Boys' Association

Annual General Meeting and Dinner

This function was held at the Victoria and Station Hotel, Preston, on Friday, 18th December, 1959, and was generally voted perhaps the most successful we have ever held. About 102 guests sat down to dinner which number realised an ambition of years for the committee has been hoping the 100 mark could be topped. Not only in numbers was the evening remarkable but also in conviviality and bonhomie, and the delight of meeting old friends, the excellence of the speeches and the reluctance to break up such a happy gathering prolonged proceedings until nearly midnight. All age groups were represented, from boys who left school last July to Mr. Pearson, who wondrous to relate, attended K.G.S. seventy years ago. Success grows by success and there is no reason at all why this figure of 102 should not be considerably increased next year because, as it was, several well-known faces were missing.

A very well attended A.G.M. had Mr. Norwood in the chair. There were, apart from the formal business, three important decisions taken. Firstly the rule whereby "the President shall be the Headmaster" was amended to allow the office of President to be open to all members of the Association for annual election. Amidst considerable acclamation F. H. Jolly was elected the first annual President and took over the chair from Mr. Norwood. Secondly Keith Thornton stated he would be going up to Durham University next September but intimated he was willing to continue his tenure of the office of Secretary/Treasurer till then. Glowing tributes were paid to the excellence of the work he had done and the new life he had breathed into the affairs of the Association. Peter Hodgson was elected his assistant in the fervent hope that he would carry on this most important office where and when Keith Thornton left off. Thirdly two young members, Peter Barnes and Peter Aikman, were elected to the Committee. Then to dinner!

After a good meal, the most hilarious moment of which was when the President took wine with those present who during their sojourn at K.G.S. had been beaten by the Headmaster, the Loyal Toast was drunk in a true Lancashire fashion. Before the traditional toasts the President, on behalf of the Association, presented to Mr. Norwood a framed water-colour painting of the school to mark his wise and kindly government of K.G.S. over a period of 14 years, and Mr. Norwood suitably replied.

Then Jim Dandy, who that day had most nobly travelled up from London for that very purpose, proposed the toast of the evening, The School. He discoursed most eloquently and most interestingly on a variety of topics:—Headmasters I have known;

the Smell of Tradition; Neuralgia and Nostalgia, and the superiority of Soccer over Rugger. Mr. W. H. Kennedy, the new Headmaster, replied and said he had taken over the school in good condition and would endeavour to keep it so.

Mr. B. Stevenson was in reminiscent mood when he proposed the toast of "The Association" and described the days, now nearly forty years ago, when he was first appointed to the staff. He said how happy he had been at K.G.S. during his life's work there and how much he appreciated the links and the memories which bound him to this fine old school. "Jonty" Richardson replied to the toast saying how much he had valued his time at K.G.S. — after he left — and how keenly he always looked forward to the two events of the year, the Old Boys Dinner and Dance. Keith Jackson proposed the toast of "Our Guests" and Mr. Halstead of Blackpool G.S. replied.

Certainly, a most memorable and successful evening.

News of Old Boys

Hearty congratulations to:—

J. WHITESIDE, Old Boy and Governor, on being awarded the B.E.M. in the New Year Honours List.

S. H. WILCOCK on his third Rugger blue at Oxford and on his selection for the final English trial.

P. W. F. JOHNSTON on his selection for Glasgow XV in the annual match against Edinburgh.

Letter from Cambridge

As it is now well past half term it is difficult to recall one's first impressions as an undergraduate. Much of what was new and interesting in the first week or so is now either taken for granted or forgotten. However the first impression of being left completely on one's own, probably common to all freshmen, was for us soon dispelled in the excitement and activity of the first two of three weeks.

At Cambridge, it is the custom for all freshmen to live in outside lodgings for the first year and then to spend the second and third years in college. All digs are licensed by the University and allocated to the students by their respective colleges. Ours are very conveniently situated, within five minutes walk of St. Catharine's, and overlook the boathouses across Midsummer Common.

St. Catherine's is one of the oldest and largest of the Cambridge colleges, and like most of the others, preserves a respectable appearance even if it is "Georgian Baroque". This is in striking contrast to the many decrepit, broken-down, un-cared for Oxford colleges which we saw recently on our caravan tour with Lean and Nightingale. In fact one of the most striking impressions we have received of Cambridge so far is the pleasant aspect of this market town.

The Architecture Tripos is probably one of the most varied and interesting of degree courses, providing an excellent balance between lectures and studio work — the theoretical and practical. Lectures (six a week) occupy mornings only and afternoons are free. There are additional courses at night, including lectures on paintings and sculpture, and life drawing classes. We are fortunately not faced with the ordeal of twenty-page essays like the History, Geography, and English students for instance; our work consists mostly of design projects and drawings done in the studio.

We have been impressed by the college life here which preserves a strong communal spirit. This was never more evident than on Poppy (Rag) Day when Cat's raised £90 out of the University total of £12,000 collected for the Haig Fund. This was a day of tremendous activity and entertainment; the highlight was of course the establishment of a new World Bridge Playing Record of 73 hours 45 minutes in which two Cat's students took part. The "Art Department" was of course called upon to produce numerous posters for this occasion, as in the K.G.S. Easter Fairs. No other University can boast of money-raising on such a scale in one day only.

The Matriculation for St. Catharine's students caused quite a stir. This is a formal University Ceremony in which the Freshmen proceed to the Senate House to be admitted to the University by the Vice-Chancellor. Our departure from the college, however,

was serenaded by the mocking martial airs of Aida and Colonel Bogey, and the throwing of some unusual streamers. The offenders, including the President of the Junior Common Room, were "gated" for a fortnight.

The only other K.G.S. representative here at the moment is Hoisfall, who is reading Geography — a total of three — a situation which ought to be remedied and which presents a challenge to the sixth form.

With less than two weeks left at the time of writing, this first term has been very short and has passed all too quickly. The general impression has been of a term of interesting and absorbing work, combined with the relaxations of afternoon Rugby and Athletics and evening social life, in an atmosphere and surroundings which we are now beginning to fully to appreciate.

K. S. and N. S. JACKSON

Letter from Oxford

Oxford depends on what mood you are in. It has what one takes to be the features common to all University towns — lectures, tutorials, sport, societies and talk at every hour of the day and night; but beyond this there is a pervading consciousness that this is Oxford, a consciousness that in many ways affects people's behaviour. Sometimes it shows in an assumed superiority that makes you want to scream, when you hear college authorities patronisingly pontificating about the dreadful buildings which people are daring to erect on the land from which the college draws its thousands of rent by virtue of a bequest of five hundred years ago; or when you meet one of the people whose division of the world into chaps and nobodies is based on proximity of residence to London, or school attended, or father's income. Sometimes you fall under the spell, when you find yourself adjusting gown and white tie before walking in procession to the matriculation ceremony, or when you sit among the duffle-coated crowd at Iffley Road discussing which of the Blues will get an England cap this year. And then there is the splendid moment when a visitor asks you to direct him somewhere; then you have arrived, when you tell him to go down the Broad and right by the Sheldonian, the rest of the world are lesser mortals, somewhat to be pitied but lesser, nevertheless.

There is much that is exasperating about Oxford, but there is also much that is wonderful, and the 'room-at-the-top' character who assures you that 'I've got a gutful of Oxford' is even less justifiably prejudiced than the thorough-going snob who is to be found in steadily decreasing numbers in but a few colleges.

Most of the buildings are beautiful and there is a peacefulness and quiet calm in the college quads, gardens and libraries that lives up to all that has been written of it. There are many people of

real talent in immensely varied directions, and however abstruse your interests, you can generally find someone who shares them.

University life anywhere is what you make of it. One term here has given me the not-very-startling impression that in Oxford you can make almost anything of it. Pass me my umoreila, and let me return to the barbarian North, where they eat at five and call lunch dinner, the cads!

M. D. LAWTON

Letter from H. Jolly, Esq.

“Bellingham,”
47, Church Road,
Lytham.

Dear Old Boys,

As your newly-elected president may I take this opportunity of expressing my deep appreciation of the honour you have bestowed upon me.

The reason behind the decision to elect a new president each year is a sincere desire to foster and increase interest in the Old Boys' Association and its activities.

During recent times the energy and enthusiasm of our secretary, Keith Thornton, building on the sound foundation laid down by his predecessor, John Davy, have given our association a new lease of life. If this revival is to continue it is up to each one of us to do all in his power to assist.

After long experience I am sure that any increase in our membership and our activities depends very largely on personal contacts. From the very nature of things we are a scattered community, and I therefore earnestly appeal to every member to be an ambassador and a recruiting-officer for the Association. Most of you have at least one Old Boy friend who is not a member. See that he joins us and bring him along to some, or all, of our functions.

If you are not happy about the way things are being run, or if you feel there are ways in which the activities of the Association can be expanded, do please let us have your ideas and/or complaints.

In conclusion I should like to say a word to the boys of the School, especially the Seniors, who I trust read the Old Boys' Section of their magazine.

As the years go by you will realise that of all the friends you make there are none like school friends. So don't lose touch! Join our association as soon as you leave school. Your Headmaster will be only too pleased to tell you how to become a member.

And finally may I wish all of you, both members and prospective members, a happy and prosperous year.

FRANK H. JOLLY.

Letter from W. H. Kennedy, Esq.

The Grammar School,
Kirkham, Lancashire.

Dear Old Boys,

On August 20th we arrived at K.G.S. Our welcome proved to be typical of the friendly atmosphere of the School. Mr. and Mrs. Norwood had come back specially to greet us and they had made every preparation for our comfort until our own furniture should arrive. For this and for many other kindnesses our debt of gratitude to them is a very large one.

Term started on September 9th. Forms were sorted out on the first day, and one boy, who, by mistake, had arrived at the wrong school, was taken by car to his proper destination. The perfect weather during the Autumn has been memorable. At one time the playing fields became so dry and hard that there was some doubt, which was not shared by Mr. Crane, whether Rugger should be played. It was only in December that some of the usual mud had reappeared. The games record of the School has been excellent, but an account of this and of other events lies outside the scope of this letter.

The basis of school life is continuity. New developements are necessary and inevitable, but a school like K.G.S., with its history going back to 1549, has many traditions which must be preserved. For this reason I value, particularly, the connection with the past through the Old Boys Association. I would like all Old Boys to feel that they are always welcome whenever they come back to revisit the School. To all of them at home and abroad, my wife and I send our greetings and good wishes for the year 1960.

Yours sincerely, W. H. KENNEDY.

Letter from D. Norwood, Esq.

46A East Beach,
Lytham, Lancashire.
Tel. 7078.

Dear Old Boys,

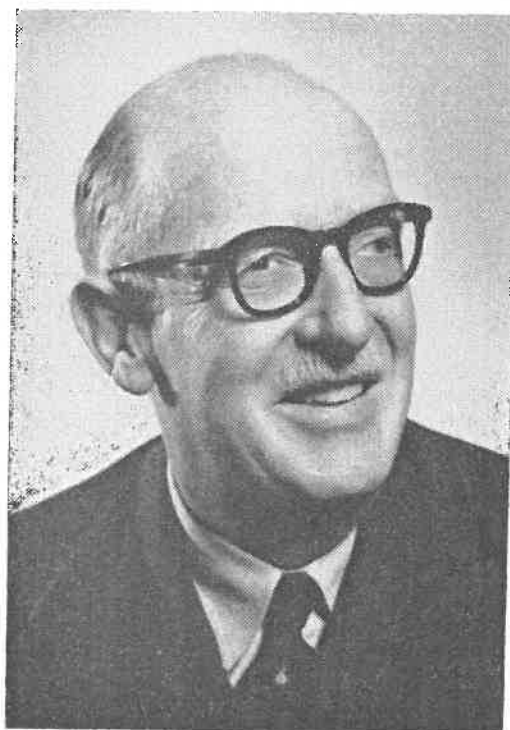
May I, through the pages of the Kirkhamian, express to those Old Boys concerned who did not manage to attend the Annual Dinner my very grateful thanks for the picture which was presented to me on that occasion; a beautiful painting of the front of K.G.S. looking its very best in its autumn colourings? It will be a constant reminder to us both of fourteen very happy years which my wife and I spent within its precincts. It will always be one of our most treasured possessions.

We like to think that our connections with the Old Boys' Association will remain close and we assure all Old Boys of K.G.S. of a hearty welcome at our flat at 46a East Beach, Lytham. A previous 'phone call would eliminate any risk of a fruitless journey. (Lytham: 7078).

All good wishes for 1960.

Yours very sincerely, DENIS NORWOOD.

Profile No. 5



F. H. Jolly
(1911—1918)

When, at the Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys Association held in December 59, it was decided that the Presidency of the Association should be held annually by an Old Boy elected by the meeting, the unanimous choice as the first incumbent of that office was Frank Jolly, and surely no worthier Old Boy could have been selected for this proud distinction. For nearly fifty years now he has maintained a close and intimate connexion with the school and has always been au fait with its workings and zealous for its welfare.

In September, 1911 when under Mr. Walton the school moved its position from near the parish church to Ribby Road, among the new boys who assembled in fear and trembling to start their careers in a brand-new school was F. H. Jolly. He says that he felt the Governors had gone to excessive lengths to welcome him and that they shouldn't really have built a new school just because he was starting at K.G.S. His school days during the first World War were difficult ones for those in charge of the school, but they were sufficiently happy for Frank Jolly to develop a love for the place which has never diminished. After school days he took a B.Sc. in Chemistry at Manchester University and since that time he has been chief chemist at the Blackpool Gas Works, but, if one may say so without causing offence, it is outside working hours that his best work has been done.

To an outside observer it seems that for years he has been the power behind the scenes in nearly all the activities carried on in Wrea Green. He seems to have been the President, Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer of everything the village has undertaken — and not only the village, for Lytham Agricultural Show appreciated his sterling qualities for several years. When he decided to move from Wrea Green and live at Lytham one wondered how the village would manage without him, but apparently he still keeps an interest in the dramatic activities of the place.

His unswerving interest in the activities, problems and future of K.G.S. has been amply demonstrated over the years. As a sportsman he played for Old Boys cricket teams for many years, and even now he is willing to do his stint as umpire. A committee member of the Association from its inception he has been indefatigable in working for its welfare and was accorded a well deserved honour when he was elected a member of the Governing Body to represent the interests of the Old Boys. And finally 1959 brought him the presidency of the Association; a year in which he celebrated his silver wedding and became a grandfather.

His multifarious activities have given him a wide store of general knowledge and this allied to his innate common-sense, makes his opinion always worth seeking and pondering. If one contemplating planting wheat in Siberia, having a surgical operation, picking a Test Team or running a fete, festival or fun-fair his advice on the subject would be well worth heeding.

Long may he continue to serve the school in his loyal way!
Frank Jolly, we salute you.

Friends of Kirkham Grammar School

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Chairman: MR. W. S. WATKINSON.

Treasurer: MR. J. R. BENNET.

Secretary: MR. F. S. BENSON.

For the past three years the Kirkhamian notes for the Friends have been penned by Mr. Watkinson. To their composition he applied that spirit of thoroughness and efficiency which marked all his work as Honorary General Secretary of the organisation. Pity, therefore, his successor who must do his humble best to maintain at least some of the former glory.

Following his excellent service as Secretary, it was a delight to all concerned when Mr. Watkinson accepted the position as Chairman of the Friends for the 1959/60 year. We offer congratulations and best wishes to him and Mrs. Watkinson for a happy term of office

At the time these notes are being written the Friends have settled to the solid business of the year. A pleasure it is to see that the membership figures show a flourishing position — almost six hundred members, of whom nearly 100 have joined in 1959. It is the constant and earnest desire of the General Executive Committee that as far as possible the tastes of new and old members should be considered in arranging our activities, and suggestions or new ideas will therefore always be welcomed. There are new faces, too, on the Committee and these newcomers have already proved their worth in both Committee and practical work. Looking back through the files which, as Secretary, I have inherited from Mr. Watkinson, I have been greatly impressed by the way in which, throughout the seven years since the formation of the Friends, new workers have always been forthcoming when removal or other cause has enforced the retirement of others. The enthusiasm of the new, blending with the experience of the old, has from year to year ensured a continuing service to the Association and the School. A feature of our recent Dinner and Dance at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Lytham, was the happy mingling of so many sections of the membership — founder members, some 1959 newcomers, the new Headmaster and his predecessor, old and new Committee members, and a fine representation from the School staff. The whole a miniature of the organisation which, in fulfilling its happy task of serving the school, has formed so many new friends amongst the membership.

The Dinner Dance was followed by another successful Whist and Dominoes Drive. It was good to see an increased Dominoes contingent which included Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy and family. Incidentally it is indeed a great pleasure to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy and to have in all respects from them a continuance of that fine support and cooperation which was a feature of our relations with Mr. and Mrs. Norwood.

1959 has been a year of great achievement, particularly our linking with the Old Boys in the raising of £2,500 towards the School Building Project — a wonderful proof of the loyalty and spirit of our membership. For 1960 there are already plans for social events, including another Samlesbury Hall Dance on 11th March, and our help to the School will embrace additions to the Library and seats for the grounds.

May the New Year bring happiness to all and crown with success the efforts of all who seek to further the interests of Kirkham Grammar School.

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