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SCHOOL OFFICERS, JULY, 1950

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Editorial

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R. A. BROWN

THIS first year of our fifth century has certainly set the pace for the future. The greatest part of the burden, though, has fallen upon Sixth Form shoulders, and thus the year may not have seemed an abnormal one to most junior eyes: but when the Headmaster at the closing service requested hopefully the school's applause for the prefects, he must have had in mind the huge amount of work—and play—that the Sixth Forms had poured into this final term.

Exams. for the Sixth came almost a month earlier this year, making necessary some concentrated work in the Easter holidays, and leaving also a large space to be filled—between the middle of June and the end of July; and it was in the filling of this space that many of the year's novel features appeared. There were projects to be done, whose subject matter was taken from an almost limitless choice, and there were jobs to be undertaken about the school which, though under the heading of "Service" were nevertheless Projects of a different sort. There were visits to places of special interest, and attendances at two schools' conferences, and finally, to cap the Sixth Form's activities, there was an entertainment given for two nights during the last week of term which was produced jointly with the Sixth Form of Elmslie Girls' School.

In this manner, then, was made an extension of the social and cultural life of the school, but on the cricket field, too, an innovation was made when we started a Cricket Week, with two matches for the "Optimists," a Staff match, and the annual match with the Old Boys. It could be explained here, in passing, that the composition of the "Optimists" team, which has been a mystery to the school in general, is in fact a very flexible one which allows for the inclusion of 1st XI members, members of the Staff, Old Boys and friends of the school.

The normal cricket activity in the school has suffered to an appreciable extent from bad weather. The comment upon the school teams is made further on in this edition, but it should be noted here how very much more nearly our fields are approaching the state in which we should like to see them, and the enthusiastic remarks from past members of K.G.S. teams are praise enough for the work that has been done.

It can be fairly said that the Sixth Form has had a very generous share of the year's proceedings—even including Eric's brief reappearance—and it is the hope of all who have the welfare of K.G.S. at heart that a much larger number of those who arrive to swell the Third Forms will stay to take part in the very much fuller life of the Sixth; their hope, too, that they in the future will enjoy their Sixth Form time as much as have those who are leaving now.

NOTES AND ITEMS

MR. BARTLE'S WEDDING

It was with great pleasure that the School learned of Mr. Bartle's marriage, which took place on Saturday, June 17th. To mark the event the School presented him with a clock. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Bartle every happiness, and welcome Mrs. Bartle into the K.G.S. family.

UPPER SIXTH FORM ACTIVITIES

With many weeks of the summer term left after the exams., the Upper Sixth were far from idle. The time was divided between project work, when individuals vanished into such recondite corners of learning as the County Record Office for hours at a stretch in order to prepare weighty theses; service periods, when the library was checked, books stylussed, the pavilion was painted—or nearly so—and the waste ground east of the C.C.F. Hut was reconnoitred with a view to preparing it as a garden; debates and talks. Included in the latter category were a series of talks on the theatre given by Mr. Laughton, and illustrated by the reading of the play "The Ascent of F 6." Most of the aspects of the theatre, from the history of drama to details of stage technique, were studied, and provided, as it happened, a fitting preparation for the entertainment "Double-Six," described elsewhere.

FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS

On the morning of Thursday, July 27th, Mrs. Barton graciously performed the ceremony of unveiling the bell presented by the members of the Upper Sixth Form 1949-50, to hang in the new School Dining Hall. Mrs. Barton, who said she was not sure whether one unveiled or tolled a bell on such an occasion, successfully evaded the dilemma by breaking the bell-pull.

SWIMMING

The School was once more unsuccessful at the Inter-School Swimming Sports held at Derby Baths, Blackpool. No points were obtained, but it was some consolation to share bottom place with Hutton.

The School Swimming Sports were held in Kirkham Baths on Friday, July 21st. The School, packed as usual round two sides of the Baths, watched School House win after leading on standard points where they gained 90% of the possible total. One of the finest, if not the most spectacular, performances, was R. Robson's long plunge of 45 feet. Mrs. Wilson, presenting the trophy, said how much she had enjoyed the sports, and wished all the leavers happiness and success in the future. Matthews proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Wilson. Gratitude was once again expressed to Mr. Tate for the use of the baths, and for his help and encouragement throughout the season.

At the last General School Committee meeting of the term a proposal to the effect that the Swimming Committee be asked to consider withdrawing from the inter-school swimming sports provoked a lively debate. The motion was finally rejected.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to G. R. Sagar, S. Allcock and R. Greenough on having been awarded County Major Scholarships on their results in the Higher School Certificate examination.

SALVETE AND VALETE

Salvete:

R. Blackledge, L IVa, Ashton House.

Valete:

UPPER VI

R. M. Brown

School: Prefect, 1st XV, School Swimming Team, Badminton Team.

House: Handball, Running, Cricket (colours), Athletics, Rugby.

Sub-Librarian, Air Section C.C.F., Fell-Walking and Mountaineering Society.

S.C., H.S.C. Fylde House.

J. R. Bureau

School: Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI (20 cap), Athletics (colours), Badminton Team.

House: Handball, Running, Cricket (colours), Athletics, Rugby.

Air Section C.C.F., Sub-Editor of Magazine, Dramatic Society, Musical Society.

S.C., H.S.C. Lytham House.

D. Burton

School: Vice-Captain, Prefect, 1st XV (colours).
House: Captain of Preston House, Rugby, Cricket, Running.
Air Section C.C.F., Library Secretary, Photographic Society,
House Sub-Committee.
S.C. Preston House.

I. C. R. Byatt

School: Prefect, 1st XV.
House: Handball, Cricket, Athletics, Rugby.
Debating Society, Rugby Committee, Sub-Librarian.
S.C., H.S.C. Preston House.

P. H. Dunkley

School: 1st XV (colours), 1st XI, Swimming Team, Athletics.
House: Handball, Cricket, Athletics, Rugby.
Air Section C.C.F., Films Committee, Calendar Committee,
Mountaineering and Fell-Walking Society.
S.C. School House.

J. D. Gibson

School: Prefect, 2nd XV.
House: Handball, Cricket (colours), Rugby (colours), Athletics,
Running,
Musical Society, Debating Society, Calendar Committee.
S.C., H.S.C. Fylde House.

P. Gill

School: Prefect, 1st XV (colours).
House: Athletics, Rugby (colours), Cricket (colours), Running,
Handball.
Air Section C.C.F.
S.C., H.S.C. Lytham House.

R. Greenough

School: Prefect.
House: Rugby (colours).
Sub-Librarian, Sub-Editor of Magazine, Dramatic Society,
Debating Society.
S.C., H.S.C., County Major Scholarship. Ashton House.

R. Ingham

House: Rugby (colours), Cricket, Swimming, Athletics.
S.C., H.S.C. Kirkham House.

D. H. Pimley

School: Prefect, 1st XV, Athletics Team.
House: Handball, Rugby, Athletics.
Air Section C.C.F., Badminton Society, Photographic Society,
Sub-Librarian, Audit Committee.
S.C. Preston House.

LOWER VI

- J. W. Crozier**
C.C.F. S.C. Preston House.
- D. T. Fazackerley**
School: Running, Athletics, U15XI, U14XI.
House: Cricket, Rugby, Running, Athletics.
C.C.F. S.C. Preston House.

UPPER Va

- A. G. Cottam**
House: Running.
Dramatic Society, Musical Society, Debating Society, Army
Section C.C.F. Ashton House.
- A. Gosling**
House: Rugby, Cricket, Running, Athletics.
Army Section C.C.F.
S.C. Preston House.
- J. N. Hindley**
Army Section C.C.F.
S.C. Preston House.
- M. McDonough**
School: 2nd XV, 2nd XI.
House: Rugby, Cricket, Running.
Air Section C.C.F. Preston House.
- A. W. Marginson**
School: Running.
House: Rugby, Cricket, Running, Athletics, Shooting.
Mountaineering and Fell-Walking Society, Army Section C.C.F.
S.C. Ashton House.

UPPER Vb

- R. Ashley**
House: Rugby, Cricket.
Army Section C.C.F.
S.C. Lytham House.
- J. R. Ball**
House: Rugby, Running, Cricket, Athletics.
Army Section C.C.F. Fylde House.

R. A. Brown

House: Rugby, Running, Swimming.
Sub-Editor of Magazine, Air Section C.C.F.
S.C. Fylde House.

B. Eckersley

House: Running, Rugby.
Army Section C.C.F. Kirkham House.

J. N. Hankinson

School: 1st XV (colours), 1st XI, Swimming Team.
House: Rugby, Cricket, Running, Swimming, Handball, Shooting.
Army Section C.C.F. Fylde House.

T. Haworth

House: Cricket (colours), Rugby, Running.
Army Section C.C.F.
S.C. Lytham House.

T. B. Miller

School: 2nd XI.
House: Cricket, Rugby, Shooting, Swimming.
Army Section C.C.F.
S.C. Ashton House.

J. R. Parkinson

House: Rugby, Running, Handball, Swimming, Athletics.
Army Section C.C.F. Ashton House.

J. Thompson

Army Section C.C.F.
S.C. Preston House.

A. Townsend

School: 2nd XV.
House: Rugby (colours), Cricket, Running, Swimming, Athletics,
Handball.
Army Section C.C.F.
S.C. Kirkham House.

M. Williams

House: Athletics, Running, Swimming.
Musical Society, Photographic Society, Badminton Society.
Army Section C.C.F.
S.C. Lytham House.

D. Wilson

House: Athletics, Running, Rugby.
Army Section C.C.F. Ashton House.

LOWER Va

T. A. Pearson

House: Shooting. Air Section C.C.F. Preston House.

LOWER Vb

- T. E. Braithwaite
Army Section C.C.F. Fylde House.
- R. A. Hall
House: Cricket, Rugby.
C.C.F. Kirkham House.
- C. M. Heaney
C.C.F. Fylde House.
- D. M. Nicoll
Mountaineering and Fell-Walking Society, Army Section C.C.F.
Ashton House.
- L. G. Shute
C.C.F. Lytham House.

UPPER IVa

- D. A. Higginson
Army Section C.C.F. Ashton House.
- R. P. Sherwood
Army Section C.C.F. Fylde House.

UPPER IVb

- J. T. Johns
Fylde House.

LOWER IVa

- P. Sherwood
Fylde House.

FOUNDERS' DAY

The weather, which, though a hackneyed subject, is always of interest on a day such as this, was merciful, and allowed the marching to go ahead without the unpleasantness of raindrops down the collar. The cadets emphasised their superior status by marching separately from the "civilians," and gave a creditable display, and the whole administration of the morning had that smoothness about it which speaks of detailed organisation and makes the appearance of there being very little administration at all.

In general, the service followed the usual pattern as befits a function that has rapidly been accepted as a school tradition, but the choir sang a new anthem in addition to the customary one which was placed at the beginning of the service. The Rev. H. N. Hodd, of East Retford, gave the address, likening the mind of a man to a magnetic compass: just as the compass is attracted always to the north by the magnetism of the earth, so should the mind be directed

constantly towards God, attracted by His magnetism. To have one's mind permanently attuned to His will, he said, was to ensure that the world was benefited to the maximum extent by one's existence.

The Headmaster said the Prayer of Remembrance of the Founders of the School, I. G. Palmer and D. Burton read the two lessons, and the Rev. A. R. Allen gave the blessing; then at the close of the service the School marched back to make ready for the afternoon's match.

LA REUNION CULTURELLE

With the Higher School Certificate examination safely behind us, and glowing vistas of luxury and ease stretching out in an endless expanse before us, we received the news of the proposed Sixth Form French Conference at the Collegiate School, Blackpool, with pleasure and with triumph. This promised to be a conference of the elite—no mere physicists or botanists were to be there to mar the proceedings—we were to revel in an orgy of accented E's and lose ourselves blissfully among the sweet atmospheres of Louis XIV and Montmartre. A sudden desire to take up French was expressed by the unfortunates left behind us at K.G.S., and we left them paling at the thought of lost opportunities, to return and tell them tales which changed their complexion to the healthier hue of green.

The success of this enterprise can be accounted for in many ways. The lecturers deserved perhaps the greatest credit. They not only spoke of subjects which were intimately concerned with France and the French, but they brought to the audience the very spirit of that country; its atmosphere and its ways, and especially its touches of slang which so lend vigour to the language, a vigour unknown to the school French text books. Mrs. Herbert acted part of a hugely comic scene from Hugo's "Ruy Blas" with a "Frenchness" that belongs only to the French. M. Gaudon created in us a desire for the intimate and more analytical approach to French poetry, his suave and perfect French being a real pleasure to listen to. On the afternoon of that first day we chattered in the hall after Mrs. Herbert's lecture, and a man with a guitar suddenly got up on to the stage. He immediately made himself popular; after each folk-song—in which he acted, shrugged his shoulders and winked comically—the female audience, which predominated, became quite uncontrollable, and even the males showed considerable enthusiasm. The encore produced the inevitable "Le Fiacre."

Having made our way to the Collegiate for the second time, we gathered to hear and be entertained by those strong enough among the boys and girls to sing or play the piano. This was followed by a "Quiz"—boys v. girls—won by the girls after a close fight: which fact the boys put down to favouritism on the part of the "Quizer" who was a male. After a short break, Dr. Gautier gave us a talk on Paris, which was rather long, though lit up by the inevitable "slide" which, placed upside-down in the projector, caused amusement among the audience and dismay from the hearts of those in charge (no names, of course). In the afternoon we heard a very lucid and witty account of the reign and character of that great French King, Louis XIV, delivered by Dr. Bourde.

The smoothness of well-oiled organisation could be felt throughout the two days of the conference. Dinners, lectures, film shows and entertainments followed one another without any tiresome breaks. Spare time was spent in the Park—where sarcastic comments ran rife concerning back seats in taxis—or in being shown round the school. K.G.S. boys were prominent in their skillful coercion of Collegiate girls who were forced to take us in hand—to which we did not object.

SIXTH FORMS' CONFERENCE

At Arnold High School for Girls

More support was forthcoming this year, and seven of us attended—seven who were very impressed with the conference and very glad that they had been. The proceedings stretch over two days (the Friday and Saturday at the end of the Easter term), and take the familiar form in which an address—given by a prominent speaker—is followed by a discussion within the several small groups. After the discussion upon the third talk a final assembly is made to hear the summing-up of the conference and a dance on the second night rounds off the function on a very happy note.

This time the subject of the first talk was "Discipline in Schools," and no one could have wished for a better or more arresting speaker, than Dr. Hugh Lyon, the Headmaster of Rugby School. The groups had the task, in this first session, of breaking the ice and making everyone at ease, and this most difficult of tasks at school functions was accomplished very largely through the intense interest that Dr. Lyon's talk had awakened in everyone. It was during this session, too, that the Arnold press gang got to work, and Palmer and Byatt finished up as joint M.C.'s for the dance. By the next morning's session many friends had been established, and discussion was much more voluble after the talk on "Juvenile Delinquency," which was given by Mr. Reginald Pestel, a London magistrate.

The next step was towards a fine lunch that Arnold High School had provided, where acquaintances became friends, and friends became friendlier. Indeed, half the success of this conference depends on the intermingling of students, who for the greater part of the year meet very few from other schools, away from the sports field.

The final session on the Saturday afternoon was an open forum in which questions concerning discipline and delinquency were directed at the Headmistresses of Blackpool Collegiate School and Blackburn High School for Girls, and the Headmasters of Blackpool Grammar School and Tyldesley School. Then came a long chat over tea, and lastly the closing assembly, where the secretaries of the several groups reported on the opinions that had been expressed.

Three of us went to the dance at night, after we had lent much labour to replacing heavy furniture, and while it transpired that J.B. had an unaccountable preference for purple, and "Mousey" an aversion to being M.C., the evening was all too short, and finished happily, but hastily, in time to catch our home-bound train.

THE S.C.M. CONFERENCE

The first meeting—the conference proper—was held in Preston, at Winkley Square, and here the Park School acted as hosts. This conference terminated, for us at least, in a small offshoot in the Library, and here one of the speakers of the previous day, the Rev. Sproxton, presided. Both these meetings differed from our last S.C.M. meeting, in that they consisted of a Board or "Quiz Team" who answered questions prepared by the various schools.

At Preston a type-written sheet of questions faced the four members of the team who were to answer them. Each of these four orators expressed their belief that they had been landed with the hardest ones, which gave evidence of the standard, in complexity, of the thinking which went to formulate them. The further questions provoked by the answers from this "Board" came on the whole from the boys, and the girls needed a lot of prompting before they could be persuaded to stand up and speak. The problems and answers were, as in all these S.C.M. meetings, lively and of interest. Dealing with the most disconnected subjects one after the other, the harrassed team were asked to give their views on prayer, communal worship, burying suicides in hallowed ground, the truth in the Miracles, in short on every conceivable subject which touches barely or is rooted firmly in the heart of Christianity.

When the meeting ended, and prayers were said, we left the school wishing only to have had more time to hear and more courage to speak. Problems had been answered, but dozens had been set before us—to be browsed over until the day arrives for another very welcome S.C.M. conference, which we felt ought to be in some not too distant future.

J.R.B.

DOUBLE SIX

This was an entirely new venture. Once the idea of asking the Sixth Form of Elmslie Girls' School, Blackpool, to co-operate in the production of a concert at the end of term had matured, it was quickly put into practice. The powers that be were favourable; the difficulties were faced and surmounted—on paper at any rate—at two committee meetings. Items were carefully balanced against the time available; rehearsals took place at odd times and in odd places. Strange instruments were gathered together, stranger noises were heard. Bureau and Greenough gesticulated at each other in a wilder frenzy than usual. Even those unaccustomed to the normal habits of the Upper Sixth would have guessed that something was in the air.

The culmination of all this preparation was on Monday, July 24th, with a repeat performance on Tuesday, July 25th. A rousing fanfare introduced Burton, the Prologue, who in his turn introduced the first half of the show and welcomed the audience, explaining a reason for the nature of the concert, and thanking those who had made it possible, in eighteenth century rhyme. A colourful trio of "Three Little Maids from School" was quickly followed by that gripping drama in mime, "A Castle in Spain." Elmslie and Kirkham again combined in the songs "Oh, what a beautiful morning" and "A couple of swells." Though Gibson's cowboy was rather funereal,

the two swells Palmer and Gibson, strode up and down the stage confidently under mint condition straw hats. We soon found out what Brown's instruments and weird noises meant when he and five others demonstrated how a B.B.C. play is produced. As the noise-maker in the "Treasure of Gumbo" he was kept busy ringing telephones, blowing whistles, beating drums, clashing glass, but he failed to pop a cork and—oh, yes, I forget to mention the apparition that rose to clash two cymbals now and then—Swarbrick it was. The quartet of "Strange Adventure" and the "Sentry's Song" brought the entertainment round to the more familiar ground of Gilbert and Sullivan. Elmslie concluded the first half of the concert with a piano solo and a burlesque play, "Come away, Death," in which the strange costumes and stranger antics of the gun, and the strangest behaviour of the corpses had Laughter holding both his sides.

After the interval Elmslie's Prologue introduced a most exotic display, an interpretation of the popular ballad "The Maharajah of Magador," the dancing girls, the "Little Chick," an erratic moon, and the begrimed torsos of Pimley and Brown made a bewildering scene. A contrast came in Valerie Houghton's clever interpretation of the first movement of Beethoven's Pathétique Sonata. This item was perhaps the most finished of the whole show, and roundly deserved the applause it received.

All this while Sagar and his henchmen had been setting the stage; and Allcock was sitting tensed at his light controls. The curtain went up on the last item, "Box and Cox" in the original version, first produced at the Lyceum in 1847. So that was why Bureau and Greenough had been gesticulating and mouthing uncommon phrases and calling each other scornfully, "Sir!" Within the limitations of our stage, the vaudeville of a hundred years ago came over quite well, and Greenough's Cox and Bureau's Box were all that could be desired.

The whole entertainment was tremendous fun, but not only that, it showed that there could be co-operation, and that much thought must go into the production of even such a light-hearted affair as this was. It was worth while.

REALITY

The man strolled softly across the room; well and comfortably dressed, he was young, and carried about him an air of ease. Glancing at the small but good selection of books in a light oak bookcase, he selected one and settled himself into a broad sofa. The soft lighting was reflected on the polished surface of the modern sideboard, and cast deep blue shadows in the green curtains which hung down from a low ceiling; the whole room consisted of a series of contrasts in vertical and horizontal lines; the wide, low fireplace, in which flickered a log fire, was made of rough stone, giving relief to the sombre beauty of the simple, direct treatment in wood of the furniture. The rich strains of a string orchestra, muted and sorrowful, gravely announced the presence of a small radiogram, its mahogany tones brightened by a vivid spot of luminous green which shone like a panther's eyes.

Putting aside his book, he got up and passed through a door at the back of the room, his feet moving quietly through the thick,

light-brown carpet. Turning out the wireless and the lights, he left the house. The coldness of the night struck his cheeks with a suddenness which left him gasping. Quickly he brought out the car, its engine purring gently, its neat dashboard lighting the driver's face. He eventually drew up, got out and passed through the swing-doors of a night-club, its frontage blinking wearily its unchanging tale in neon. The hot, smoky atmosphere assailed him; a pulsating throb of double-basses was a background to the ever-present clangour of voices: a laugh fought its way out of a cacophany of opening bottles, calling waiters, tinkling glassware, and the distant groan of a sleepy saxophone calling the dancers to the crowded world of shuffling feet and slow movement just visible across the cigar-smoke, rising steadily in streaky, slowly undulating masses. We lose him as he walks over to the lithe figure in the red evening dress seated at the bar

The film had just finished, and Mr. J. D. . . . (joiner and plumber) emerged from the Empire, took a look at the thin drizzle which fell steadily, and with a sigh returned home Must be up by six to-morrow, he presumed.

SONGERIES DU MIDI

It is as though mimosa petals starred
The marriage route of some new-wedded pair,
And ling'ring perfume, sweet as spikenard,
Filled with mimosa scents the sultry, southern air.

It is as though two shutters opened wide,
And there appeared, decked in mimosa braid,
A dark girl, lovely as a southern bride,
Who listens to a slow Provencal serenade.

It is as though some troubadour long dead,
Lay in his grave beside the dusty ways,
And cool mimosa foliage overhead
Gave shade to one who praised his youthful lays.

Cannes, August 8th.

E.B.G.

ST. MARGUERITE

The ruined houses baking in the sun,
Their battered shutters hanging sulky heads,
Cracks in their walls, their doors swinging undone,
And holed like skulls their roofs,
Gaping as silent proofs
That Time brings desolation where it treads.

The ruined fort looks out upon the sea,
And prison'd men have cursed Time's tardy pace;
But Time moves on, and only memory
Recalls their long despair:
Yet Time will still be there
When men and memory have left no trace.

Golfe Juan, August 8th.

E.B.G.

C. C. F.

Promotions

Corporals Aikman, McCredie and Poole to rank of Sergeant.
Cadets Barnes, Hyde, Mallinson, Marsh, Rodgers and Thornton
to rank of Corporal.

Air Section

Cadet Dunkley to rank of Corporal.

First of all, congratulations to the whole contingent upon two fine displays, on the occasions of the General Inspection and Founders' Day. All were agreed that, especially in the annual Inspection, the cadets came well prepared, having done all they could to be well turned out, and determined to pull their weight. Both times the force was a credit to K.G.S., and the newest and least tried of cadets can all hold themselves, as individuals, to have made the success possible.

These displays were positive achievements, but the year as a whole has brought greater ones. Chief among these is the steady movements towards a strong, experienced group of N.C.O.'s. We have been fortunate in having the assistance of Regular Army instructors, who have fulfilled a double purpose. First, they have trained the cadets, bringing the contingent up to a good standard in drill and general training, making good results possible in the War Cert. "A", Part I, examination, and building up a reserve of cadets suitable for promotion in future years. They have also trained the present N.C.O.'s, showing them the little tricks in handling men on the parade ground, telling them how to prevent a squad losing interest during instruction, instilling into them, above all, the spirit of command and confidence. By the end of the year we could feel that the work of establishing the cadets at K.G.S., finding leaders, boys with responsibility and authority, and getting a good standard upon which to build, throughout the contingent, had been done. Our present N.C.O.'s will leave. Others must take their places. We can say now that those others will be found, and that Major Middleton and his officers may look to them with increasing confidence. So much for the credit side, though I must mention the new shooting range, which should be an invaluable aid to better marksmanship, by making shooting possible throughout the winter, and the excellent results in the Air Section proficiency examination, in which all the candidates were successful.

Finally, as always, let us realise our shortcomings, so that we may make them good. Nothing is easier than blind criticism; it requires no thought, no constructive effort, and to some it is amusing. Those people who sneer at the cadets are not possessed of any special ability. It requires no extraordinary gifts to be able to call people names. So, of those who sneer, we ask, "What is your purpose? Do you think you are doing yourselves any good by doing other people harm? Do you think you are being clever?" And, for the majority of cadets, let us recall the satisfaction and the pride we felt upon Inspection Day, the satisfaction of a job well done; and let us determine that, in future times, we shall feel as proud of our performance and efforts at every parade, and will, by working to make the cadets a success, do our little share to help our country, for she will need us, everyone.

LIBRARY

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

The school year ticked away until we came finally to the last day, the Friday morning, with a general air of relaxation throughout the school. No, not throughout the whole school, for one place

remained a centre of activity, and that was the library. Right up to the final assembly work continued; steady work, detailed work, rather tiring work, but with one vital quality that it was voluntary work. It would be difficult, I suppose, to give any definite, concrete reason why people should give their time and attention to efforts which do not immediately profit them, but no community could function successfully if this were not the case, especially in a school. Our school may feel gratified and not a little proud of the spirit in which this branch of school activity has been handled. Last September the committee was formed, with Mr. Norwood as Chairman, and Burton became Secretary. None of the members had any previous experience of library work, and most of them already held official school positions which occupied much of their time. In this their first year, however, they reorganised the whole of library procedure, placing it upon a broader and more regular basis; they re-arranged the library itself, with alterations in the shelves and in the placing of books, so as to follow definite system; and they conducted a check of every book, to compile a comprehensive list of those missing. These have been some direct, material achievements. The wider aim, however, has been to arouse interest in the library, and to ensure a wider circulation of books. Those committee members burdened with some knowledge of art have, of course, been kept at the grindstone churning out "Ads"; lists of new books have been put up, with their covers, to attract attention; and there has been, as far as possible, regular opening of the library, and attempts by those in charge upon the day to help boys in selecting and finding interesting books. The ground covered has been extensive, the work done has been good, and it has been done keenly, without grumbles. Let us thank Mr. Norwood and his committee for their efforts, and let us express our thanks by realising the delights that are to be found in the K.G.S. Library, and by using it more. If you cannot find the book you wish to have then write it in the Suggestion Book, and you may be sure that the committee will be very pleased to do all they can to help you. This library is your library so get in there and enjoy it.

CRICKET, 1950

It has not been a very successful season so far as results are concerned, but there have been many encouraging signs to cause optimistic thinking about the future. The major problem lies in the ground, as good wickets on the field are too few to allow regular and profitable practice for all the school teams. However, many ideas have been suggested by the groundsman to remedy this state of affairs, and it is hoped that next season will see as great an improvement in set and net wickets as has been seen latterly this year on the outfield. But many things, notably a machine, and tennis courts for those senior boys who show no aptitude for cricket are required before it can be said that the games side of school life is fully equipped. The thanks of the committee are due to the members of the school who, by their contributions to the Ground Improvement Scheme, have made it possible to procure two sight screens and to undertake a large measure of de-weeding.

The first XI had to wait until the last match of the season to record its first victory, but there is no cause for despondency here. The side has suffered mostly from lack of experience and comparative youth, but the manner in which most of its batsmen have scored their runs latterly points to the fact that next season they will be

extremely difficult to dislodge. The captain, I. G. Palmer, suffered a nasty accident to his face at a time when he was running into form, with the result that he has not had the success anticipated. He has been a most enthusiastic captain, and has managed to convey his own keenness to the rest of the team. G. R. Howarth, the vice-captain, who has been awarded his full colours, has at times been a most attractive and free-scoring batsman, although a little impetuous, and on several occasions got out when seemingly set for a big score. The opening pair, J. Sharples and J. Rigby, recovered from a very shaky start, and Sharples in particular made a number of useful scores, but both batsmen need to cultivate more offensive strokes. Of the newcomers to the team, S. H. Wilcock, E. B. Greenwood and W. B. Charity have been the most successful. Wilcock, captain of last year's Under XIV, has batted extremely well. He watches the ball very closely, and this, combined with very attractive forcing strokes, makes him one of the most promising prospects in school cricket. Greenwood and Charity have both made good progress, and the former's score against Balshaw's G.S. was a very plucky effort. B. G. Spicer and S. T. Jenkins both began the season well, but fell away in later games.

The bowling has been the weak point of the side, and the reason why a number of games were either lost or drawn can be traced to the fact that there was no one to follow up the good work of the opening bowlers. For the most part, the bowling has lacked the two fundamentals, length and direction, and yet at no time during the season did one see any practice at a single wicket. S. T. Jenkins has been the spearhead of the attack and although his direction has been a little shaky at times, yet he accomplished many good performances, and thoroughly deserves his award of Full Colours. J. R. Bureau, the other opening bowler, improved considerably as the season progressed, but should learn to do more with the ball. The only other bowler to achieve any results, except J. Hine, who was brought in for the last match, was G. R. Howarth, who added a little variety to the attack with his left-arm slows.

The fielding of the side has been quite good on occasions. Few catches have been dropped, but although the good fielding has been satisfactory, the weaknesses are an inability to anticipate a batsman's stroke and the amazing inaccuracy and slowness of the returns to the wicket-keeper. Bureau, Howarth and Wilcock have been exceptions here. The wicket-keeping of W. B. Charity has been safe if unspectacular, but he has plenty of time to develop the finer points of his position.

The remaining three school teams have met with varying success, and the remarks already made concerning bowling and fielding apply equally to them. The bowling of J. Hine and J. Copley has been responsible for much of the success of the 2nd XI, whilst the batting of K. Longstaffe has shown great promise. T. Miller and J. Hankinson have made some useful scores, and the side has been well captained by G. R. Sagar. The Under XV is potentially the best side in the school. It contains a number of good batsmen, notably J. D. Bullock, R. H. Basterfield and J. N. Whalley, but the weakness here has been the poor running between the wickets. G. R. Snape and P. Jackson have been the most successful bowlers. Although the Under XIV did not manage to win a match, it made much progress during the term. D. Lyon, very strong defensively,

T. Benson, the captain, and R. Brown have been the best batsmen, and special mention should be made of the wicket-keeping of Brown.

Finally, although all members of the school teams have been most keen and eager to learn, they have not had the support of the rest of the school in their efforts, and attendance at matches has been most disappointing. That the playing record of the school will improve as the ground improves there can be no doubt, and everyone concerned with the management of the teams is looking forward to the season 1951 with great keenness and confidence.

HONOURS

Full Colours awarded to G. R. Howarth and S. T. Jenkins.

XX Caps re-awarded to I. G. Palmer and J. G. Sharples.

New XX Caps awarded to J. R. Bureau, W. B. Charity, E. B. Greenwood, A. Rigby, B. G. Spicer, S. H. Wilcock.

THE FIRST XI

v. HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Apart from our disastrous match with the Staff, this was the first game of the season, played away, and it started badly with K.G.S. batting and two wickets down for one run. Howarth came in and started to bat brightly and freely, but went out with 12 to his name and the score at 21. The total went up fairly evenly, and Spicer and Dunkley, at nine and ten, scored 23 between them to bring K.G.S. to 72. Of the Hutton bowlers, Lucas took seven for 25. The Hutton innings came to 30 for five, and Kirkham looked well on top, when our bowling fell apart at the hands of Entwistle and Isherwood who brought Hutton to 68 before Jenkins broke the partnership and dismissed Entwistle for 23. Then Lucas came in and finished the game with two 4's, with Kirkham beaten by three wickets.

K.G.S. 72; Hutton 76 for seven.

v. PRESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL at Preston

Preston put K.G.S. in to bat on a soft but true wicket, with the boundaries short. The first wicket fell with the score at three—it very often seems to—but the outlook temporarily improved with Howarth in until he was caught at 21 with the total 35 for five. Then Wilcock arrived and stayed with Greenwood (11) and Charity (16) to push the score to 104, when he emerged with 35 not out. The Preston innings had reached 48 and seven wickets had fallen, but once again the initiative was lost, and with Marsden and Gillibrand the score soared to 98 before the next wicket fell. It was a short step to 104 from there, and with Marsden at 57 not out K.G.S. lost by three wickets.

K.G.S. 104; Preston 105 for seven.

v. ARNOLD SCHOOL, at Kirkham

Here was our last 1st XI match of the season, and it proved to be our first win. Arnold won the toss, and with Howarth (A.) making 26, and Thomas, the captain, 11, their total reached 75. Jenkins took four wickets for 27, and Hine three for 9. When Kirkham had reached 43 for four they had been keeping pace with the Arnold score all through, but then Wilcock came to take Howarth's place, who made 23, and after Palmer (11) had been bowled, took the score, with Bureau, to 76, and finished with a score of 17 not out.

Arnold 75; K.G.S. 76 for five.

THE OLD BOYS' MATCH

The Old Boys turned up, as befits men of their stature, in twos and threes, between two and three p.m. R. O. Wilson was the captain, at which no one was surprised, and he won the toss, electing to bat first—again no occasion for wonder since this has been a season of lost tosses.

The surprises started after the Old Boys were 40 for three, when the wickets began to fall in an unusually bright manner. Jenkins had taken the first three wickets, and Herbert Harrison, who opened, was still there, when Mr. Crane opened his account and got Edwards stumped for one. His next victim was Harrison (24), and the rout had begun, not to end until our annual foes were all out for 67.

The School opened with Mr. Stevenson and Sharples, and lost the first wicket for 0. At 45 for five the game was open, and so it stayed until the closing minutes, when, in the best finish ever witnessed against the Old Boys, our last wickets fell at 65, and we had lost—by two runs.

K.G.S. Old Boys

J. Harrison, caught b Jenkins	5
H. Harrison, caught b Mr. Crane	24
A. Bamford, caught b Jenkins	8
W. B. Cartmell, caught b Jenkins	7
S. H. Edwards, stumped b Mr. Crane	1
G. Chatburn, b Mr. Crane	8
G. Bates, b Jenkins	1
D. W. Ruddock, b Howarth	6
R. O. Wilson, stumped b Mr. Crane	0
E. Hodge, b Mr. Crane	0
S. D. Whitehead, not out	5
Extras	2
Total ...	67

K.G.S. Present

Mr. Stevenson, caught b Ruddock	0
J. G. Sharples, stumped b Wilson	14
Mr. Coates, caught b Ruddock	4
G. R. Howarth, stumped b Wilson	12
Mr. Barker, stumped b Wilson	9
J. R. Bureau, caught b Cartmell	8
Mr. Crane, stumped b Wilson	7
S. H. Wilcock, b Wilson	0
I. G. Palmer, b H. Harrison	1
E. B. Greenwood, not out	0
S. T. Jenkins, b H. Harrison	5
Extras	5
Total ...	65

SECOND ELEVEN

- May 17th—v. Rossall School Colts
 Rossall Colts 86; K.G.S. 60 for nine
- May 20th—v. Blackpool Grammar School
 Blackpool 64; K.G.S. 65 for five
 (Copley 7 for 25; Greenwood 18)

June 10th—v. Balshaw's Grammar School, Leyland
Balshaw's 95; K.G.S. 70

June 21st—v. Blackpool Grammar School
K.G.S. 48; Blackpool 50 for seven

June 24th—v. King Edward VII School, Lytham
K.E.S. 26; K.G.S. 28 for four (Hancock 6 for 2)

July 8th—v. Arnold School
Arnold 42; K.G.S. 43 for seven (Matthews 14)

UNDER XV

May 20th—v. King Edward VII, Lytham
K.G.S. 73; K.E.S. 93
Whalley 21, Bailey 19 not out, Jackson three wickets

June 3rd—v. Arnold School
Bullock 32 not out, Snape and Townsend four wickets each

June 17th—v. Arnold School
K.G.S. 54; Arnold 42
Basterfield 12, Norris 10 not out

July 1st—v. Preston G.S.
K.G.S. 42; Preston 48
Basterfield 16, Jackson 15 and six wickets

UNDER XIV

May 20th—v. Arnold School
K.G.S. 91; Arnold 79
Benson 27; Lyon and Broadbent 23

June 17th—v. Blackpool G.S.
K.G.S. 53; Blackpool 178
Holmes 12; Broadbent four wickets

June 29th—v. Blackpool G.S.
K.G.S. 43; Blackpool 67
Brown 10, Lyon 9, Dell three wickets

July 1st—v. Arnold School
K.G.S. 83; Arnold 61
Benson 22

INTER-HOUSE SENIOR CRICKET

Preston 46	Preston 22	Preston 88
Lytham 45	Kirkham .. 18	
	Ashton 26	
School 58	School 138	
Fylde 40		

PRESTON

INTER-HOUSE JUNIOR CRICKET

Preston 19	Ashton 35	School 40
Ashton 23	School 109	SCHOOL
	Fylde 28	Kirkham ... 18
Kirkham ...	Kirkham ... 31	
Lytham		

INTER-HOUSE JUNIOR BASKET BALL

Ashton 0	Lytham 7	Lytham 4
Lytham 7	Fylde 3	PRESTON
	Kirkham ... 6	Preston 9
School 5	Preston 9	
Preston 6		

INTER-HOUSE SHOOTING COMPETITION

Ashton	Fylde	Kirkham	Lytham	Preston	School
248	287	190	261	287	300

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

Ashton	Fylde	Kirkham	Lytham	Preston	School
64	59½	119	136	82	155½

ATHLETICS

The policy of careful and thorough training was kept up and improved this year, and after the School Sports were over those chosen to compete for K.G.S. in the Blackpool Inter-School Sports continued to train throughout the Easter holidays and during the first weeks of the cricket term.

At Blackpool our shortage of sprinters was made evident, and there was no consistent success in any division of the sports—in which we finished fifth. D. T. Fazackerley is congratulated sincerely on his winning the mile, when he provided the best spectacle of the afternoon. I. G. Palmer took second place with the discus; both his and the winning throw beat the previous record. B. V. Cole was third equal in the long jump, and J. B. Bureau was fourth in the hurdles.

The team which competed at Blackpool was: I. G. Palmer (captain), D. T. Fazackerley, A. Bramwell, P. H. Dunkley, G. R. Howarth, J. Jackson, W. T. Levens, R. Mallinson, D. H. Pimley.

Full Colours were awarded to I. G. Palmer and D. T. Fazackerley; Team Colours to J. R. Bureau and B. V. Cole.

THE GENERAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Most of us come to regard attendance at the committee's bi-termly meetings as a routine duty, and many of the members preserve a close silence on most of the matters which are discussed there, but since the general run of business is not controversial, this is not an unnatural state, and casts no shadow upon the good which derives from the existence of the body. Though it is certain that some of the representatives do not keep their Forms aware of what is going on in the committee (and they should, for this is their job), nevertheless, all the members of the committee do benefit from the first-hand knowledge of the wide range of administration problems which are discussed there.

This term and last, the repair of the big mower has caused some concern, and the committee made the whole of the proceeds from the Easter Fair—some £120—available for that purpose. It was unfortunate that this mower was not really in service until the very end of the term, but those who remember the days when it used to function properly will have no doubt that the money has been well spent. The mower took precedence over a new piano, but a piano is sorely needed at this school, and it is an object towards whose acquisition some effort in the future will be well worth while.

THE HOBBIES SOCIETY

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

During this term the membership has been the same as last, namely 37. There have not been as many meetings owing to the terminal examinations this term, but good progress has been made by most members.

The aero modelling section in School House has grown in numbers, and is already becoming very popular. In all there are about ten petrol and deisel engines, and many model aeroplanes have been made and fitted with them.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Motor bikes roared up the drive, buses halted in front of the school, the library was filled with alien and unknown faces. This, however, was no fantastic Martian assault, no Wellsian invasion from another world, but only the prelude to that mighty conflict the Inter-School Debate. These momentous events provided the climax to the year's work by the Debating Society, and it was a fitting climax. It was not a direct trial of strength between the two schools, but a co-operate effort, with the motion proposed by Greenough, of Kirkham, and seconded by D. G. Martin, of Preston, and opposed by K. G. Hall, of Preston, supported by Palmer, of Kirkham. The standard of speaking generally was good, though criticisms could be levelled at all the main speakers, and it was heartening that, with the Society only ten months old the Kirkham speakers were quite at ease in face of the representatives from the longer established Preston Society. Moreover, a majority of the speeches from the floor were by Kirkham men, all of them crisp and effective. Their effectiveness certainly could be judged from the desperate expression upon Greenough's face as he rose to sum up, for the speakers from the floor opposed the motion to a man, and the cumulative effect of Gibsonian glibness and Greenwoodian grandeur, to mention but

two, was overwhelming. Every minute of time available was occupied with speaking, and the only major fault which could be found with proceedings as a whole was that they were, perhaps, over-serious. The motion, of course, "that the era of Britain's greatness is now at an end," was not a lighthearted one, but even so, future debates might benefit from a little more witticism and a little less weight.

This has been the weakness throughout the year, but it is not a bad failing, and when we consider the positive results of the work of the Society we see how insignificant it is. For several members of the Society this year has meant a transition from hesitancy and complete lack of confidence in public speaking to assurance and force in the presentation of ideas. We may compare the unorganised speaking of some members at that first debate, upon the decadence of the modern age, with their quick lucidity in the Inter-School Debate. We look back over the debates of the summer term, from co-education to Korea, and we see, here and there, little pieces of excellent speaking, from people who a few months ago needed much persuasion even to come to debates let alone speak. They found, of course, as is always the case, that speaking in a debate is, far from being an ordeal, an experience which brings confidence and a feeling of mastery, and which is invaluable in later life. Let us hope that we shall continue to have as many people trying it out as we have had during the past year; and meanwhile, we shall be losing many members. We shall be losing the Great Triumvirate, Gibson, Byatt and Greenough; and Ivan Palmer, the weed-clearer; and Toddy Gill; and Brown, the Cock o' the North; and Bureau, who manages to look bored whatever may be going on. Let us hope that all of them will feel themselves more complete for the work they have done in the Society, and let those who stay go rollicking along, getting better and better, and having a jolly good time.

OFF THE RECORD

It is inevitable that this should be an end-of-the-year edition, and a Sixth Form one at that. To start with reference to the library, then, is natural, since it is around that noble centre that the chief glories of the Sixth have revolved—not always to the approval of Messrs Cunliffe & Co., a firm of repute, but one often given to sweeping statements. Most libraries have a habit of keeping their stocks on the shelves. In this way it seems access is made considerably easier; the spinal column is not strained while seeking French literature, and the knees not bruised in pursuit of volumes on athletics. Kirkham, pioneer as always, has lately scorned these obvious methods, evolved over the centuries, and has emptied the shelves towards embellishment of the floor, thus giving plenty of scope for Jock's voice and Dicky's organising genius in the ensuing processes of replacement.

The library, even in the midst of chaos such as this, still harboured the project boys, who with commendable diligence laboured, like Alf over re-designing Preston—a fine object—or like Snoz over Queen Anne chairs—no attempt at re-design here. Owing to the non-partability of cathode ray tubes, Steven was deprived of the library, and Pieface found the lab. more suited to determining f. numbers—at least those below 64. During this period Mog and Knocker, and other even less mentionable types (Byatt will know

who is meant), gave the County Record Office a rough spin, and Jock was battering a perfectly good Leica camera on the rocks (hypothetical) of Freckleton foreshore. Meanwhile the algae-muca molestation society was said to be having fun in the Biol. Lab.

Of great general interest this term was the new dinner system, now commemorated by those for whom the bell tolls—the last of the Gannets, who are leaving this year.

While the paint for the pavilion was yet in the cans, plans were laid to produce an extraordinary entertainment—some would call it a concert and be at fault—at the end of the term. Still, while the cans remained unopened the plans became preparations, and the preparations practice. Only at the dawn of the show—(oh! what a beautiful morning!)—did the beneficent brigade bow to necessity and begin to lash the Snow-Cem about. It is said, with little truth, that the sight of Gibson and Byatt in very varied overalls originated the idea for “We’re a couple of swells.” Be that as it may, it was here at the pavilion that Edward B. Greenwood and Michael B. Poole (a significant prevalence of B’s) obtained their initial experiences of rituals and rites which will doubtless be perpetuated, and where Pie. is concerned, in camera.

The term wore on at such a pace, indeed, that it was almost “wore out,” and Mousey and Spadge regularly attended their singing practices in Blackpool. They made much headway. Soon came the time for rehearsals, and the ancient foundations of K.G.S. began to vibrate as never before—to the Maharaja of Magadore. Toddy was kept busy and kept entertained in the wings, and Swarbrick did a tremendous job of work with the pride of his life, his coconut-shells. At the night performances red carnations were in fashion and in other places, and the harem had come to the green room in no small way. Jock’s R.A.F. greatcoat was put to a noble use, which probably explained the chewing gum behind the collar—there is a rhyme about a cud-chewing cow, but to repeat it is to endanger life and limb. After a tricky spot of gun-swinging on the stage, and the performance of the corpses, on whom the famous cavalier had nothing, the big feed was brought into action—the traditional cider and cakes, only tempered by tea and sandwiches; Snoz dropped a typewriter and was duly rewarded, which might make his preference for 7A buses hard to explain; and then the gathering broke up to reassemble at the bus stop, where the Ribble Company co-operated for some thirty minutes before the child actors took their various and, in some cases, devious ways home. It is hard to believe that one glass of giggle-water was the only cause of the boys’ joys, yet it is now established that the benefactors did reach home that night. Bureau’s case is, however, uncertain.

The next morning remorse accompanied returning sanity, and it was unaccountably difficult to persuade Mog to render his “Beautiful Morning” act again; this phase lasted till Thursday evening. In the meantime Miss Duffy and Miss Bromley were overwhelmed with foliage—a floral tribute to the efficiency of the telephone (a verbal one was given to the Staff by Mr. Stevenson), and of the kitchen cooks (a cooker being something or someone what cooks).

Finally, the Juniors, who are unable to comprehend this resume of life as the inmates of Room 7 live it, should learn Latin from Mr. Middleton, and various other things from various other sources.

The Seniors who have comprehended the part or the whole are warned against unscrupulous masters who come about asking "What is the meaning of those questions at the end of?" and so on, when all the time everyone knows:

Who bashed Bureau? And tickled Toddy?

Who stopped a fight?

Why were the stage steps crowded?

Who bought flowers, and where?

Who reads the 'phone book?

Where is Eric now?

UNIVERSITY NEWS

During the year 1949-50 the Headmaster has received from time to time items of news from some of the Old Boys at present in the Universities. We regret that space prevents us from printing the news as it was originally given, but we hope that the following notes will give some indication of our representation at the Universities.

At Oxford during the scholastic year 1949-50 the school was represented by W. L. Ainsworth (1935-42), who was said to be reading Arabic at Magdalen, and by G. W. Knowles (1938-45) and J. F. Nourse, both of St. John's. Knowles was studying modern languages and exerting himself in the University French Club, whilst Nourse combined reading for his B.Mus. with his duties as Organ Scholar, and with rowing in the Torpids in February in St. John's II, which in no wise distinguished itself.

At London, A. H. Charnley completed his second year of study for a B.A. in economics at University College. L. Rathbone also completed his second year at King's College, where he has been studying for a degree in botany, zoology and chemistry. At King's College, too, R. H. Williams took the Education Diploma course before accepting a post of Assistant Master at King's School, Rochester.

At Birmingham, M. F. Wilson, Keith Kirkham and J. D. Lee kept the Fylde windmill turning. Little has been seen of M. F. Wilson since he took his degree, but he was reputed to be studying for his Education Diploma and dabbling very efficiently as usual in dramatics. Kirkham, after a brief appearance in the boxing ring, has perhaps become more assiduous in increasing his footwork on the dance floor. J. D. Lee has spent his time frantically absorbing the mysteries of the medical school.

At Manchester, J. W. Major has completed his second year of honours physics, and has not laid aside his capacity for hard work. J. Middlehurst and J. J. Gardner have both completed their first year; the former in a general science course, and the latter, we have

no doubt, has been keeping to the letter of the law. Both seem to have found plenty to do. J. Stebbings has completed his second year of ordinary physics, after serving in the Royal Air Force, and A. P. Roberts has likewise completed his second year of honours maths., playing regularly for the Varsity second rugger team. Others of the Kirkham contingent at Manchester include G. Graham, supposed to be studying law, P. Jackson, B. L. Dodson, E. R. Laithwaite, who is now in his fifth or sixth year and highly advanced in the uplands of physics, and G. Chatburn, who has found plenty to do besides studying physics.

At Liverpool the Kirkham host was strong. W. B. Cartmel (1935-45) took his finals and played good games of Rugger. K. Benson (1935-42) also sat for his finals, for which his principal study has been geology. R. I. Smith (1941-47) worked hard to achieve his second M.B., and managed to gain Varsity colours for swimming. Also in the medical school was C. Macnamara (1939-43), taking an interest in both pathology and the hoppers, G. R. Allcock (1940-47) was immersed in physics, whilst M. B. Cottam (1940-47) took his final exam. in geography. Architecture wholly absorbed the time of K. W. Robinson (1940-46). J. S. Mills (1940-49), besides playing Rugger in the Varsity 3rd XV, has quickly entered into the spirit of University life and settled down to the study of law.

What has happened to I. G. R. Davies at Sheffield we do not know. He might never have returned from darkest Africa. At least our bush telegraph is silent as to his activities. Perhaps it is better so.

HOUSE RECORDS

HOUSE OFFICIALS

Ashton.—Captain: G. R. Sagar. Prefects: R. Greenough, W. L. Rumney. House Prefects: B. V. Cole, K. Thornton.
 Fylde.—Captain: J. D. Gibson. Prefects: R. M. Brown, A. Rigby. House Prefects: J. N. Hankinson, J. D. Swarbrick.
 Kirkham.—Captain: S. Allcock. House Prefects: R. Ingham, T. H. Clegg, J. McCredie, A. A. MacPherson, A. Townsend.
 Lytham.—Captain: I. G. Palmer. Prefect: J. R. Bureau. House Prefects: P. Gill, W. M. T. Levens, R. Nash.
 Preston.—Captain: D. Burton. Prefects: I. C. R. Byatt, D. Pimley. House Prefects: P. S. Aikman, G. R. Howarth.
 School.—Captain: P. H. Dunkley. House Prefects: E. B. Greenwood, J. Jackson.

THE HOUSES

Cricket, swimming and shooting are the main inter-house competitions of the Summer Term, and these are divided into five events: Inter-House Senior and Junior Cricket; Inter-House Junior Basket-Ball; the Shooting Competition and the Swimming Sports. Of these five events School House won three and Preston House the remaining two.

School House decisively beat Ashton in the second round of both the Senior and Junior Cricket Competitions; but whilst easily vanquishing Kirkham in the final of the Junior game, came up against Preston, last year's winners and the favourites for the Senior final. However, it was a hard-fought match before Preston finally won. In the Shooting Competition, School House finished 13 points ahead of both Fylde and Preston, and in the Swimming Sports beat the runners-up, Lytham, by 20 points, starting with a good lead in standard points and gaining 8 out of 33 places in the individual events, winning the inter-relay and coming second in the senior relay.

Preston House, on paper the stronger cricket side, almost allowed School House to snatch their laurels from them, when the School House tail wagged vigorously, with Hine's hard hitting which practically doubled School's score. The dogged defence of Duckworth, who scored 8 in two hours in an attempt to wear down the bowling, and the calculated innings of Wilcock, won the match with fifteen minutes to spare, for Preston. The dash of the junior members of the House, and the skilful placing of Berry, gained Preston the victory over Lytham House in the final of the Basket-Ball competition.

Lytham House team were beaten by finalists in both the cricket competitions in the first round, but the House had considerable success in the Swimming Sports achieving six first places in twelve events, and winning the senior relay. McGinty and Singleton contributed a great deal to this success.

It is understandable that Fylde House sports are rather those of terra firma. The House has of late been as noted for its good shooting as for its lack of success in the water.

Kirkham House gave Preston House a nasty shock in the second round of the Senior Cricket Competition, and as usual did well in the Swimming Sports, chiefly, perhaps, due to some junior talent which is quite promising.

Ashton House have some promising juniors, and should recover some of their laurels before very long.

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50 „ Senior F.S.—	McGinty L, Matthews S, Rodgers A	33.9s.
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