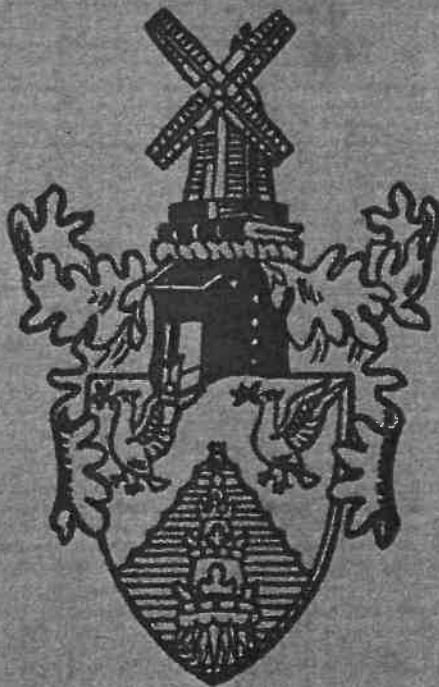


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SCHOOL OFFICERS, SEPTEMBER, 1951

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KIRKHAM Grammar School has entered once more upon the voyage through a new school year, and there has been the corresponding departure of old stalwarts and the influx of new blood into the school. Our wishes for a happy and prosperous career go to those who have left, with the hope that they may carry themselves through life in a manner and bearing worthy of ex-scholars of a school of our standing and tradition. To those who have entered to start a new life at a fine school, we may say only this: *Ingrederet Proficias* is a motto emblazoned deep throughout the school, but it may only be carried out by a school career of service. Only by putting the interests of the school before self-interest will maximum benefit be gained from your education here, and we sincerely hope that you, in common with all the members of K.G.S., may carry on the fine traditions of their predecessors, and that the new members of the school will be a credit to it.

Another summer has passed away, and on looking back we may remark that the weather was kind to us on the whole, particularly to the 1st XI who had little interference with their programme from the weather. The team are to be congratulated on their finest season for many years, some notable successes being enjoyed. The term rolled swiftly by to a successful conclusion in the shape of a Festival of Britain week to which, although no loudly-chewing, camera-carrying, sunglass-wearing, Cadillac-driving visitors were present, there was an appreciable gathering of old boys, parents and friends of the school. However, that hilarious week is mentioned in other pages of this publication. In passing through the Summer Term, we may also realise that now the school has its brightest swimming hopes for several years, and surely the elusive coveted point will come our way next year!

the winter term is now well under way, and already the days of a light, dry ball and firm ground seem to have passed away, so in conclusion we hope that the members of K.G.S. may combine to make the year an outstanding year of success for the school and themselves.

Since we wrote the editorial the winter term has given way to the spring term which is itself expiring in the pyrotechnic splutter of the Easter Fair and, for the seniors, the uncomfortable warmth of the 'mock' exams. We apologise for the late appearance of this magazine. This has been due to a series of unfortunate circumstances and is the fault neither of editors nor printers.

NOTES AND ITEMS

PICKLES TROPHY RACE

The school extends its hearty congratulations to the members of the school team which entered and ran so brilliantly in the Pickles Trophy Race in Preston at the beginning of the Summer Term. It was the first time that the school had entered a road race of this kind, and the team, led admirably by J. Jackson, finished second to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn. In recognition of the team's worthy efforts, medallions were awarded to them as well as to the winners.

LECTURES

During the course of the term, the senior element in the school enjoyed several interesting and enlightening lectures. Prominent among these was the talk on ordination, given by the Bishop of Blackburn. It proved to be a highly interesting and informative exposition, and our thanks are duly accorded to the Bishop. Other interesting lectures which spring readily to mind are the lectures on National Service (all the Upper Sixth wanted to be farmers) and that to the "glamour boys" of the C.C.F. which was followed by an unintentionally silent film on Cranwell, enjoyed by the whole force.

RETURN OF THE WANDERER

The "Welcome" mat was once more spread outside the Geography room, and the school welcomes back again Mr. Wilkinson from his travels, and hopes that he will have a happy time here (shades of silent, tense, grim-lipped youngsters showering cannon-ball drives on a lone, muddy-kneed, red sweated figure standing in the rain 'twixt two poles!)

Our thanks and best wishes go with Mr. Hodgkinson for his future career.

OLD TRAFFORD

A large party went from the school to Old Trafford to see the fourth day of the game between England and the South Africans. Although the enjoyment was somewhat marred by rain during the latter half of the afternoon, some excellent cricket, particularly by the master of the off-drive, Len Hutton, was seen, and the trip was

a thorough success. Nobody in the school can swing his shoulders like McCarthy yet, but it's not for the want of trying.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our hearty congratulations to E. B. Greenwood on his fine performance in winning a State Scholarship, and to the boys successful in the examinations at Advanced and Ordinary level last summer term.

SALVETE

III A.

Ashworth, D. R. L.2.
Barrow, G. F.1.
Bennet, A. J. L.2.
Bennett, K. A(F.2.)
Cooke, D. J. L.2.
Darby, R. W. P.1.
England, D. C. K.2.
Garlick, R. F(P.3.)
Harrington, K. F(P.3.)
Haythornwhite A. E. S.
Horn, D. E. K.2.
Hosker, P. J. S.
Lawton, M. D. P.1.
Lean, A. R. W. A(F.2.)
McLuckie, J. D. F(P.3.)

Roberts, A. L.1.
Rothwell, M. H. L.1.
Sharples, A. A.1.
Smith, R. G. S.
Stephenson, G. T. P.1.
Storer, C. S.
Swarbrick, E. K.2.
Syms, M. N. C. P.3.
Thompson, R. S. F.(A.3.)
Threlfall, W. A.1.
Watkinson, A. P. P.3.
Whitehead, C. A.1.
Wilcock, R. M. P.3.
Wooton, D. F. F(A.2.)

III B.

Bee, D. L. A(F.2.)
Benson, R. W. K.1.
Broadbent, J. R. P.1.
Butterworth, E. K.2.
Carley, K. A. F(A.3.)
Close, A. T. A(F.2.)
Conaboy, G. A(F.2.)
Cross, P. P.1.
Dearden, H. M. F(A.3.)
Derrick, S. C. A(F.2.)
Dewhurst, B. R. A(F.2.)
Frobisher, K. A. F.1.
Herrington, S. K.2.
Hewitt, R. W. L.2.
Jackson, D. N. A.3.

Kennedy, H. L.2.
Platt, G. L. L.1.
Rawcliffe, G. A.1.
Rogerson, D. B. L(A.2.)
Ryding, G. K.2.
Sharrat, D. J. L(A.1.)
Sleddon, E. G. A.1.
Suthers, D. H. A.1.
Swarbrick, J. S. F(P.3.)
Swift, J. H. K(A.1.)
Walker, P. A.1.
Widdup, J. W. S.
Wood, F. L(A.2.)
Wood, J. F.(A.3.)
Yates, N. R. F(A.2.)

VALETE

UPPER VI

J. B. Ball.

School: Prefect, 2nd XV, Harriers, Badminton team.
House: Prefect, Rugby, Running, Athletics, Cricket.
Committees: Badminton, Scientific, Photographic.
C.C.F., Air Sec., Cpl. S.C. Preston House.

E. B. Greenwood.

School: Prefect, 2nd XV, 1st XI.
House: Prefect, Rugby, Cricket.
Committees: Editor of Magazine, Debating, Cricket.
C.C.F. S.C. H.S.C. State Schol.
School House.

G. R. Howarth.

School: Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI (Capt.), Athletics team, Badminton team.

House: Captain, Rugby, Cricket, Athletics, Running.

Committees: Rugby, Cricket, Badminton.

C.C.F. S.C. Preston House.

A. Jackson.

House: Prefect, Rugby.

Committees: Photographic, Scientific.

C.C.F., Air Sect., Cpl. S.C. Preston House.

R. K. Messent.

School: Swimming team.

House: Prefect, Rugby, Swimming.

Committees: Scientific, Badminton.

C.C.F., Air Sect., Sgt. S.C. Preston House.

M. B. Poole.

School: Prefect.

House: Prefect, Rugby, Running, Athletics.

Committees: Mountaineering and Fell Walking.

C.C.F., Sgt. School House.

G. R. Sagar.

School: Captain, 2nd XI (Capt.)

House: Captain, Rugby, Cricket.

Committee: Library (Sec.)

C.C.F., Air Sect., Sgt. Ashton House.

LOWER VI

J. Jackson.

School: Prefect, 1st XV, Harriers (Capt.), Athletics (Capt.)

House: Captain, Rugby, Cricket, Running, Athletics.

Committees: Rugby, Athletics, Harriers.

C.C.F., Air Sect., Cpl. School House.

J. Crawshaw.

House: Cricket, Rugby.

C.C.F. Lytham House.

P. J. Lindsay.

School: Harriers.

House: Prefect, Rugby, Running, Athletics.

C.C.F., Air Sect. Fylde House.

UPPER VA

J. Butterworth,

School: 1st XV, 2nd XI.

House: Rugby, Cricket, Swimming, Athletics.

C.C.F. Lytham House.

H. Hogarth.

House: Rugby.

C.C.F. Kirkham House.

K. Longstaffe.

School: 1st XI.
House: Rugby, Cricket.
C.C.F. Lytham House.

R. H. Mallinson.

School: 2nd XV, Athletics team.
House: Rugby, Athletics.
C.C.F. Cpl. School House.

G. Metcalf.

School: 1st XV.
House: Rugby.
C.C.F., Air Sect. School House.

R. A. Miller.

C.C.F. Preston House.

UPPER VB

J. A. Bramwell.

School: 1st XV, Harriers, Athletics team.
House: Rugby, Running, Cricket, Athletics.
Committees: Rugby.
C.C.F. Ashton House.

J. D. Byatt.

C.C.F. Preston House.

I. Craigie.

School: 1st XV.
House: Rugby, Cricket, Running, Swimming.
C.C.F. Lytham House.

B. Duckworth.

School: 2nd XI, Harriers.
House: Cricket, Running.
C.C.F. Preston House.

R. Gill.

C.C.F. Lytham House.

R. B. Hardy.

House: Rugby, Cricket, Running, Athletics, Swimming.
C.C.F., Cpl. Fylde House.

K. E. Jones.

School: 2nd XV.
House: Rugby, Cricket, Running.
C.C.F. Ashton House.

M. T. Jones.

School: 2nd XI.
House: Rugby, Cricket.
C.C.F. Lytham House.

S. A. Kennedy.

C.C.F., Cpl. School House.

W. M. T. Levens.

School: 2nd XV, Athletics team, Harriers.

House: Prefect: Rugby, Cricket, Athletics, Running.

Committees: Athletics, Musical, Photographic.

C.C.F., Air Sect. Lytham House.

L. Manchester.

C.C.F. Fylde House.

M. J. Parker.

House: Rugby, Running, Cricket, Athletics.

C.C.F. Fylde House.

T. B. Rodgers.

School: 1st XV., Harriers.

House: Rugby, Cricket, Running, Athletics, Swimming.

C.C.F., Cpl. Ashton House.

J. Turner.

House: Rugby, Running.

C.C.F. Ashton House.

D. Whitehead.

C.C.F. Ashton House.

LOWER VM

I. Q. Lumsden.

C.C.F., Air Sec. Fylde House.

J. K. H. Redman.

School: Colts XV.

House: Rugby, Cricket, Swimming.

C.C.F. Ashton House.

LOWER VS

W. A. Thompson.

House: Running, Swimming.

C.C.F. Kirkham House.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN WEEK

One may always look forward to, or perhaps dread, the summer term as the busiest, and longest of the three terms of a school year, but when that summer term falls at the same time as such a major event as the Festival of Britain, one should not be surprised to find repercussions of it in the school programme. The calendar notified us of the busy end-of-term events well in advance and many small preparations were made, to join together in the last week of a busy term to form a packed and exciting week. We were all requested by the headmaster to do our utmost to make the week a success, and I am sure that the results could not have been achieved without this

communal effort. Not only were there special events but also the usual end-of-year complications all crowding into the week of July 16th to 21st, to make it a truly momentous one.

It was lucky that the weather was kind to us because there were out-of-door events every day of the week, starting on Monday afternoon with the Senior House Cricket Final between School and Preston. We were treated to some fine cricket, which ended in a final victory for Preston House after a hard fought match. Then on the next afternoon, another match took place between the Optimists and Lytham C.C., the result being a win for the Optimists, who thus justified their choice of name. On the Wednesday afternoon, the Masters again challenged the 1st XI in their yearly battle, but this time youth prevailed over them in a most convincing manner, and another victory was added to the score of the 1st XI. The Optimists took the field again on Thursday against a gallant but, (so the Optimists thought) rather over optimistic team, gathered together by the Rev. J. Walsh, but alas for the Optimists, due to a very fine innings by Slater on the opposing side they were defeated.

On the Friday of that week, a Garden Party was held in the afternoon which was highly successful. A P.T. Display on the front lawn showed that standards of agility were still rising, a fact rather hard to realise when the experts did everything with such ease and timing. Meanwhile on the field, a Gymkhana was in progress, with its strange races and competitions, which I think must have been enjoyed more by the competitors than the spectators. Then after that busy day, another and even more important followed, for Saturday was Founders Day. In the morning the school paraded, both cadets and non-cadets, and marched down to the Parish Church in the usual manner. The service was good, even better perhaps than on previous years, the preacher being the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Wakefield. After the service the school split up and went its various ways in quest of dinner, but later returned to witness the cricket match of the season. Under the fierce Fylde sun, the School battled against the Old Boys, the competition being fierce but friendly. However, as the sun started to sink into the western skies, the last ball was played and the stumps drawn for the last time for that season leaving another victory to be recorded for the school. As the parents, and public, were at the school on the Friday and Saturday it was obviously sensible to display as much of the different branches of school activity as was conveniently possible in the form of exhibitions. Scientist and artist, cadet and pacifist, senior and junior, they all had a chance to demonstrate their abilities. If you started at the Art room, where were exhibited the varied products of many weeks arduous labour in the form of painting, printing, sculpture and architecture, you could then move into Rooms 11 and 10 and discover from the many fine maps and diagrams anything from the type of traffic dealt with at Kirkham Station, to how milk bottles are washed or how the farmland in the district is utilised. Thence you could have moved down to the Biology Lab, and there examined many rare and wonderful specimens including Messent and his aquaria, and then back to the Physics Lab, for a sparkling display of electrical apparatus. After this unnerving experience a quiet respite was possible in the Library examining School Records (non-musical) before visiting the R.A.F. display in the Cadet hut. Then you could learn all about France and the French in the appropriate rooms, and lastly, having taken a deep breath, you could enter the realm of the chemists. Here could be seen Mr. Bentley's

Brewery, producing drop after drop of pure alcohol, as well as other bubbling liquids in different sets of apparatus.

The whole week, from the first cricket match until Founders Day, went very smoothly and a momentary congratulation is deserved by all concerned. All memories of that week must be treasured for lifetime unless you are certain of such a prolonged life that you will be present at the next Festival of Britain Week.

LA REUNION CULTURELLE

Monday 9th June finally dawned and four members of the K.G.S. placed themselves outside the gates of the Collegiate School for Girls, Blackpool. We representatives of K.G.S., although more likely to be admitted to the E.S.U., had arrived a little early in Blackpool for the Ré-union Culturelle, the annual conference of French speaking students.

After being welcomed by the headmistress, who told us that we would not hear another word of English for two days (she was quite right!) we settled down to see three films. Balzac, the Dickens of France, suffered somewhat, as a "technical hitch at the projector" resulted in a large blister occurring in the film, these being shown on the screen! The rest of the morning was taken up with the enactment of some of Fontaine's fables by Madame Reinier, the famous French actress (we found out).

"Déjeuner à la carte" was taken in the school dining room, which is similar to ours, but not before some crafty ticket-securing work had been done by Peter "Cid" Aikman.

After dinner, Morpheus descended upon the less sturdy. Those who took an interest in the proceedings heard a rather long lecture on "Molière" with excerpts from his works, by a Professor of French from Manchester University. During the lecture, which I heard a master describe as a typical university lecture, one poor soul decided to "faint," or rather slipped off his chair while in blissful ecstasy. Monday's session ended with the Conference singing popular French songs, ably led by members of the Collegiate choir, and accompanied by a piano.

Tuesday morning again found P. S. Aikman, E. Tich Waite, Jim McCredie and myself on the steps of the Collegiate. This time, however, not so early. "Life in France today" was the title of an interesting lecture by the French Commissioner in London, who also gave us an intimate scene of present-day Brittany during the afternoon. Between these two lectures, however, we were entertained by a French guitarist, of considerable merit, M. Rosol, who sang and played to us modern French melodies. He proved to be tremendously popular with the conference, and succeeded in taking three encores, before finally literally dashing off the stage, clutching his precious instrument. After a little more 'dirty work' par le Cid, we had dinner.

As previously stated, Tuesday afternoon's programme included a lecture on Brittany. This was followed by a film entitled "Farrébrique." It depicted life in a typical French farm throughout the four seasons of the year. Unfortunately, however, due to another "technical hitch," we saw life on the farm for only three and three-quarter seasons of the year, but were assured that the whole year did take place and life on the farm reverted once more to the four season cycle.

Now, six months after the La Reunion, those amongst us who have not passed, are swotting fervently (?) for the next attempt. The last six months have passed rapidly; the next six, from now to the time when the exams fall upon us, will pass even faster. Out of the K.G.S. crew at the Collegiate, only Jim McCredie will be taking the French examination at the Advanced level. Let us hope that he has benefitted from this annual meeting. Of the remaining three only two will be taking the exam at the Ordinary level next time. For them, La Reunion has meant, in the case of Titch Waite, slightly more knowledge of France and cinema technicalities, and, in the case of P. S. Aikman, another late night not very long after La Reunion..

R. A. NASH, Upper Sixth.

VISIT TO BRITTANY

On the morning of Monday, August 26th, a happy band of pilgrims, en route for St. Quay Portrieux, in the Côtes-du-Nord region of France, assembled on one of the platforms of Preston station under the guidance of those two expert custodians Messrs. Coward and Wilkinson, the former being accompanied by his wife and daughter (aged 7).

After being filmed by the father of one of the boys, the group waited anxiously until the train arrived to convey them to the capital. Then came the moment. All and sundry could be seen running up and down the platform searching for the reserved compartments. Alas! to the dismay of all the party, it was discovered that there had been a slip-up, and that there was no more room on the train. After vain efforts of explanation Monsieur Coward decided to wait for the next train, a matter of twenty minutes or more, and it was fairly obvious that at that moment he held no very high regard of the British Railways organisation.

After arrival at London, after a tedious journey, the party transferred to Waterloo by Underground, where they settled down to tea provided by British Railways and finished without complaint.

After tea members were allowed to go where they wished, provided they were back at the time stated by Monsieur Coward (6-20 p.m.). The most popular place seemed to be the News Theatre, where one's time was happily spent.

The boat train set off on time and made a speedy journey to Southampton, where the party disembarked from the train and moved quickly to and through the Customs barrier, with the aid of Monsieur Coward's explanations. Members then boarded the modern packet boat "S.S. Falaise" which plies from Southampton to Saint Malo. Part of the night had to be spent on deck, and many of the boys were unrecognizably appalled in blankets. For most the night was fairly pleasant, especially for Messrs. Clegg, Cookson, Crowe and Parker. After a few hours members of the party were allowed down into the restaurant where they laid down their beds amongst numerous sprawling bodies of other sleepers. Somewhere around the hour of five o'clock in the morning everyone there was turned out on to the deck once more to wait for the preparation of breakfast (to be had if desired at about six o'clock). It consisted of first-class food, and was enjoyed by everyone who dined. It only remained then, to wait for the "vedettes" to transport us to the mainland nearby.

Once ashore the party again went through the Customs department, and awaited the arrival of the special bus to transport us to the destination.

At last "l' autobus" arrived, and everyone made themselves as comfortable as possible in order to face the irregularity of the French roads. It was almost impossible to sleep, as now and again the driver would sound one of his loud, awakening horns. The journey was interrupted by a short stop at St. Brieuc, where members of the party had a small reconnoitre while Monsieur Coward collected some money from the bank, and then once again "on to St. Quay." Whilst rounding a corner in some small village, and after having sounded his sonorous horn without effect (impossible!) he drove right over a dog (which must have been deaf) and continued his journey (quite legal) until St. Quay was reached by the coast road.

On the arrival at the "Hotel Beau Soleil," which was to be headquarters for the holiday, "les bonnes," accompanied by M. and Mme. Dassoncourt, welcomed the voyagers. The wayfarers were then distributed to various rooms at the hotels Beau Soleil, Sans Souci and Kerr Pierrots, where they were to sleep for the holidays. Meals were generally good and consisted of "dinner" of several courses, usually including cheese. Crowe soon became popular to the French people there and was known as Monsieur Corbeau. They were very amused when one night he appeared in the clothes of "une femme," and took the title of Madame Corbeau. Mealtimes were often very hazardous, and time was spent evading the corks of cider bottles, and on one occasion a jet of cider was seen to hit the ceiling. "Faisant les vaisselles" was voluntary, but nevertheless there was a good response. Bathing was allowed on the beaches under observation and supervision, and one successful octopus hunt was recorded. Games held on the beaches were also prominent, in which both Messrs. Coward and Wilkinson took part, and an eye had to be kept on M. Wilkinson when football was in progress as he was in the position of (flying) wingman. Many of the boys bought "Johari" games which may now be seen used at school by boarders, while the most popular game of all was that of "Ping Foot," played on a 10 franc slot machine table. Table tennis and bowls, both at the Canari Club and the hotel, could be played, and there were many rocks and rock pools which proved interesting to visit.

Two excursions were arranged by M. Coward, one was by boat to the Ile de Bréhât, and the other by narrow-gauge railway to Paimpol. One or two of the passengers in the boat returning from the island received a severe drenching, Bennett in particular, whilst in the train passengers frequently received eyefuls of grit from the small "puffing billy." Shopping was done during all hours of the day and many souvenirs, etc., were imported into England. Numerous photographs were also taken, some of which were very good. During the tour to Paimpol, Mears was unofficially "roped-in" by a Gendarme and had his photograph taken with him.

Sunday night was cinema night, and the majority of the party visited "Le Celtic" accompanied by "les bonnes" (or vice versa).

Residents of Ker Pierrots and M. Wilkinson will no doubt remember the escapades of the "family" cat, which payed regular visits every morning.

The last night was spent merrily by all with a party. Wine, etc., was drunk, and games and dancing were undertaken until after midnight, the latter being enjoyed heartily by Norris (G.).

On the day of departure, the journey had to be taken by the diesel rail-car (not so luxurious as it sounds) as far as St. Brieuc, where a bus was waiting to continue the journey to St. Malo. Packed lunches had been provided, and consisted largely of one large ham sandwich, with peach, pear, and hard boiled egg additions, and of course, cheese.

The journey back by boat was uneventful, and everyone arrived on English soil with a feeling of familiarity. On the whole the tour was most successful, and if it had not been for the weather it would have been excellent.

PIERRE

JAMBOREE — 1951

To many people, the word "Jamboree" conveys little or no meaning, but even those who understand its true meaning cannot imagine the truly international nature and the world-wide feeling of goodwill and friendliness that can only be found at a World Jamboree.

This year the Seventh World Jamboree was held in Austria, in an area called the Sabskammergut, which is really a kind of Lake District on an enlarged scale. There have been six previous Jamborees, two in England and four others in Denmark, Hungary, Holland and France. This one was a small one, consisting of only 13,000 scouts from 60 countries, all over the world. The contingent from the United Kingdom was over three thousand strong, and travelled across Europe in three special trains. The journey took about two days, and we went across France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Austria, and was over a thousand miles long. When we arrived we were greeted at our camp site by an Austrian, who said, "Welcome to Austria; you had better pitch your tents quickly, you have brought a thunderstorm with you." We had this thunderstorm and several more, but on the whole the weather was good and when the sun did come out it was extremely hot.

The Jamboree was situated in a valley about 1,700 feet above sea level, between two mountain ranges covered with fir trees, and with a river flowing in the valley bed. The last five miles of the journey were completed on a ramshackle old narrow-gauge railway, which, said the inhabitants, was the same as it was in 1898. The Isle of Man trains are the last word in modern development compared with those pre-historic remains. The Jamboree site was about a mile long and half a mile wide, and contained a hospital, market, bank and post office, as well as chapels and an area for displays. It was, in fact, for the duration of the Jamboree, recognised as a separate independant country, with its own police force, fire brigade and governing bodies. On all official occasions, when scouts of different nations were gathered for some function or other, the commands, addresses or sermons had to be given in several languages, so a relatively short ceremony would be prolonged threefold by this triplication of speeches.

Everybody had the opportunity for getting about and seeing the surrounding countryside. It was possible to walk to the nearer

lakes in order to bathe or row, while the "Emmett" railway mentioned above enabled you to visit places further afield, such as Salzburg, which is famous for its musical festival, or to St. Wolfgang, a small picturesque village, known for its White Horse Inn, wherein was composed the musical play of that name. Or, if one felt energetic, there were mountains to conquer or salt mines to visit. This was all extra to the ordinary visiting and sightseeing in the actual Jamboree itself, which contained enough interest to satisfy even the most restless of the scouts. You could stand by a main roadway and watch the world go by, every nation having some unique point of interest in its uniform. In the market, at all hours of the day, and most of the evening, you could see scouts bartering, not so much with the stall holders but between themselves on the matter of swopping some article or other, varying from kilts to cowbells, and from turbans to totems.

All too soon, however, the ten days ended, and once more we had to pack our kits and face the long journey home. We left with a feeling of regret, for it had seemed so short a stay, but those ten days of international friendship at the Jamboree, will, I am sure, never be forgotten by the lucky scouts who were selected to go.

J. R. L.

S.C.M. CONFERENCES

In the summer term a conference was held at school with the Rev. McIver, a Baptist Minister, as our guest speaker. The subject for discussion was Christianity versus Communism, and as our speaker was an ex-communist, many facts were revealed, showing us the futility of the doctrine when put into action. Of course many questions were fired at him, but as there were no communists present the meeting remained orderly and ended by everyone going to tea, where the speaker finished the meeting with a few final words. The Rev. Sproxton was also present and helped a great deal in the running of the Conference.

The Conference at Preston Park School, at the end of the Winter Term, was held on a much larger scale. Four schools were represented and it lasted for two days. There were four speakers, Mr. Fallows of Preston Parish Church, Mr. Marsh, a Methodist local preacher, a Methodist Minister's wife, and our old friend the Rev. Sproxton. The subject was "Christianity in the Home," and since it was a mixed group many interesting questions arose on such things as marriages, careers, family problems and how to spend our leisure time. This is the second time we have been invited to the Park School, and on both occasions K.G.S. has responded by sending a group of boys. Is it too much to hope that we might be hosts to similar inter-school conferences in the future?

THE LIBRARY

Chairmen: Mr. Norwood, Mr. Laughton, Mr. Williams.

Secretary: J. D. Swarbrick, Treasurer: H. M. Marsh.

Committee: J. R. Lance, R. A. Nash, A. Rigby, J. G. Sharples, E. G. Thomson, K. Thornton.

One day near the end of the 1951 summer term members of the Sixth who had been surprised to find the Library barred against them were amazed at the unprecedented sight of a bevy of fair

maidens being carefully piloted along the corridor by a slightly embarrassed but never-the-less (outwardly, at least) calm Sagar. The initiated explained that this was the day of the Inter School Librarian's Conference. The Library Committees of this and several other schools retired to the hall for the afternoon and discussed various difficulties connected with library management. After tea the visitors inspected our library and then returned to the hall to see two films.

Once the conference was over the committee continued with the first complete check of the library on record, using the author card index which had been completed during the past year. The number of missing books was rather alarming. Lists of missing books sprawled over the notice-board and, as a result, several books were returned, but far too many are still missing.

It was intended that the Junior Library should be converted to the same issue system as operates in the Senior Library, during the autumn term. This work was unfortunately held up for some time but it is now well under way and there is every prospect of the library being ready to open by the beginning of the summer term.

Users of the Senior Library will have noticed the introduction of a suspension system. This is intended as a means to improve the standard of behaviour in the library. The standard aimed at is that which is to be found in any Public Library. No boy who conforms to this standard need fear suspension. If those who are not prepared to use the library properly stay outside, the library becomes much more pleasant for those who do want to use it properly. Doing prep. in the library during official opening times is forbidden because prep. done under these circumstances tends to become a communal effort, which is bad in itself, and generally leads to loud discussion which disturbs the peace of the library. The Committee would like to see fewer books left lying about on tables after each session. This can be achieved if every boy who has been reading a book during the session will return it to its proper place on the shelf, or, if he does not know where this is, place it on top of the counter as he goes out. What he should NOT do is to push it in anywhere where there happens to be a space. This is more of a hindrance than a help.

Several new books have come into the library this year, among them some which were suggested by members of the school and one which is still being written. This latter is known as "Keesings Contemporary Archives." It gives a week by week account of current events without any editorial comment or political bias. Every Saturday a new part brings it up to the previous Saturday. Owing to the rather insecure way in which the leaves are held together it is kept in one of the cupboards and not on the shelf, but it is available at any time to any responsible person who asks a librarian to study it.

It is now possible to give the final issue statistics for the School Year 1950-51.

Total number of issues, 1848. Average per session, 34. Total by subjects (from 24th October 1950): Religion, Philosophy and Sociology 53; History 129; English 105; French and other Modern Languages 23; Classics 10; Physics and Maths 98; Chemistry 118; Biology 162; Popular Science 64; English Heritage 25; Geography 124; Farming 26; Art 90; Music 12; Sport 27; Photography 48; Hobbies 110; Travel 52; Fiction 152; Miscellaneous 50; Unclassified (previous to 24th October 1950) 315.

CRICKET — 1951

Generally speaking, the season 1951 has been the most successful for many years, particularly in the 1st and 2nd XI's. The records of the under XV and under XIV may not have been quite as good, but there need be no lack of confidence in their future development. All four teams have tried to play correct cricket, and although this does not always pay in junior matches, the results of the 1st XI and 2nd XI have amply proved the soundness of this policy. One thing which the four teams had in common was their enthusiasm and a willingness to turn out on all occasions whether for nets or fielding practice.

The keen and intelligent leadership of G. R. Howarth had a great deal to do with the success of the 1st XI, which remained undefeated until the last two matches. He handled his bowlers well, made sensible alterations in the field when necessary, and by his enthusiasm inspired the members of the team always to give of their best. As a batsman he was very attractive, although he did not always strike his true form, but this may be put down to the cares of captaincy. For the first time for several years, the team was blessed with a dependable opening pair in J. G. Sharples and A. Rigby, who laid the foundations of many a good score by their steady and correct batting. Their main fault was lack of understanding in running between the wickets, and this should be remedied next year. S. H. Wilcock began the season in great style, and although his later innings were not so successful, he is potentially a very good batsman. K. Longstaffe played some delightful innings in his only season in the 1st XI. Of the remaining batsmen B. G. Spicer, E. B. Greenwood and W. B. Charity played some useful innings when required. The bowling largely devolved on S. T. Jenkins and J. Copley, who were a very good and successful pair of opening bowlers. Both kept a good length and proved an excellent foil to each other, and Jenkins in particular was very valuable in his ability to bowl for long periods. The team lacked an efficient change bowler to carry on the good work done by the opening pair. Howarth was not as successful as in the previous season with his left arm slows, while J. Hine, although doing some useful work, was inconsistent. The fielding was the true weakness of the team, a fact partly explained by the severe nature of the school outfield, and the lack of a real live wire behind the stumps. Too many catches were put upon the floor, and the fielding as a whole lacked anticipation. Notable exceptions to this criticism were G. R. Howarth and S. H. Wilcock. However, in general, the team is to be congratulated on its performances, results and standard of cricket achieved.

The School 2nd XI is to be commended on an unbeaten record this season. Of eight games played, five were won and three drawn. The team was keen and enthusiastically led by G. R. Sagar. R. H. Basterfield was the most consistent bat, and P. Jackson the best of the bowlers. Jackson's performance at Baines' Grammar School in scoring 49 and taking six wickets for three runs was the outstanding individual performance. The fielding improved throughout the season, and the team fully deserved its proud record.

The under XV played keenly if not always successfully. They were well captained by R. Benson, whose performances never quite came up to expectations. The brunt of the bowling fell upon B. Broadbent and T. Kirby. Nearly all the team showed promise at the

nets but did not usually score enough runs in school matches. The fielding was good, with R. Brown a capable and alert wicket-keeper.

The Under XIV, from a results point of view, did not have a very successful season, winning only one of their matches, but they have a number of promising cricketers in their ranks, notably B. Bargh the Captain, R. Porter and D. Dell. The team contained more than the usual number of boys who will be eligible to play again next year a fact which reveals a certain quantity of ability in the Middle School.

As regards the rest of school cricket, that rather depends on the state of the school playing fields. Much good work has been done, such as deweeding and the provision of good wickets on the square by the groundsman, but the problem of the set wickets still remains. It has been found impossible to keep a pitch in reasonable condition throughout a season, and it would seem that the only solution is the laying down of concrete set wickets. There are a number of other improvements which the cricket committee have in mind, such as the levelling of the outfield, the provision of seats around the ground and in the pavilion, a new and adequate scoreboard, but until the set wicket problem is solved, we shall never get a full return for the keenness and spirit shown by both staff and boys alike.

In conclusion the Cricket Committee would like to express its thanks to Miss Bromley and the canteen, to the groundsman R. Walls, Esq., to members of the School House who do so much at the end of the season, and to all those who have contributed in any way by true active support to such an excellent season's cricket.

G. R. Howarth, S. T. Jenkins; Honours Caps. J. G. Sharples, A. Rigby, S. H. Wilcock, B. G. Spicer, W. B. Charity, K. Longstaffe, J. Hine, J. C. Copley; Twenty Caps.

ATHLETICS

The Annual School Sports were held on Saturday, 5th May, 1951, the weather being less attractive than in previous years. Never-the-less it received the usual enthusiastic support from parents and friends.

Owing to the adverse condition of the tracks, few records were broken, but many commendable performances were witnessed. In the junior events no new records were set up. In the intermediate events members of the School House dominated the results.

The all-round performances of P. Jackson and J. N. Whalley were notable features, the former setting up a record for the long jump, and the latter for the shot and high jump.

Although no records were broken in the senior events some notable running performances were achieved. Wilcock's success in the track events and Waite's running in the mile were perhaps the outstanding features in this section.

School House accomplished their perennial feat of winning the Championship trophy, with a winning total of 237 points over a very much improved challenge from Preston House and Lytham House who took third place.

The House Trophy and Certificates were presented by N. H. Drake, Esq., former Olympic and Empire Games athlete.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

On May 9th, four days later, the School was represented at the Blackpool Sports by a young but not very successful team. Although there were no outstanding victories, a promising nucleus has been formed for the immediate years ahead.

The two most successful K.G.S. competitors were Macpherson and Waite who gained second places in their respective events, namely putting the shot and the mile.

THE INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

The Annual Inter School Swimming Sports were held at Derby Baths, Blackpool, on July 11th. K.G.S. again competing did not obtain a point, but there was definite promise shown by our juniors of whom Singleton deserves special mention. He not only broke the Blackpool Junior free-style record, but also equalled the winner's time of the corresponding senior event. The junior relay team are to be congratulated on attaining fourth place in their event.

From the performance put up by the team in these sports, it was evident that by its courage and fine spirit it will be rewarded by points in the near future.

C.C.F.

The senior members of both the Army and the R.A.F. Sections spent two days shooting at Altcar during July. Practice in shooting live ammunition was the purpose of the visit but several things were also accomplished. A sad, wet, pyjama-clad figure shivering on the sandhills at two o'clock in the morning was only one product.

The next scene of activity for the Army Section was the annual camp held at Kinmel Park, Rhyl. Here training suffered considerably because of the bad weather. Lessons and demonstrations by Officer Cadets and our own N.C.O's proved very interesting. The contingent enjoyed itself running up perpendicular slopes, letting tents down and eating kippers in the dark. We will always remember 'Seed's Mineral Waters' shared by the body of the Range Corporal clad in swimming trunks.

The instructors have put in some good work during the last twelve months. The result of this was that a large number of Cert. A.1. stars and some eight Cert. A.2. stars were issued after the Christmas vacation. The high percentage of these cadets who chose to remain in khaki was both surprising and encouraging.

Besides rearing these blooms the sergeants have begun to mould the recruits into shape with gratifying results, on the whole. These latter have certainly, like the elder members, "steadiness on parade" as their watchword.

The only blots on our copy book are the poor response to the appeal to attend camp and the dreadful turn-out at the Annual Inspection and Founders' Day. The latter was further marred by the worst display of marching that the contingent has ever given. Promotions:—Cadets Jenkins, Firth, Thorp, Waite and Whalley were promoted to Corporal before camp. Since then Corporal Jenkins has been promoted Sergeant.

HULLAVINGTON — 1951

Although the weather in Kirkham when the Air Section set out for their Annual Camp left much to be desired the week spent in Wiltshire was one of the best of the summer.

Arriving in the late evening we became acquainted whilst consuming a late tea with a very friendly Flight Sergeant who will always be remembered as "Flight." Those who had been to Hullavington before told gruesome tales of P.T. at 5-30 a.m., but we soon discovered that "Energy Ernie" and his confederates did not operate until later in the morning. Apart from this one relaxation the discipline was somewhat tighter than before, but we soon found that this enabled us to get through a more interesting instructional programme.

The most memorable day of the camp was the Friday. In the morning we had an aeronautical display culminating in some rather unorthodox flying by a Tiger Moth, whilst the afternoon brought a display by police dogs. Then in the evening as sailplanes wheeled silently overhead the camp-fire was lit. This gave rise to the inevitable orgy of community singing and sketches. The star turn of the evening (and incidentally the only non-cadet performer) was a hypnotist who performed with such skill that even those who had been openly sceptical when the K.G.S. metaphysical discussion group held its first, and only, meeting, decided that there must be something in it after all.

It is unfortunately only possible to make a brief mention of our visit to Lyneham and of the unforgettable last night when we saw the airfield transformed into another world of bright coloured lights and dark shapes moving against the almost as deep, darkness of the night.

Promotions:—Sgt. Rigby, Sgt. Macpherson; Cpl. Nash, Cpl. Thomson, Cpl. Jackson (A), Cpl. Swarbrick; Sgt. Messent.

Prof. Passed:—Burke, Metcalfe, Matthews, Nash, Lindsay.

Advanced Passed—with Credit:—Swarbrick, Sagar, Messent, Rigby,

Passed:—Ball, Jackson A., Thomson.

GENERAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

During the past few months there have been few 'tempestuous' scenes in G.S.C. meetings, at least. Of course, there have occurred numerous interruptions, interjections, and points of order, but very little disorder. And yet, though this is undoubtedly a good sign in itself one cannot over emphasise the need for a more vigorous, positive approach by the junior members of the Committee. Any future trend in that direction would certainly be appreciated, and encouraged.

The one major decision which the Committee has recently taken, quite apart from routine matters, has concerned the Easter Fair, which it was agreed should be held on March 15th, at 2-30 p.m. And although at the present no specific object(s) has been decided upon, several suggestions have been put forward to await future consideration.

In recent weeks the functions of the House Committee have been debated in the General School Committee, and in the discussions which have ensued lively exchanges have taken place. Whilst latterly a tinge of humour was provided by a certain member who appeared to be in some degree of confusion over the relative importance of wood and woodwork masters.

Yet despite the apparent apathy of some Committee members it is certainly true to say that the General School Committee has continued to conduct its affairs with a good deal of efficiency, so that much sound business has been transacted, to the general benefit of the School Community, as a whole.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Joint Chairmen: Mr. G. E. Coward, Mr. W. G. Wignall.

Secretary: R. A. Nash. Treasurer: E. G. Thomson.

Committee: A. A. Macpherson, J. D. Swarbrick,
C. D. Matthews, S. H. Wilcock, G. Norris.

This year the membership has continued to grow and at present there are 78 members, and as the Society progresses throughout the year this number, already a record, and higher than that of any other society, is expected to reach an even higher figure.

Last year's secretary R. K. Messent, has left us; in fact he has "rumbled" into the ranks of the R.A.F. He no doubt has a double rank of his own! Before doing so however, he returned to K.G.S. and gave us an interesting lecture on "Keeping an Aquarium." This was the first meeting of the term and since then we have had three film shows and two more lectures. In keeping with the recent Farnborough show, we had British Aircraft Review, 1949. Well it was only two years behind the times. On the other hand "Power from Kiewa Waters" looked to the future with the hopes of converting water from the Australian Alps into hydro electricity.

The two lectures previously mentioned have been both interesting and instructive. The secretary, R. A. Nash, "took us into the blue" trying to explain the simple facts which keep an aeroplane in the air, at least until something goes wrong (as at Hullavington.) This lecture was of special benefit to the new members of the C.C.F. Air Section.

For the instruction of some, and the entertainment of all, Mr. H. Helm gave us a lecture on "Glassblowing." This was not simply a talk. Mr. Helm illustrated his lecture by demonstrating practically that which he told us.

This term voluntary subscriptions have been collected from members—on their way out of meetings. The amount collected now totals 3s. 10d. For the benefit of doubting members, this money is used for paying postages and other dues on films, etc. There is not, as is generally believed, a 50/50 agreement between the secretary and treasurer.

OFF THE RECORD

Although it may be a breach of tradition we must start with a few words of praise for the youth who, despite the violent noise

coming from the hall at the time, produced this gem of English prose:—"The opportunity was seized whilst taking some refreshment."

Early in the summer term came the visit of the cadets to Altcar when one of the coach-drivers got lost because he thought he heard someone say that we were going to Blackpool. We might mention here a certain sergeant who insisted in sleeping under somewhat primitive conditions despite the careful preparations of his hut mates. After this came the external examination during which a wave of slackness swept over the contingent. Now, however, the tendency to turn up in civies or crepe-soled shoes has been curbed in all but a few exceptional cases.

After the exams the work of those engaged on projects was interrupted by the usual conglomeration of conferences and by a very unusual firm of photographers. All members of the school were photographed with a "happy expression." Looking at some of the photographs one might interpret the word "happy" in the wrong sense. Those persons who purchased photographs of the Library may have noticed the apparent disorder of the books on some shelves. This was due, not as some malicious wags have supposed, to a weight-lifting exhibition by the average boy assisted by "Bandy" but to the Library check.

Two interesting facts soon became evident when Sagar's gallant band started work. First, books which had not been on the shelves for about three years were once more present. Second, the number of missing opuses on one subject exceeded the number of those present. The check was checked half-way through by a Library conference. Although representatives of several schools got up and said their pieces in the afternoon, the most profitable part of the discussion is said to have taken place at tea and afterwards in the Library (Greenwood should know anyway!)

K.G.S. was also represented at the so-called inter-school S.C.M. Conference at the Park School. Although there was little activity on the part of the host school a good time was had by all five visitors except possibly a young Methodist who rather put his foot in it.

The Sixth Form broke up in an atmosphere of gloom caused by the prolonged absence from Room 7 of a certain quadruped. The situation was not improved by the news that a certain member of the Army Section had suddenly decided, after Altcar, that he would not go to camp. Mr. Wilson, who never wishes to offend anyone, pulled a muscle by trying to have a foot in each camp.

Returning from the summer holidays the school was shocked to find that there was still a goodly muster of prefects present. Some of them missed a short stocky figure giving extra instruction in drill to selected cadets at 1700 hrs. on Thursday, but they looked forward with dismay to another year with one whose memorial is already erected (those who are puzzled by this may find a study of some of the school's stained glass helpful).

An interesting event of the Winter Term was the Dramatic Society's visit to "Othello." From the point of view of this column the most interesting points about this production were Desdemona's neck which was compared to that of a giraffe, and Roderigo's face which was compared to nothing that can be printed here.

This year saw another election to elect a representative for K.G.S. (Sixth). We are told that the rest of the country held a

similar event in imitation about a week later. The Kirkham election although conducted with less vigour than last year's was more fortunate in its choice of Conservative and Labour candidates.

There remains but two duties to be performed. First, it is necessary to explode the myth that Erwin is one day hoping to be a science master. Second, we regret that we are not able to offer a prize to anyone who knows:—

Who is "The voice of them all"?

What was Ajax doing?

Who got locked in the Physics Lab.?

What is a square?

What is not a potato?

What member of UIVA wanted to write about the Ascension of George II in his history exam.

CRICKET RESULTS

	FIRST XI	Result
May 19th.—v. Blackpool G.S.	Blackpool 106 (Jenkins 6 for 30); Kirkham 97 for 7 (Wilcock 36).	Drawn
May 26th.—v. Baines G.S.	Kirkham 86 (Wilcock 28); Baines G.S. 29 (Copley 5 for 10).	Won
May 30th.—v. Arnold	Kirkham 68 for 3 (Sharples 33 not out).	Won
June 2nd.—v. Preston G.S.	Preston G.S. 55 (Jenkins 6 for 22); Kirkham 56 for 4 (Sharples 22 not out).	Won
June 9th.—v. Balshaws G.S.	Balshaws G.S. 55 (Jenkins 5 for 17) Kirkham 59 for 2 (Sharples 25).	Won
June 13th.—v. Rossall 2nd XI	Rossall 88 for 9; Kirkham 68 for 6 (Sharples 28 not out, Wilcock 20).	Drawn
June 16th.—v. Preston G.S.	Kirkham 52; Preston 44 for 7.	Drawn
June 30th.—v. Baines G.S.	Baines G.S. 47; Kirkham 48 for 4.	Won
July 4th.—v. Fleetwood G.S.	Fleetwood G.S. 72; Kirkham 73 for 6 (Longstaff 26).	Won
July 11th.—v. K.E.S.	Kirkham 44; K.E.S. 45 for 4.	Lost
July 14th.—v. Fleetwood G.S.	Fleetwood G.S. 70; Kirkham 35.	Lost
July 18th.—v. The Staff	The Staff 103 for 9 dec.; Kirkham 106 for 6 (Rigby 25, Howarth 49 not out, Charity 26 not out).	Won

SECOND XI

Result

May 19th.—v. Blackpool G.S. 2nd XI	Won
Blackpool G.S. 59 (Hancock 4 for 14); Kirkham 60 for 1, (Snape 22, Whalley 27 not out).	
May 23rd.—v. Blackpool G.S. 2nd XI	Drawn
Kirkham 96 (Basterfield 21); Blackpool G.S. 81 for 9 (Hancock 6 for 24).	
May 30th.—v. Arnold 2nd XI	Drawn
Kirkham 100 for 7 dec. (Basterfield 39); Arnold 62 9 (Townsend 4 for 6).	
June 2nd.—v. K.E.S. 2nd XI	Won
K.E.S. 42 (Snape 4 for 12, Hancock 4 for 8); Kirkham 43 for 2 (Basterfield 19).	
June 9th.—v. Balshaws 2nd XI	Won
Balshaws 70, (Hancock 5 for 26, Bullock 4 for 8); Kirkham 72 for 9, (Hancock 22, Bullock 19).	
June 13th.—v. Rossall Colts	Drawn
Rossall 99 for 4; Kirkham 49 for 3 (Whalley 22).	
June 23rd.—v. Hutton G.S.	Won
Hutton 45, (Snape 5 for 5, Jackson 4 for 14); Kirkham 46 for 5.	
July 7th.—v. Baines G.S. 2nd XI	Won
Kirkham 86, (Jackson 49 not out); Baines G.S. 7, (Jackson 6 for 3, Hancock 4 for 3).	

UNDER XV ELEVEN

Result

June 2nd.—v. Arnold Under XV	Lost
Arnold 107 (Kirby 5 for 27); Kirkham 70, (Brown 23, Kirby 19).	
June 16th.—v. Balshaws Under XV	Drawn
Balshaws 57; Kirkham 52 for 6.	
July 7th.—v. Arnold Under XV	Won
Kirkham 55; Arnold 28, (Kirby 7 for 9).	

UNDER XIV ELEVEN

May 19th.—v. Blackpool G.S. Under XIV	Lost
Blackpool G.S. 105, (Dell 6 for 40); Kirkham 51, (Dell 21).	
May 26th.—v. Baines G.S. Under XIV	Drawn
Baines 110 for 6 dec.; Kirkham 46 for 9, (Dell 14 not out).	
June 2nd.—v. Preston G.S. Under XIV	Lost
Kirkham 43, (Dell 18); Preston 48 for 5.	
July 7th.—v. Lancaster R.G.S. Under XIV	Lost
Kirkham 26; Lancaster 28 for 7.	
July 14th.—v. Lancaster R.G.S. Under XIV	Lost
Kirkham 38 for 8; Lancaster 39 for 8, (Porter 5 for 19).	

SCHOOL XI v. OLD BOYS XI

Innings of School

Sharples c Bamford b Harrison, J.	10
Rigby c & b Harrison, H.	38
Mr. Barker c Wilson b Harrison, H.	38
Howarth c Jones b Harrison, H.	9
Mr. Crane c Roscoe b Harrison, H.	6
Wilcock lbw. b Jones	14
Mr. Stevenson not out	30
Longstaff run out	12
Extras	13
Total for 7 wkts.	168

Innings of Old Boys

J. Harrison c & b Jenkins	19
J. L. Roscoe c Spicer b Copley	37
H. Harrison c Howarth b Mr. Crane	40
S. H. Edwards st. Mr. Stevenson b Mr. Crane	0
S. D. Whitehurst run out	1
A. Bamford c Copley b Mr. Crane	0
D. W. Ruddock c Mr. Barker b Mr. Crane	3
A. H. Jones run out	28
R. O. Wilson c & b Jenkins	5
N. Marsland not out	6
E. Hodge b Jenkins	2
Extras	5
Total	146

School won by 32 runs.

HOUSE RECORDS

HOUSE OFFICIALS

Ashton.—Captain: K. Thornton. House Prefects: H. M. Marsh, J. B. Reader, P. J. Barnes.

Fylde.—Captain: A. Rigby. House Prefects: J. D. Swarbrick, E. G. Thompson, J. Humphries, Copley.

Kirkham.—Captain: A. A. MacPherson. House Prefects: T. H. Clegg, J. McCredie, G. W. Humber.

Lytham.—Captain: R. A. Nash. House Prefects: C. M. McGinty, E. Waite, T. A. Burke, R. S. Fanshawe, W. E. Hancock, J. R. Lance.

Preston.—Captain: P. S. Aikman. House Prefects: S. T. Jenkins, P. B. Smith, B. G. Spicer, S. H. Wilcock.

School.—Captain: M. L. Hobson. House Prefects: J. T. Robson, J. G. Sharples, C. D. Mathews.

THE INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

The School assembled at Kirkham Baths on the 12th July, 1951, to witness the Inter House Swimming Sports. At the beginning of the sports, the School House, who were the previous holders of the House Trophy, had a substantial lead of 23 points gained on the system of standard points over their nearest opponents Preston House. It was expected that a keen struggle would develop between these two houses, with Lytham House having the additional problem of whether they could gain enough points on the sports to overhaul the School House lead. The Lytham House strength lay in their superiority in the Senior Events, although the house owes a great deal to its intermediate and juniors of whom Singleton was outstanding. One of the most outstanding events was the fine long plunge of R. K. Messent in which he broke the existing school record by seven feet.

It was very evident from both the points system and the sports that the general standard of swimming was very much improved, not only as individuals but as a school. For instance on the standard points system the Upper IV's only had one boy who could not obtain a point.

The sports ended with Lytham House victorious with a 22 point lead, thus breaking the monopoly of School House.

Our guest, Mrs. Coward, who had kindly consented to present the House Trophy, was introduced by Mr. Norwood. After her speech, C. D. Matthews proposed a vote of thanks to express the school's gratitude to her.

The school formed up and marched back to school in order of finishing at the Sports, with Lytham House in the lead.

CRICKET

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

Preston—145 for 6 dec.

Preston—103 for 6 dec.

Lytham—61

Kirkham—54

Ashton—78

Preston—97

PRESTON

School—115 for 6 dec.

School—61

Fylde—35

School—79 for 9

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

Lytham—27

Lytham—70

Ashton—22

Preston—24

School—19

Lytham—30 for 7

LYTHAM

Kirkham—67

Kirkham—65

Kirkham—29

Fylde—18

ATHLETIC SPORTS — 1951

- Putting the Shot (Sen.)—1, Macpherson (K); 2, Rigby (F);
3, McGinty (L) Distance 35ft. 5in.
- Putting the Shot (Inter.)—1, Whalley (S); 2, Norris (S)
3, Heaney (F) Distance 38ft. 7in. (Record)
- High Jump (Sen.)—1, Sharples (S); 2, Jackson (S);
3, McGinty (L) Height 5ft. 0½in.
- High Jump (Inter.)—1, Whalley (S); 2, Norris (S);
3, Jackson (A) Height 4ft. 10in. (Record)
- High Jump (Jun.)—1, Parks (F); 2, James (F);
3, (joint) Rhodes (K), Sidebottom (S) Height 3ft. 11in.
- Long Jump (Sen.)—1, Wilcock (P); 2, Charity (S);
3, Molloy (A) Distance 18ft. 1in
- Long Jump (Inter.)—1, Jackson (S); 2, Bullock (S);
3, Horsfall (K) Distance 17ft. 6in. (Record)
- Long Jump (Jun.)—1, Waddington (F); 2, Porter (L);
3, Roper (K) Distance 12ft. 10in.
- 100 yds (Sen.)—1, Wilcock (P); 2, Firth (P); 3, Mallinson
(S). Time 11.1/5 secs.
- 100 yds. (Inter.)—1, Jackson (S); 2, Jeffery (S); 3, Crompton
(A) time 11.3/5 secs.
- 110 yds. (Jun.)—1, Waddington (F); 2, Hunt (F); 3, Ward
(P). Time 13½ secs.
- Throwing the Discus.—(Sen.)—1, Sharples (S); 2, Macpher-
son (K); 3, Hancock (L). Distance 100ft. 6in.
- ¼-Mile (Sen.)—1, Levens (L); 2, Mallinson (S); 3, Thorp (S).
Time 60.2/5 secs.
- ¼-Mile (Sen.)—1, Spicer (P); 2, Bramwell (A); 3, Rogers (A)
time 2 m. 16.3/5 secs.
- ¼-Mile (Inter.)—1, Jeffery (S); Bullock (S); 3, Singleton
(L). Time 2 m. 27.3/5 secs.
- 220 yds. (Sen.)—1, Wilcock (P); 2, Firth (P); 3, Mallinson (S)
Time 25.3/5 secs.
- 220 yds (Inter.)—1, Jackson (S); 2, Crompton (A); 3,
Wardle (L). Time 27.1/5 secs.
- 220 yds. (Jun.)—1, Waddington (F); 2, Hunt (F); 3, Ward
(P). Time 30 secs.
- 120 yds. Hurdles (Sen.)—1, Wilcock (P); 2, Thorp (S); 3,
Bramwell (A). Time 16.1/5 secs.
- 120 yds. Hurdles (Inter.)—1, Whalley (S); 2, Jackson (S); 3,
Parkinson (L). Time 16.3/5 secs.
- 120 yds. Hurdles (Jun.)—1, Parks (F); 2, Bowe (L); 3,
Mitchell (S). Time 18 secs.
- 1 Mile (Sen.)—1, Waite (L) 2, Spicer (P); 3, Rogers (A).
Time 5 min. 5 secs.
- 1 Mile (Inter.)—1, Whalley (S); 2, Jackson (A); 3, Isles (L).
Time 5 min. 18.3/5 secs.

House Relay (Sen.)—1, Preston; 2, Lytham; 3, School.
 Time
 House Relay (Inter.)—1, School; 2, Ashton; 3, Lytham.
 Time 1 min. 21 secs.
 House Relay (Jun.)—1, Fylde; 2, Kirkham; 3, Preston.
 Time 1 min. 31.4/5 secs.
 Throwing the Javelin.—1, Firth (P); 2, Bramwell (A); Hine
 (S). dist. 124ft. 11in.

SWIMMING SPORTS

25 yds. Breast (Jun.)—Jenkins P., Stocks L., Mitchell S. ... 19.3/5.
 50 yds. Breast (Inter.)—Broadbent K., O'Neil P., Inglesent S. 41.2/5
 50 yds. Breast (Sen.)—McGinty L., Thorp S., Messent P. 39.
 25 yds. Back (Jun.)—Rhodes K., Jenkins P., Corlett L. 19.3/5.
 50 yds. Back (Inter.)—Singleton L., Cookson K., Exley A. ... 36.4/5.
 50 yds. Back (Sen.)—McGinty L., Thomson F., Thorp S. 39.4/5.
 Dive (Jun.)—Shipperbottom F., Dickinson L., Gara S.—Smith A.
 25 yds. F.S. (Jun.)—Rhodes K., Wood L., Bowtell P. 15.1/5.
 50 yds. F.S. (Inter.)—Singleton L., Norris S., Exley A. 29.4/5.
 50 yds. F.S. (Sen.)—Hancock L., Clegg K., Matthews S. ... 30.4/5.
 Long Plunge—Messant P., Robson S., Lance L. 53. 1½.
 100 yds. F.S. (Sen.)—Hancock L., Matthews S., McPherson K. 73
 Junior Relay—Lytham., Kirkham, Preston 91.
 Inter Relay—Kirkham, School Lytham
 Senior Relay—Lytham, Preston, School 76.

SPEECH DAY — Wednesday, 26th September, 2-30 p.m.

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS

Boy who has done most for the School ... G. R. Sagar

Sixth Form Prizes

Bowdler Mathematics Prize	...	J. D. Swarbrick
Biology Prize	...	J. B. Ball
Chemistry Prize	...	M. B. Poole
English Literature Prize	...	E. B. Greenwood
History Prize	...	E. B. Greenwood
Geography Prize	...	A. Rigby
French Prize	...	E. B. Greenwood

House Trophies

Rugby Football Shield	...	School
Cricket Shield	...	Preston
Athletic Sports Cup	...	School
Cross Country Cup	...	Preston
Swimming Cup	...	Lytham
Gym. Cup	...	School
Junior Rugby Football Cup	...	Preston
Junior Cricket Cup	...	Lytham
House Shooting Cup	...	School

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

1st Prize: S. H. Wilcock	2nd Prize: J. Jackson
Cricket, Batting: G. R. Howarth	Bowling: S. Jenkins

Gymnastic Prizes

Senior: J. M. Firth	Intermediate: J. Bullock
Junior: T. Mitchell	

Art Prizes

Senior: A. Rigby	Intermediate: W. Hancock
Junior: P. B. Myerscough	

Music Prizes

Senior: B. G. Ashworth	Junior: K. H. Cookson
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Divinity Prizes

Senior: E. B. Greenwood	Intermediate:
Junior: P. S. Hayes	J. P. Waddington

Proficiency in Agricultural Studies

W. E. Hancock

British Empire History

K. Thornton

General Knowledge

Senior: J. D. Swarbrick	Junior: C. M. Sawyer
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Reading Prizes

Senior: J. D. Swarbrick	Intermediate:
	N. A. Hunter
Junior: J. D. Farquhar	

Lower Sixth Merit Prizes

J. M. Humphreys	J. G. Sharples
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Form Prizes

UVa: J. R. Lance	UIVb: J. Stevenson
UVb: P. J. Slater	LIVa: P. S. Hayes
LVSc: M. A. Humphreys	LIVb: J. Pickup
LVM: J. A. Howard	IIIa: P. Bannister
UIVa: P. B. Myerscough	IIIb: K. Ryding

UVth Form Prizes

English: J. R. Lance	Languages: J. R. Lance
History and	Mathematics and
Geography: J. R. Lance	Science: J. O. Bullock
Merit Prize: C. H. Thorp	

Middle School Subject Prizes

English Subjects: T. Isles	Languages: J. C. Renshaw
Mathematics and	
Science: M. A. Humphreys	

Junior School Subject Prizes

English Subjects: E. Sidebottom	Languages: P. S. Hayes
Mathematics and	
Science: P. Bannister, J. M. Carmont	

Best Trier in IIIb:

T. G. Kavanagh

HONOURS, 1950-51

Past and Present Members of K.G.S.

E. B. Greenwood Lancashire County Major and State Scholarships 1951.
R. N. Brown (1947-50)	... Cadetship (R.A.F.) at Cranwell.
G. R. Allcock (1940-48)	... B.Sc. Hons. Class I (Mathematical Physics) Liverpool University. Shared Oliver Lodge Prize (for best student in Physics).
A. P. Roberts 1940-48)	... B.Sc. Hons. Class II, Div. I (Mathematics) Manchester University.
J. V. Major (1940-48)	... B.Sc. Hons. Class II, Div. I. (Physics) at Manchester University.
K. Kirkham (1939-47)	... Diploma in Agriculture, Cambridge University and T. H. Middleton Prize.
W. B. Cartmell (1938-47)	B.Vet.Sc., Liverpool University.
W. H. Woodhead (1939-45)	B.Sc., Liverpool University.
C. McNamara M.B., Ch.B. and Derby Prize for Surgery, Liverpool University.
G. K. Benson (1937-44)	... B.Sc. Hons. Class II, Div. I (Zoology), Liverpool University.
L. Rathbone (1941-48)	... B.Sc. Hons. Class II (Zoology), London University.
W. Clegg (1941-48)	... B.Sc. Hons. Class II (Mech. Engineering), London University.
P. A. Greenhalgh (1937-43)	B.Sc., London University.
A. H. Charnley (1940-47)	B.Sc. Hons. Class II (Economics), London University.
G. W. S. Knowles (1938-45)	B.A. Hons. Class II (Modern Languages), Oxford University.
K. H. Rich (1934-42)	... Final Examination Society of Incorporated Accountants.
D. R. W. Smith (1932-41)	Diploma in Physiotherapy. Glasgow University.
J. Stebbings (1938-45)	... B.Sc., Manchester University.

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Our thanks are due to Group-Captain S. P. A. Patmore for allowing us to use the R.A.F. Station Cinema and to the Manager of the Cinema, Mr. Richardson, for his helpful co-operation.

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No notice can be taken of anonymous correspondence. Contributors may, if they prefer it, send in their names in separate envelopes, which will not be opened unless the contributions are accepted. When the contributor's name is not intended for publication his "nom-de-plume" should be enclosed as well.

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The Hoghtonian	... Summer, 1951
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The Arnoldian (Arnold School, Blackpool)	... Winter, 1951
The Balshavian (Balshaw's Grammar School, Leyland)	... Spring, 1951
The Park School Magazine	... May, 1951

K. G. S. Chronicle

BEING THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
OF THE KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

No 32.

FEBRUARY, 1952.

Your Committee knew when it undertook to produce two editions of the Old Boys' Chronicle each year, that the task was onerous and that the subject matter would, of necessity, be sparse. It should not be so, because an Association of over 500 members ought always to have at its disposal adequate news of interest to most members. One wonders, therefore, why so little news does come to the Magazine Committee. Shyness? Indifference? Incompetence?—or an admixture of all? Whatever the cause, can it not be remedied? It surely can if Old Boys will cast away their modesty and become brazen enough to tell fellow members just what they have done—are doing—and what they hope to do. It can, if more concern is felt for the continuance of 'our part' of the Kirkhamian, and your Committee can only assume that the joint effort of the School Magazine and the Chronicle is a publication which interests Old Boys sufficiently to warrant future editions. Maybe members will express their opinions—in writing please—not necessarily for the use of padding for the next edition, but to give a lead to the Magazine Committee who are at once expectant yet disappointed, eager yet frustrated, anxious yet hopeful.

Since the last publication, Founder's Day and the Annual Cricket Matches have taken place. So too has the Rugger Match and the Old Boys' Dinner. Of these events further detail will be found, and here it is sufficient to say that those who attended really enjoyed themselves, and only greater numbers could have improved the occasions. The number of new Members since the last edition is 12, and the names and addresses of these are published at the end of this edition.

EDITORIAL NOTICES

MARRIAGES

Curwen-Copper. On March 24th 1951, at St. John's Parish Church, Bowling, John Alan Curwen, BSc., to Miss Muriel Copper of Bradford.

Robinson-Turner. On the 1st August, 1951, at St. Thomas's Church, St. Annes, K. W. Robinson to Miss Ann Turner of St. Annes.

OBITUARIES

Roberts—On the 23rd August, 1951, in Bangor Hospital. W. B. Roberts.

Abrams—On the 29th September, 1951, at Kirkham, R. Abrams.

Threlfall—On the 15th August, 1951, in Sharoe Green Hospital, J. Threlfall.

Nightingale—On the 18th August, 1951, tragically at Fairhaven Lake, L. Nightingale,

Whittle—On the 21st July, 1951, at Freckleton, W. Whittle.

W. B. ROBERTS

There is not a Lancashire cricket supporter who will not be saddened by the death of W. B. Roberts in a Bangor hospital on Thursday night. He suffered a relapse while convalescent in Anglesey after an internal operation. He was barely 37.

Roberts was Lancashire's most reliable and generally most successful slow left-arm spin bowler during the seasons 1946, 1947, 1948, and 1949, during which he took 382 wickets for 7,983 runs at an average of 20.89. He was second in his county's bowling averages in 1946 and 1947 and headed them in 1948 and 1949. He played in three Victory Test matches against Australia in 1945, and took six wickets for 21 runs for an England eleven against the West Indies at Lord's in the same year. Yet in spite of this promise Roberts never played for England in an official Test match and it is as a staunch county player that he always will be remembered. He joined Lancashire shortly after he left Kirkham Grammar School in 1939, and did not leave the county until the end of 1949, when he joined a Birmingham League club.

On the score cards Roberts was known as Roberts, W.B., but to the crowd he was known as "Bill." This was not an assumption of familiarity but a measure of affection. For Roberts was one of the most lovable characters that ever walked a cricket field. He may have played cricket partly to earn money, but he played cricket mainly because he loved it. For example he loved fielding, picking up a ball cleanly at great speed and hurling it back straight and hard directly over the wickets. Throughout the longest day a cheery smile never left him, and when, sometimes, grace descended on his batting and he emulated unbelievably Washbrook's square cut, Place's glance and turned shots to square leg, Hammond's back-footed cover drive, and even invented a late cut of his own, he scampered between the wickets happy and laughing as a sandboy.

Even the serious business of his life—bowling—could never reduce him to gloom, no matter how hard and thankless the day. But he did take bowling seriously none the less and, like all proper students of cricket's subtlest art, concentrated first and foremost on accuracy. Roberts bowled few bad balls day in day out, and it was perhaps because he did so that he missed the highest prizes of the game. For rich and beguiling though the arc of his trajectory was at its best, often Roberts would seem to sacrifice the risks of varied flight for steadiness. At other times he would paralyse an opponent's freedom of shot by bowling wide on the off-side when one felt that by attacking the stumps he might have taken wickets. But one never quite knew with Roberts. For there was always his startling, dangerous quicker ball that went with his arm, and in form he varied his pace and width most shrewdly. These were the wise, logical stratagems of a bowler who on good wickets could not always spin the ball as much as he would have liked.

One thing one did know. Wherever and whenever Roberts played, cricket would wear a smile—his smile. And when Roberts left Lancashire something of sunniness left his county's cricket. Roberts bred affection wherever he went. It was perhaps a more important thing to have done than to take wickets.

NEWS OF THE OLD BOYS—NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS, Etc.

Mr. J. V. Major, younger son of Mrs. and Mrs. A. J. Major, of St. Patrick's Road, South, St. Annes, has been awarded a B.Sc. degree with honours in physics at Manchester University.

Mr. Kenneth H. Rich, the 25-year-old son of Mr. T. B. Rich, of Clifton Drive, South, St. Annes, has passed the final examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants.

Mr. T. G. H. Pimley has been successful in the Higher National Certificate Examination in Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. John Alan Curwen has gained his B.Sc. ENG. (HONS.) at the recent London University examination. He was also awarded the Bradford Technical College Diploma, has now joined a firm of engineers in Peterborough.

Arnold Gastrell informs us that the Rev. Cresswell Strange, M.A., came up to Wilmslow specially to officiate at the wedding of his daughter on 1st September.

All Old Boys' will congratulate our President, Mr. D. Norwood M.A., on being appointed one of the new Justices of the Peace for Lancashire. The announcement in the newspaper read as under:—

"Mr. Norwood came from Stand Grammar School, Whitefield, Nr. Manchester, in 1945 to the headmastership of Kirkham Grammar School. He went to Oxford University in 1919 and got his B.A. degree three years later, and his M.A. in 1926. From Oxford, he went to London University for a diploma in geography in 1930. He is a past president of Radcliffe Rotary Club."

"1888 Schooldays"

Mr. Harold Pearson, of West Park Road, Blackpool, was the oldest "old boy" at Kirkham Grammar School Old Boys' Association Annual Dinner in Blackpool the other night. Mr. Pearson, sprightly 77-year-old, clearly remembers his school days at Kirkham. He was a pupil at the old school in Church Street before the new building

was erected in Ribby Road. He started in 1888 as a day boy under the Rev. A. E. Matthews. After a recent trip round the School, his comment was: "Schools have more room these days and they are better equipped."

His father, the late Councillor James Pearson, a chairman of the Winter Gardens Company, and the proprietor of a china shop in Bank Hey Street, is remembered in Blackpool as one of the pioneers of the promenade.

Mr. Chat Trevor has been successful in passing the National Higher Certificate in Mechanical Engineering.

CORRESPONDENCE

28, Raleigh Road,
Wimbledon, S.W.19
November 7th, 1951.

Dear Mr. Turner,

They say a change of air is good for anyone and having been advised by the examiners to take one I have made the change from South Kensington to South Bank—from Imperial College to Battersea Polytechnic. Tragic, but true. My first thoughts are on the improbability of anything happening in this remote place to concern K.G.S., but on reflection, things do bob up to be set down: for instance, the look in an ex-R.A.F. man's eye when I mentioned Kirkham—reminiscent in a nasty sort of way so that one learns to keep one's origins quiet. In addition, the "you know—near Blackpool," bit induces in friends an odd searching look for the Stick of Rock and the Funny Hat, and in landladies an absurd insistence on Tripe and Fish-and-Chips.

The other day I had a letter from Charlie Capstick, fairly fresh from the Army and now reading Rugger at Chelsea Polytechnic with 1st M.B. as an interesting hobby. Chelsea is our nearest rival and our Sister Institution so I should be seeing Charlie before long, one way or another. From a long weep we had on each other's shoulders over the 'phone it seems that Chemistry and Finance are still the main obstacles to that high, wide and handsome outlook every student ought to have. Just as in Mr. Birdsall's day. He (Charlie) said he came across Nobby Crook and Tony Bretherton in the mob.

Penrose Binns comes up to London now and then, and next time he comes we'll have a reunion with some of our old Fleetwood G.S. friends. There are several about town now. Penrose and I were about the last of the old Fleetwood-and-District Guard, with Rhys Davies and Dave Gibbs, but I think the detention book still has the odd character from our old habitat to keep the record going. Rhys has disappeared now, I think to Birmingham (Fleetwood very quiet?) and Dave Gibbs came from the Military Police in Austria to the Lancs. Constabulary over a year ago. As for Penrose, although nominally in the army, he had the good fortune or the good sense, both to join the regimental band and to get engaged so that when not on leave he sings on Britain's Band-stands—very much in the public eye.

Occasionally out of the roar of London's traffic comes a surprise, and in this way one day came Alan Charnley. The Charnley eye was a bit glassy and fixed on the distance, so when he passed

unblinking by I assumed a heavy night before and sympathised. The surprise was a bit too much and he slipped away before I spoke. R. W. Hines I met, too, and his perm at a dance at Avery Hill College. He is 'on loan' from the Ministry of Supply to West Ham Tech. to do B.Sc. Chem. Eng.—one up on the days he and Flather went to such pains working out angles under Mr. Motley's eye. At another dance (fine instructions these college hops) I met in quick succession two girls from Queen Mary's and the chap in Rossall cricket team, 1950, who removed my teeth with a short fast one. A small world! (To coin a phrase).

Jack Brown has gone to Cranwell I'm told. He makes the (I think) fourth K.G.S. connection with Cranwell. One chap I never knew, Jack Bureau's brother, is in his first year and the first was John, my brother, who was at K.G.S. for only one year before we left for New Zealand in 1940. He is now flying in M.E.F. Hastings Force (Transport Command) and is consequently very busy at the moment. And Bureau is in the Air Force still, too, and is stuck way out in the backwoods of Ireland; Radio Op. on a coastal Command Station.

Term closes so late at this establishment that I generally miss all the School and Old Boys' functions. I'm sorry not to be one of the Carol Party this year, but may it long continue all the same.

Cheerio to K.G.S.,

Yours sincerely,

Ivan Palmer.

P.S. I find I have forgotten Dave Griffith whom I have not seen ever since he owed me two bob. A girl asked me, just lately if I knew him; so I told her. That was only a month ago, so Dave must still be with us.

Cliffcote,

Warwick.

November, 1951.

My Dear Old Boys,

My Dear Friend, Clifford Turner, has suggested that I should write a letter telling you something of my life and activities in Warwick. I have my doubts as to whether this can be of great interest to you but I have promised to comply with his request.

I can truthfully say that the last six years have passed all too quickly and I have never found time hang on my hands or been short of something to do.

A large garden consumes all my spare time but it has to come second place to cricket. From my earliest days I have been most keenly interested in the fortunes of Warwickshire cricket. Shortly before I left Kirkham I was appointed a member of the Warwickshire Committee and I have missed very few days' cricket at our Edgbaston ground during the last six seasons. No need to tell you what tremendous pleasure our winning the County Championship has given me. I had also greatly enjoyed the subsequent celebrations.

On happiness cricket brought us was that Bill Roberts would usually spend a couple of nights with us when Lancashire were our visitors. His untimely passing is a great grief to us,

Warwick is most conveniently situated twixt North and South, and we have enjoyed many happy hours when Old Boys or former colleagues have visited us. These visits and many letters have kept us in touch with the old school and brought back memories of days gone by.

A great kindness we receive from an Old Boy is a constant supply of local papers of Kirkham and district, and we find great interest in reading the various activities of our Old Boys.

I am still in touch with school life for Oxford University has recently appointed me a Governor of the Warwick Schools.

Since 1945 I have tried to do a useful job of work as Hon. Secretary to the Coventry Diocesan Advisory Committee for the care of Churches.

We have a very comfortable home, and Mrs. Strange and I often look at the paintings of K.G.S. and recall the happy days we spent with you.

Our kindest and best wishes to you all,

Yours very sincerely,

Cresswell Strange.

Institut de Biologie Médicale,
Faculté de Médecine,
Strasbourg (Bas-Rhin),
France.

October 30th, 1951.

Hon. Secretary,
K.G.S. Old Boys' Association.

Dear Sir,

In July this year, on terminating our four years of assiduous toil and industry at the University of Liverpool, we realised with something of a shock, that our ex-Service grant would no longer be available to provide the necessities of life (it is best to buy the bottled type in Liverpool, by the way, the draught is not recommended). There seemed, in the circumstances, no alternative other than to seek a post — preferably carrying a large salary — and we accordingly made application for a number of jobs for which we considered our highly skilled and specialised training fitted us admirably.

We regret to report that our prospective employers exhibited a marked apathy and a stubborn refusal to appreciate the initiative, enterprise, and bounding energy which we were willing to place at their disposal, until at last, we were received more favourably by the National Institute for Research in Dairying at Reading. We were applying for the post of Histologist (a branch of science about which our knowledge was somewhat limited), and it was somewhat of a surprise to receive notification that provided we were willing to spend six months abroad to learn some specialised techniques, we were in.

Needless to say, we accepted, and as a result arrived in Strasbourg about the middle of October.

We find it a city of great charm, much of it dating from the 14th and 15th centuries, and even earlier, and possessing, of course, a magnificent Cathedral begun in 1015 and completed in 1439. The

people of Alsace are of independant disposition, having a language of their own compounded of German and French, but although Alsace was German territory between 1870 and 1918 the people did not favour German rule and are extremely patriotic toward France.

Of particular interest to us at least, is the fact that Strasbourg is in the centre of a great vine growing region and the local wines and alcohols, distilled from grapes and other fruit are internationally famous. We were prevailed upon to sup one or two of the ferments shortly after our arrival—Framboise for example. Checking with our dictionary we translated this as being probably some sort of raspberry wine. There was, admittedly, a faint soupcon of raspberry flavour which we noted in the few seconds before it seared its way downwards and apparently de-atomised in the stomach. Similarly Kirsch, distilled from greengages and plums, would, we think, provide a useful source of power to replace the Persian oil. We took a trip to the Vosges, a chain of tree-clad rounded mountains of no great height, and saw some of the vineyards, acres of them, stretching as far as the eye could see. A splendid sight, there is obviously no immediate danger of a raw material shortage.

So here we are, leaving behind us quite a strong contingent of Old Boys in Liverpool, including A. Clift who is proceeding steadily towards the attainment of his Ph.D. degree in Endocrine studies, and W. Woodhead who has gained his Ordinary degree of B.Sc. and is now taking his Honours degree in Zoology.

Others, like ourselves, have left the hallowed walls; C. MacNamara for instance, now a fully qualified civil servant and who, incidentally, carried off the Derbyshire prize in his Medical Finals. As for W. B. Cartmell, he will no doubt be representing Gloucestershire on the Rugby field this year, as he is now in practice there as a Vet.

To conclude, we would extend our best wishes to all those of our friends from K.G.S. who may read this, and should any of them come down this way, we would be delighted to give them the Raspberry (*vide supra*).

Yours sincerely,

Ex-Liverpuddlian.

Dear Mr. Turner,

I am writing to give you one or two items of news which might be of interest to readers of the K.G.S. Chronicle.

On the 7th July, Saturday, I attended Degree Day at Liverpool University. The event was made more homely by seeing a number of Old Boys receiving their degree.

(1937-44) Keith Benson who got his ordinary degree last year has now obtained Honours B.Sc. Class II division I in the School of Zoology.

G. R. Allcock 1940-48 was awarded a first in the Honour School of Mathematical Physics (B.Sc.).

Colin McNamara (opprox. 1940) obtained the degree of Bachelor of Medicine.

I myself obtained the degree of B.Sc. in Biology, and next year I will be taking Honours in Zoology.

The large frame of R. I. Smith (1941-47) was in evidence. Dressed in a gown and mortar board with a wand in one hand, he conducted the Vice Chancellor to and from the Hall. Smith is studying Medicine.

The next piece of news is one year old, but has never been published to my knowledge. It is that I, W. H. Woodhead, was married to Miss Barbara Taylor at Fairhaven on the 19th August, 1950.

Allan Clift (1935-43) who obtained a top second in Zoology (B.Sc.) last year, 1950, has a very nice room in the University and is studying for his Ph.D.

May I say that I like the idea of combining the old with the new. Although I am a relatively young old boy, the magazine in its present form prevents that feeling of one becoming a fossil.

Hoping that some of the enclosed information may be useful in the next edition of the Chronicle.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

W. Woodhead, (1939-45).

N. Garlick (Stwd.),

M.V. "Manunda,"

Adelaide S.S. Co., Sydney,

New South Wales,

Australia.

17th June, 1951.

To K.G.S. Old Boys,

After having been away from England for about 18 months I think that it is time I wrote a few lines to the Association and maybe get a few lines in return from some of my old school mates. Since leaving England, I have seen many interesting places and met some of the nicest people imaginable. I have made very good use of my time in Australia and have travelled from Perth in the West, right up to Cairns in tropical Northern Queensland which I should estimate to be a distance of 4,000 miles. My first job in Australia was at Kalgoorlie in the west as a gold miner, which I found was very interesting, although I didn't stay there very long as I moved to Adelaide to team up with another Englishman whom I met on the ship coming out from England. In Adelaide I took a job in a factory, and from there went to Melbourne, truck driving. My intentions from my arrival in Australia were to visit Queensland, and I finally got there last October getting a job as a steward on the pilot ship and after a couple of weeks I was fortunate in joining the above mentioned ship. It is a vessel of some 9,000 tons which carries about 400 tourists as well as cargo, going from Melbourne to Cairns calling at Sydney, Brisbane and Townsville en route. The conditions on the Australian ships would, I think, be the best in the world and therefore I consider myself to be very satisfied with my job. At this time of the year the weather in the south is very cold, I even feel the cold more than ever I did in England, but in Queensland the weather is glorious. Between Townsville and Brisbane we go through the Whit-Sunday Passage, which is reputed to be one of the most beautiful pieces of scenery in the world. The Barrier Reef runs

down this particular stretch of coast-line but for obvious reasons we actually do not see much of it. One can take trips out from Cairns and visit various parts of the Barrier Reef and can see the natural coral beds through glass-bottomed boats.

I have a lot of time for Australia and would give anyone information as regards migrating here if required. Anyway, I must close now and hope for some of my old school pals to get in touch with me so that we might exchange a few of the old K.G.S. memories.

Yours sincerely,

N. GARLICK.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE ANNUAL DINNER

By MR. JOHN E. WARD.

Eheu ! Fugaces labuntur anni !

Which Old Boy does not recall with a thrill of pleasure the many happy hours he spent at School reading the Odes of Horace? What! All of you? Since, then, you have so lamentably failed to profit from a classical education, we will translate, for we still have with us the crib we used at School.

Alas! The fleeting years roll by!

This morbid thought struck us when we attended the Old Boys' Annual Dinner at the County Hotel, Blackpool, on Saturday, 17th November, 1951, and met some of our contemporaries. Those responsible for the excellent arrangements had wisely ordained that every O.B. should wear in his lapel a disc on which was inscribed his name and the years of his incarceration at K.G.S. Certainly without these aids we should never have recognised many of those who were at School with us.

We learn to our amazement that the urbane gentleman in the corner, with the gold cigar case and the aldermanic paunch, is "Scruffy" Snodgrass whom we knew as a pimply ink-stained youth who used to keep frogs in his desk. And the shrewd, alert and courteous stranger who introduces himself to you and who, you learn later, is now a most respected headmaster, is one "Pongo" Postlethwaite with whom you have often shared a Woodbine behind the bicycle shed!

And yet the Masters never seem to change. And although you left School twenty years ago, you are not yet emancipated. You try to chat with ease and assurance to Mr. Williams, but you cannot avoid the dreadful feeling that he still remembers you as that wretched creature in the Lower IVth who was absolutely incapable of recognising a subordinate adverbial clause of concession. Mr. Hughes welcomes you warmly, but you feel that he has not forgotten that you failed miserably in the School Certificate History Paper because of your inability to sort out all the Charleses and Jameses.

It was a pity that only about seventy attended the Dinner, for everyone thoroughly enjoyed himself. The Headmaster, as President of the Association, proposed the toast of "The School," and in his inimitable style recounted a number of off-the-record incidents of the past year. Mr. Crane responded with a witty speech that provoked so much laughter that guests in the lounge could be observed trying

to listen-in through the glass partition. The toast of "The Association" was proposed by Mr. J. K. Platt, and to this Mr. H. Daniels replied. Mr. F. H. Jolly was toastmaster; Mr. Graham Adams was a first-rate entertainer; while Messrs. Catteral and Swarbrick made their contribution towards a grand social evening.

Our Secretary, Mr. H. C. Turner, to whose enthusiasm and efficiency we owe so much of the success of the Association, has just sent us a photograph of a lively group at the Dinner. For some time we failed to recognise one member of the party, a small chap in the corner, with a lined face and a wicked leer. Then the dreadful truth was suddenly revealed. It is none other than the writer of these notes!

Eheu !

THE ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH

Held on 21st July, 1951.

This year the net of the one man selection committee for the Old Boys' Cricket Team had been cast far and wide. Players had travelled from as far afield as Whitby, Nottingham, Cambridge, and one Colonial had voyaged from distant Nigeria. It was all of no avail and the present School recorded a well deserved win by 22 runs.

Once again we were favoured with the weather, and on winning the toss, the school had no hesitation in taking first knock on a firm wicket. The Old Boys' bowling was nothing if not varied and the captain was hard put to, to keep the rate of scoring down. All the batsmen showed that they had been well schooled in the basic rudiments of the game; left elbow up for left foot to the pitch of the ball. We feel that careful coaching and the vast improvement made to the School pitch are now reaping their due rewards.

After a most welcome tea of the usual high K.G.S. standard, Harrison and Roscoe started the reply to the School's more than useful total of 168. Mr. Crane, no doubt after a conference with the wily veteran Mr. Stevenson, had timed his declaration so that the Old Boys had to push the score along at a steady rate to have a chance of winning. Alas! After the first three batsmen had more than done their share, the only pushing that was done, was by the present school with the exception of A. H. Jones who made a valiant 28 before being run out.

An excellent game, and if the writer may be allowed one last reflection. What a consistent batsman H. Harrison is for the Old Boys in these games !

K.G.S. OLD BOYS

J. Harrison c & b Jenkins	19
J. Roscoe c Spicer b Copley	37
H. Harrison c Howarth b Mr. Crane	40
S. H. Edwards st Mr. Stevenson b Mr. Crane ...	0
S. D. Whitehurst run out	1
A. Bamford c Copley b Mr. Crane	0
R. W. Ruddock c Mr. Barker b Mr. Crane	3
A. Jones run out	28
R. O. Wilson c & b Jenkins	5
N. Marsland not out	6
E. Hodge b Jenkins	2

Extras 5

Total 146

Bowling: Jenkins, 13.5—0—55—3; Copley, 9—0—27—1; Mr. Crane, 14—1—58—4.

Wickets for Runs

1—24, 2—93, 3—99, 4—100, 5—100, 6—101, 7—111,
8—125, 9—139, 10—140.

K.G.S. PRESENT

Sharpley c Bamford b J. Harrison	10
Rigby A. c & b H. Harrison	38
Mr. Barker c Wilson b H. Harrison	36
Howarth c Jones b H. Harrison	9
Mr. Crane c Roscoe c H. Harrison	6
Wilcock lbw. b Jones	14
Mr. Stevenson (not out)	30
Longstaff (run out)	12
Extras	13

Total for 7 dec. 168

Spicer, Jenkins, Copley (did not bat).

Bowling: Ruddock, 3—0—14—0; J. Harrison, 3—3—0—1; Marsland, 7—2—15—0; Edwards, 3—0—20—0; Jones, 9—1—39—1; Roscoe, 5—0—13—0; H. Harrison, 11.6—3—28—4; Wilson, 8—2—27—0.

Wickets for Runs:

1—13; 2—76; 3—101; 4—102; 5—108; 6—133; 7—168.

OLD BOYS versus OLD BOYS

THE ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH

This Annual challenge match, which is becoming increasingly popular, will be remembered for two outstanding performances of a most attractive and invigorating stand of 82 between Mr. Crane and Mr. Middleton, and a bowling performance by R. O. Wilson which gave him the unduly flattering analysis of five wickets for one run. It was refreshing to see and hear the ball hit so hard by these two batsmen. The neglected art of straight driving was revived for a short period, and even the positioning of a long off and a long on should not prevent the batsmen from scoring the majority of their

runs in boundaries, much to the relief of Mr. Middleton who does not find short singles to his liking these days. Perhaps it should also be recorded that in the absence of a recognised stumper, Mr. Crane donned the gloves and acquitted himself most nobly by stumping two of R. O. Wilson's victims. It was evident that he was able to sort out the "wrong un" from the right one—a thing that the under 30's tail end batsmen could not do.

The thanks of the Old Boys' Cricketers are once again due to Mr. and Mrs. Norwood and all at School for their wonderful co-operation in helping in no small way to make both the cricket matches such a success.

K.G.S. OLD BOYS—Under 30's

R. Rishton	3
H. Kirby	32
R. Eastham	16
J. Rigby	2
J. Clarke	0
R. W. Rishton	0
R. Hird	2
D. W. Ruddock	0
S. H. Edwards	0
S. D. Whitehurst	3
E. Hodge	0
Extras	3
Total	61

Bowling:

H. Harrison: 1 for 13; Wilson: 5 for 1; Jones: 4 for 8.

K.G.S. OLD BOYS'—Over 30's

J. Harrison	3
H. Harrison	16
N. J. Orr	6
J. L. Roscoe	6
S. Crane	58
S. Middleton	42
A. Bamford	6
J. F. Morse	4
R. O. Wilson	0
T. Ruxton	0
Extras	6
Total	147

Bowling:

Edwards: 4 for 36; Clarke: 3 for 18; Whitehurst: 1 for 14.

THE ANNUAL RUGGER MATCH

November 17th, 1951.

Team:—Messrs. R. O. Wilson, P. Dunkley, S. H. Edwards, J. Rigby, R. Rigby, J. H. Prew, K. Rich, H. Longstaffe, G. Chatburn, G. R. Shepherd, F. Lodge, J. K. Murray, Rd. Thornton, J. Hankinson, H. Calland.

The heavy rainfall of the early part of November ensured that the School field had the traditional covering of mud with which to welcome the Old Boys'. If the Old Boys' Captain did little else, he did at least win the toss, a factor that had no small bearing on the result of the match. Having elected to play down the slope we were at half-time in the position of being the proud scorers of five points to the School's eight points. But the slope had played its part, the livelier but far more mobile school pack had worn themselves out countering the lumbering raids of the Old Boys' eight, and when they had the advantage of the slope and wind, they could not reap the benefits for want of stamina.

The writer, from the old man's position of full back, had ample time to reflect on the assorted colours of jerseys that gradually faded into a uniform, the colour of mud brown. Also, having ensured by his team selection that he had playing in front of him, a fast and virile three quarter line, he was able to appreciate the quality of the rugby played by the School fifteen; the spirited manner in which they stuck to their task, and their constant endeavour to play open Rugby and only to use the kick for touch as a last resort. In fact they played Rugby Football as it should be played, and they can have no higher praise than that from an Old Boy.

It only remains to state that the final score was 18—8 for the Old Boys. Tries were scored by G. Chatburn, R. Rigby, J. Rigby and J. Hankinson, and J. Rigby, who certainly had his kicking boots on, converted three of them.

A hot bath, an excellent school tea, the Old Boys' Dinner in the evening and another memorable day was over.

R. O. WILSON.

KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS

- * Pye, Raymond (1921-1925), 32, Alexandra Road, Worthing.
- Levens, M. (1948-1951), 146 St. Albans Road, St. Annes on Sea.
- Sagar, G. R. (1943-1951), School House, Woodplumpton, Preston.
- Kennedy, S. A. (1946-1951), The Vicarage, Pilling, nr. Preston.
- Mallinson, R. H. (1946-1951), 1A, Ryburn Av., Marton, Blackpool.
- Bramwell, J. A. (1945-1951), 3, Melbert Av., Cadley, Preston.
- Metcalf, G. (1946-1951), Barton House Farm, Barton, Nr. Preston.
- Longstaff, K. (1946-1951), 62, Orchard Road, St. Annes.
- Messent, R. K. (1944-1951), 13, Sedberg Street, Preston.
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- Hodgson, P. T. (1940-1945), 220, Inver Road, Bispham, Blackpool.
- Wright, A. I. (1948-1949), 29, Ribble Road, Fleetwood.

* Indicates Life Member.

NOTE:—

Addresses of many Old Boys are not known, and only those that are felt to be correct are inserted. The Hon. Secretary will be grateful for any information concerning these members, and also notification of any change of address.

Each Association year closes on October 31st; after this date will members kindly send their subscriptions (5/-) to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. C. Turner, at Progress Mill, Kirkham, or 1 Queen's Road, St. Annes.

Those wishing to become Life Members, please write to the Hon. Secretary, who will at once state the amount due.

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WAR MEMORIAL

The War Memorial Committee, which is composed of representatives of Governors, Old Boys', and K.G.S. has had several meetings and finally it was decided that a bronze tablet, as like as possible to the 1914-1918 Memorial should be erected in the School Hall. Details will not be available until relatives of Old Boys' on the Roll of Honour have been consulted. It is, however, important that any information other than that already published should be sent to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible as the completion of the tablet is expected early in the New Year.

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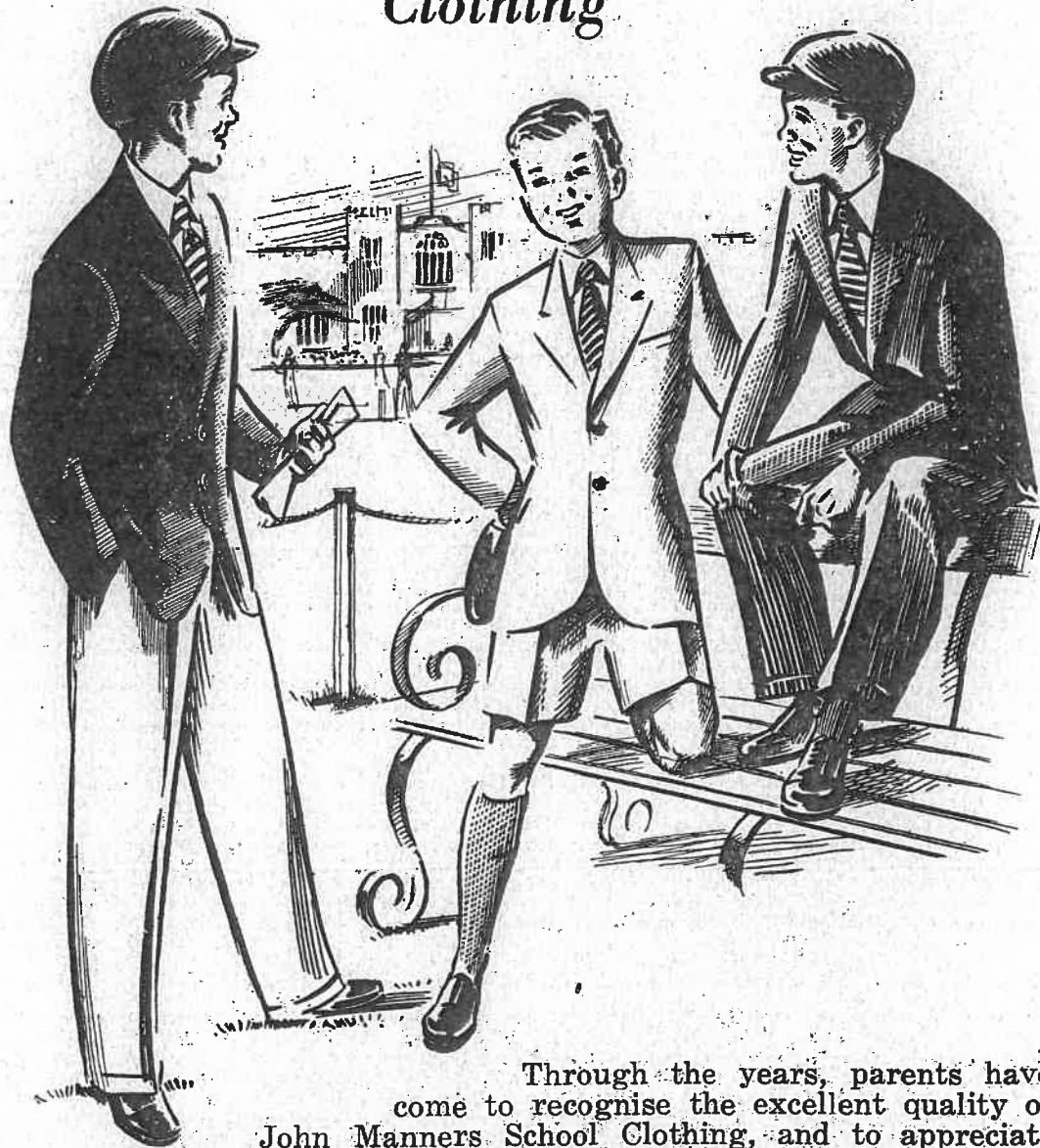
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