

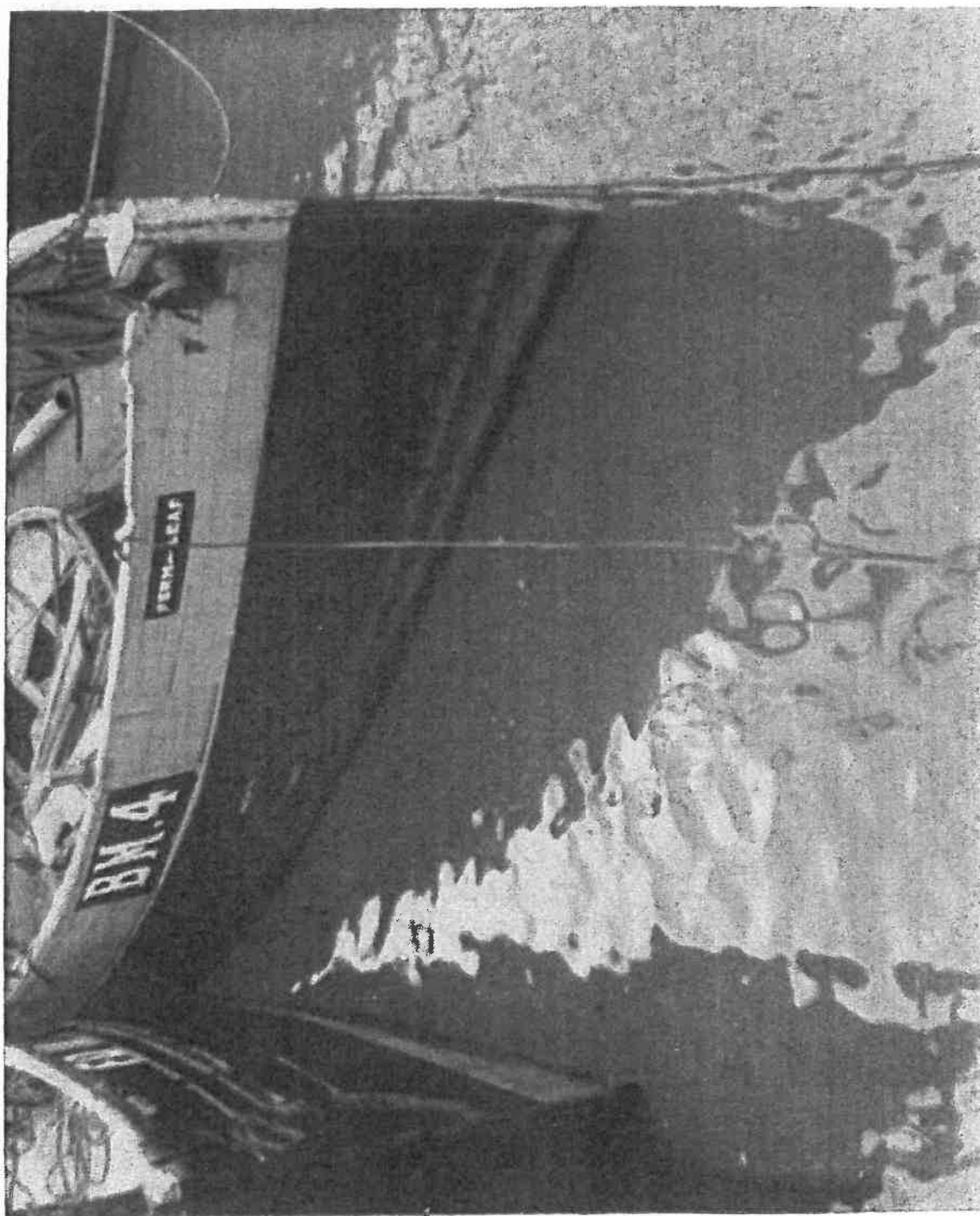
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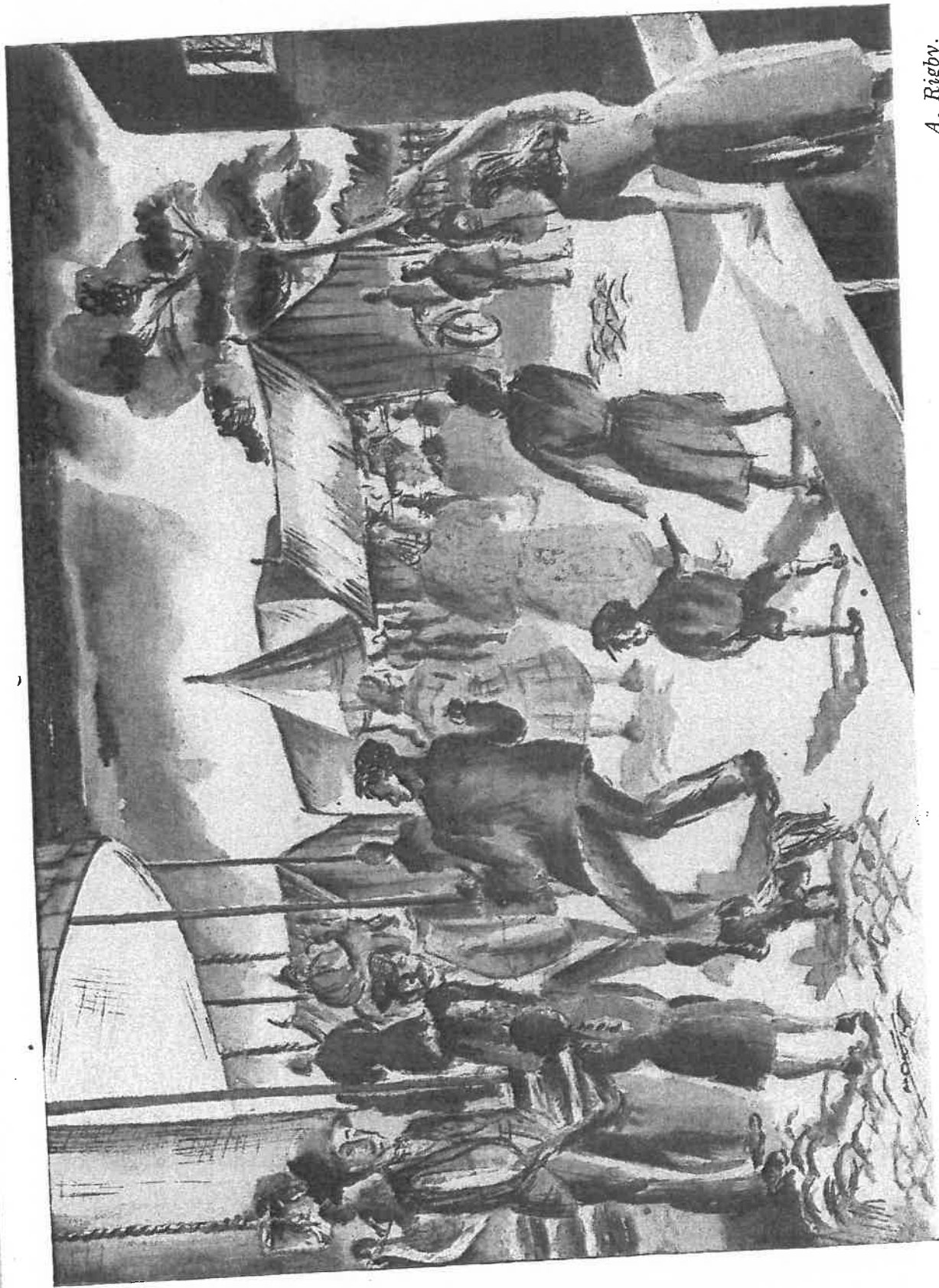
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SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1950.

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Editorial

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R. A. BROWN.

THE gym. steps are a fine place in the early, sunny morning for one to write an editorial. The atmosphere is just right ; one may look over the fields to Westby, to the white plumes above the railway, or perhaps just to the hens escaped from next door. The eye will range along our boundaries, past the hurdles, the pavilion and the little white pegs to the woods whence, yesterday, the blue and white figures jogged in at the finish of the cross-country. The mind's eye, too, will range in retrospect over this, the fullest term old K.G.S. has seen for many a day. A term that has kept most people busy.

Of all the ventures we have made, the newest and most interesting, and one which we should hope to repeat, was the Student Christian Movement Conference addressed by the Rev. Sproxton and Mr. Young, the headmaster of Rossall School. Only one week later exams. fell upon the Upper School to occupy a great deal of its valuable time and attention, and right in the middle of them Lytham and School played a decisive and very muddy Senior Rugby Final, but as the term moved past activity became more feverish still. Meetings met to arrange the Easter Fair which exploded, finally, with a report worth over £120 ; to practise for the concert which, though it was hurried, was well applauded and enjoyed by everyone ; and to organise and train for the sports. So, with athletics, the term is wound up, and on Friday at 11-30 a.m. the ends are finally tucked in for all but those who will represent us at the inter-school sports at Blackpool in May.

May we, then, return refreshed to start the summer, may we we get the exams. over with all haste, and may we make the cricket term another big success.

A word now about the make-up of the magazine. The greatest change the editors have made is in the size of print, which, since we are limited by the price to twenty-eight pages, has had to be reduced in order to cover everything. We have tried to make good use of the extra space by dealing with most activities more fully and we hope that the pages will not be any less readable.

For the first time, there are a number of original contributions: some are from the editors and some, but too few, are from the school. A look through the magazines we receive from other schools (these should soon be kept in the library) will show that K.G.S. is out alone in its lack of original work. There is no reason why we should lag behind here. See to it! Lastly, we felt that the house reports, as they were, lacked interest and were guilty of a great deal of repetition, and they have therefore been consolidated in the records section (which is itself another innovation) at the end of the magazine.

We should like your opinions about these changes, and your ideas; your contributions and your photographs will be very, *very* welcome.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

The annual Remembrance Day service was held in the Assembly Hall at 11-0 a.m. on November 8th. The Last Post was played; Mr. Norwood read the names of those men from K.G.S. who had fallen in the two wars, and the School Captain, I. G. Palmer, laid a wreath on the war memorial.

NEW MASTER.

The School extends a cordial welcome to Mr. R. T. Bentley, and hopes that he will be very happy at K.G.S.

At the time of going to press, Mr. Barton is still not well enough to return to school. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to having him once more in our midst.

FILM SHOWS.

There were only two film shows during the Winter Term. The first was on Saturday, November 12th, and the main film was "A Day at the Races," with the Marx Brothers. "Water Sports," a film kindly lent by Mr. Butterworth, of Lytham, and a "Popeye" Cartoon were also on the programme. The second film show was on Saturday, December 3rd, and consisted of a "Popeye" Cartoon ("The Body Vanished") and James Craig in "Omaha Trail."

Both shows were well attended, and at each the collection exceeded £3.

The collection at "Tarzan Escapes," the first Easter Term film show (held on Saturday, January 21st) totalled £3 14s. 7d. The following evening the film was re-shown on the school projector (which had recently been repaired). Both the sound and vision were good, and a small audience of School House donated 10s. 0d.

At the next film show (on Saturday, February 11th), Will Hay in "Oh, Mr. Porter," the school projector was used. D. W. B. Gibson and J. Hine were the operators. Unfortunately, the sound was bad, and this rendered the main film almost unintelligible, though this was not due to any faults in the cinematograph. For this show the price had been increased from 6d. to 9d., and the collection of £5 17s. 6d. was easily a record. The last film show was "Thirty-nine Steps" on Saturday, March 4th, when, as some of the films had not arrived, 6d. was charged.

LECTURE ON ROCK CLIMBING.

An interesting lecture was given on Saturday, October 22nd, by Mr. J. Diamond, a well-known mountaineer, who came at the invitation of Mr. Coward, in order to create enough interest in climbing for the formation of a Mountaineering Club at K.G.S.

Mr. Diamond began by enunciating the mysteries and the objects of mountaineering, pointing out the safe methods employed, and showing us some of the equipment he himself used. He then told us something of the history of mountaineering, including the epic story of Whimper's ascent of the Matterhorn. Then he showed the audience some interesting slides of mountaineering in the Lake District, Scotland, and the Alps.

After the talk, Mr. Diamond invited questions, and allowed his equipment to be inspected, and he invited the proposed mountaineering club to visit his cottage at Coniston, and avail themselves of its facilities, a proposal which the club later accepted.

CONCERT BY THE KIRKHAM MALE VOICE CHOIR.

On Saturday, November 26th, an audience of School House boys and a few visitors, heard a concert given by the Kirkham Male Voice Choir, conducted by Mr. L. Ashworth. Solos were sung by Mr. R. Abram, Mr. H. Allanson, and Mr. J. Parkinson. All present enjoyed the fine singing of this choir, which was formed in 1947, and has recently invited Mr. Norwood to become its president.

SCHOOL TRIPS.

On Tuesday, December 6th, a party of K.G.S. boys went to see Handel's Oratorio, "Judas Maccabeus," performed by the Preston Musical Society, at the Public Hall, Preston, and on Wednesday, February 8th, a party of School House boys visited the New Opera House, Blackpool, to see the D'Oyly-Carte production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe."

Another party of School House members saw "The Barber of Seville" performed by the Carl Rosa Opera Company at the New Opera House, on March 21st.

HANDBALL.

The Senior Handball was made into a knockout competition, and School House won, beating Fylde House 15—12 in the final, after extra time. School House Juniors have so far obtained maximum points.

SALVETE AND VALETE.

ASHTON.

VALETE.

Smith, J. M. (Upper VA), Hoyland, D. W. (Upper VB), Kinloch, J. (U.IVB).

SALVETE.

Dell, D., Higham, B. K., Hopcroft, P. W., Leigh, B., Neville, J. T., Scott, J. L., Smith, B., Vardy, P. I.

FYLDE.

VALETE.

Emsley, B. L. C. (U.VA), Snape, W. M. (U.VA), Long, T. W. (U.VB), Johns, J. T. (U.IVB), Marston, P. J. H. (IIIA).

SALVETE.

Emsley, B. L. C. (U.VA), Sherwood, R. P. (U.IVA), Johns, J. T. (U.IVB), Sherwood, P. (L.IVA), Clayton, A. J., Clifton, B. J., Colclough, N. T., Eaton, J. M., Frobisher, M. F., Hunt, W., Hull, R. W., Marston, P. J. H., Mather, D., Parker, N. R., Parks, A., Shipperbottom, J., Wood, R.

KIRKHAM.

VALETE.

McKerrow, D. R. C. (L.VIm), Hunt, D. R. G. (U.VA), Shallcross, D. S. (IIIA).

SALVETE.

Townsend, K. G. (L.VA), Metcalf, J. (U.IVB), Barton, L., Carmont, J. M., Dean, A., Grime, W. J. P., Hazell, P. H., Heaton, P. E., Herrington, L., Irving, L. H., Kirby, G. W., Rhodes, J., Rigby, A., Robinson, W. H., Roper, P. A., Shallcross, B. S., Swift, N., Tomlinson, P.

LYTHAM.

VALETE.

Smeaton, M. J. (U.VA).

SALVETE.

Bowe, D. T., Bridge, E. D., Darrah, R. A., Dawson, R. W., Dobson, G. R., Farquhar, J. D., Lister, D. H., Porter, R. A., Stocks, D. A., Weaver, D.

PRESTON.

VALETE.

Ainsworth, F. (L.VIs).

SALVETE.

Cooke, M. L., Hayes, P. S., Jenkins, P. S., Mayor, W. A.

SCHOOL.

VALETE.

Cresswell, J. M. (L.VIm), Hinton, M. R. (U.VA), Gibson, D. W. B. (L.VA).

SALVETE.

Gara, B. F., Goodenough, D., Holgate, P. H., Mitchell, T. W., Plaster, C. R., Sidebottom, E., Smith, B. B., Threlfall, J.

SPEECH DAY, DECEMBER 14th.

Rain had kindly ceased to fall, but the road to the cinema inside the camp held great expanses of water through which the prefects, leading the squads, were forced to paddle, and the march round to the coke-heap gave the usual view of well-remembered Old Boys' faces going in the front door; further investigation at the side entrance revealed the familiar organisation of Mr. Stevenson. Inside, and gathered in seats as near the back as possible, renewing old acquaintance and enquiring after the decline which must have followed their departure from school, were the Old Boys, come for the fruits of their labours, and fond relatives on the other side waited for the oratory and the triumphal procession.

From the centre of the stage flanked with lighted greenery, the Rev. A. R. Allen, Chairman of the Governors, opened the proceedings. He spoke, with the flag at his back, and the staff in the front rows before him, of the celebrations and of the fifth century that K.G.S. was entering with its facilities extended to provide for its increased numbers. The Headmaster spoke in his annual report of the success of the new canteen's first term, and of the achievement of its staff; of the new classrooms and the unfinished chemistry laboratory; and of the new parallel courses to be taken by the Fifth Forms.

Prizes and certificates were the next item, and after he had presented them, Dr. T. W. Manson spoke of "Jam yesterday; jam to-morrow; but never jam to-day!" and his was a cheering speech to us who, so often discouraged in just such a manner, strive to attain the perfection of our fathers.

Mr. Barton proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. T. W. Manson, which was seconded by the Rev. E. F. Storey, who dilated briefly upon the merits of the nationalisation of prizes.

The school, having cheered well and truly all whom they were called upon to cheer, filed meekly out to do things in no small way to the prefects' equanimity on the long damp journey back to school. There, in the creaking, loaded hall, tea was served to the hardy guests who sought it, until the last had gone, leaving our darkened walls to the rain and the boarders, and the cold surveillance of the dim clock tower.

THE CAROL SERVICE.

The annual Carol Service was held in Kirkham Parish Church on Monday, December 12th. Mr. Murray was the organist, and the School Choir fully maintained the standard of singing that previous services have led us to expect. N. A. Hunter, B. B. Beardsworth, and W. J. P. Grime sang solos, and I. G. Palmer, J. D. Gibson, and M. J. Smeaton sang "We Three Kings."

The singing of the choir was ably backed up by the singing of the School, and it is to be regretted that more visitors could not attend the service. The Lessons were read by the Headmaster, Mr. Barton, I. G. Palmer, I. C. R. Byatt, M. J. Smeaton, and B. S. Shallcross.

S.C.M. CONFERENCE.

One of the really outstanding successes of the Spring Term was the discussion, on January 27th, sponsored by the Student Christian Movement. Mr. C. E. Young, Headmaster of Rossal School, and the Reverend Vernon Sproxton, spoke, respectively, upon "What Christians Believe" and "What a Christian can do." Many might have doubted the possibility of covering such broad issues in one afternoon, but doubts were soon dispelled. Mr. Young, speaking first, showed a crisp, comprehensive, almost scientifically accurate mastery of the bases of Christian theory and of the facts which give them support. His quiet, objective approach was excellently suited to a subject which involved many controversial points. Mr. Young pointed out that there are certain human characteristics which can have no connection with the material business of the struggle for survival. Human pity, the self-sacrifice of artists and writers, the constant human striving after Truth, these are all human characteristics which materialism leaves unexplained. The Christian believes that they are given by God. That is to mention but one of the topics upon which he touched, always arriving at his conclusions through the process of careful argument and examination.

The subject "What a Christian can do," however, brought us to matters which were, essentially, more concrete; and the Reverend Sproxton, therefore, approached it in a rather different way, more subjectively with emphasis and force. The Christian, he explained, could show love for God and for his fellows in every phase of life and occupation. By endeavour, determination and humility in everyday work, we fulfil a Christian duty. Equally important is the use to be made by the Christian of leisure time. He should take an intelligent interest in politics, and, for pleasure, he should not be satisfied with second-rate diversions, but should attempt to improve his tastes, by seeing the best films or plays, and listening to the best music. Leisure time should, above all, include time for reflection, so that the fantastic speed of modern life does not blur our concept of higher things.

Apart from the main speeches, we had the benefit of discussions in groups, with the object of formulating questions for the speakers. Some very good questions were posed, including an excellent one by I. C. R. Byatt, upon the subject of pain and progress, and the answers were received in an air of keen, critical interest which spoke more clearly than any words of how far the conference had succeeded in making at least one group of young people think very deeply about their ideas and their responsibilities as Christians.

SPORTS DAY, MARCH 25th.

Saturday was a fine ending to a prodigiously full term. Heralded by a hazy, perfect dawn it came, to bear the fruit of energy expended through many weeks before. How well we know that once Christmas has turned its icy corner, handball will disappear from the gymnasium floor to be replaced, at first slowly, and with many groans, then vigorously (but still with many groans) by movements across the circle, by correct positions of three right-angles, and, in short, by athletics. Yet even groans are worth-while when such a day as this results.

House-captains, harassed by rain on practice days, and by people wanting lists of competitors, began to regard with disfavour A., wanting to know why old B. wasn't doing the long jump, "and surely everyone knew that C. couldn't do the hundred in under five minutes."

With the programme at the printers, though, the great day rolled in smoothly enough, and on Saturday morning, the litter regiments took over to administer the final polish.

Two-fifteen: the machine was set in motion and the sun beamed down his genial approval—as well he might at the kaleidoscope of colour and tartan that our friends brought to the field. From the very starting gun the day was assured of success, and even the photographer's idea of a dainty shot-put failed to disturb its stability. In the canteen the volunteers waitressed elegantly until their clients had all disappeared into the hall, where Mr. Stevenson, our sports-master for so long, spoke at the final ceremony and paid tribute to the newer firm (Messrs. Crane and Howells) which had filled his old office.

The guests took their leave. The sun sank low behind the trees of Ribby Hall, and only School House was left, holding their well-won trophy, wondering from where on earth the means was going to come to fill it for their toast that night.

SENIOR EVENTS.

100 Yards ($10\frac{2}{5}$):

1, D. W. Gibson; 2, W. T. Levens; 3, R. H. Mallinson. 11 secs.

220 Yards ($23\frac{1}{5}$):

1, D. W. Gibson; 2, D. H. Pimley; 3, R. H. Mallinson. 25 secs.

440 Yards ($53\frac{4}{5}$):

1, W. T. Levens; 2, J. R. Bureau; 3, R. H. Mallinson. $59\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

880 Yards (2 min. 9 secs.):

1, D. T. Fazackerley; 2, J. A. Bramwell; 3, M. B. Poole.
(2 min. $19\frac{1}{5}$ secs.).

One Mile (4 min. 56 secs.):

1, D. T. Fazackerley; 2, T. B. Rogers; 3, J. Jackson. 5 min. 10 secs.

*110 Yards Hurdles ($16\frac{2}{5}$ secs.):

1, D. W. Gibson; 2, J. A. Bramwell; 3, J. R. Bureau. 16 secs.

Putting the Shot (39 ft. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins.):

1, I. G. Palmer; 2, J. N. Hankinson; 3, A. Rigby. 36 ft. 4 ins.

*Throwing the Discus (104 ft. $9\frac{1}{2}$ ins.):

1, I. G. Palmer; 2, R. M. Brown; 3, M. B. Poole. 107 ft. 1 in.

Throwing the Javelin (—):

1, J. R. Bureau; 2, I. G. Palmer; 3, A. A. MacPherson.
118 ft. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins..

High Jump (5 ft. 1 in.):

1, J. R. Bureau; 2, J. Jackson; 3, D. Wilson and J. B. Ball. 5 ft.

Long Jump (19 ft. $4\frac{1}{2}$ ins.):

1, D. W. Gibson; 2, B. V. Cole; 3, P. H. Dunkley. 17 ft. 5 ins.

Relay (1 min. $12\frac{2}{5}$ secs.):

1, School; 2, Preston; 3, Lytham.

INTERMEDIATE EVENTS.

- 100 Yards ($11\frac{1}{2}$ secs.):
 1, P. Jackson; 2, S. H. Wilcock; 3, S. T. Jenkins. $11\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
- 220 Yards ($25\frac{1}{2}$ secs.):
 1, S. H. Wilcock; 2, P. Jackson; 3, S. T. Jenkins. 27 secs.
- 880 Yards (2 min. 20 secs.):
 1, W. E. Hancock; 2, R. C. Hyde; 3, E. Waite. 2 min. $23\frac{2}{3}$ secs.
- One Mile (5 min. $15\frac{2}{3}$ secs.):
 1, J. N. Whalley; 2, E. Waite; 3, R. Gearing. 5 min. $34\frac{2}{3}$ secs..
- 110 Yards Hurdles ($14\frac{2}{3}$ secs.):
 1, C. H. Thorp; 2, S. H. Wilcock; 3, D. G. Molloy. $15\frac{2}{3}$ secs.
- *Putting the Shot (35 ft. 7 ins.):
 1, W. E. Hancock; 2, J. N. Whalley; 3, C. M. McGinty. 36 ft. $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
- High Jump (4 ft. 9 ins.):
 1, J. N. Whalley; 2, C. M. McGinty; 3, W. E. Hancock. 4 ft. 8 ins.
- *Long Jump (16 ft. 10 ins.):
 1, S. H. Wilcock; 2, P. Jackson; 3, D. G. Molloy. 17 ft. 3 ins.
- Relay (1 min. $9\frac{2}{3}$ secs.):
 1, Preston; 2, Ashton; 3, Lytham. 1 min. 21 secs.

JUNIOR EVENTS.

- 100 Yards ($12\frac{2}{3}$ secs.):
 1, K. Crompton; 2, K. H. Cookson; 3, J. V. Parker. 13 secs.
- 220 Yards ($27\frac{2}{3}$ secs.):
 1, K. Crompton; 2, J. V. Parker; 3, K. H. Cookson. $29\frac{2}{3}$ secs.
- 100 Yards Hurdles (15 secs.):
 1, J. C. Renshaw; 2, D. Gardner; 3, P. B. Myerscough. $17\frac{2}{3}$ secs.
- High Jump (4 ft. 5 ins.):
 1, C. E. Barton; 2, J. F. Howard; 3, K. Parkinson. 3 ft. 11 ins.
- Long Jump (14 ft. 6 ins.):
 1, D. Gardner; 2, T. Kirby and P. W. F. Johnston. 13 ft. $5\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
- Relay (1 min. $30\frac{2}{3}$ secs.):
 1, Ashton; 2, Kirkham; 3, Preston. 1 min. 32 secs.

* Denotes a new record. Previous records are in brackets.

EASTER FAIR AND SCHOOL CONCERT.

After weeks of planning and preparation which intensified as Saturday, March 18th drew near, the Bring and Buy Sale, with all its excitement and colour, literally burst upon us. At 2-10 p.m. the Hall was already becoming crowded, and when, at 2-30, Mr. Wilson opened the proceedings, the Hall was full. Mr. Wilson thanked all who were concerned with the sale, and pointed out that the money from the sale was in aid of the school funds which, directly or indirectly, benefited the boys. Mr. Norwood also thanked all concerned with the sale, and then declared it officially open.

Visitors were clustered thickly around the stalls, and the stall-keepers had a very busy time. The side-shows quickly went into action. These side-shows were an innovation, and a very successful one. Hinton's "treasure trove," Parkinson's "rifle range," Charity's "dart throwing competition," Bureau and Browns' "roll-a-penny table," and Poole's practically indefinable "shilling-in-a-bucket-of-water" were all financial successes and greatly added to the enjoyment of visitors. The School had been very fortunate in securing the services of a fortune teller, who with mysterious robes and highly efficient crystal, was firmly entrenched in the prefects' room for the whole of the afternoon. Mr. Kinnear, whom Wrea Green must have sorely missed, and Wilcock, had a difficult but profitable time keeping out some determined shooting. In Room 6, a fine photographic exhibition was held, and in Room 11 the coloured film of the K.G.S. Quater-centenary celebrations was shown three times to large audiences. In Room 3, ice-cream and soft drinks were on sale, and at 4-30 tea was served in the school dining-hall. The raffles for two pairs of nylons, a bottle of wine, a cake, and a sack of potatoes realised £10. A notable characteristic of the sale was the number of fine posters, and their skilful use.

In the evening the Hall was packed for the Concert, and unfortunately, many people had to stand. The concert was very good, and there is only one major criticism of it, and that criticism is largely due to the very high standards set by the previous concerts. A one-act play, as last year, or a short sketch, would have rounded off the programme excellently. Beardsworth played a cornet solo, and Howard and Wilson played tunes on recorders. The choir sang splendidly, and Binn's rendering of Sullivan's "Take a pair of sparkling eyes" was very fine. Hogarth played some popular songs on his piano accordion, Aikman gave two humorous monologues, and Ashworth's playing of "Saraband and Variation" by Bach, and Palmgreen's "Finnish Dance" was very delicate. Aspden gave two violin solos. Form IIIb sang some French songs, the VIth Form forced their way through the "Gendarme's Duet," Palmer, Gibson and Binns thoroughly enjoyed singing Sullivan's amusing "There lived a king," and Gibson's rendering of William Barne's lovely poem "Linden Lea" to Vaughan Williams' equally lovely tune was beautiful, and showed that he fully appreciated the simple rustic beauty of the work. The concert's last piece was "Cachucha," sung by the choir. The "Keep Fit" boys' gym. display was perfect. Lovely timing and co-ordination, smartness in movement, and the obvious keenness of the participants reminded one of the brilliant P.T. display on the lawn at the Quater-centenary celebrations, and reflected great credit on Mr. Crane. Though it lacked a dramatic piece to balance the preponderance of the musical element, the concert was, nevertheless, a success, and very enjoyable. Great praise is due to Mr. Murray for his hard work helping the choir and vocalists. The collection brought £10.

On the following Monday morning, the Head thanked all concerned with the day's work, especially Mr. Wilson, the hard-working chairman of the committee. He stressed the fact that an activity like Saturday's needed team-work, and that everybody had pulled their weight. He thanked the School House for the way they had helped the committee to decorate the hall, and for getting it back to normal after the sale. He praised the stallholders and the runners of side-shows, who had stuck to their posts whether their charges were being financial successes or otherwise, and said that he thought the sale had been a great success.

ADS.

Each term in a normal school year produces something of interest, and occasionally something unusual. If the latter adjective was applied to the last Christmas Term, the Fifth Form cynics would quote as an example our 1st XV. team and the new batch of prefects, while the Third Forms would surreptitiously, but equally vehemently, agree with them. However, within that short term the School had been slowly growing accustomed to the antics of an entirely new species of Kirkham Grammar schoolboy—the advertiser-artist. Here was something new, and in a few cases, something progressive. The words "in a few cases" are of importance; admiration has been expressed rather on account of the dry humour displayed among the varied posters which cluttered up the notice-boards, than for any technical mastery of design or colour which they might have shown.

The artistic urge began in small ways. Quiet and business-like posters appeared at first, but once the initial fears of public scorn had been overcome, there issued forth daring and brightly-coloured announcements of school functions. By means of derisive and pointed remarks concerning the illiteracy of the Fifth Forms, the boys from these forms were bullied to the library doors. Little boys stood gaping at gargantuan posters which blared forth their tale of magnificent film shows, while those a few sizes larger glared savagely at complacent notices announcing that Communism quite definitely meant real freedom. Later in the Christmas Term we were informed that it was quite ridiculous to miss the chance of buying those "last few tickets" in a raffle of such dazzling promise.

One wonders when, and if, the habit (which at the moment is a growing one), will die. The hope is that it won't, for it gives considerable entertainment, as well as being of value to the societies and committees who sponsor it. They help to lend colour to notice-boards which otherwise announce only,

pen-and-paper fashion, matches cancelled, or (more exciting !) the time and place of Mr. Crane's junior gym. class. The posters, we hope, will go on going up—large and small, strange and humorous—to delight the hearts of all but the art master, who can only just stagger past the offending notice-board, quietly abusing the ignorance of the uninitiated.

J. R. B.

SONNET.

Faithful explorer in a sunless land
 Hewing his pathway from reluctant stone,
 His quivering soul striving to understand
 The fusion that makes flesh and spirit one.
 His eyes more beautiful than morning's haze,
 Or vessels sailing to the burnished sun,
 So lovely in his dreams men mock his gaze
 For what they cannot comprehend they shun.
 But he dreams on and in his hazy eyes,
 Like crimson dawn upon the purple moor
 Strange vistas of a spirit world arise,
 Vistas which chasten and which reassure.
 And in the misty landscape of the mind
 Looms the reality men cannot find.

E. B. G.

"MIDDLE-AGERS."

It is very puzzling to look at life through the eyes of the teen-age boy, because the prospect of what he may become is so complex. He is, doubtless, impressed by the generally excellent demeanour of those over sixty, mellowed and toned down by age. He may well admire many of that group between the ages of twenty and twenty-eight or so, who seem to have preserved much of the freshness and anxiety to please, of youth, and tempered it with experience.

It is when he looks between these age groups that his eyes narrow in perplexity. He looks upon that most self-confident, complacent and critical of creatures, the middle-aged man. This being is, of course, more deserving of pity than of anger, irritating as he may be. He is stranded between the merriment of naivety and the content of wisdom, and he must tell himself and the world, over and over again, that he has something better than either, namely, his "worldly experience." Yet this phrase, in effect, means only "disillusionment," and the middle-aged man is unfortunate in that, while he has lost the illusions of youth, he has not yet found that mastery over bitterness which may come with old age. Just as the boy of sixteen tries unsuccessfully to give an impression of "manliness" so does the middle-aged man like to play the part of the understanding, unruffled, tolerant seigneur. This is an unhappy pose, for always just beneath the surface is the disappointed, conceited middle-ager, resenting, subconsciously, both youth, for what he has lost, and old age, for what seems beyond his grasp. When, therefore, this self-conscious mask of tolerance falls down, irritated though we may be by their hypocrisy, let us in our turn be tolerant. After all, they will get past that stage.

R. G.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

My first is in ham, but isn't in meat ;
 My second in head, but not in my feet ;
 My next is in rabbit and also in hare ;
 My fourth is in tiger and also in bear ;
 My fifth is in ink, but not in my pen ;
 My sixth is in heron and also in wren ;
 My next is in run, but not in a line ;
 My eighth is in sun and also in shine ;
 My whole, altogether, are very fine men.

T. B. MILLER (U.VB).

THE HAUNTED HOUSE.

By the ghostly light of the dying fire,
The gleaming skeleton lay,
The dying carcass was of the sire
Who died in the month of May.
The screaming vultures flew overhead
As the ghost walked through the wall,
Which was a sign one more was dead
In the screaming haunted hall.

T. W. MITCHELL (IIIb).

SUICIDE OR MURDER ?

Police-Constable Watson trudged dolefully along his beat thinking of his home where he could rest his tired feet. His thoughts were interrupted by a sharp crack, but his curiosity was not aroused enough to investigate. He continued up the road for some way when he happened to glance through the wrought-iron gate of a large sombre house. There in the moonlight lay a still body. Watson fumbled for the latch, opened the gate and stumbled towards the body. The body lay head nearest him on the lawn, which sloped up to the house from the gate. It was the body of a man, and it had a bullet wound in the left temple from which blood was flowing down the victim's chest. After making sure that the man was dead, Watson's eye was caught by a revolver which lay a little distance from the victim's outstretched right hand. Suicide? Watson picked up the revolver in his handkerchief and examined it. One shot had been fired. He now had no doubt that that was the noise he had heard a short time ago. Later P.C. Watson handed in his report and declared that it was a murder case, for two reasons.

(Solution on page 27).

BREAK—FOR A PREFECT.

Bottles white and shiny
Gleaming in the sun ;
Juniors light and tiny—
See the blighters run !
Mention just a milk crate
Half a sec. too soon—
Might as well, at that rate,
Be talking to the moon.
He dreams of a bright future
When he could really say :
“ Nah, then, yer little brute, yer,
Going to work for me to-day ! ”
Enforce his words with lashes
Or six guns—anything !
But, lo ! Utopia crashes—
He is no longer king.

Instead you all troop daily
To sit on chairs and forms,
And sip your liquid gaily
Safe sheltered from the storms.
The storms, that is, that Nature
Might thoughtlessly provide ;
For we don't underrate yer—
There's other kinds beside.

Yea ! Grow we ever fitter
To deal with fiends like you,
When you have left your litter
Or told us what to do !
So, though we may grow thinner
And tear our tended hair—
The list's up during dinner, and
We're glad to see you there.

I. G. P.

C.C.F.**Promotions.**

Cadet Greenough to C.S.M.

Cadets Brown, Hinton, Pimley, Rumney, and Smeaton to rank of Sergeant.

Air Section.

Cadet Brown to rank of Flight-Sergeant.

Cadets Allcock, Dunkley, and Sagar to rank of Corporal.

Army Section.

Cadets Aikman, McCredie, and Poole to rank of Corporal.

This is the second year of the cadet unit, and we may now pass some judgment upon its success. In material matters, all has gone quite well, and here our thanks go to our officers, Major Middleton, Flight-Lieutenant Barker and Lieutenants Howells and Kinnear, for their very great service. Following the excellent results of last Summer, a second War Certificate "A" Part I. examination was held in December, and Crozier, Marsh, T. B. Miller, R. A. Brown, Thornton, Hyde, Clegg, Aikman, P. J. Barnes, Cole, Christopher, Rigby, Sharples, Pearson, Rodgers, Cresswell, J. Jackson, Hankinson, Charity, Swarbrick, J. D. Byatt, Ducker, Metcalfe, Matthews, Bureau, Burke, Greenwood, A. Jackson, Thomson, Macpherson, and Robson were all successful, giving thirty-one passes from thirty-nine entrants.

Many of these cadets were helped in their progress by the experience gained at the annual camp last August. This was a momentous time indeed, and memory flashes from disgruntled cadets wheeling trolleys piled high with kitbags through crowded stations, on to the first awed sight of an Army cookhouse, through a weird night on guard duty, with a hateful Sergeant Capstick rousing people at two o'clock in the morning, thence to crawling intently across fields at midnight and making shocked discoveries when examining clothing afterwards; and finally to the mock battle on the heath, where a section of Grenadier Guards, under Sergeant Mills, perished to a man in an assault upon a Communist strongpoint commanded by that fanatic, Corporal Flather. I shall not, of course, refer to those mysterious goings on, in which pyjama-clad figures laid siege to frantically defended huts, only for the attackers to break in and see their would-be victim disappearing through a window at the other end of the hut.

At camp the news first spread of the possible formation of an Air Section, and on our return to school it was duly formed, consisting of eleven senior cadets, under the wing of Flight-Lieutenant Barker. The chief qualifications were, of course, to speak in an unintelligible drawl and to wear a handlebars moustache. It has since grown from eleven to twenty-three in number, and has been very active, with visits to two R.A.F. stations, one at Woodvale, Southport, where some very self-confident young pioneers of the sky sampled the delights of flying, and returned to the ground with very pale faces, smiling ruefully, and muttering that, after all, there was plenty of glory to be got in a ground crew.

So far I have spoken of success, but all is not well. There are many who resent taking part, who slack and evade their responsibilities. The only cure for this is strength of character, and that is what we hope for in the coming months.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Taken as a whole, the outlook for School Football is very promising. There is much good material in all Forms, and the chief obstacle to a more successful playing record would seem to be an increasing tendency for boys to leave school on reaching the age of sixteen. The most promising set is probably the Upper IV.'s, who have a good knowledge of the game's fundamentals; their chief weakness lies in tackling, but this is easily remedied. P. Jackson and D. G. Molloy have been outstanding here. The Lower IV.'s have been a little below standard; they have plenty of spirit and dash, but

it is mainly misdirected. The new boys have done particularly well, being quick to learn what was for most of them an entirely new game, and showing great keenness at all times. It is difficult to pick out the most promising players, but J. M. Eaton, J. Rhodes, and A. Parks have all done well.

It is a very debatable point as to the best time to play the House matches, but in view of the full fixture list, we decided as an experiment to postpone them until the Spring Term. Conditions have not been too good and several games have had to be put off because of the weather, but there have been some stirring tussles with much good football, until the School House ran out worthy winners of both Senior and Junior championships. Great credit is due to the House captains for the way in which they have led and trained their teams.

If one were to judge a team on its results alone, 1949-50 must surely be the most unsuccessful year since K.G.S. changed over to the handling code. But considerable progress has been made as a glance at the results will show. We started in September with one old colour and four members of the previous year's second team, so that the rest of the side has had to be made up of players who have had no experience of inter-school football of any kind. This inexperience, plus a lack of technical ability, was the chief cause of several heavy defeats early on, but the team, ably led by I. C. R. Byatt, and well supported by J. N. Hankinson and A. A. MacPherson, gradually settled down into a keen and hardworking side. Byatt has captained the XV. extremely well, and the rest of the team has responded well to his efforts. The forwards have been the strength of the side and its weakness. They have played hard, but they have failed in the elementary requirements of a good pack, viz., to gain possession of the ball in the tight and loose scrums. This has thrown a great deal of defensive work on the backs and has never really given them a chance to operate as a line. The backs, especially J. Jackson, A. Bramwell, and T. Long have defended dourly, whilst D. Gibson, on the right wing, showed much penetrative ability on the few occasions that the ball reached him.

Colours have been re-awarded to I. C. R. Byatt. New Colours have been awarded to J. N. Hankinson, A. A. MacPherson, D. Burton, P. Gill, T. Long, J. Jackson, D. Gibson, and P. Dunkley.

The Second XV., too, was slow to find its form, but in the last game of the year against Balshaw's G.S., it gave its best exhibition of the season, and recorded a good victory. The Colts' XV. has been the most successful and promising of the four School sides, losing only one match, when they were a player short for most of the game. The outstanding forward has undoubtedly been S. H. Wilcock, and he has been well supported by W. E. Hancock, J. T. Robson, and C. M. McGinty. Its captain, C. D. Matthews, T. B. Rodgers, and J. Butterworth were the best backs in a line that was always dangerous when in possession.

The high standard of football produced by the Bantams deserved a better record. The three-quarters in particular have at times been brilliant, and the fact that the wingmen scored most of the tries is very pleasing. The forwards, however, have not been so good; individually they have played well, but not as a pack. I. Fisher, D. Molloy, and D. Meyler have been outstanding here.

Finally, there is need for increased touch-line support from the rest of the School. There is nothing like a good rousing crowd for giving new inspiration to members of one's own team, and much can be learned by those who aspire to take their places in the future and carry on a great tradition of the School.

OLD BOYS' MATCH.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH.

The conditions for good rugby were excellent, and there were many excited spectators waiting to see what proved to be a good game. In the opening stages of the match there was nothing between the sides, but the School opened the scoring with a penalty goal by Mr. Bartle. They did not keep the lead long, however, for Montgomery forced his way over to score a

try (unconverted) and bring the scores level. The fact that there were three masters—Mr. Bartle, Mr. Coates, and Mr. Kinnear—in the School team greatly increased the power of the team and lessened the advantage the old boys had in weight and speed. Half-time : Old Boys, 6 ; Kirkham G.S., 3.

Gradually, however, the Old Boys assumed the initiative, and though the School did not wilt but fought back hard, Rigby scored three tries. One of these was particularly memorable. One of his own side kicked the ball ahead (a tactic the Old Boys employed much) and with a magnificent burst he reached the ball, caught it on the bounce, and tore past the full-back for a breath-taking try. The School's praiseworthy efforts were in vain, and the Old Boys won 15—3. The game was an excellent one, and the high standard of play one associated with last year's match was maintained.

Result : Old Boys' XV., 15 ; Kirkham G.S., 3.

K.G.S. v. BLACKPOOL G.S.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH.

The first half showed that the 1st XV. were not going to fall before the Blackpool onslaught as they had done away, indeed, the Kirkham team were superior and opened the scoring with a try by Gill. The 1st XV. forwards were better than Blackpool G.S. in the line-outs, but in the set scrums, Blackpool beat them every time, and the K.G.S. three-quarter line was very poorly served. Half-time : Kirkham G.S., 6 ; Blackpool G.S., 3.

In the second-half, however, Blackpool's three-quarter play improved (their handling had been bad) and their stand-off half showed his great speed with two tries, one with a brilliant burst to touch down in the corner after literally diving over the line. The 1st XV. strove hard, and even pressed the Blackpool line, but they could not break through.

The game showed the value of possession from the set and loose scrums, and if the K.G.S. three-quarter line had had more of the ball, the result might have gone in our favour.

Result : Blackpool G.S., 22 ; Kirkham G.S., 3.

K.G.S. v. BALSHAWS G.S.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD.

The 1st XV. visited Leyland for their last match of the Winter Term. Playing conditions were the worst they had had to contend with ; it was a cold day, and all through the match rain drenched the players to the skin, and made the few spectators seek the nearest possible shelter. The ball was soon muddy and heavy and difficult to pass about. During the first half, Balshaws kept most of the play in the Kirkham half, and were often dangerously near the K.G.S. line. Repeated tackling by the K.G.S. backs managed, however, to keep their attacks from breaking through to the goal line, and at one time Hobson relieved dangerous pressure with a kick to touch. Half-time : Kirkham G.S., 0 ; Balshaws G.S., 0.

In the second half play was hard, but Balshaws scored one unimproved try, and then another behind the post, which was converted. The final score was 8—0.

The way in which both teams endeavoured to make the match a good one despite the bad conditions, was highly commendable.

Result : Balshaws G.S., 8 ; Kirkham G.S., 0.

K.G.S. v. KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL.

FEBRUARY 11TH,

Conditions for good rugby could not have been better, the ground was firm, excellent for sprinting, and there was no wind to give advantage to either side. The King Edward XV. kicked off and pressed hard. Play was, however, even, and the small but good K.G.S. three-quarter line had some hard work in hand to stop the fast running opposing backs. Our three-

quarters did not often get possession, but Gibson made some good runs, and once came very near to scoring a try, being brought down only a few yards from the right-hand corner flag. Half-time: King Edward VII. School, 3; Kirkham G.S., 0.

At half-time, K.G.S. were three points down, but with some very good encouragement from Mr. Bentley on the touch line, K.G.S. played hard in the second-half. Gibson started a dash at right angles from one touch-line, out-distancing the opposing backs. Then, curving right round the opposing wing, he went through for a lovely individual try. Wilcock's attempt to convert from a narrow angle almost improved it. The K.G.S. forwards played hard, but two defensive lapses let King Edward's obtain six points.

The final score was 9—3 for King Edward's, but the good open play of the backs on both sides, and the vigorous forward play (with superiority in weight lying with King Edward's) made it a thrilling game to watch.

Result: King Edward VII. School, 9; K.G.S., 3.

THE HARRIERS.

Owing to the fact that cross-country running is not as popular as other sports, we find that schools are not so willing to spend their Saturday afternoons in this way. This, together with considerable shortness of time, due to examinations and training for athletics, resulted in only three matches being arranged. Two were away and one at home. The team which ran at Balshaw's lost by 45 points to their opponent's 35. It consisted of J. Jackson, J. A. Bramwell, T. B. Rogers, P. S. Aikman, W. Levens, J. B. Ball, B. Duckworth, and M. B. Poole.

At home, Kirkham lost to Baines's Grammar School by 70 points to 34, in a race which was very closely run. The white spot, bobbing up and down along the line of trees, which led the runners, turned out to be D. Fazackerley, who repeated the feat when Kirkham lost to Blackpool G.S. away, by 47 points to 33. The team this time consisted of J. Jackson, D. Fazackerley, J. A. Bramwell, T. B. Rogers, A. Gosling, P. S. Aikman, B. Duckworth, and W. Levens.

A re-award of Colours was given to A. Gosling, while new awards were presented to J. Jackson, D. Fazackerley, J. A. Bramwell, T. B. Rogers, and P. S. Aikman. J. R. B.

THE GENERAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

We must once again put down in print the activities of the General School Committee. Once again each separate Form elected its representative to sit on the council of the Most High; once again the Secretary set about writing out his lengthy minutes, which were to be read and confirmed at every meeting. The ever-growing mass of sub-committees was formed; plans were suggested, rejected, carried, or placed on the agenda "for the next meeting." The termly reports on the progress of the various clubs and societies were given by their respective secretaries, some dull and some interesting.

The G.S.C. always seems to be ready to help financially whoever or whatever needs it, and this was apparent in the meetings of the last two terms. Help was proposed for the buying of a librarian's counter; an Easter Fair was sponsored by the committee and the result will help towards the repair of the motor-mower. It is noticeable that the G.S.C. tackle financial problems with considerable caution; rarely does it actually propose, second and agree to donate money to clubs, societies or projects—it is always careful only to suggest that it will try to aid these, and never definitely binds itself to hard and fast promises. This is mainly due to the fact that it has rarely a large capital sum to play with.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Committee: Chairman: Mr. Norwood; Mr. Williams, Mr. Laughton, D. Burton, I. C. R. Byatt, J. R. Bureau, A. Rigby, D. Pimley, G. R. Sagar, S. Allcock, J. D. Swarbrick, M. B. Poole, R. M. Brown, R. Greenough, and E. B. Greenwood.

The School Library Sub-Committee as elected by the G.S.C., together with its five co-opted members, was confronted in September with a large and ambitious task.

The most important decision made during the regular meetings of the committee on Mondays was that the School should adopt a scheme which was to be at once revolutionary and regular; revolutionary as far as the School Library was concerned, and regular in that the scheme adopted was the one normally used in public libraries, that of issuing tickets which are the means of obtaining library books. To fulfil this considerable task, a good deal of hard work was necessary, both on the part of the sub-librarians and those volunteers whose help, it was decided, would be asked for when the operations began. We can safely maintain that both the sub-librarians and these volunteers did a really good job of work; the day-boy volunteers, after the first or second try at the new work, returned for another session without having to be asked to do so, and the boarders, under skilled supervision, developed an able capacity for production on the assembly-line basis. The whole scheme was well on its way to completion by the time the School broke up for Christmas.

Apart from the main task, a great deal of other business was discussed and settled by the committee. It was to everyone's satisfaction that not only were both the Fifth Forms (Upper and Lower) allowed the use of the library, but also the Upper Fourth, who could apply for a ticket. Another noticeable feature which finds its origin in the work of the committee is the increase in the advertising of the library. The Sixth Form Art Set suggested that this was the original reason for their presence on the committee, and that a little deft manipulation by its chairman had procured for him unwilling artistic assistance.

Work for the library has not been restricted to the term-time. On two occasions sub-librarians have returned in the holidays to continue operations so that all preparations for the opening of the new system would be completed. A book is now available in the library in which all suggestions (polite ones only!) as to what the library needs in the way of new books, re-arrangement, etc., can be expressed. A librarian's counter will eventually be installed, a subject catalogue will be available at a later date, shelves are to be made movable; dozens of such progressive plans reveal with what care and thought the committee improves the library.

The following books have recently been acquired:—

<i>Author.</i>	<i>Title.</i>
Ephraim.	Inorganic Chemistry (M.46).
Rowe.	One Story of Radar (M.36).
Adlam.	Science Master's Book on Chemistry and Biol. (M.3) I.
Adlam.	Science Master's Book on Chemistry and Biol. (M.3) II.
Swingle & Walter.	General Bacteriology (M.54).
Professor Andrade.	The Atom and Its Energy (M.38).
Coles Romney.	Chemistry Diagrams (M.50).
Newman & Searle.	General Properties of Matter (M.28).
Dale.	Social Biology (M.51).
Anthony.	Science and Its Background (M.1-1).
Levy.	The Alkali Industry (M.47).
Bruce.	Recent Developments in Fertilizer Industry (M.47)
Miller.	Symbolic Method of Vector Analysis (M.21).
Findlay.	Chemistry in Service of Man (M.41).
Allison.	Navigation and Astronomy (M.12-7).
Cooper.	Scientific Instruments I. (M.1).
Cooper.	Scientific Instruments II. (M.1).
Thomas.	Applied Electronics (M.34).
Findlay.	A Hundred Years of Chemistry (M.41-1).
Rowland.	Atoms, Electrons and Rays (M.38).
Miller.	A. C. Network Analysis (M.33-1).
Wilson.	About Cosmic Rays (M.38).
Martin.	The Royal Institution (M.1-1).

Books continued—

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>
Young.	Lord Kelvin (M.1-2).
Hartridge.	Colours and How We See Them (M.31).
Pincher.	Into the Atomic Age (M.38).
Kumer.	Organic Chemistry (M.47).
Missingham.	Commercial Art (S.37).
Dunhill.	Sullivan's Comic Operas (S.56).
Boucher.	Fundamentals of Photography (S.73).
Durst.	Wood Carving (S.29).
Bradshaw.	Come Sketching (S.30-3).
Richards.	Handicraft in Plastics (S.73).
Gaunt.	March of the Moderns (S.33).
Bergman.	Practical Music for All (S.50).
Cooper, A.	Making a Poster (S.37).
Ellis.	Modelling for Amateurs (S.20-3).
Thompson & Temmy.	The Script Letter (S.34).
Ahern.	Miniature Locomotive Construction (S.73).
Ralph & Dutton.	English Interior, 1500-1900 (S.5).
Neal.	Exploring Nature with a Camera (S.73).
Various.	The World of Railways (S.73 or G.27-3).
Moore.	School of Percussion Band Guide Book (S.54).
Granville-Barker & Harrison.	Shakespeare Studies (E.15-6).
Walpole, H.	Judith Paris (E.18).
Knight.	The Wheel of Fire (E.9).
De Selincourt.	Wordsworth and Other Studies (E.17-7).
Austen, Jane.	Sense and Sensibility (E.17-7).
Wheeler.	Six Plays by Shakespeare's Contemporaries (E.8-2).
Christopher.	The Lady is Not for Burning (E.19-1).
Griffiths.	Extraction of Copper from Its Ores (R.32).
Scroogie.	Television (R.23-2).
Shaw, R. C.	Kirkham in Amounderness (D.27).
Thompson.	Lectures on Foreign History, 1494-1789 (D.21).
Davies.	From Charlemagne to Hitler (D.23).
Lord Elton.	Revolutionary Idea in France, 1789-1871 (D.21-23).
Bolitho.	The British Empire (D.26).
Egerton.	Short History of British Colonial Policy, 1606-1909 (D.26-6).
Simnett.	The British Colonial Empire (D.26-6).
Jerrold, D.	History of England up to 1204 (D.22-1).
Grant, A.	Europe: Story of the Last Five Centuries (D.21-2).
Selley.	England in the 18th Century (D.22-7).
Darling.	Story of Scotland (D.24).
Craddock.	France and the French (F.25).
Waite, V.	Approach to French Literature (F.9).
Kastner & Atkins.	Short History of French Literature (F.9).
Williams.	Technical and Scientific French (F.28).
Néel.	French Anthology (F.8).
Alberse.	Chemical French Reader (F.28).
Aveline, C.	Voiture 7, Place 15 (F.19).
Lée, Romains & C.	French One-Act Plays of To-day (F.8-2).
Ogg, F. A.	English Government and Politics (G.15).
Nock.	Railways of Britain (G.27-3).
Ashley, Sir Wm.	Economic Organisation of England (G.30).
Horace.	Satires, Epistles and Ars Poetica (K.15).
Glover.	The Ancient World (K.21-3).
Quennell, M. & C. H.	Everyday Life in Roman Britain (K.13).
Harvey, Sir P.	Oxford Companion to Classical Literature (K.2).
Tirso de Moline	La Villana de Vallecás (J.15).
Benavente, J.	Tres Comedias (J.18-6).
Cervantes.	Selections from Don Quixote (J.15-6).

Books continued—

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>
Quintero	Doña Clarines and Mañana de Sol (J.18-7).
Ruiz, N. G.	Horas en el Prado de Velazquez (J.19).
Goytortúa.	Pensativa (J.19).
Stamp.	Intermediate Commercial Geography (P.14).
Castrillo.	A Pan-American Journey (P.70).
Newbiggin.	Southern Europe (P.33).
D. Sayers.	The Nine Taylors (Y.5).
Rouse, C.	Old Towns of England (N.).

THE BADMINTON CLUB.

Committee: Chairman: Mr. Howells. Secretary: J. R. Bureau.
D. Pimley, D. Burton, J. G. Sharples, M. R. Hinton.

The club, which has a membership of twenty-four boys, has definitely profited from yet another session's experience in a game in which that asset is invaluable. The club had all its meetings well attended, and its more prominent members spent their time ranting at the lowness of the beams in the gymnasium, as well as at the lowness of their opponents when out-thwarted. The constant practice, however, was of good avail, for, in a match between the staff and the boys, the latter won by seven games to two, despite the nervousness of the boys who had lost to the staff in a previous game by eight matches to one. In the Spring Term, two matches were arranged with Preston Grammar School, both of which the Kirkham team won. There is a strong hope that Preston will keep the friendship and general sportsmanship alive between the two schools by playing many more such enjoyable matches both away and at home.

The School team consisted of:—

D. Burton.	R. M. Brown.	I. G. Palmer.
J. R. Bureau.	J. B. Ball.	J. G. Sharples.

In the second match, D. Pimley replaced J. G. Sharples, and was in turn replaced by D. Fazackerley in the following match.

Home: K.G.S., 9; P.G.S., 0. Away: K.G.S., 7; P.G.S., 2.

THE MUSICAL SOCIETY.

Committee: Chairman: Mr. Murray. Secretary: J. D. Gibson.
J. R. Bureau, W. T. M. Levens, M. Williams.

The Musical Society once again resumed its task of attracting boys—whose number vary weekly between three and a dozen—to come and listen to the quite reasonably good selection of records in the Hall. Under the leadership of Mr. Murray, this minute group of enthusiasts heard works by some of the well-known classical masters such as Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn and Schubert. Schubert's Overture "Rosamund" proved to be of practical value to the boys taking School Certificate Music, as this was their set piece for the examination. Beethoven's magnificent "Eroica" Symphony was greeted with fidgeting from the younger members of the society, while the expressions on the faces of the older boys varied between deep and fervid interest and a puzzled blankness which reveals that determination to understand the beauties of the music, come what may. On the whole the four-fifteen rendezvous of the elite in the Hall was enjoyed by the attendants, while Mr. Murray's accounts of music, musicians, and their lives added to musical knowledge, small or large, as it may have been.

The Spring Term produced less activity. The meetings held were devoted mainly to practising the various songs to be given at the Easter Fair Concert, while the records were allowed a rest, safely tucked away in the Secretary's office.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

Committee : Chairman : Mr. A. H. Bartle. Secretary : J. D. Swarbrick. S. Allcock, I. G. Palmer, D. Burton, J. B. Ball, A. G. Cottom, D. H. Pimley.

From the nothingness into which we had descended we have climbed to some small beginning along the high road to prosperity. We have had two lectures.

We have held an exhibition, too, and from these, the only activities we have shown this year emerge three observations :—

1. Many of our alleged members are not very interested.
2. The general standard of work is not high, and therefore ;
3. There should be a wide demand for instruction, first, on the essentials of—

(a) Technical processes ; developing and printing.

(b) Picture making ; arrangement.

For a photographic society to flourish it must have its members who are keen to improve their photography in all ways, and it must have its new members who are keen to start and learn. But in each case the operative word is *keen*, and without that extra push that keenness gives, the gulf between our own photographs and those in the pictorial press will never close one inch.

Therefore, we must revise our ideas and wake to our shortcomings as *very* amateur photographers. We shall have another exhibition ; the magazine always needs good photographs, especially of School interest, but in each case what are needed are *pictures*, not just snaps. So there is plenty to learn, much to improve, and if there is the demand, then there will be the tuition. To everyone who wishes to make *better* photographs, I say : Let us make this a *real* Photographic Society.

I. G. PALMER.

THE HOBBIES SOCIETY.

Committee : Chairman : Mr. H. Moizer. Secretary : P. L. Jackson. L. Manchester, E. C. Hall, R. C. Hyde.

The above society has had a very successful term during which the membership has increased from twenty-five to thirty-three members. Many of the younger members of the School are taking an interest in the society, and are doing well under the guidance of Mr. Moizer, the woodwork master. The society is hoping to hold an exhibition sometime during next term, but the date has not yet been fixed. During this term there have been meetings regularly every week on Mondays and Wednesdays. A small aero-modelling club has been started by a party of enthusiasts from School House, and Mr. Norwood has given them a room in which to work. After watching the first control-line flight there was a rush by the onlookers for membership. There has been a shortage of stunt planes owing to one or two accidents, but next term the club hopes to produce something more spectacular than the old trainer. The club has not yet got into its stride, but wishes to thank the day boys who have helped to keep its stocks replenished.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

Chairman : Mr. Laughton. Mr. Kinnear. Secretary : R. Greenough.

In ages to come, the General Election of 1950 will probably be regarded as a landmark in the history of British democracy, for, searching as diligently as he may through the annals of England, the historian will yet discover that only this election had the distinction of coinciding, to the very day, with a session of the K.G.S. Debating Society. Turning back the faded pages once again, his gaze passing unchecked from hydrogen bombs to Haigh, from Communists to Comptons, suddenly he will halt and linger, before the one date for which 1949 is deservedly memorable, October 21st, when the society was founded.

The establishment of such a body was due in the first place to Mr. Laughton, Mr. Kinnear, and a small group of potential orators, including J. R. Bureau, I. C. R. Byatt, A. G. Cottam, J. D. Gibson, R. Greenough, and

R. K. Messent. With Messrs. Laughton and Kinnear as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, and R. Greenough as Secretary, the society soon found many new supporters, with I. G. Palmer, R. M. Brown, and E. B. Greenwood generally advocating quiet progress, and a fiery, formidable group headed by P. F. Aikman and G. R. Howarth smiting vigorously at any standing in their way. During the Christmas Term, the House rejected indignantly the motion "that the Modern Age is decadent," confirmed that, unfortunately, "Racial Prejudice is inevitable in this Modern Age," and, to the mild surprise of all concerned, decided "that Communism means Real Freedom."

Examinations meant a postponement of further debates until half-term, but, with the end of the holiday, all returned with energy anew, ready for the three-cornered contest, Conservative *v.* Labour *v.* Liberal, upon February 23rd. J. D. Swarbrick was the dour Tory bulldog, R. Greenough the red Socialist flame, and I. G. Palmer the reincarnated Gladstone, the voice of the middle way.

It was Palmer who opened, appealing for a judgment of the issues at stake, rather than for triter phrases and empty oratory; and he went on to declare the general lines of Liberal policy, with individual enterprise, national thrift, and the abolition of military conscription as matters of principle. His speech was well received upon all sides of the House, though quietly; but now the Conservative candidate rose, and fire was distinctly to be seen issuing from the nostrils of the Government supporters. He declared himself in general agreement with the principles expressed by Palmer, except upon military conscription, and thereafter set out to criticise the Government maintenance of unproductive workers, while ridiculing Labour claims that unemployment would rise under a Conservative Government. Vital and controversial issues had now been touched upon, and the Labour speaker rose before a house of very obviously differing opinions. Greenough turned to an examination of the economic progress of Britain under a Socialist Government, quoting United Nations' figures to support his argument that Britain is in the lead among European countries in her drive for recovery.

The debate was now thrown open to the floor, and immediately J. D. Gibson proceeded to uncover old Churchillian quotations in criticism of the Conservatives, while Labour cheered and the Conservatives replied with shocked indignant whispers, derisive laughter, and infuriated roars. Thereafter followed I. C. R. Byatt, G. R. Howarth, and P. Gill for Labour, and then R. M. Brown and E. B. Greenwood for the Liberals, the two latter being received with acclamation by all anti-Government members, it now being the turn of the Labour benches to ring with protest.

At last all was over, and we proceeded to count the ballot papers, eventually arriving at the conclusion, which brought staggered consternation to the faces of both Mr. Attlee and Mr. Churchill, that the Liberals had won! And thus, amidst general satisfaction, ended the Great Debate; but it marked only the beginning for the society, and, in the future, great times are in store.

MOUNTAINEERING AND FELL WALKING CLUB.

The club was first founded in the Summer Term of 1949, when Mr. Diamond gave a lecture to a School audience. Membership is now thirty, and there is a committee of seven, including chairman, treasurer, and secretary. The club has now been recognised by the G.S.C. as an official School society.

The club's first expedition was made in the 1949-50 Christmas holidays. It was under the supervision of Messrs. Coward and Diamond. Twelve club members attended. Weather was against the club from the start. There was rain, hail and sleet all the time the club was at Coniston. An assault on Sca Fell Pike was planned for Friday, January 6th, but the club was beaten back by a near blizzard, after climbing two thousand feet up the Langdale Valley and Rossett Ghyll. Tired but not crestfallen, drenched but happy, the club returned to Coniston.

It is hoped to make more climbing expeditions in the near future.

OFF THE RECORD.

It seems a long time now since three hundred lucky people returned to the happy precincts of Ye Olde K.G.S. Ye Powers that be, however, didn't take long in showing us we were far better off in the home, and before that first Saturday had closed its last door the poor, prospective first fifteen were broken reeds. Unfortunate it may be that this, the first of Mr. Crane's fittening-up courses should prove to have had such long-term effects, yet no shred of remorse shows itself in the shape of a sudden generosity—still the old familiar figure outside room seven on Saturday mornings, grin and palm out-stretched. Roll on the G.I.S. and only buttons barred!

At that early stage in the term we were not to know that extortion for The Cause was later to be furthered by a thing involving pink and green tickets, but that heralded Christmas and accounted for the shortage of pocket money this year. To continue in correct sequence would be to dilate upon a brutal attack upon the flies on the light-shade by one whom we shall call, for his security, "Visage de Pétâ." "Mousey" heaves a good book, too, and (to leap ahead again) J. B. Ball is pretty hot stuff with gym. shoes. But where was Bureau all this time?

The third forms (bless 'em) enjoy to-day unparalleled liberty: IIIA find their prep. periods a good time to sharpen pencils and borrow rubbers. Mather spends many happy hours taking off and landing over stray satchels, but his little hops have been curtailed of late, since, in fact, the introduction of the roller once again. There will be plenty of scope for Roper's voice there, and Porter can peep and whistle to his (and Farquhar's) heart's content.

It is sad, but true, that everyone's character cannot be defiled in two pages, therefore apologies to the villains who have not been exposed—yet. And don't school-bags get into queer places? One found its way into the canteen one dinner-time and even Burton didn't know how it got there.

With the changing conception of a "line" and a "page," both lines and prefects have fallen into disfavour while the detention list grows and grows. It was bound to come. Those inky splodges like Greek shopping lists or Chinese adverts could satisfy no one. So detention soars to new heights and, grand old institution that it is, rivals in popularity the more sportive of our pastimes, most recent of which is the new Caper Club or How to be a Big Operator in Ten Easy Lessons. What transformation! From the chrysalis of the sh-shy stammerer emerges the spry slitherer around the local juke box; from the drooping figure of the careworn coot evolves the sweeping gait, the lively carriage of the smoothest shuffler, and the vegetable whose greatest bliss has been to gurgle faintly at the breath of girlish mirth now stands, the veriest Casanova, with all opposition bowed at his feet, eclipsed.

Perhaps such prophecy is ambitious, such vision premature, but in the dim days distant I seem to see the Allcocks, Braithwaites, Craigies . . . dancers of our day, treading a dainty measure, perhaps—who knows?—to the tunes of the carol party. In truth Mr. Murray, sir, shall we "Dance a Cachucha, Fandango . . ." etc., "For the merriest fellows are we"! Tra-la! The sixth form choir has been mentioned: The mention is practically enough, but a public thank you for the half-dozen suppers the poor old staff provided should not go unsaid—or unsung. But Mr. Wilson! Next year, escape thou shalt not, though a tendency towards open-handedness—an attitude of splendid, smiling generosity might do something to lessen the blow. There will, of course, be much demand for art paper as committees increase their numbers, but the horrid creations of self-styled artists are more than touched upon elsewhere. From creations to rations is but a small step, so to our next topic which concerns:

Bribery and Corruption, which have fled. Gannetry and Gluttony are arts now lost, and hungered table-heads can do no more than sink their rightful dues; for moderation has triumphed; fair-shares-for-all holds sway, and the old days of extra puddings are with us no longer. The gentlemen in red can't complain—Mogski, Mouski, Todski and Knockerov (with Snocz running them close)—but poor Jock is starving!

The subject of raffles has, like most of the rest of us, been briefly touched, but the colossal revenue that this one wrung out of the poor entitles it to more

pages of ruthless incisive comment than can be spared. That goose, backward hanging from the beam, bringing home again the agony of Winter morning gym. sent cold shudders upward circling toward the occipital condyles (c silent, as in rhubarb). So all that remains to review, of the Winter Term, is the arrival of three feet of solid fun and games—the school photo. A close inspection of this phenomenon can yield an amazing reward: Johnny Sharples (forgive the observation) was registering about ten bob in the pound; Jack Bureau had quite certainly been banged on the bean from behind, and on Alf's shoulders rested all the cares of the world. No smirk there! But once again space limits graphic art, and we must progress beyond Christmas and the general knowledge season to the descent of the frozen wastes upon us for a day. All were provided with a few good battles, and many notable persons got an eyeful; but the snow was too early and too mean to be of any use to the test-tried brethren. Only Byatt, M., the exam-exempted, the mock-misser, remained to face the weather on equal terms; and he went on with brain unstrained and carefree brow to plunge with his revolutionary brothers into the turmoil that swept through school up to the February 23rd climax. Room two showed the first symptoms: rough books yielded up their slogans to the walls, Upper IVs turned paper-hangers in the public good and ranking a close, though short-lived second in the publicity department, came Jock's tiny effort which, however, proved to be the last straw that broke Mr. Wilson's back (no impolite comparison intended). Across the library floor rang out such cries as—

"Millions for the millionaire!" and

"Pubs for the poor!"—Gibson at his worst.

"Mr. Churchill in 1909 said . . ."—Greenough at *his* best! and thus it went until the great climax (in which the mathematical member for K.G.S. South (Cons.) lost, a little, his astronomically numerical grip) resulted in a mighty victory for a deserving cause.

Everything comes at once, of course, and once the electoral struggle was over another panic developed to prepare for the Fair, the Concert and the Sports, in all of which various senior members were sportively displayed in various roles, catching pennies, chasing butterflies and (more senior still), keeping goals. School House, too, showed up well, not only in the sports, but in the disposal of the custard and coat-hangers (and Glaxo, Gibson) at the end of the sale.

Thus, in a deplorably sober frame of mind we have approached another term's bright end, our 'scutcheons unblobbed by black marks, our comics (Aggie) neatly in our pockets and our caps as straight as they will ever be. And by the way, the School really *ought* to know:—

What do the cleaners want?

What do Queen Mary's prefects do?

Who's Lofty?

What is a Moron?

What is a poip?

Who was the marker of Platoon Five; and why?

Who are the Benefactors?

I. G. P.

RUGBY FOOTBALL RESULTS (SEASON, 1949-50).

First XV.

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result.	For.	Against.
Sat., Sept. 24	Balshaws	Kirkham.	Lost.	3	24
Sat., Oct. 1	Morecambe	Morecambe.	—	—	—
" " 8	Blackpool	Blackpool.	Lost.	0	77
" " 15	Arnold	Arnold.	Lost.	0	25
" " 22	.....	.....	—	—	—
Wed., " 26	King Edwards	Kirkham.	Lost.	6	33
Sat., " 29	Hutton	Hutton.	Lost.	8	58
Wed., Nov. 9	Stonyhurst 2nd XV.	Kirkham.	Cancelled.		
Sat., " 12	Rossall 2nd XV	Kirkham.	Cancelled.		
" " 19	Old Boys' XV.	Kirkham.	Lost.	3	15
" " 26	Arnold	Kirkham.	Lost.	6	22
Wed., " 30	Blackpool	Kirkham.	Lost.	3	22
Sat., Dec. 3	Balshaws	Balshaws.	Lost.	0	8
" Feb. 4	King Edwards	Lytham.	Lost.	3	9

Second XV.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Ground.</i>	<i>Result.</i>	<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
Sat., Oct. 1	Morecambe	Morecambe.	Lost.	3	6
" Sept. 24	Balshaws	Balshaws.	Lost.	3	9
Wed., Oct. 12	Arnold	Kirkham.	Lost.	16	30
" Oct. 19	King Edwards	Kirkham.	Lost.	0	37
" Nov. 23	Rossall 3rd XV.	Rossall.	Cancelled.		
Sat., " 26	Arnold 2nd XV.	Arnold.	Lost.	0	23
" Dec. 3	Balshaws	Balshaws.	Won.	11	3

Colts XV.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Ground.</i>	<i>Result.</i>	<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
Sat., Oct. 1	Arnold	Kirkham.	Won.	27	14
" " 8	Blackpool	Kirkham.	Lost.	9	22
" " 15	Arnold	Arnold.	Won.	3	0
" Feb. 11	Arnold	Arnold.	Won.	6	3

Bantams XV.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Ground.</i>	<i>Result.</i>	<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
Sat., Oct. 15	Arnold	Kirkham.	Cancelled.		
" " 29	Lancaster	Kirkham.	Lost.	16	18
" Nov. 19	King Edwards	Lytham.	Lost.	3	13
" " 26	Arnold	Arnold.	Won.	12	5
" Dec. 3	Lancaster	Lancaster.	Lost.	0	19
" Feb. 4	King Edwards	Kirkham.	Drawn.	3	3
" " 11	Lancaster	Lancaster.	Lost.	3	6
" " 18	Hutton	Kirkham.	Lost.	3	6

THE HARRIERS.

1st VIII. v. Balshaws G.S. (Away).	Lost 45—35.
1st VIII. v. Baines G.S. (Home).	Lost 46—34.
1st VIII. v. Blackpool G.S. (Away).	Lost 47—33.

HOUSE RECORDS.**House Officials.**

ASHTON.	Captain : G. R. Sagar. Prefects : R. Greenough, W. L. Rumney. House Prefects : B. V. Cole, K. Thornton.
FYLDE.	Captain : J. D. Gibson. Prefects : R. M. Brown, A. Rigby. House Prefects : J. N. Hankinson, J. D. Swarbrick.
KIRKHAM.	Captain : S. Allcock. House Prefects : R. Ingham, T. H. Clegg, J. McCredie, A. A. MacPherson, A. Townsend.
LYTHAM.	Captain : I. G. Palmer. Prefects : J. R. Bureau. House Prefects : P. Gill, W. M. T. Levens, R. Nash.
PRESTON.	Captain : D. Burton. Prefects : I. C. R. Byatt, D. H. Pimley. House Prefects : P. S. Aikman, G. R. Howarth.
SCHOOL.	Captain : M. R. Hinton. House Prefects : P. H. Dunkley, E. B. Greenwood, J. Jackson.

THE HOUSES.

School House has achieved a notable run of success since the beginning of the School year. After Christmas, the Senior Rugby Cup was secured in a final match against Lytham. In the Spring Term the School House Juniors, too, were victorious over all their opponents. School's most outstanding display, however, was reserved for the Athletic Sports, where they gained no less than eleven first places out of twenty-seven events. The stalwart Gibson is a very tower of strength.

The Fylde House thought themselves unlucky to be drawn against Preston House in the first round of the Senior Rugby Competition, but in the Senior Handball Competition they were only beaten by School House in the final in a thrilling game, after extra time had been allowed.

In the Athletic Sports, Lytham, who are to be congratulated on being runners-up to the School House, gained first place in such spectacular events as Putting the Shot, Throwing the Discus and the Javelin, and in the Senior High Jump. Palmer gained two of these successes, whilst fulfilling his many duties as Captain of the School, Secretary of the General School Committee, and working indefatigably on the editorial staff of this magazine.

Kirkham House are at present suffering from a lack of senior members. There is, however, promise of better times ahead.

Ashton have not had a very successful Rugby season, but can find some consolation in being placed second in the Cross Country Run.

Preston was overcome on the Rugby field by her old rivals, School House, only after hard contests. Fazackerley's fine wins in the Mile and Half-Mile and Wilcock's splendid efforts in Intermediate events greatly helped to give Preston third place in the whole of the sports. By winning the Cross Country, the House has added another laurel to those gained in other spheres in recent years, and only further consolidated an excellent House spirit.

INTER-HOUSE RUGBY MATCHES—SENIOR

Ashton	...	0	} School	...	6	} School	...	43	} SCHOOL
School	...	14		...	3		...	3	
Fylde	...	0	} Preston	...	3	} Lytham	...	3	
Preston	...	25		...	19		...	3	
			Kirkham	...	3				
			Lytham	...	19				

INTER-HOUSE RUGBY MATCHES—JUNIOR.

Kirkham	...	6	}	Kirkham	...	9	}	Kirkham	...	0	}	SCHOOL
Lytham	...	3										
Fylde ...	...	9	}	Fylde	...	5	}				
Ashton	...	3										
				School	...	25	}	School	...	14		
				Preston	...	8						

INTER-HOUSE HANDBALL—SENIOR.

Fylde	}	Fylde	}	Fylde	}	SCHOOL
Lytham						
Kirkham	...	...		
Preston	...	...		
School	}	School	}	School		
Ashton						

INTER-HOUSE HAND-BALL—JUNIOR.

Score of :	Ashton	Fylde	Kirkham	Lytham	Preston	School
Ashton v. ...		14	15	4	10	1
Fylde v. 25		...	11	1	12	5
Kirkham v. 18		19	...	5	16	—
Lytham v. 13		13	16	...	16	10
Preston v. 22		20	24	8	...	16
School v. 26		18	—	11	25	...

The Match between School and Kirkham will be played next term.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

School	Lytham	Preston	Ashton	Fylde	Kirkham
223	160	135	99	86	45

CROSS-COUNTRY RACE.

Preston	Ashton	Lytham	School	Kirkham	Fylde
46	81	95	142	165	171

SPEECH DAY — WEDNESDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1949.**LIST OF PRIZE AND CERTIFICATE WINNERS.**

Boy who has done most for the School in the past year . . . J. S. Mills

SIXTH FORM PRIZES

Bowdler Mathematics Prize	S. Allcock
Physics	S. Allcock
Biology	G. R. Sagar
History	J. S. Mills
Geography	I. C. R. Byatt
English Literature	J. S. Mills
French	J. R. Bureau
Agricultural Studies	J. Middlehurst
Art	W. E. Garlick
Music	W. E. Garlick
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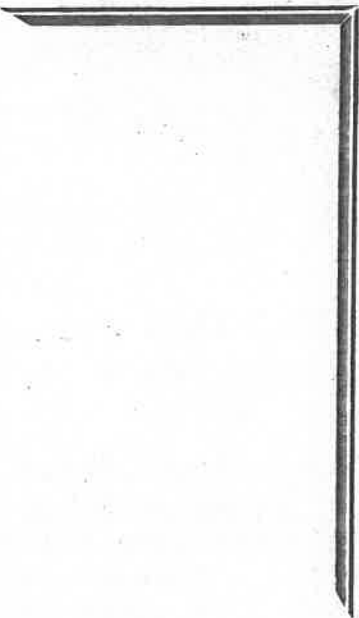
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