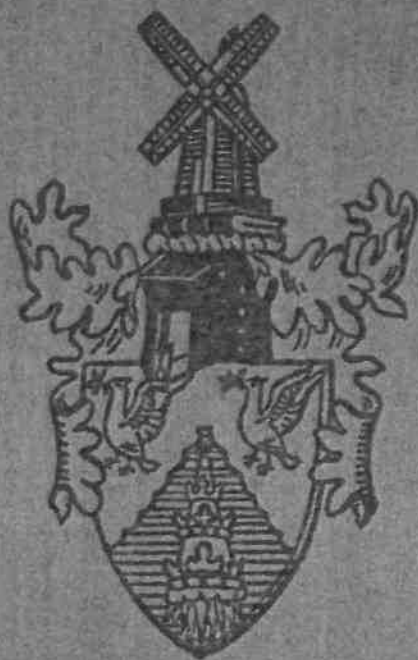


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EDITORIAL

Editor:—J. S. MILLS.

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Probably the part of a magazine the least interesting to "Homo Sapiens", is the editorial, for it is directly comparable to the preface of a book, which everybody skims through, in order to arrive at the story.

However, during the past term and in the present one, many notable events have taken place. Successive crazes have shaken the School. Pea-guns (and water pistols) were all the rage until confiscated by the prefects; roller-skating took their place, to be succeeded in its turn by shove-ha'penny. The week before we went to press, a schism was made between the Upper and Lower Sixths over a mysterial mascot, yclept, Eric.

There has been a Jumble sale, new societies have arisen, the Junior and Senior Rugby matches have been played, and the School is now debating the result of the hard-ball matches, the cross country race, and the athletic sports.

All these diverse events prove that the School is full of what the French call "joie de vivre", without which it cannot go on. But it also proves that we are keeping an even balance between the social, sporting and scholastic facets of school life, neither stressing the one, nor ignoring the other.

Lastly we must express every good wish in their careers to those who have left, and drive home a moral to those carefree third formers who have recently joined us, "Ingredere ut proficias."

RUGBY FOOTBALL—SEASON 1948-49

Results

FIRST XV.

Sat., Sept. 25th:	v. Balshaw's G.S., away	Lost	5—21
Sat., Oct. 2nd:	v. King Edward VII, home	Won	22—6
Wed., Oct. 6th:	v. Kirkham R.A.F., away	Won	28—3
Sat., Oct. 9th:	v. Fleetwood G.S., away	Lost	10—21
Sat., Oct. 16th:	v. Blackpool G.S., home	Lost	6—9
Wed., Oct. 20th:	v. Arnold School, away	Lost	3—21
Wed., Oct. 27th:	v. Rossall 2nd XV, away	Lost	13—34
Sat., Oct. 30th:	v. Old Boys, home	Lost	11—14
Wed., Nov. 3rd:	v. Stonyhurst 2nd, away	Lost	0—3
Sat., Nov. 13th:	v. Arnold School, home	Won	6—3
Sat., Nov. 20th:	v. King Edward VII, away	Lost	0—18
Sat., Nov. 27th:	v. Hutton G.S., home	Lost	3—28
Sat., Dec. 11th:	v. Blackpool G.S., away	Lost	0—33
Sat., Feb. 5th:	v. Balshaw's G.S., home	Cancelled	
Wed., Feb. 9th:	v. Kirkham Boy. Ent., home	Cancelled	
Sat., Feb. 19th:	v. Fleetwood G.S., home	Won	19—0

SECOND XV.

Sat., Sept. 25th:	v. Balshaw's G.S., home	Won	15—6
Wed., Oct. 27th:	v. Arnold House, home	Lost	6—13
Wed., Nov. 17th:	v. King Edward VII, home	Won	3—0
Sat., Nov. 20th:	v. Arnold House, away	Lost	11—21
Sat., Nov. 27th:	v. King Edward VII, away	Cancelled	
Sat., Feb. 5th:	v. Balshaw's G.S., away	Cancelled	

COLTS XV.

Sat., Oct. 16th:	v. Blackpool G.S., away	Lost	3—15
Sat., Dec. 11th:	v. Blackpool G.S., home	Won	23—5

BANTAMS XV.

Sat., Sept. 25th:	v. Arnold House, away	Lost	0—23
Sat., Oct. 2nd:	v. Balshaw's G.S., away	Lost	0—6
Sat., Dec. 11th:	v. Blackpool G.S., home	Won	23—5
Sat., Jan. 22nd:	v. St. Joseph's, home	Lost	3—9
Sat., Jan. 29th:	v. King Edward VII, home	Won	16—11
Sat., Feb. 12th:	v. Balshaw's, home	Won	17—12
Sat., Feb. 19th:	v. King Edward VII, away	Lost	0—11

The 1st XV, 1947—Characters

‡CARR, W. B.—1947-8.

He has made a good captain, keen and energetic, not sparing himself in his efforts on the field of play and in the coaching of the team. A fast, back row forward who plays quite a useful game at stand-off half.

†CAPSTICK, F. A.—1947-8.

An energetic forward who packs well in both loose and set scrums; tackles well, but tends to get offside.

†SEED, H. H.—1947-48.

A sound centre three-quarter who kicks well; not exceptionally fast, but has weight which could be used to better advantage; his handling is not always good.

*WILSON, J. G.—1947-8.

A fast, whole-hearted centre three-quarter who kicks and tackles well.

*GRIFFITHS, D.—1948.

A strong forward, very good in the loose and in the line-outs, always up with the ball.

*BYATT, I. C. R.—1948.

A strong, energetic forward who tackles well. His weakness lies in his inability to kick or pass the ball reasonably well.

*CARR, W. S.—1948.

A good forward with safe hands and a good kick; his efforts are noticed in all phases of the game.

*GARDNER, J. J.—1948.

A fly-half with a good swerve and side-step, but who tends to lose his backs. Also plays well at wing three-quarter.

*KIRKHAM, B. J.—1947-8.

A fly-half who, although handicapped by lack of speed, has safe hands, passes well and kicks strongly. Can play a sound game at full-back.

*PREW, J.—1948.

A sound scrum-half having a good knowledge of the game; fairly effective on the blind side, with a good, short kick.

BOYCE, I. S.—1948.

A fast wing three-quarter whose inability to handle and kick is rather pronounced. Has improved considerably, especially in tackling.

FLATHER, J.—1948.

A forward who is good in the line-outs, but is rather weak in both loose and set scrums.

McKERROW, N. A.—1948.

A steady half-back who tackles well. His kicking and backing-up could improve.

ROBERTS, J. B.—1948.

A forward who dribbles well, but could be much better in the loose scrums. Has hooked well against heavier packs.

SIMM, R. J.—1948.

A forward whose height is most advantageous in line-outs, but is rather weak in positional play and kicking.

Old Boys' Match

On Saturday, October 30th, the Old Boys' rugby match was played under ideal conditions before a gathering of enthusiastic spectators. In a keenly fought game, the Old Boys, led by their popular captain, R. O. Wilson, won by 14 points to 11.

During the first half the Old Boys were mainly defending, owing to the very good hooking of J. B. Roberts and the line-out play of "Buster" Simm. However, with H. E. Calland and R. Rigby tackling well at centre three-quarter, and J. Rigby kicking brilliantly at fly-half, the Old Boys changed ends losing only by 3 points to 5 points, Capstick scoring for the School after a defensive lapse, and "Sproggie" Edwards replying by a try in the corner.

The second-half was a different story. Although John Prew scored an unconverted try for the School, the Old Boys rallied amazingly and took the lead with tries by H. E. Calland, "Sproggie" Edwards and Jim Rigby, who also converted the last. Undaunted the School fought back and scored the last try of the match with only moments to spare.

No match account would be complete without mentioning the great work of H. Binns in the Old Boys' pack, which inspired them to turn impending defeat into victory.

Retrospect

Once again the 1st XV has experienced a disappointing season having won only four matches. Rarely did the team play as a team; in one game the forwards would play well and the backs miss chances, and on another occasion when the backs were on form the supply of good ball would be limited. When, however, the XV did combine, the spectators saw some excellent and very even struggles, for three matches in succession were lost by a mere three points.

The 2nd XV, which won two out of four games, contained some promising players, as did the 'Colts' XV.

The Bantams, although comparatively very small, played great rugby and finished the season well. In these players K.G.S. has the material which, within a few years, may again raise School rugby to the normal high level.

THE BADMINTON SOCIETY

Chairman : G. B. HOWELLS, Esq.

Secretary : I. G. PALMER.

Committee :

J. S. Mills, I. S. Boyce, D. Boston, W. B. Carr, J. G. Wilson.

At the beginning of the winter term a few enthusiasts got together and, using a few borrowed racquets, inaugurated the Badminton Club. Then two new racquets were bought by Mr. Crane who kindly lent us the money, and regular meetings were held on Thursday afternoons. A very successful jumble sale was held late in the term to defray the cost of these racquets, as well as to buy two more racquets. The sale was a complete success, Mr. Crane was reimbursed, and there was a balance of £10 left over.

On Wednesday, December 9th, the first match of its kind was played between the badminton teams of the staff and the boys. The staff's team won all the matches except one, the staff winning the other eight matches—187 to 104 "aces," which we are assured is the technical term for points. The boys were assured afterwards that "age will tell," but in what way we do not know.

We would like to thank Mrs. Norwood for the hot-pot supper that she so generously prepared for the victors and the vanquished.

This term the membership was closed at 24. Meetings are now being held on Friday nights, and it is hoped to play a return match with the masters this term.

As the Club improves, it is hoped to arrange matches with other schools next term.

SPEECH DAY

The cinema on the R.A.F. Station, Kirkham, was crowded to capacity on the occasion of the K.G.S. Speech Day, held on Wednesday, 1st December. The Rev. A. R. Allen, chairman of the Governors, presided and spoke of the favourable comments H.M. Inspectors had made about the good manners and the courtesy of the boys.

"We are living in an age of disrespectfulness," said Mr. Allen. "If we are to advance to a happier world it must be along the road of mutual respect, with feeling for the other fellow's point of view."

In his report the Headmaster said the School tried to cultivate individual talent and character. He stressed the fact, however, that it was not so much the winning of certificates that mattered, but the attitude to work. "We regard manners in the School as of paramount importance," he added, "we like to look upon boys as individuals, who are, moreover, encouraged to take a close interest in what is going on in the world around them." Careers talks had been given, and in addition to a brains trust of business and professional men at the School, a Sixth Form team had taken part in a discussion at Kirkham Rotary Club.

The prizes were then distributed by Mr. A. L. Binns, C.B.E., M.C., who, in his subsequent address, complimented the School on the three County Major Scholarship awards.

"There has never been a time in the 400 years' history of this School when it has been more flourishing," said Mr. Binns. "The inhabitants of Kirkham and district are very proud of Kirkham Grammar School, and the old boys, too, are proud of the School."

"Any grammar school is made by the boys in it at the time, for the boys are the school, and it is a good one only so far as those boys uphold its prestige. You have the responsibility of carrying on this School with undiminished prestige and position."

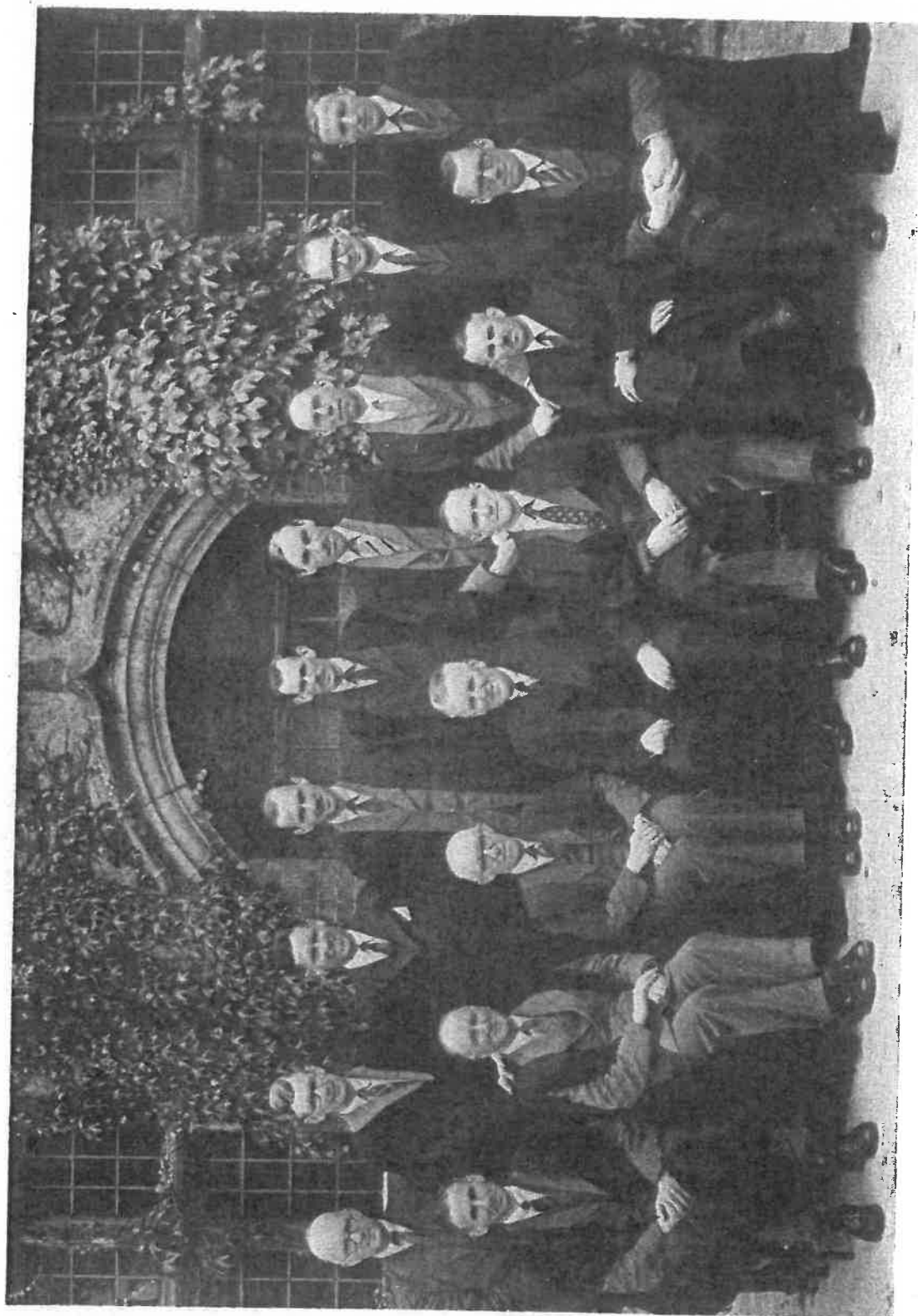
There were two things likely to give greatest satisfaction in later life. One was the satisfaction of a job done to the best of one's ability, and the other was friendships made and never lost.

The following is a complete list of awards and honours :—
Boy who has done most for the School in the past year :

S. H. Edwards

Sixth Form Prizes

Bowdler Mathematics Prize :	G. R. Allcock
Physics :	J. V. Major
Biology :	L. Rathbone
History :	R. Tillotson
Geography :	I. C. R. Byatt
English Literature :	J. S. Mills
French :	R. Tillotson
Agricultural Studies :	L. Rathbone
Art :	W. E. Garlick
Music :	J. F. Nourse
Merit Prize for Science Subjects :	A. P. Roberts
do.	I. S. Boyce



THE STAFF, July, 1947

Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board Higher School Certificates

I. S. Boyce	J. J. Gardner	J. S. Mills	A. P. Roberts
W. B. Clegg	J. D. Lee	J. F. Nourse	R. Tillotson
K. Fisher	J. V. Major	L. Rathbone	

House Trophies

Football Shield :	Preston House
Cricket Shield :	School House
Athletic Sports Cup :	School House
Cross-Country Cup :	Ashton House
Swimming Cup :	Kirkham House
Junior Football Cup :	School House
Junior Cricket Cup :	School House

Sports Prizes

Boys who have done most for the Sport of the School during the year :

First : S. H. Edwards Second : A. P. Binns

Cricket Prizes, awarded for the best averages :

Batting : H. H. Seed Bowling : S. H. Edwards

Lower Sixth Merit Prize S. Allcock

Divinity Prizes Senior : L. Turner Junior : J. W. Crozier

Upper Fifth Form Prizes

(awarded on the results of the N.U.J.M.B. School Certificate Exam.)

*Block Prize: R. Ingham	French :	P. Leech
English : R. Greenough	Latin :	R. Ingham
History : E. B. Greenwood	Maths. & Physics :	J. D. Swarbrick
Geography: P. Gill	Biology & Chemistry :	M. B. Poole
	Art : A. Rigby	

School Certificates

D. L. Allen	P. H. Dunkley	R. Ingham	J. H. Prew
J. B. Ball	G. Edmondson	B. J. Kirkham	F. R. H. Quinn
R. W. Bradshaw	R. E. Fenton	A. Kitching	D. P. Randall
R. M. Brown	P. Gill	M. G. Margetison	A. Rigby
W. H. Clegg	W. E. Gray	R. C. McKerrow	W. L. Rumney
R. C. Cookson	R. Greenough	R. K. Messent	J. D. Swarbrick
J. M. Cresswell	E. B. Greenwood	M. K. Myres	J. A. Wilson
G. Duck	G. R. Hogarth	M. B. Poole	

Lower Fifth Form

Form Prize : A. Tomlinson Merit Prize : H. S. Taylor

Upper Fourth Form Prizes

*Block Prize : F. Ainsworth Languages : T. H. Clegg
English Subjects : K. Thornton Mathematics : A. Jackson
Science : A. J. Berry

Lower Fourth Form Prizes

*Block Prize : J. O. Bullock Languages : C. H. Thorp
English Subjects : R.H.Mallinson Maths. & Science : J. G. Leece

Third Form Prizes

*Block Prize : T. E. Isles French : G. Norris
English Subjects : R. W. Ward Maths. & Science : H. Hassall
Best Trier in IIIb.: J. A. Howard.

Gym Prizes Intermediate : M. R. Hinton Junior : W. E. Hancock
*Block Prizes are awarded to boys who, at the end of the School year, finish top of the combined two parallel forms in their Blocks.

HONOURS, 1947-48

Past and present members of K.G.S.

Lancashire County Major Scholarship winners :—

J. V. Major A. P. Roberts L. Rathbone

J. F. Nourse A.R.C.O., and admission to the Royal Academy of Music, 1948

R. H. Harrison (1937-43) 1st Class Hons., Civil Engineering, Birmingham University

A. R. Calland (1938-45) ... 2nd Class Hons., Geography, Birmingham University

B. R. Kirby (1935-42) ... B.A., Liverpool University

G. D. Wilkin (1933-41) ... B.Sc., Liverpool University

J. R. Butterfield (1912-15) Mayor of the Borough of Lytham- St. Annes

Athletic

W. B. Roberts (1925-30) Lancashire County Cricket XI

W. B. Cartmell (1938-45) Lancashire County R.U.F.C. XV and reserve for the English Rugby Union Trial

R. C. Hodge (1933-39) Lancashire County R.U.F.C. XV

H. E. Calland (1937-38) Captain, Birmingham University Association Football Club

REMEMBRANCE DAY—November 11th

A service was held in the hall which commenced with the whole school's singing of the hymn, "O Valiant Hearts," of which one verse was sung as a solo by P. B. Smith. After the lesson and a prayer, the Last Post was sounded and the headmaster read out the names of Old Boys who had lost their lives during the two wars. During the observance of two minutes' silence the school captain placed a wreath of poppies over the memorial tablet, and the Reveille was played. The final hymn the school sang was, "I bow to Thee, My Country."

THE CAROL SERVICE

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held this year on December 14th, in the Kirkham Parish Church. The School Choir, trained by Mr. Murray who played the accompaniment, led the singing.

Boys' solos were rendered by P. B. Smith, N. A. Hunter, and G. Norris while Messrs. S. Middleton, E. J. Williams and J. D. Gibson became three kings from the Orient. B. Broadbent, J. I. Bullock, W. S. A. Rumney, I. G. Palmer, J. S. Mills, Mr. Barton and the Headmaster read the lessons in the usual ascending order.

The visitors who attended were unanimous in their praise of the service which is rapidly and deservedly becoming a school institution.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Chairman E. J. WILLIAMS, Esq.
Secretary W. E. GARLICK
Treasurer D. BIRDSALL, Esq.
Committee G. Laughton, R. Greenough, F. W. Ball.

On the nights of December 11th, 13th and 14th, the Dramatic Society presented "Hamlet" by William Shakespeare. This play is one of the masterpieces of world drama and, considering the difficulties involved in such an ambitious venture, great satisfaction may be felt at the standard which was achieved.

The plot dealt with the intrigues of the Danish Court and the strivings of the melancholy Hamlet to avenge the murder of his father.

The part of the Prince presents great difficulty to actors of all calibres. W. E. Garlick, however, enacted his rôle with a confidence

and skill well above the average and gave by far the outstanding performance of the production. Prominent in support were R. Greenough, a convincing Polonius; R. W. Hines, as the faithful Horatio; and J. J. Gardner as the ghost of Hamlet's murdered father.

The problems of a small stage were admirably overcome by stage manager F. A. Capstick, well supported by M. Finestone and J. Middlehurst, while generous assistance behind the scenes was given by Mrs. Norwood and Mrs. Laughton. Once again production was in the capable hands of Messrs. E. J. Williams and G. Laughton, and Mr. R. M. Barker gave valuable technical advice upon the lighting arrangements.

Financially the play was a distinct success and reflects great credit upon all concerned.

THE CAST

Francisco	W. L. RUMNEY
Bernado	F. W. BALL
Marcellus	E. B. GREENWOOD
Horatio	A. W. HINES
Ghost	J. J. GARDNER
Claudius, the King	F. E. SMITH
Læertes	M. J. SMEATON
Polonius	R. GREENOUGH
Hamlet	W. E. GARLICK
Gertrude, the Queen	J. HINE
Ophelia	G. NORRIS
Reynaldo	M. B. POOLE
Lucianus	J. D. SWARBRICK
Player King	P. H. DUNKLEY
Player Queen	R. A. BUREAU
First Gravedigger	J. D. SWARBRICK
Second Gravedigger	P. H. DUNKLEY
Priest	M. B. POOLE
Courtiers	R. A. BUREAU
	T. A. BURKE
Osric	M. B. POOLE
Lady-in-Waiting	I. L. FISHER

THE MUSICAL SOCIETY

Chairman J. MURRAY, Esq.
Secretary J. J. GARDNER
Committee : R. J. Bureau, J. B. Roberts, J. G. Wilson.

With Mr. Murray concerned mainly with the School Choir, and owing to members having other commitments, the Society in the Michaelmas term suffered something of an eclipse, although the gramophone was in service quite often in the dinner hour. The Society is hoping to get really started again this present term.

THE HOBBIES CLUB

A significant achievement marked the opening of the spring term, when the General School Committee recognised the Hobbies Club as a legitimate Society and thereby set the seal on a fine half-year's work. Mr. Collier, perhaps, found most satisfaction in this, for his work as presiding master has been made heavier by the absence from the group of any school prefects or sixth formers to share his responsibilities. This scarcity of seniors to take the lead in Club activity has been a marked weakness since its inception; but now the period of immaturity seems to be passing, and few societies can boast of such excellent prospects for the near future, with few members leaving and many upon the threshold of high school positions.

The Club, therefore, now a Society, looks forward to the coming months with confidence and high hopes of taking its place as one of the firmest branches of school activity.

C.C.F.

A contingent of the above corps has been started, and now holds weekly parades. It comprises four platoons, with a total strength of 123. A squad is being trained to take "Certificate A" by Major Middleton, and is made up of boys mainly from the VIs and Vs who are in their last school year.

A good show was put up by a contingent from Arnold School (on November 26th), who gave us an expert display of drill, as well as a good lecture on the sten and bren guns.

After the initial fitting-out with uniforms, our cadet force is getting well under way, and we are lucky in having such able men to train us as Major Middleton and Lieutenants Howells, Kinnear and Barker. The corps cannot but profit from their experience.

The following have been promoted as from January 1st, 1949 :
Cadet R. HINES, to Company Sergeant Major.
Cadet F. A. CAPSTICK, to Sergeant.
Cadet J. D. LEE, to Sergeant.
Cadet J. S. MILLS, to Sergeant.

THE LIBRARY

Chairman E. J. WILLIAMS, Esq.
Vice-Chairman W. E. MOTLEY, Esq.
Sub-Librarian J. S. MILLS
Secretary J. J. GARDNER.

Committee :

J. Middlehurst, W. E. Garlick, D. Burton, A. Rigby,
E. B. Greenwood.

A new system has been inaugurated for the Sixth Form, and has been much more successful than the old one. The Library has received its usual quota of books which have been bought with the £60 annual grant obtained from the County. The main accessions will be given in the next issue of the magazine.

HOUSE NOTES

THE ASHTON HOUSE

House Captain J. MIDDLEHURST
House Prefects G. R. SAGAR, R. GREENOUGH

The Ashton House has found the last half-year a trying succession of disappointments. It is difficult to resolve the reason for our continued mediocrity at Rugby, as the House XV practised diligently throughout the winter term, only to be easily beaten in the first round of the Cup Competition.

The captain of the side, J. Flather, deserves high praise for his work during the match, especially in the later stages, when only his efforts prevented the team from losing heart completely in the realisation that they were certain to be defeated.

Mr. E. J. Williams, the housemaster, and J. Middlehurst, who have worked persistently to inspire the House at large, will look with hope, if not optimism, to the running season. We hold the cross-country running cup at present, but most of last year's successful side have left, and some very hot challenges are expected.

The handball season is now in full swing and it would be unwise to judge the team's performance until they have completed their programme of matches. So far, however, they have not been conspicuous, and only a remarkable improvement in play will bring honours from this quarter.

The unknown quantity in Ashton activities is athletics. There is some talent and abundant enthusiasm, but the House has come to be wary of optimism, after so many disillusionments; and hard work is certainly needed before Sports' Day.

Ashton is the youngest House in K.G.S., and it looks to the future for its days of greatness. It is a young House in another sense, also; that it has a high membership in the Upper IVs and Vs, with few in the VIs, so that we must expect at least another year of slow progress before Ashton can be said to have got over her initial growing pains.

THE FYLDE HOUSE

House Captain J. S. MILLS
House Prefects B. J. KIRKHAM, J. D. GIBSON, J. H. PREW

Perhaps the Fylde House has more to boast about than all the other houses put together. For the first time for seven years, our team has won the House Rugby Shield. At the beginning of the term who would have thought that we would win two matches, and win our way into the final, eventually beating the Preston House by 8 to 6. The result is all the more commendable when it is remembered that all the omens were in favour of the Preston House while only a far-sighted few surmised the actual result. Old colours were reawarded to B. J. Kirkham, W. S. Carr and J. H. Prew; new colours were awarded to J. Harkinson, J. Long, F. A. Kippax, J. P. Gibson, E. Jones and G. R. Hogarth. The team order was then R. Brown, A. Rigby, R. W. Hines, J. S. Mills, J. Boulton, R. Hardy, and P. Houghton. This victorious team was ably captained by B. J. Kirkham, but it must be emphasised that we won the Shield because we played as a team, and not as a crowd of individuals. Hearty congratulations to all concerned.

The Juniors did not fare so well in their match against the Lytham House, but it is to be hoped that next year they will have more skill and better luck. As neither the Senior nor Junior Handball League matches have yet been finished, it is useless to augur anything, but only to wish both teams the best of luck.

We welcome all the new members of our House, and wish all who have left the best possible luck in their careers.

R. Hines and J. D. Swarbrick kept up the dramatic side of the House.

THE KIRKHAM HOUSE

House Captain J. D. LEE
House Prefects N. A. McKERROW, F. W. BALL,
S. ALLCOCK, R. FENTON

At the beginning of the Michaelmas term J. D. Lee was promoted to House Captain, supported by D. Griffiths, N. A. McKerrow, and F. W. Ball. Two new prefects, S. Allcock and R. Fenton, were appointed.

In the sphere of Senior Rugby Football the House team attained a new record by playing four games without reaching the final. The first round was played against the School House in damp conditions, the score being 6 all. The first replay took place in extremely muddy conditions, the score being 5 all. Then R. Fenton left school, and a much weakened side played the second replay in a mud bath. By establishing a 6 to 0 lead in the first 5 minutes, and dour defending, the team won by 9 points to 6, Griffiths scoring a hat trick. In the semi-final, we played the Fylde House, and were winning 3 to 0 at half-time, only to lose by 14 to 3 due to the superiority of the backs of the cup winners.

This marked a grand revival of senior football in the House, and long may it continue. Lee, Griffiths, McKerrow I, and Fenton were reawarded their colours, new colours going to Macpherson, McKerrow II, Townsend and Gray. The remainder were placed:—Humber, Ball, Clegg, Sanderson, Purnell, Bradshaw, Ingham, Wilmot—16th men, Hurst and Benson.

Owing to new Junior qualifications, a weakened Junior rugby team was heavily defeated by the Lytham House.

The senior handball team is not very strong, but the Junior team has met with outstanding success.

The House was much saddened by the loss of three stalwarts. R. Fenton left us in November, and McKerrow, I, and F. W. Ball left at Christmas. They were all House prefects, and our best wishes are extended to them.

THE LYTHAM HOUSE

House Captain I. S. BOYCE
House Prefects I. G. PALMER, W. E. GARLICK,
M. D. FINESTONE, J. R. BUREAU

The new school year started with the installation of yet two more House prefects. In this connection congratulations are due to W. E. Garlick and J. R. Bureau, and to Garlick and I. G. Palmer also, on being appointed as school prefects.

J. V. Major and G. Rogers have left us, Major going to Man-

chester University and Rogers to the Royal Navy. Roger Bureau has taken up residence at Fettes (pronounced Fettiz) College, Edinburgh; Alan Binns now serves the Crown in the Ministry of National Insurance at Norbreck, and A. I. Wright, in between games of golf, serves his apprenticeship to a dental mechanic in Cleveleys.

These first terms have for many Houses consisted mainly of rugby. In the senior matches we had a bye into the second round—and semi-final—where we had the misfortune to lose to Preston House, 6 to 38. Our seniors, therefore, do but bask in the reflected glory of the junior team which has, so far, acquitted itself very well. In the first round Lytham beat Kirkham House by 20 to 0, and in the second round beat Fylde by 39 to 0. Billy Hancock and Jack Butterworth are worthy of special mention, and Butterworth, whom we have welcomed as an emigrant from School House, will play in the team to meet School in the final.

New House colours have been awarded to P. Gill, and colours have been reawarded to Ian Boyce, Tony Bretherton, Buster Simm, "Nobby" Crook and Mike Finestone.

Handball has started again and is still as popular as it has ever been. The House senior team went off to a close start by allowing School to win 13 to 12, but picked up in the second game, against Ashton, winning 26 to 3, and we hope to continue the good work. The junior team started badly when they were beaten by School House 43 to 14, but this, we like to feel, was due to the absence of several of its stalwart members, and from them, too, we expect great things in the future.

Bill Garlick has good reason to be proud of his performance as Hamlet in the play in December, and with him in the cast there figured two other Lythamites, M. J. Smeaton and "Osric," R. A. Bureau. These three together with the director of illuminations, Mike Finestone, are to be warmly congratulated on their fruitful efforts.

The results of the rest of the year's activities remain in store, so let our House press forward to the tune of those immortal words of encouragement—so often heard with the wall-bars at our backs—"Come along, gentlemen, just a leetle more effort . . ."

THE PRESTON HOUSE

House Captain	J. J. GARDNER
House Prefects	D. BURTON, W. B. CARR, I. C. R. BYATT, H. H. SEED

Greetings Prestonians

The first half of the School year has ended, and once again it is time to take stock of ourselves.

In recent times the House has given a good account of itself on the rugby field, and this year is no exception.

W. B. Carr, captain of the 1st XV, was awarded his honours cap, while Humphrey Seed was reawarded and "Mousey" Byatt, Jesse Gardner and Jim Wilson awarded School colours. In addition, D. Burton, D. C. Cookson and B. G. Carr played for the 2nd XV; M. McDonough, S. T. Wilcock and F. Ainsworth for the Colts; and R. H. Basterfield and G. Snape for the Bantams.

In the House competition, the Juniors had some promising players, but although soundly beating Ashton House by 15 points to nil, proved to be a thing "of threads and patches" and lost heavily to a very thorough School House side.

The Senior team won its way to the final for the fourth successive year, beating Lytham by 38 points to 6, en route, but were the losers to the Fylde House in a very close game on a sticky pitch, by 8 points to 6.

House colours were reawarded to W. B. Carr, H. H. Seed, J. G. Wilson, J. J. Gardner and B. G. Carr; while new colours were gained by I. C. R. Byatt and D. Burton.

Handball has recommenced in the gym, and to date neither Junior nor Senior team have lost a match.

Congratulations to Bill Carr, Dicky Burton and Jesse Gardner on being appointed School prefects. Also to Humphrey Seed on becoming a House prefect.

Behaviour on School buses is much better than last year, but could still be improved. No windows, as yet, have been broken, which is in itself almost a record and a miracle—keep it up!

Last year's captain, J. F. Nourse, paid the School a visit a short time ago and was pleased to see the House spirit as strong as in former years.

Perhaps one of the outstanding features of this half-year, which augurs well for the future, has been the keenness displayed by the Junior members. It is evident that, if this same spirit is fostered, then the Preston House has no need to fear the loss of the high place it has won in the School not only in sporting events, but in scholastic achievement.

Best of luck, Prestonians.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE

House Captain F. A. CAPSTICK
House Prefect F. E. SMITH

Unfortunately the beginning of the winter term was marred by the tragic death of Michael Holden, whose loss has been deeply felt not only by the House, but also by the School.

The House is sorry to lose A. Kitching, F. Butterworth and J. Butterworth, and congratulates F. E. Smith on his appointment as House prefect.

In the Senior House matches the House succumbed in the first round, but only after a hard fight against Kirkham in a match which was replayed twice. Capstick, Roberts and Hinton are to be congratulated on their reawards of colours and Caine, Dunkley and Jackson on their new awards. The House was well represented in School teams, Capstick and Roberts being in the First XV, while five were in the Second XV, six in the Colts and, at various times, twelve in the Bantams. In the junior Rugby the House beat their opponents 46—0, and we hail their promising performance as a good omen for the future. In handball the seniors are second in the table and the juniors have won their one game so far.

Scholastically last term was a success, many members of the House being well placed in their forms. In the School's production of "Hamlet" several School House members acted, while F. A. Capstick was stage manager, and all of his stage crew were from School House.

During last term we had visits from S. H. Edwards and K. S. Fairweather, who, we are happy to see, are getting on well in the Army.

The House is pleased to see that the photos of House teams of more recent years will soon be displayed in the dining hall and that the list of House captains has been brought up to date.

At the House supper last term, Messrs. Crane, Kinnear and Barker provided a hilarious entertainment, while we also had a visit from the Sixth Form carol party. School House members have visited a Preston Musical Society concert, a Preston Scientific Society lecture, and, more recently, a performance of the "Mikado" at Blackpool. The House has been entertained by interesting talks and also by films, while the new stove in the common room has brought mixed grille.

Closing our report on an optimistic note we look forward to the cross-country, the athletic sports and the cricket, hoping for success.

OFF THE RECORD

A magazine must be a record of officially sponsored events in a school, but in addition, a little publicity for the "off the record" highlights does not go amiss. Therefore:—

If anyone in the region of Dowbridge on 15th December was startled by the twang of a mandolin, the wheeze of a mouth-organ and the sound of diverse voices raised in — harmony(?), they will be glad to learn that it was merely the Upper Sixth Carol Party

serenading the members of the Staff. They visited the School House and the homes of Messrs. Middleton, Howells, Hughes, Barton, Stevenson, Lee, Motley and Cunliffe, and after battling through rain, hail and mud towards the home of Mr. Wilson where they were briefly dismissed as just another er— lot of carollers, they dispersed at a heavenly (unearthly) hour, well satisfied with the material results of their efforts. Thanks go to Moggie Gibson for his work as organiser, and also to the following for the use of tenor, bass, and very bass voices, respectively: Jesse Gardener, Jack Middlehurst, Geoff Sagar, Ian Boyce, Mike Finestone, Dicky Burton, John Mills, Sammy Allcock and "Mousey" Byatt. The total levy their voices exacted amounted to £3 10s. 0d. which was sent to St. Dunstan's.

Talking of music! The Sixth Form have ardently supported the D'Oyly Carte Company during the Blackpool run, and one or another of them, in varying company, has been seen on almost every night. The School House, too—both warders and inmates—were seen enjoying the "Mikado's" laugh and the fate of the shrinking "Katisha," but certain of their complement are said to have strayed from the straight and narrow into the ballroom from whence they arrived in their seats rather dazzled and rather late. "Funf" Seed should know, anyway.

At the canteen, Tony Bretherton keeps right on being had and by now he's beginning to feel he's being twisted. Wardle and his company of rakes roll in regularly in time for the second course, and P. G. Parker, with his co-delinquents are said to have sung—who knows why?—"Ivan Skavinsky Scava" at the table. Many lines were written. Crompton and Head have had a dabble at curing the colds of the canteen staff and Hunter follows in the wayward footsteps of his table-mates towards a dreadful doom.

There is a rumour about that Harry Basterfield and Johnny Holmes have done some lines. Don't believe it!

From the Lower Sixth; Neil McKerrow has gone to "see the world" from Torpoint (over the sound from Plymouth) Naval Barracks, and Penrose Binns now drinks morning coffee (2d.), afternoon tea, and bovril on the cliffs at Norbreck. He assures us that he has a tastefully appointed apartment with a fine view overlooking the Isle of Man, and is quite comfortable in his new job.

Mr. Murray's flock of canary-birds flourishes weekly, tripping blithely over Linden Lee, clumsily over shining grass-blades, and presumably in chara's away from dark-roomed towns.

An astonishing animal has recently come to light, forsaking the able custody of a certain Cunliffe, for the gleaming pedestal that is Mr. Barton's book-cupboard. With one accord the miserable felons, whose sole asset is their inherent criminality and who grace room 4, rose up and abducted the noble creature, dis-

regarding his anguished cries, until righteousness finally triumphed (aided on the quiet by a little nocturnal activity), and the careworn quadruped sank, before a battery of cameras, into sweet oblivion. His name, Joe, for short—but not for long!

There is, by the way, competition as keen as ever for the honour of returning empty bottles and crates across the quad and hitherto harassed prefects are now considering forming a waiting list of willing volunteers!!!

Several surprising revelations have come to light in the course of the general knowledge paper: Michael Finestone is taking an interest in "H.M.S. Pinafore."

The Lower Sixth form room, meanwhile, has been the scene of horrifying pagan rites. An old and dubious painting has been set up in Room 4, and is now regarded as a god by the Lower Sixth, and has probably been called many nameless things by other people!

Finally, the School would like to know:—

Why have the Lower Sixth taken to Old Masters?

Who put earwigs under the table tops?

Whose scarf gets tied in knots?

Why does Finestone keep taking the plates back?

Who blesses his soul?

Where can you hear "Come along, gentlemen!"?

Who was it who said, as he stuffed the current issue of the "Daily Worker" into his inside pocket: "You know, sir, I haven't a leaning to any particular party."

NOTES AND ITEMS

Congratulations to:—

W. B. Carr on winning his Honours Cap as well as being elected Captain of School Rugby Football.

F. A. Capstick and H. H. Seed (reawards), J. G. Wilson, D. Griffiths, J. H. Prew, W. S. Carr, B. J. Kirkham, J. J. Gardner and I. C. R. Byatt on gaining School Rugby Football Colours.

D. Burton, F. A. Capstick*, W. S. Carr, J. J. Gardner*, W. E. Garlick, B. J. Kirkham, J. D. Lee*, J. Middlehurst*, I. G. Palmer, W. B. Carr on their appointment as School Prefects, * also appointed House Captains.

R. W. Hines on being appointed C.S.M. of the K.G.S. contingent of the C.C.F.

J. S. Mills on his appointment as Captain of the School and also on gaining admission to Liverpool University.

- J. D. Lee and G. W. S. Knowles on securing places at Birmingham and Oxford Universities respectively.
- I. C. R. Byatt on winning the First Prize in the Fylde Historical Society's Essay Competition on Local History. J. S. Mills and J. J. Gardner were second and third respectively, whilst W. S. Carr received special mention.
- D. H. Pimley and K. Crompton on winning the Senior and Junior Prizes, respectively, in the K.G.S. Annual General Knowledge Paper.
- Fylde House on winning the Rugby Football Shield for the first time since 1939.
- School House on beating Lytham House in the Junior House Rugby Football Final.
- N. A. McKerrow on gaining a "special entry" into the Royal Navy.
- F. W. Ball, W. S. Carr and A. P. Binns on passing the Civil Service Examination.

LECTURE ON FILM PRODUCTION

A very enjoyable lecture was heard in the Hall by the School on Thursday, 30th September, by Mr. Tytler. The talk was illustrated by films of actual scenes inside a film studio, and gave the School many insights into the technique of the use of the cameras and the scenic effects. A vote of thanks was proposed by the School captain, J. S. Mills, and, judging by the applause Mr. Tytler received, there is no doubt at all that the lecture was a complete success.

LECTURE ON ANIMALS IN THE WAR

On Saturday, 9th October, 1948, at 6-30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall, Mr. Eric Hardy, Editor of "Nature Lover," lectured on "Animals in the War." His lecture was appropriately illustrated with some fine lantern slides. He pointed out that despite modern inventions the terrain of a country often necessitated the use of animals. The German Army, always considered highly mechanised, employed 1,000,000 transport horses during the war. Mr. Hardy felt it was a shame that many animals had undergone terrible suffering, and appropriately ended his lecture with a story of animal devotion. F. A. Capstick proposed the vote of thanks.

LECTURE ON CRICKET

On the evening of Saturday, 30th October, 1948, Mr. W. B. Roberts entertained and enlightened an audience of about sixty

with a lecture on cricket. He endeavoured to make the lecture as informal as possible and encouraged questions. He said that boys ought to try to realise they have never finished learning about the game, and advised that boys should bat in the nets as they would in the middle. He deprecated the fact that some looked upon fielding as drudgery and told young bowlers to try to achieve length and direction before the finer arts. F. A. Capstick proposed the vote of thanks for Mr. Roberts' interesting talk.

MR. HUBERT LESLIE

At 6-30 on Saturday, 27th November, 1948, Mr. Hubert Leslie entertained a small audience in the School Hall. All present thoroughly enjoyed his versatility, his drawing, joking, and his balancing feats with sticks, glasses of water, a golf ball and an egg cup. F. A. Capstick thanked Mr. Leslie for a grand evening's entertainment.

FILM SHOWS

There were only two film shows during the Michaelmas Term. Their audiences were mainly School House boys and day boys who lived near the School. "The Four Just Men" was shown on Saturday, 13th November. The sound was bad and unfortunately much of the dialogue was unintelligible. For the second film, the Marx Brothers in "A Night at the Opera," a cinematograph was hired from Preston. The sound and visual clarity of the film were excellent. The hired cinematograph was far superior to the one purchased by the School as was proved on the following day when "A Night at the Opera" was run through on the School's machine. The film, "The Thin Man Goes Home," which was to have been held on Saturday, 29th January, was cancelled due to difficulties with the cinematograph.

MR. GRAHAM ADAMS

On Saturday, 19th February, a small audience was entertained in the School Hall by Mr. Graham Adams and party. All thought the show extremely good, gazing in wonderment as Mr. Adams produced a cigarette from thin air, passed a stick through a sheet of glass, and did many other amazing tricks. In one of these Mr. Middleton was his willing "guinea pig," but seemed no wiser than the rest of the audience as to how the trick was done. Miss Phyllis Pepper's virtuosity on the piano and Mr. John Hughes' singing were also enjoyed.

The entertainment had a hilarious finale with Mr. Motley's daughter, Mr. Crane, Mr. Adams and Miss Pepper on the platform

together. Mr. Crane was waving a fan and convulsing with laughter at the same time.

The show was excellent and when it was over Mr. Adams party were besieged by autograph hunters. A collection in aid of film shows was made and realised £1 17s. 6d.

VALETE

ABBREVIATIONS.

H.S.—House Senior Team.	G.S.C.—General School Committee
H.I.—House Intermediate Team.	H.S.C.—Higher School Certificate.
H.J.—House Junior Team.	S.C.—School Certificate.
Ru.—Rugby.	Ath.—Athletics.
Sw.—Swimming.	Run.—Running.
A—Ashton House	F—Fylde House.
L—Lytham House	P—Preston House.
	K—Kirkham House.
	S—School House.

W. S. CARR (1942—Jan., 1949) : F, U.Mod.VI Div 2, School Prefect, 1st XV, Run.H.S. 1st XI, Ath.H.S., Sw.H.S., S.C., Cricket Com.

F. W. BALL (1943—1948) : K, L.Sc.VI, House Prefect, Ru.H.S., Run.H.S., Dramatic Soc. Com., Photographic Com., Finance Sub-Com.

R. E. FENTON (1943—Nov., 1948) : K, L.Mod.VI, 1st XV, Ru.H.S., 2nd XI, Ath. School Team (Junior), Sw.H.S., Sw. School Team.

R. A. BUREAU (1945—Dec., 1948) : L, Va, RuH.J., Cr.H.S., Dramatic Com.

F. BUTTERWORTH (1944—1948) : S, L.V, Sw.H.S., 2nd XV, Cr.H.S., Ath.H.S.

A. KITCHING (1944—1948) : S, L.Mod.VI, RuH.S., Cr.H.J.

N. A. MCKERROW (1943—Dec., 1948) : K, L.Sc.VI, 1st XV, House Prefect, Ath.H.S., Sw. School Team, S.C.

A. I. WRIGHT (Jan., 1948—Dec., 1948) : L, UIVa.

A. E. BRAITHWAITE (Sept., 1943—Dec., 1948) : F, U.Vb, Ru.H.S.

SALVETE

Austwick, R. (F)	Brown, I. (F)	Halsall, D. S. (K)
Ball, H. W.	Butcher, J. S. (F)	Hatcher, M. A. (F)
Bargh, G. B. (S)	Collinson, M. P. (P)	Hill, C. (A)
Barnes, D. W. (P)	Cookson, K. H. (K)	Hill, D. I. (L)
Barnes, M. S. (F)	Crowe, D. (K)	Hires, R. W. (F)
Barton, C. E. (S)	Darlington, J. M. (P)	Isaacs, E. (F)
Beardsworth, B. B. (K)	Erwin, A. J.	Jeffery, J. D. R. (S)
Bennett, S. N. (A)	Exley, T. (A)	Johnston, P. W. F. (S)
Braithwaite, E. (F)	Flather, J. (A)	Kember, N. B. (L)
Brambles, D. T. (L)	Gardner, T. D. (P)	Kirby, T. (K)
Broadbent, B. (K)	Garstang, J. (A)	Levens, W. T. H. (L)
Brook, D. (S)	Gill, D. (L)	Miller, R. K. (F)



(Left) W. E. Garlick as
'Hamlet' in the K.G.S.
Play. December, 1948.

(Below) The Sixth Form
Carol Party, 1948



Mills, M. D. (F)	Renshaw, J. C. (S)	Thornber, F. (F)
Mitchell, F. (A)	Riley, G. H. (K)	Thornton, D. G. (F)
Moorshouse, B. K. (A)	Robson, R. L. (S)	Waddington, J. P. (L)
Mowbray, G. H. (P)	Sawyer, C. M. (L)	Ward, G. A. (P)
Myerscough, P. B. (F)	Smithies, J. M. C. (P)	Whitwell, M. S. (F)
Parker, J. G. S. (S)	Stevenson, J. (L)	Wignall, J. D. (K)
Parker, J. V. C. (F)	Sutcliffe, C. J. (S)	Wilson, N. (F)
Parkinson, K. (F)	Swain, R. (F)	
Piercy, D. M. (F)	Taylor, R. L. (K)	

PRIZES

A prize of five shillings is offered for the best translation in English verse of the three following:—

(a) BLACK HAIR

Cana est barba tibi, nigra est coma: tingere barbam non potes—haec causa est—et potes, Ole, comam.

(b) WHITE TEETH

Thais habet nigros, niveos Laecania dentes. Quae ratio est? Emptos haec habet, illa suos.

(c) DINING OUT

Nunquam se cenasse domi Philo iurat, et hoc est: non cenat, quotiens nemo vocavit eum.

Two of the entries received in the Photographic Competition are printed in this issue. The prize of 5/- has been awarded to J. D. Lee for his photograph of W. E. Garlick as "Hamlet" in the School Dramatic Society production. The Upper Sixth Carol Party was taken by I. G. Palmer.

The Editors solicit further entries in this competition in order that some photographs of general School interest may appear in their next issue (August). The 5/- prize will again be offered for the best entry.

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