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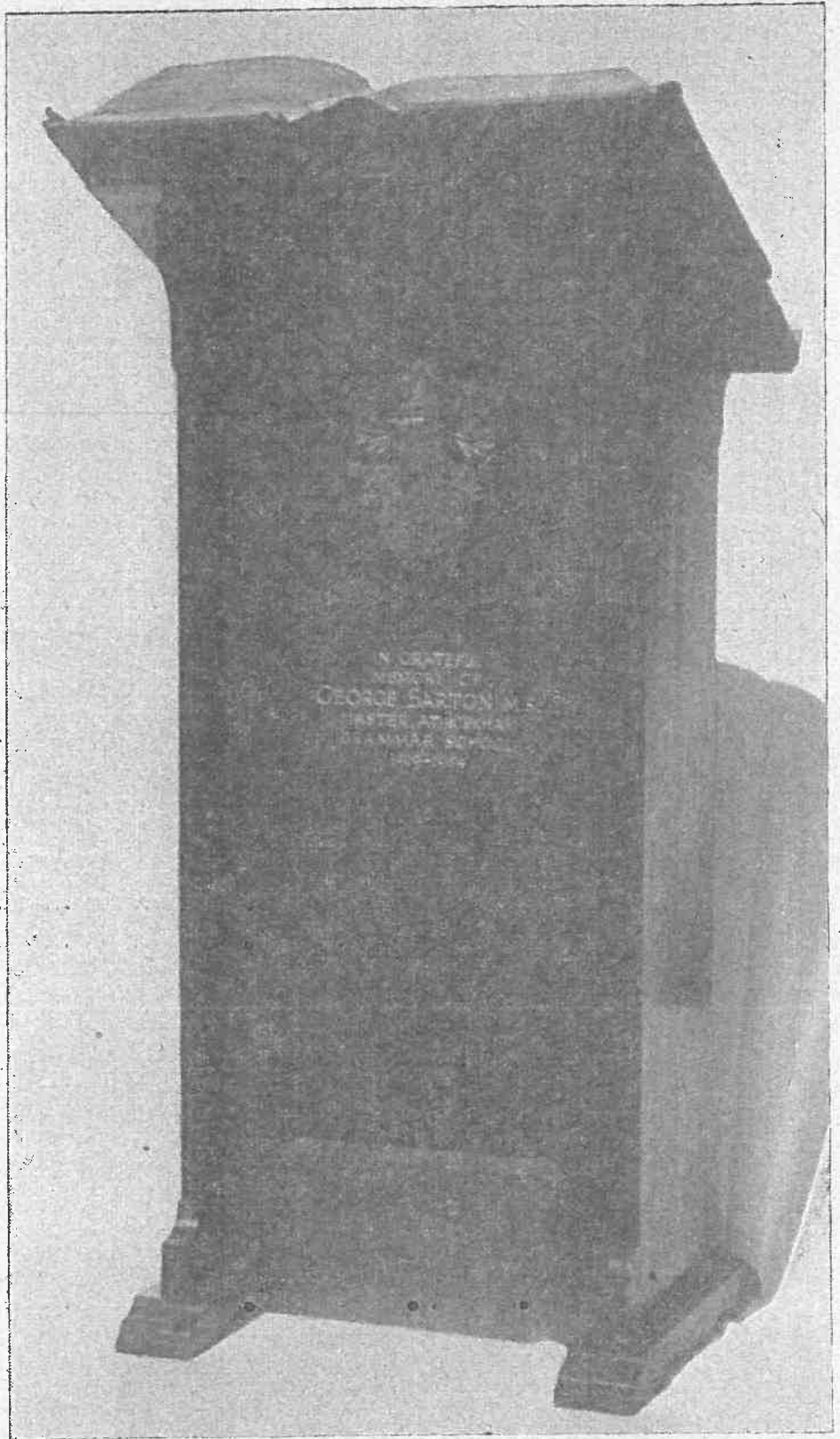
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Lectern presented to the School by Mrs. G. Barton, in memory of her husband, the late Mr. George Barton

FAREWELL — and HAIL!

Editor: W. J. P. Grime

THE truth of such sayings as “dolce far niente” and the comfort of “aufgeschoben ist nicht aufgehoben” can be comprehended only by the individual unfortunate enough to have to write an editorial at this time of the year. For already the usually jovial atmosphere of Room 7 is becoming rather strained as white-faced creatures slink silently to and fro, waiting for that first knell of impending doom, the start of the exams. One member (who shall remain anonymous) has actually disappeared, suffering from neurosis (I think that is what he said it was).

But “revenons á nos moutons,” as the French would say, and let us indulge in a few nostalgic reminiscences about the past year.

The publication of the last magazine unfortunately was a source of great worry to Mr. Wilson. We had noticed that “hunted” and harassed look on his face some days before when he stood up at a meeting of the G.S.C. and stated that the bill for the magazine had “floored” him completely. Furthermore, if future magazines did not cost substantially less, then something very drastic would have to be done. Several steps therefore have been taken to reduce the cost and we are hoping these will be effective and that everything will turn out for the best.

It seems hardly any time at all since we were writing the last magazine at the beginning of the school year, and now here we are nearly at the end. As is inevitable, many of the old brigade who have served us so well in the past will be leaving and we shall soon be welcoming a fresh batch of newcomers in the K.G.S. fold. To those who are leaving we extend all our best wishes for a happy and successful future, and may the new members follow your example and serve the School as well and faithfully.

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CAROL SERVICE, 1955

Christmas is but a memory to most of us but its preparation was as sure as it has ever been at K.G.S. The choir, having completed its final practices, was ready to lead the School in procession and in song to the Parish Church of St. Michael. The School, now relaxed from the pressure of exams and studies was glad to follow suit and under the watchful eye of School Prefects and Police the journey to church was safely made. Once more the scene was set for the 1955 Carol Service.

At the entrance of the Headmaster and officiating clergyman, the Rev. T. L. Walsh, Vicar of St. Nicholas, Wrea Green, all stood and the service began as it has done for many years with the quiet strains of the first verse of "Once in Royal David's City" sung by A. G. Cookson, J. V. Rooking, P. M. England. The choir trebles sang the second verse, full choir third verse and final verses by all.

A moment of silence followed this carol as the congregation was bidden to prayer and the Lord's Prayer said. The choir went on to sing its first solo carol, "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" in which H. R. Baines sang the solo second verse.

The choir seated, the first of the Nine Lessons was read by T. J. Huss. This was followed by the carol "Angels from the Realms of Glory" in which everyone was called upon to join. D. J. Shearman took his place at the lectern to read the second lesson. Then followed a carol new to the normal order of service "Ding Dong Merrily on High" in which choral verses were followed by a full chorus of "Gloria, Hosanna in Excelsis." G. D. Stephenson then read the third lesson which was followed by the singing of "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

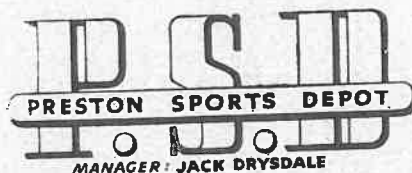
After the fourth lesson, which was read by D. T. Bowe, another new carol was sung, choir and congregation taking the individual parts of question and answer respectively in "I Saw Three Ships." The congregation, a little hesitant at first as to its rôle, was gradually urged by Mr. J. Murray to reply "on the beat" by full organ. The fifth lesson, which followed, was read by K. Crompton and then came the centre piece of the sung part of the service as the choir sang T. A. Walmesley's setting of the Magnificat in D minor.

The sixth lesson followed, read by Mr. J. Davy, after which six boys from the junior forms sang "Away in a Manger." The boys were J. L. Dodd (solo), S. C. Dunn, E. B. Ellison, D. A. Lomas, J. R. Sowerbutts, W. H. Owen.

After the seventh lesson which was read by Rev E. F. Stoney, the choir sang another new carol "Ye Shepherds Leave your Flocks upon the Mountains." Mr. S. Middleton, acting second master in the absence of Mr. B. Stevenson, read the eighth lesson and then the three Kings of the Orient, Melchior Hull, Gaspar Baines and Balthazar Pickup took their places on the chancel steps to sing "We Three Kings of Orient Are" an obvious favourite with the School.

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and Hayes just disappeared where to, nobody knows, but there are rumours.

We also underwent many "organised" events. We were given an official reception at the Hôtel de Ville, and we sat through a special performance of "Les Femmes Savantes" by the Comédie Française in a stifling atmosphere and without a single break from the first word to the last. There was also a visit to the Palais de Versailles which we covered in an hour and a half — Trianon included — owing to the curious humour of our French guide who insisted on sprinting round. I think this at least must be a record.

In such manner did we spend our holiday, yet in spite of the "cultural" atmosphere, we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and turned homewards with many regrets.

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SPORTS DAY

Now that soccer cup's just been won,
It's high time cricket was begun...
What a match it must've been
It's one o' them I'd like t' a' seen.
Wi't' City winning three t' one,
I wish t' heck I could 'a gone.
Yet t' trouble was as 'eld me back
I 'ad t' prance round t' running track.
Quarter of a mile 'twere said to be,
I'll take a bet it were two or three,
We'er did I see owt so 'ot,
As sloppy Joe shuvving t'shot.
Near on forty it must'a been,
Can't 'a bin far fra Clifton Green,
Ant' javelin too weren't half a throw,
You should a sint' darned thing go,
Just like a bullet fra Davy Crockett
Almost as fast as an atomic rocket.
What a lark were that senior mile
'Was enough to make old "Wigger" smile
Fancy running wi'out his spikes,
Good job there weren't any thorny dykes,
That 'ad a made the creature dance,
'Appen he'd long jump fra 'ere t'France.
Then that finish at the end,
(Strikes me someone's round the bend)
When Mr. Gregory gave the cup,
All THE HOUSE'S waiting for a sup.
Now think this is all I want to say
Here's three cheers for our Sports Day
And here, perforce, it is "Goodbye,"
Yours sincerely, Jock McKie.

LEARN AS YOU RIDE

SCHOOL BUS CONDUCTORS

On the school bus every morning is a different conductor and each one falls into a certain class or type. Here are some for example.

The first type is the "know-all". He takes a look at the bus load of boys and decides to try and improve their knowledge. For instance one got on the other morning and said "Who is leading the Antarctic expedition?" came back the reply "Scott." The conductor ignored this and turned to history. "Who burnt the cakes?" he said, another person looked up from his prep. "Was it Philip Harben." The conductor, not discouraged, made a final attempt. "Who told the waves to go back?" Another voice replied: "First Sea Lord, Rear Admiral Mountbatten." At this the conductor went off to punch somebody's ear instead of his ticket.

Another type is the friendly one who will gladly show you how his new ticket machine works until he sees a long snake-like roll of ticket issuing from the machine while somebody frantically turns the handle. However matters are soon put right (with the punch again).

There are a number of Irish conductresses on the buses. Ladies are often very short tempered, so the conversation runs thus. Boy: "And what's Ireland got that England hasn't besides potatoes." Conductress: "Why it's got the black peat, the green grass, the blue sky, the brown earth, and what's England got?" to which comes a reply "two reds." Then as she helped an old lady off the bus standing on the pavement for this purpose the bus moved off to a chorus of "Who rang that bell?"

T. Walmsley, L.V.M.

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THE RETURN OF THE HAT

This narrative was born at 2-45 in the morning of Sunday, 13th May in candlelight by three cronies of Upper V Science. This is one good reason why it should not be included in the magazine.

Now to the title of the story. "The Return of the Hat," alias the "Mystery Voice" had established himself an uncertain reputation in a small Lakeland village at an earlier date. He had decided to renew his acquaintances and to terrorise the local inhabitants and "crumpet" vendors. Before he was able to disembark from the bus, however, his disguise was recognised and amidst cries of "Where did you get that hat?" he had returned.

After setting up camp we returned to "Fannie's", Snack Bar but we were ejected from here with some violence, whilst goonlike cries of "Rhubarb, rhubarb" concerning a certain noxious magpie rent the air.

Amongst the various friends in Ambleside is Riane, the nymph, a legendary character who was rather curious about "Brown" and 1890 and was heard to mutter "... like sewers."

That night no sleep was had and it was decided to write this tale.

Next day we packed our rucsacks and moved on to Bowness and it was during this journey that "the hat" was grossly insulted, by a policeman of all people, who took an immediate dislike to the hat. "Hobo" is not really a suitable name anyway.

Onwards we tramped and by 5 o'clock we were only a few miles from our destination so it was decided that we should eat by the lakeside. The only remarkable incident about this was when a cyclist, being not too politely told to "fall off," by a mysterious deep voice, discovered that curiosity killed the cat and nearly killed him too.

A short break here to relight the candle which is burning down in the lemonade (?) bottle.

From there we tramped on to the Ferry, where it started to rain. "The hat" making the famous statement: "Wait till it really rains." We had not long to wait. After crossing the lake capes came out of our rucsacks and we trudged on in the pouring rain.

We had not had a drink since 5 o'clock and we were soon in a state of mental frustration with all that water around us and none to drink. The hat thought he would risk the "liver flukes" and when we came to a mountain stream proceeded to drink.

About this time we were lucky enough to get a lift in a vehicle which brought us to Preston.

And here may we express our gratitude to the kind motorist who thus took pity on us.

THE CHUMS

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HIAWATHA'S BOXING

Once upon a time, in Kirkham,
In the scrubby town of Kirkham,
Once was built a Grammar School there
To this school went Hiawatha,
Gentle, kindly Hiawatha,
There he joined the Club of Boxing,
Joined the awful Club of Boxing
Run there by a Mr. Wilson.
Tall and terrifying was he,
Like a spook that haunts in nightmares,
Like a ghoul that grins in graveyards.
Only he among the masters,
Only he was known as "Zombie",
Tall and fierce and bristle-tached,
He, the Boxing Club Instructor.
His lieutenant was called Ernie,
(Such a mighty fighter, Ernie)
He, another awful Zombie.
Mountain-like of stature was he,

Sturdy like a giant oak tree.
 He was told by Mr. Wilson,
 Told to fight with Hiawatha.
 Then advanced our noble hero,
 Slightly quaking to the kneeward,
 Left outstretched, but slightly shaking,
 Feet well placed but eyes shut tightly,
 Waiting for the stroke of Ernie,
 For the stroke of Ern the mighty,
 That would knock him through the window,
 That would knock his noble block off.
 Then it came like summer lightning,
 Like the dazzling summer lightning,
 Struck him on the nose a whopper.
 Such a whopper Ernie struck him,
 That our hero, reeling slightly,
 Staggered doorwards saying quietly,
 "I resign, dear Mr. Wilson."
 But that awful horror stayed him,
 Stayed him as he staggered doorwards,
 "You will fight," said Mr. Wilson,
 "You will fight with mighty Ernie.
 "Ernie is in need of practice.
 "But, I fear, my Hiawatha,
 "You are something of a coward,
 "Something of a little coward."
 These words stung the little hero,
 Hur his pride so that in anger
 He struck Ernie on his soft spot,
 Hithim where it hurt him sorely,
 Hit him just above the waistline,
 (Called in boxing, "Solar Plexus")
 On his dainty solar plexus.
 This did Ernie much en-anger,
 More than trifling en-anger,
 Mad were Ernie's wild intentions.
 Should this little wretch escape him?
 Little wretch who had in anger
 Hit him in the solar plexus,
 Hit the great and mighty Ernie,
 Hit his precious solar plexus.
 Such a swing he contemplated,
 Such a swing to knock his block off,
 Knock his block off through the window.
 But our hero, small and crafty,
 Thought then of continuation,
 Of his great attack on Ernie.
 To the store crept Hiawatha,
 To the store of the gym master.

There he grabbed a bat of baseball,
 Not to proper use he put it,
 But to use of direst vengeance,
 For the master had aroused him,
 Roused him to a pitch of anger
 Never seen in human conflict,
 In the field of human conflict.
 Once he hit brave Ernie's right ear,
 While he contemplated vengeance.
 Then he hit brave Ernie's left ear,
 While he thought about his right ear.
 When he saw the blows effectless
 Fearful than waxed Hiawatha,
 Fearful of the angry mountain
 Looming in the sky before him.
 On his knees to the Great Spirit,
 Not for greater skill in hunting,
 Not for greater in hunting,
 Not for greater craft in fishing,
 For deliverance from Ernie,
 From the wild-eyed angry Ernie.
 But still larger loomed the danger,
 Loomed the danger of the Zombie,
 Mad from Hiawatha's beating,
 Beating not with gloves of boxing,
 But with wooden bat of baseball.
 To the winds our Hiawatha
 All his dignity then scattered,
 And in haste he then flew doorwards,
 Followed by the irate Ernie,
 Followed by the fiendish laughter
 Of the ghoulish gloating Zombie,
 Gloating o'er his latest victim.
 Thus departed Hiawatha.

J. ALLCOCK, Upper IV a

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CHEMISTRY (OR HOW TO POP CORN IN THREE EASY STAGES)

Those misguided mortals who know not how to make tea, pop corn, toast peanuts or blow the lab. up, need only take Chemistry, and a course in all these things is open to them. Those who wish to take a course in fine eating need only apply to an anonymous gentleman named Mr. E. M. B—, and they will receive a fully illustrated course, complete with acetone.

It is an unheard of thing actually to attend to the lesson, as those who apply themselves with vigour to the experiment will perchance find a Bunsen vigorously applied to a tender spot.

Those also who wish to take a course in colour-blindness need only apply to the venerable Father, who will proudly display a large

collection of bottles of "colourless" multi-coloured liquids, which, when added together produce more colours still. The applicant will then find himself in a whirl of coloured solutions, blues (which he had always been told were red) which change to green (which he had always been told was yellow) when added to a pink (which he was sure was brown), he will doubtless reel out of the lab. colour-blind for evermore.

Then there is the Venerable Society of Gourmets of Kirkham, who test new and varied foods, spiced with the exquisite tang of rusty wire gauze, and flavoured with the contents of a dirty beaker. Never has a three course meal been more carefully prepared than on the back bench. Though we have no menus the delicious odour of burning peanuts tells us what is cooking. Nitro-glycerine and tea bubble away merrily next to each other, unheeded by anyone. Through clouds of smoke one can vaguely see the brown slipper rising and falling steadily.

But, O misery, woe is me, all is lost. Reinforcements have arrived. Certain once-trusted gentlemen are trusted no longer, nay, they are forcibly ejected should they show their cubical heads in the Forbidden Room. There is hope yet though. There is still a little cyanide left, and he eats his sandwiches at school. Hope is not denied to the Kirkham Slave!

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Away from these outer heavens where, according to a certain elf who pays frequent "rocket" visits, cherubs and archangels abound, we go next to the French mainland, but just before we go mention must be made of one from the domain of Lytham. He has of late incurred spherical difficulties in his upper regions and we really must make mention of his swelling difficulties, near to the top of our columns (no doubt he would prefer the bottom).

In France two scholarly gentlemen having only very recently taken to feminine ways (under the possible guidance of "Big" and Poffle, who have seemingly put their driving licenses to good use) visited the most luxurious night club one could ever dream of. The essentials of the evening were — besides an indispensable pair of opera glasses — "Eat, drink and be merry for to-morrow we die." (The great success of a certain Christmas party obviously prompted a certain master to pass on this valuable quotation to his senior pupils). The only disturbing note for any such further ventures is that we have been informed that Monsieur Mollet is to pass a law forbidding all residential hotels to open their doors to patrons after the early hour of 2-30 (a.m.) Paris time. This will shock not only the two night club enthusiasts but also a gentleman who goes for the purpose of buying new suits and studying the latest Parisienne hair styles. Together the three should consult Adolf from Egg-flip Oval town who is in dictatorial league with the Poujadists (for reasons which are doubtless concerned with the eccentricity of egocentric ellipsoids).

On the home front, room 7 events ranked high (surpassed only by the Club House). Swift when he managed to find a supply of oxygen was generally to be seen serenading Pickup to the tune of "It's cherry pink and apple blossom white . . ." or else sending Knocker and Dreamboat (Cliffy) to their all too frequent somnambulistic excursions. The latter was once unusually active when (to boy's delight) he endeavoured — unsuccessfully — to calculate the co-efficient of elasticity of a certain "club-room" chair — the date being B.C. (He was later seen displaying his bentwood chair to the townsfolk of Kirkham). Mr. Stocks, R.A.

illustrated (with the help of the "Red" Dean) the more exacting events with his unique hair line accuracy; at times his curls disturbed his viewing but he quickly part-remedied this by cutting away his side blinds.

The seasonal Fleetwood lawn mower is again doing its paces and so unfortunately the certain Ashtonian garden which has — be it far too long — sought in vain to help weed the many long and slender pieces of grass, must stick it for a while. Another certain follower of long blades (hair as well) may, however, be of service since according to various Einsteinian theories offered, he has acquired the services of a chinchilla rabbit. The only stipulation, therefore, if he decides to help Rake and his longish problem is that the contagious myxamatosis should be absent (it is probably present at K.G.S. since it was deemed necessary to utilise the L.C.C. lawn mower).

"It" takes the biscuit

Crompton besides giving his last annual lecture on roads, and their numerous truncal problems (incidentally he ate nearly all the Symbol biscuits from Blanche's present) presumably has been very active on the Ashton Golf Course. We say presumably because according to an anonymous trunk call, a certain elephant was reported to be doing his exercises in the middle of the fairway. Tick-tock-squeak continually blames the hazardous bends for his defeat. (The fact that he is "an old man" is really the dominating reason). Swynel besides practising the theory of an iddle was notably absent from a certain Sixth form gathering in Blackpool it was later learned he had been divorced — possibly on grounds of bigamous intent. Stomach, whose capacity only he can measure (we cannot find one large enough) was with ? and Nose, whose incessant probings with Buns probably helped towards the successful evening. Also seen was a certain descendent of a male archaeoptery (who is said to be cuckoo) mating strongly with a bird from a Preston park, so a chit chat told us "as the crow flies."

The C.C.F., which we believe to be an illegal organisation since con(nah)scientious objectors are not entertained (why? We really don't know) still insists on a host of unnecessary paraphernalias — down Ingol way it has the term "Bull." However the C.C.F. created an unprecedented feeling of great satisfaction throughout the ranks when rifles and ammunition were stolen (the satisfaction was only short lived since all the rifles were not taken). The stolen rifles have been recovered but all the ammunition has not, and cannot be regained. Some of the gelignite was thought to have been used to produce an absolutely terrific supersonic explosion one Friday morning when the hall floor boards quivered and Cadet Robinson is to be heartily congratulated (on obeying the 1937 "Unlawful carrying of explosives" act).

Another Robinson has been policeing his strength on bottles and gates and has been seen doing some very very rare studying — about Horace the Hedgehog and his prickly problems.

As per usual the Easter Fair concert was a success. The "Saints" were very hot (in more ways than one) and they proved so big an attraction that an official Jazz Club is not too far away. Professor Houghton is suggested as chairman when he would, we feel sure, encourage ghost tunes.

Why Mr. Wilkinson was ever away only his close friend Mr. Wilson will know. He certainly missed some hair-raising experiences especially from the much applauded item, "At Much Kirkham in the Fylde." Mr. Wignall was also noticeably absent, but for a now well established reason. The only other oddities were, firstly, reports of a Treasurer helping himself to many teas (out of our money) and so helping the Tory-made inflation in the K.G.S. treasury (inflation should not be connected with a boy secretary). Secondly, reports of Myerscough and a certain master "scoffing" the littered grapes after displacement — accidental? — of the then much battered fruit basket. (The masters name does not begin with C).

You have heard, gentlemen of the jury (Mr. Fielding included), an all too brief (thanks to Mr. Bentley), synopsis of happenings connected with K.G.S. this school year and all egos (or oggos for those who understand latin lines) should have been amply satisfied except for:

1. Who is asking for a nick-name?
2. Why is Poffle going to Oxford?
3. What does "dial Etna 999" dream of?
4. Who keeps goal for a certain XV?
5. What is the wOrks team and who is its manager?
6. Who likes pink and why?
7. Who was seen walking with a Rose Queen towards Blackpool on the night of 9th March?
8. Who likes Honey?

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WHAT'S THE FORM?

IIIb

Everyone in the form has settled down to work, as it is our third term here. Everyone, that is except Littlefair, who is one of the keenest members of the detention party in our form.

Mr. Jackman seems to be very keen on keeping back the form, usually after a Maths period at 4-15 p.m., particularly when members of School House are in a hurry to go to the baths. We are all looking forward to the time when we will not be called "thirds."

IIIa

This term and a half we have held our own with IIIb in sport, as the top set is becoming more and more made up of IIIa, especially in cricket, as quite a few of IIIb have backed out of the top set. We are also better swimmers, or rather, a higher percentage of us can swim.

We have four more additions to the nick-named boys in our form the old one being "Goliath," and the new ones are "Grandma," "Baby," "Comical" and "Dirty Dick."

A certain master who carries a piece of linoleum around with him (his best friend) has been given a wide berth by Lomas (alias Dirty Dick), who is his favourite target to teach us what transitive and intransitive verbs are.

Most of us have joined the Library and the Bank; at the latter the money is eagerly grabbed by our friend Mr. Wil

The five Lower IV boys who were with us until Christmas have now gone to their appropriate places; Midgely has joined us from IIIb, and Dodd has left and gone to live in North Wales — the form has been a lot more quiet since his departure.

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Lower IVb

To begin this report we will record the latest, and also the worst news, Mr. Lee is off school with flu, and the form wish him a quick recovery. Our get-well-soon wishes are also extended to Fairclough who has been absent every day except one this term. We hope he also will be back soon. We have a new boy, Campbell, who is filling up the space vacated by Fairclough. When Fairclough returns there will be fights as to who stands up in some rooms.

We go now from the invalids to the athletes. We have Elliot, Harrison, Howard and Yates in the Under 14's cricket team. Also we are able to report that the football matches spoken of in the last report have been played. We played Lower IVa and won 7-2; Upper IVb and drew 1-1 and 2-2; Upper IVa and won 3-0; IIIa and won 7-2. We have only three members in the form who cannot swim.

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Upper IVb

One of the main topics of conversation has again been "ERM", who it seems has lost something! Or perhaps he never had it. Strange drawings depicting the loser and his lost article were to be found in room 2; the authorship of these was a matter of great controversy. "Hoss" has had a very good "season," plodding through Latin and French at a much envied slow trot. How does he do it?

Talking of Latin "Fulf" has acquired a rare art — he can fit the translation on page 58 to the Latin text on page 59 and still apparently make sense of it. Amazing, isn't it?

"Pig" has had lots of good fun and he really admires "Cecil's"

sense of "restraint." When "Pig" turns up on Thursday's the fun is usually fast and furious, for he has the happy knack of doing things wrongly. For instance, on a recent occasion "Sergeant's delight" turned up for the General Inspection with a uniform obviously made for someone else with belt and gaiters completely free of blanco. Moreover when, in spite of this unmilitary attire he was allowed to join the parade, he managed to be out of step during all the marching.

To Mr. Wilson perspective is something real and tangible. to his intelligent (??) pupils his examples are lost in a maze of lines and letters.

"Erm" intends to write a book on How to find what you never had. Will he be able to find a publisher?

A rumour is going around that Neave and Rodgers are to stage a contest to decide who has the biggest ———! The winner is almost sure to be "Melon" for who has seen a larger MELON than his?

Mr. K (no relation to Mr. B) was a striking figure recently when cycling up the drive. Was the "Hesperus" wrecked?

The majority of the form are in favour of going into the Modern next year, but the boys are making a bee-line for science. Why? Perhaps Mr. Bentley will know. Incidentally we do not know of any crews who perform on a couch, but we know of one cut on a couch.

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Upper IVa

Two of our English periods this term, have been devoted to debates where provocative motions were heard. One was: "That foxes ought not to go dancing on a Sunday" and the other one was: "That hunting people is cruel."

Knocked off his high perch, at half-term was Carmont. In the half term positions Carmont was second. It's about time that another hen went on the high perch and what more fitting than a farmer, Thistlethwaite.

The Jazz Club which we attend twice a week (on Tuesday third period, and Thursday seventh period) is enjoyed by all. We have a very enthusiastic and serious musician — none other than the celebrated Sir George Boxrecorder. One of his most famous tunes (consisting mainly of beautifully high pitched notes) goes something like this whiiiiistle pip shrrriieek. In answer to many requests Sir George Boxrecorder has written two books entitled. How to play the recorder in 5,000 easy lessons.

We have been asked to insert the following advertisements.
EXPERT TATTOOING. Done to any design. Apply to Preston UIVA.

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HEY YOU JAZZ ENTHUSIASTS! Do you want to learn jazz really well? Then apply to Hepcat Hodg's School of Jazz. Or, if you want to learn the opposite type of music go to Preston's school of classical music.

We are seriously wondering at what level some masters rate our intelligence (no answers please) because recently we've been told that when you look at a piece of paper you are really looking through a piece of glass (Mr. Wilson). A round circle is actually a square pye (Mr. Connah). The Zambezi is a river in Africa when everybody knows it's a popular song (Mr. Lee). Betting is now going on as to which master will tell us that black is white. All enquiries to S. Clitheroe. Expert bookie.

And now to finish up with here are a few "limericks."

Lower V Modern

Gentlemen, we are pleased to announced that LVM's activities have certainly gone up with a bang (along with a few reputations) since our last report—thanks mainly to Satch, whose attempt to wipe out the School one Friday morning only succeeded in making things hot for himself.

We still have our twice weekly contest (home and away) with a certain gentleman who shall be nameless. We prove a certain home banker but away we are slightly suppressed (not for I.T.A.).

Jack's addiction to cancer sticks has evidently become stronger, for his excursions from class have become more frequent. Platoon 4 reduced its "numbers absent" last week to 6 — an all-time record. The woodwork set deny: "You aren't like this with other masters."

In passing we note that: 1, Mr. Coates has heard a NEW excuse.
2, The major's grandmother is a barmaid in a tavern in the town.
3, Mr. Jackman has been working hard on permutations.

Honest Goody, after a successful "National" is still in operation

On a more serious note we congratulate Bamber on obtaining 1st XI status and we welcome Campbell to the form whilst warning him not to associate too much with Teddy.

Lower V Science

Friends, Comrades, Zombies, once again lend us your ears while we recount to you the activities of the underworld of Lower V Science. For the Latin set:

"Ovid got kicked out of Rome,

For what we haven't a clue,

All we know is that we

Wish they'd kicked out his poetry too."

In the more elite mathematics set, the following poem has been heard:

"In winter term when all was cold,

Outspake Mr. Jackman bauld

If thou wants any marks this year O,

Thou shalt not divide by zero."

"Neither shalt thou knock pins in the bench with glass blocks, spake Mr. Wignall, "Pins cost money," and with money, he could buy a bunch of violets to which of late he seems to be taking a

inexplicable preference. It is equally inexplicable why Mr. Fielding comes to school with glassy eyes and with a strong tendency to pick dandelions.

Whilst on the subject of dandelions, from room 5 comes the famous quotation which, we have been warned, must NEVER, NEVER, NEVER be put on an exam paper. In spite of this some clot did and lost the form £1 each by saying that a dandelion fruit is a seed. Well it's the same thing isn't it?

From room 16 comes a new problem—RHUBARB, element mixture or compound? The somewhat unpredicted discovery of the inflammability of acetone is noteworthy and so also is Mr. Bentley's discovery of the caustic nature of Bromine.

Life of a new kind has been created in room 16 and this sort we are assured "knows more chemistry than you."

The toll of injuries collected in the athletics periods has increased considerably. Is this due to the dreaded Lurbi or to other vices? Nay!

Upper V Modern

The last two terms seem to have been almost devoid of incident as far as UVM is concerned; therefore we apologise for the lack of material which is evident throughout this report.

In the early part of this term a number of the Woodwork Set visited a wheelwrights in Preston. But why should "Eddy's" headgear cause so much displeasure.

Our visit with Mr. McKerrow to the Agricultural Institute at Hutton was a great success but for some time afterwards "Sloppy" was considerably embarrassed by mention of "cucumbers."

The combination of "Tuft" and "John" has proved formidable although the "pavilion" is now used for its correct purpose.

Our History periods have been, as always, most interesting but everyone wants to know about the largest of the Unskilled Unions. As far as Geography is concerned some of the form has been amused by the antics of one "Bomber" but the writers of this article wish to dissociate themselves from the opinions of those members. Perhaps our most strenuous lesson has been "P.E.": the new type of "circuit training" has been very exhausting — particularly for one newcomer to the form.

Our form monitor has been very quiet of late — he was very hard hit by an increase in indirect taxation in the late Budget.

The Woodwork periods this term have been undistinguished although the "Woodwork Practical" examination appeared amusing to some entrants—But why?

During last term the whole of UVM enjoyed a production of the "Merchant of Venice" in Blackpool. But the exertion of getting on the train returning to Preston and the journey itself caused "Nev" some embarrassment.

The mild references in this article will no doubt be pleasing to the "characters" of our form — it is unfortunate that "Nose" and "The Shipwrecked Mariner" have had such a quiet term.

Upper V Science

This is perhaps the most cosmopolitan of all form reports, but as Sparrow has honoured us with his absence, we trust he has been enjoying himself, we have been left to write it ourselves.

It is the first and, luckily, the last to be compiled by this particular group as many will be leaving. They are not, however, following the example of "Chunky, the Road Sweeper."

The most prominent occasion of this term was the mystery of the Phantom Water Sprayer and "Jac" declared, "I'm going to get to the bottom of this" (in a broad Burnley accent). Having held a secret ballot it was unanimously decided that the culprit was none other than "Rhubarb."

English lessons were much brighter this term and the burning question is: "Who giveth this man to this maid?"

Circuit training continues, with one or two keen "average boys" but for the most part we find it—

"Ernie" was deprived of some good literature during a maths lesson and the staff no doubt appreciated the finer points of it. In passing we should like to confirm the rumour that the above has at last resigned his position of "Chief Zombie."

Enthusiasm was lacking during a "Practical" whilst Mr. Wignall rounded up his volunteers and passed 100,000 volts through them, amidst fiendish cries of "Rhubarb." The "cowards" who had hidden under benches now came out, looked on, and were not disappointed when violet flashes made "Gabby's" hair stand on end. This mention of "violet" provokes another subject, also concerned with the physics lab. "May all his troubles be little ones."

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Lower VI or Lower VI "off the Rocker"

After an enjoyable Christmas holiday spent in disposing of our hard-earned Post Office wages, we returned to School with our customary zest for work. Naturally on the science side the term began with a swing, but Stew's personality was lacking.

At about this time Trev mysteriously obtained a partially silvered apparatus with which, at some personal strain, he produced sounds approximating to those that cascade from Norman's liquid-toned trumpet, so sweet to our form master's hypersensitive eardrums.

The forthcoming S.C.M. conference was eagerly awaited, as the School's threshold was to be officially crossed for the first time in living memory by pupils of two local girls' schools. It was a success and as a result Pete took over where Pete left off.

Meanwhile the former Lower Sixth Rhythm Group, now the Saint's Hot Seven was feverishly practising for the Easter Fair. They were, much to their surprise, loudly acclaimed by the majority in the hall on that day.

The Easter holidays were notable in that Antony became mere Tony again. Tony, by the way, says that he cannot go in for his driving test until he gets a car; it is thought that he wants a Morris.

He is also haunted by a monstrous white rabbit.

The only noteworthy happening this term is that Fred accidentally stepped over a black and white bar in between two posts and discovered he had set up a new School record for the high jump.

This report would be incomplete without reference to Boney. This self acclaimed master of expression, character actor and undiscovered genius informed Mr. Fielding that an apologist was a sun worshipper and told Mr. Wignall in no mean terms that he was going to get a distinction in physics next year.

As a scientist I know little of that obscure modern side of the form, but I do know something.

At Easter Fes and Raymond went to London on a state visit, one which, however, did not appear in the papers because of Messrs. Bulganin and Krushev, whose presence in London tended to eclipse them. From London Raymond went to Bournemouth where he obtained a temporary position as a chambermaid in an hotel.

Ram bought himself a liquorice stick, which attracted Henry who proceeded to play his tune on it.

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Remove

Yes! it's the Remove, the envy of K.G.S. Here are the eleven apostles writing our first gospel of iniquity in the School magazine, after being excluded from the magazine last term by a benevolent gentleman who remains anonymous. We are now allotted some space. There were twelve of us but one had to leave, perhaps Judas Iscariot. We have a tiny, secluded, homely room near the headmaster's study.

We now realise what G.C.E. results mean to our lives (or possibly wives). Our new year resolutions still hold fast, and we show no signs of falling into our old slack outlook on life.

Mr. Connah is an exceptionally good form master, and shows great interest in us, which is most encouraging. Many members of our form were disappointed when Sir's Christmas Box was not circulated for free samples.

K.G.S. would be in a bad way if the Remove were not such a sporting lot, with Pilling and Robinson representing the form in the first XV, while Dickinson and Alderman proved themselves able members of the second XV. Remove representatives in the Harriers were Dickinson and Martin who appeared on one occasion. In badminton Robinson and Dickinson were included in the team, whose only victory was against the staff. Lloyd, continuing his accomplishments as a cricket, plays together with Robinson, in the first XI. Bowtell and Hoyle are now veterans of the swimming team as it is their fourth consecutive year. Pilling, despite a broken finger, was able to break the discus record at Blackpool. Earlier, in the School Sports, he broke yet another record — the javelin. Pilling would also have been a regular member of the 1st XI were it not for his broken finger.

OUR "SOCIETY" GOSSIP

THE DEBATORS

Chairman: Mr. Coates.

Secretary: P. W. F. Johnston.

The dawn of 1956 brought a climax in the affairs of the society when it was decided by the committee that we should conduct our debates on more dignified lines. To this end, twelve rules were drawn up which have led in effect to greater efficiency and control in debates.

During the year the subjects of debate have had an extended scope. For instance the house does not believe in "The good old days," that "Holidays are a waste of time," or "That automation will re-introduce slavery into this country." But, it is believed that, "Tradition stifles initiative," "Trade unions have outlived their use," and that the "Death penalty and colour bar should be abolished."

The attendance on an average has been good during the last year, numbers present varying from 30—70. The interest of the Sixth Form was notably lacking during the Spring Term. Yet, it was most encouraging to note the interest shown by those in the Lower School and also to hear some words of wisdom from their lips.

The year has been very successful and this is due to the excellent work of the committee under the masterly guidance of the chairman.

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LIBRARY

Secretary: A. R. Baines.

Treasurer: L. Barton.

Sub-Librarians: D. T. Bowe, N. T. Colclough, P. S. Hayes, P. W. Hopcroft, R. K. Millar, J. A. Pickup, J. E. Ryan, P. I. Vardy.

Since the last issue of this magazine much has happened within the panelled walls of the Library to affect all its patrons.

After two lengthy committee meetings it was decided to make a start on the task of repairing some of the many volumes which are in dire need of attention. Although some of the books have reached such a forlorn state through constant use, inconsiderate handling must have been one of the factors that has led to many books being listed for repair which could otherwise have been avoided.

In this connection members of both Senior and Junior sections of the School Library are reminded that a book taken down from a shelf should be replaced in its appropriate position after use. Such a simple procedure on the part of all concerned could give any book a longer life. Also remember that a borrowed book is your responsibility during the fourteen days for which it is issued. On loaning a book the library is trusting you with a particularly valuable article. Justify this trust by realising your obligation and treating the book as a personal possession. In this way the library finances

can be wholly devoted to purchase of new books and not partly to repairs and replacement of lost ones.

The Summer Term with the fine weather it usually brings has slowed the tempo of the library down considerably. Although the relief "shadown" committee may find this an advantage during their brief but invaluable period of office, it to be hoped that they will not be deterred from encouraging the use of the library on all occasions.

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THE CHESS CLUB

Chairman: Mr. H. B. Wilson.

Secretary: M. S. Whitwell.

Treasurer: J. E. Ryan.

The Club is pleased to report a win, by $2\frac{1}{2}$ matches to $1\frac{1}{2}$ matches, over King Edward VII Grammar School, Lytham. So evenly matched were the teams; that it was not until the two-hour time limit had expired that Kirkham could be sure of a win.

This year's Chess Competition has reached its last stages. The record entry of 65 has now been reduced to the last eight comprising: Hopcroft, Hosker, Howard, Sidebottom, Ryan, Whitaker, Whitwell and Worden.

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THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Chairman: G. R. Wignall.

Secretary: G. M. Mowbray.

After witnessing the most disappointing results of last year, the society set to work in the winter term under the apt motto:—"The cure for this ill is not to sit still." Well, we cured the ill by not sitting still, and through wise planning and careful guidance we have managed to steer clear of what might almost have been described the "gloomy" road. This was in the main due to the efforts of the widely representative committee, which arranged after many long and arduous discussions (Leater exploded on occasions) a satisfactory and workable programme. That the outcome of this year's activities were 13 film shows and four illustrated lectures, not to mention "Leyland Motors Ltd." speaks volumes for the committee and is something of which the society can be justly proud.

Attendance at society meetings remained fairly steady at 20 to 30 and therefore satisfactory. The junior side of the School showed particularly keen interest and with the novel idea of "Free Teas" ("Ernie" soon put on weight!) coupled with the newly adopted practice of borrowing from film libraries other than that of I.C.I. (e.g. Atomic Energy Commission) the three have played a major role in contributing towards the success of this year's work.

As if film shows and lectures were not enough the committee, on defeating the chairman by six votes to one, decided to exhibit at the Easter Fair. Artistic sign-writers brushing up and down and nuclear physicists abounding with endless reserves of "Eccles" energy were to be the order of the day in room 16. Owing to their efforts under the guidance of the secretary and Mr. Bentley, whom

the society thank for his willingness to put on the show, the sum of £3 4s. 2d. was handed in to the "Chancellor of the Exchequer." The committee are desirous that this exhibition should become a permanent part of the annual Easter Fair, if only to help the stringent and conservative treasury of the G.S.C.

Besides extending our usual, yet none the less sincere thanks to Sidebottom and Co. Ltd. (projectionist experts) the Committee is perhaps deserving of some mention. Clifton, besides being our dreamy man, looked after our financial means and dealt with subscriptions (voluntary — we believe this is the democratic way) and many other items from a broken £3 15s. thermometer to "Free Teas" bills. Darrah produced all the film shows for which Leater designed our colourful posters and also supplied the novel idea of two £1 1s. prizes for answers to puzzles at the Easter Fair — yes! a packet of Beechams Pills is worth a guinea. Sharratt was in charge of meteorology and Blossom was keeper of the minutes and was ever ready with the attendance register.

Judging from our results, and we believe this is the criterion on which our success or failure should be measured, we have been pleased to note that the programme offered to members was readily accepted by the middle and junior members of the School. It is a pity more seniors do not attend meetings especially since some of our film shows are concerned with specific items of their syllabus — the films held during the dinner hour were also for their convenience.

After appealing for criticism in the last issue it is disappointing that the more senior members of the School did not take advantage of this generous offer. The only critical observers, those of the much debated "Free Teas," had the "Chancellor of the Exchequer" continually plugging away (or should we say tugging away), to further their cause in the S.S.C. Their many hypotheses (groundless assumptions) have been totally disproved since the "Free Teas" produced the desired effect in rocketing attendances. We also offer no apologies to the Boxing Club, who in the future will again be given the k.o. punch if they attempt to hold their shows on our now customary Friday evening. It has been decided that attendances at these meetings will be the deciding factor influencing the choice of the party to visit Leyland Motors Ltd. at the end of term.

A record number of films shown and lectures delivered together with an unprecedented membership of well over 180 as well as the trip to Industry are no hollow achievement after the misfortunes of last year — so much for the glorious present.

The future should be a very good one if, and only if, the future committees plan industriously and plan quickly as well as keeping to their ideas. Given such a policy in the future, a policy in contradiction to last year's (apologies for keep mentioning last year — but we must be wise and learn from it), the society should be able to enjoy more programmes (and "Free Teas") of the kind presented this current year.

AROUND THE HOUSES

Ashton House

Captain: K. Crompton.

Prefects: J. Garstang, J. A. Pickup.

Since the writing of the last report the House has tasted success. The junior Rugby team disposed of Preston and Kirkham Houses with nonchalance. They were disillusioned in the final and trooped off the field smarting under a 17-3 defeat.

The House improved somewhat on last year's display in the cross country race, finishing in fourth position. Bracegirdle was our first man home in ninth position.

The Athletic Sports provided an opportunity for the House to demonstrate another improvement on last year's performance. Garstang was outstanding with four magnificent victories to his credit. He also contributed in no small measure to the victory of the senior relay team. The intermediates had no outstanding success but by no means disgraced themselves. The juniors had little or no success with Whitehead getting second place in the long jump.

The result achieved in these past terms augurs well for the future of the House and should serve as an encouragement to the rank and file.

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Fylde House

Captain: P. B. Myerscough.

Prefects: M. S. Whitwell, R. K. Millar, N. T. Colclough.

The House started the School year in fine style in the Rugby competitions. In the senior preliminary round the House team showed great spirit in defeating Kirkham House by 11pts. to 5. In the semi-final, the same spirit was shown but without the same success, the team losing to Lytham House 3-11 in a close match.

The House juniors showed great promise for the future in winning the junior competition. In the semi-final they defeated School House by 9pts. to 6 thanks to some fine team work. In the final the Ashton juniors were beaten by 17pts. to 6 in a match which showed the greater all-round superiority of the Fylde juniors.

The cross country team did not fare as well as had at one time been expected and only managed to finish in fifth place.

The Athletic Sports again provided the House with an opportunity to show its great all-round strength. While only in fourth place in the total number of standard points the House finally finished in second place for the second year in succession. A total of twenty places was gained in Sports Day, a very creditable achievement, and one of which the House may be justly proud.

The House looks forward with optimism to the Cricket competitions, and also to the Swimming Sports and it is hoped that the same spirit which has already been shown will be kept up in these competitions.

Kirkham House

Captain: A. R. Baines.

Prefects: A. Dean, N. Swift, P. Tomlinson.

In the winter Inter-House sporting competition, the Junior Rugby XV gained a fine victory over Lytham House juniors by 22pts-3 in the preliminary rounds. Unfortunately a sad lapse of form prevented the team from proceeding any further in the competition when, in the semi-finals, they were beaten by 8pts-0 by Ashton juniors.

In the Inter-House cross country race the house was placed sixth, A. Dean (16th in the race) being the first Kirkham House representative home.

The Inter-House athletic sports provided a medium in which our competitors scored highly. The House finished fourth and the best performance on the day was that of N. Kirby who broke the existing junior high jump record.

It is hoped that the Junior Cricket XI in the forthcoming fixtures will ably defend the cup which they won last year; that the seniors will notch a victory against Lytham in the senior competition and that later in the term the water "babies" will be able to wrest back the swimming trophy from School House.

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Lytham House

Captain: J. Stevenson.

Prefects: K. Parkinson, D. I. Hill, D. T. Bowe, R. A. Porter, D. A. Stocks, J. Ryan.

The first two and a half terms this year have seen the Lytham House in battling mood. The senior Rugby trophy was almost within our grasp and for the first time for many years there was a feeling that the elusive School House would be finally defeated. Alas this was not to be for after a hard battle the final score recorded 23-3 for the School House.

The spirit of the House, however, was very far from being broken and soon the inter-house cross country cup was ours. Not only did we win the cup but we won it by a very substantial margin, having four of our runners in the first six. The first to finish was H. Kennedy.

Sports Day did not prove to be the anticipated day of victories for Lytham House. Our only winner was H. Kennedy in the mile.

There are yet two major competitions to be held, the Cricket and the Swimming. Hopes of winning are high for the cricket team is in fine form under the expert leadership of Porter and the House has for many years had a high swimming reputation.

The House welcomes Mr. Bentley who has become co-house master with Mr. Lee. We hope his stay with us will be a long and happy one.

Preston House

Captain: M. P. Collinson.

Prefects: J. M. C. Smithies, G. M. Mowbray, W. A. Mayor,
P. S. Hayes.

The enthusiasm of the majority of the members is marked but certain sections have shown an apathy creditable neither to themselves nor to the House.

Both Rugby teams devoted a great amount of their own time to practice which paid dividends in increasing team spirit and, amongst the juniors, lessening their fear of the ball. Both teams failed to beat their opponents, the senior losing to School House and the juniors to Ashton House.

The cross country team had hopes of a victory which were soon dispelled largely through a lack of effort in training. Though members tried hard on the day the House was beaten into second place running well below the standard of the winners. Great efforts were noticeable among the less prominent members of the team.

In the Athletic Sports the House finished fourth, we had no really outstanding representatives other than F. Traice who, in winning the high jump broke the School record for the event. Traice was our only representative in the School Athletics team which competed at Blackpool. He gained a very creditable second place in the high jump. The performance of the House as a whole in the gaining of standards was very much improved and it is hoped that the improvement will be maintained in future years.

There is noticeable a lack of effort concerning points for the Gym Cup. It is undoubtedly laziness on the part of individuals who are capable of registering many more points with an effort.

We welcome Mr. McKerrow to the House and hope his enthusiastic presence will instil vigour into some of the less active members.

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School House

Captain: P. W. F. Johnston.

Prefects: J. C. Renshaw, E. Sidebottom, C. R. Plaster.

The House welcomes Mr. G. T. Wilkinson to his new position as house master, and we hope that he will spend a long and enjoyable time with us. At the same time we express our regret at the unavoidable loss of Mr. S. Crane, whose continual guidance and understanding within the House was greatly appreciated by every member.

In the inter-house Rugby competitions, the senior team retained the shield, beating the Lytham House in the final by 23pts.-3, while an enthusiastic junior team were narrowly beaten in the semi-final by the Fylde House, the eventual winners of the competition, the score being 9pts.-6. The House was well represented in all School teams, especially in the Under 15 XV, in which we had, at one time, ten out of the fifteen players. Of the first First XV players in the

House, one was awarded honours, and the other three team colours.

Turning to cross-country running, the House team was not very strong, but there was a commendable effort by all eight members, our position in the inter-house competition being third. Two members of the House were in the School Harriers, and both were awarded team colours.

In Athletics, the inter-house trophy was retained on Sports Day, partly as a result of a concerted effort in gaining standard points, and partly by good results returned by the whole House team, including several outstanding individual performances. We were well represented in the School team, with five of our members gaining places in the Inter-School Sports at Blackpool.

The senior team has reached the final of the inter-house Cricket competition, where we play Lytham House, having beaten Ashton House in the semi-final by eleven runs. The junior team now go into the semi-final of their competition also after a victory over Ashton House. Representation in School teams, especially in the senior teams is good.

Prospects of the House in swimming are promising. We hope to retain the cup in the inter-house Swimming competition at the end of this term.

1956 has indeed been, on the whole, a successful year for the House, so far. We hope, and expect that our achievements will long continue in this vein.

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THE SPORTING PICTURE

RUGBY FOOTBALL

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts. F.	A.
1st XV	14	7	7	0	165	100
2nd XV	11	6	3	2	97	77
Under 16	5	2	3	0	49	64
Under 15	7	4	2	1	145	58
Under 14	3	1	2	0	28	83
Bantams	5	0	5	0	8	50

The season 1955-6 has been one of considerable difficulty and some misfortune with the results not up to the standard of previous years. One of the main causes of this in the School's Senior teams has been the abnormal prevalence of injuries and illness in direct contrast to the previous year. On two occasions only was it possible to field a fully representative 1st XV. The long absence of P. Myerscough, Lancashire Schoolboy scrum half of 1954-5 who never regained his form of that season, of P. Johnston and G. Mowbray, who missed half of the games, deprived the team of that leadership and experience which is so vital. Unfortunately, too, the 2nd XV was not as strong as in previous years, and players drafted into the 1st XV never really filled the bill. Mention should

be made of J. Renshaw who rarely played in the same position for two consecutive games. Nevertheless the XV contrived to play attractive open football on all occasions, the highlight being the performance against Preston G.S. There has always been a tendency for K.G.S. teams to start slowly and this was very evident in certain of the away games, a very dangerous tendency against sides of the calibre of King George V, Southport, and Cowley. The captain, K. Parkinson, is not only to be congratulated on his selection for Lancashire Schoolboys, but also on his leadership of the XV and the splendid example he set. The scrum was usually capable of getting a fair share of the ball, the exception being against Arnold, and the season's discoveries here were probably R. Wilcock and P. Fenton. Both were exceedingly hard working and always in the thick of the fray. D. Hill, transferred from right wing to second row played some good hard games and with I. Robinson and T. Pilling made up what was at full strength, a very strong pack. The threequarters generally, ran and passed well, although there was a certain lack of originality and experience at times. In addition to K. Parkinson, J. Garstang was outstanding. At full back K. Millar was a tower of strength, and gave those in front of him a feeling of confidence on all occasions.

Honours Caps have been awarded to P. Johnston, K. Millar and G. Mowbray, and Colours to R. Porter, W. Kaye, A. Pickup, R. Hull, J. Renshaw, T. Pilling, D. Hill, R. Wilcock and P. Fenton. K. Parkinson and P. Myerscough, Old Honours and J. Garstang and I. Robinson, old Colours, completed the team.

2nd XV.

The 2nd XV naturally was weakened by the demands of the 1st XV, but after a somewhat shaky start, improved considerably as the season progressed and towards the end were playing quite good football. It is almost impossible to pick out the outstanding players because of the unsettled team but behind the scrum C. Plaster, E. Sidebottom, N. Jackson and D. Sharratt should do well in the coming season. Of the three teams selected on an age basis, the Under 15 was the most promising, although here there was a tendency to rely too much on individual players such as J. Bamber, J. Blossom and C. Parkinson, who all show distinct promise for the future. It is many years since the Bantams won a game but every year they play with great interest and enthusiasm and this season has been no exception and they include many promising players in their ranks.

All together, it has been a very interesting season and many good games have been played and enjoyed. Finally, the Rugby Committee would like to express its gratitude to the non-playing staff, to Touch Judges, Referees, and members of the Catering Staff, who have contributed to the success and smooth running of the Rugby football season of 1955-6.

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1955-56

1st XV

1955			
24th Sept.	v. Old Boys	.....	Lost 6—8
1st Oct.	v. Hutton (h)	.....	Won 30—8
5th Oct.	v. St. Joseph's (a)	.....	Won 22—3
8th Oct.	v. Southport (a)	.....	Lost 20—8
15th Oct.	v. Blackpool (a)	.....	Lost 8—0
19th Oct.	v. K.E.S. (h)	.....	Won 23—3
26th Oct.	v. Balshaw's (a)	.....	Won 6—5
29th Oct.	v. Preston (a)	.....	Won 23—3
12th Nov.	v. Cowley (a)	.....	Lost 9—14
16th Nov.	v. Rossall 2nd XV (h)	.....	Won 6—0
19th Nov.	v. Arnold (a)	.....	Lost 9—14
30th Nov.	v. Wigan (a)	.....	Lost 6—3
3rd Dec.	v. Blackpool (h)	.....	Won 17—3

1956

21st Jan.	v. Hutton (a)	.....	Lost 3—5
1st Feb.	v. St. Joseph's (h)	.....	Cancelled
4th Feb.	v. Balshaw's (h)	.....	Cancelled
11th Feb.	v. Upholland (h)	.....	Cancelled
Played 14, Won 7, Lost 7, Points for 165, Points against 100.			

2nd XV

1955

1st Oct.	v. Hutton (a)	.....	Lost 6—11
5th Oct.	v. St. Joseph's (h)	.....	Draw 8—8
15th Oct.	v. Blackpool (h)	.....	Lost 3—8
19th Oct.	v. K.E.S. (a)	.....	Won 11—8
29th Oct.	v. Preston (h)	.....	Won 12—6
16th Nov.	v. Rossall (a)	.....	Lost 5—30
19th Nov.	v. Arnold (h)	.....	Won 6—3
3rd Dec.	v. Blackpool (a)	.....	Draw 0—0
7th Dec.	v. K.E.S. (h)	.....	Won 23—0
10th Dec.	v. Balshaw's (h)	.....	Won 9—3

1956

21st Jan.	v. Hutton (h)	.....	Won 12—0
1st Feb.	v. St. Joseph's (a)	.....	Cancelled
4th Feb.	v. Balshaw's	.....	Cancelled
Played 11, Won 6, Lost 3, Drawn 2, Points for 95, Points against 77.			

Under 16's XV

1955

8th Oct.	v. Southport (a)	.....	Lost 3—21
15th Oct.	v. Blackpool (a)	.....	Lost 16—0
19th Nov.	v. Arnold (a)	.....	Won 14—6
30th Nov.	v. Wigan (a)	.....	Lost 19—21
3rd Dec.	v. Blackpool (h)	.....	Won 18—0
Played 5, Won 2, Lost 3, Points for 49, Points against 64.			

Under 15's XV

1955

24th Sept.	v. K.E.S. (a)	.....	Won 33—0
8th Oct.	v. St. Joseph's (a)	.....	Won 32—14
22nd Oct.	v. K.E.S. (h)	.....	Won 39—0
29th Oct.	v. Preston (h)	.....	Lost 6—11
12th Nov.	v. Cowley (a)	.....	Lost 3—30
10th Dec.	v. Balshaw's (a)	.....	Draw 0—0
Played 7, Won 4, Lost 2, Drawn 1, Points for 145, Points against 58.			

Bantams XV

1st Oct.	v. Hutton (h)	.....	Lost 0—8
2nd Oct.	v. K.E.S. (a)	.....	Lost 5—12
12th Nov.	K.E.S. (h)	.....	Lost 3—15
19th Nov.	v. Arnold (h)	.....	Lost 0—9

1956

21st Jan.	v. Hutton (a)	.....	Lost 0—6
Played 7, Won 1, Lost 6, Drawn 0, Points for 37, Points against 69.			

Under 14's XV

1955

8th Oct.	v. St. Joseph's (h)	Lost 11—52
15th Oct.	Blackpool (h)	Won 14—8
3rd Dec.	v. Blackpool (a)	Lost 3—23

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RUGBY ACHIEVEMENTS

During the Christmas holidays, the School was well represented in the Fylde and Preston Schoolboys' teams. Parkinson and Robinson played for the Fylde team, and Pickup and Myerscough played for Preston, the latter captaining the side.

Fenton was selected for the Fylde Junior team, and Swift N. and Wilcock for Preston.

Parkinson and Millar were chosen for the mid-Lancashire side.

Parkinson later went forward to the final County trial after which he was chosen for the Lancashire Schoolboys' team versus Cheshire.

To the above are extended our congratulations, especially to Parkinson, the 1st XV captain.

P.W.F.J.

HARRIERS

It is good to be able to record an improvement on the disastrous 1955 season, and during this short 1956 season two victories were recorded alongside a very meritorious second place in a quadrangular fixture at Balshaw's G.S., Leyland, an event which was dominated by a very powerful Blackpool G.S. eight. G. Barrow was Kirkham's outstanding runner, leading the team home on all occasions but H. Kennedy was a clear winner in the Inter-House Competition which resulted in a very creditable win by the Lytham House. More than sixty "cross country standards," the highest number ever obtained, were gained by members of the Upper School, so that all in all it has been quite a successful season.

Results:—The School scored victories over Baines' and Balshaw's and also against King Edward's School, all at Kirkham. A second place was gained against Balshaw's, Baines' and Blackpool at Leyland, and the other two matches at Baines' and Blackpool G.S. were lost.

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ATHLETICS

This has been another successful year for School athletics, although never quite matching the successes of the two previous years. After a victory over K.E.S. Lytham at the end of March, training was carried on during the Easter holidays for those willing and able to attend. At the two-sided contest at King George V, Southport, the Juniors and the Intermediates were well in the lead and the Seniors were engaged in a very close and exciting struggle when heavy rain brought the proceedings to an untimely end.

The School House continued on their winning way during the Annual Athletic Sports (when the trophies were awarded by A. Gregory of Everest fame) but congratulations are due to all Houses for their performances in the standards and it is fair to say that much greater interest was shown and greater efforts made during this part of the year's sports.

The School Athletics team did not quite manage to make it a hat-trick at the Inter-School Sports at Blackpool on May 16th but they put up a good fight in their defence of the trophy and the result was in doubt until the last event, the Relay, when the School four could do no better than gain third place. Nevertheless it was a very good performance to gain second place in a competition where the standards are continually rising. The only individual winner from K.G.S. was T. A. Pilling who set up a new record in the discus but evidence of good team work was seen in the numbers who gained places in their particular events. Interest generally in athletics is growing throughout the School and it is hoped next year to increase the range of activities by more fixtures against other schools and by participation in more outside competitions.

For the record

ATHLETIC RESULTS

PUTTING THE SHOT (Inter.):

1st J. Blossom, 39ft. 6ins. (record); 2nd E. Parkinson; 3rd P. Blackburn.

PUTTING THE SHOT (Senior):

1st P. Johnston, 34ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2nd E. Swarbrick; 3rd K. Parkinson.

100 YARDS (Senior):

1st J. Garstang, 10 4-5th secs; 2nd W. Kaye; 3rd N. Jackson.

100 YARDS (Inter.):

1st J. Blossom, 11 1-5th secs. (record equalled); 2nd J. Bamber; 3rd P. Blackburn.

100 YARDS (Junior):

1st R. Helm, 12 1-5th secs.; 2nd T. Fulford-Brown; 3rd D. Pilkinton.

THROWING THE JAVELIN (Senior):

1st T. Pilling, 162ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. (record); 2nd I. K. Robinson; 3rd P. Johnston.

HIGH JUMP (Senior):

1st F. Traice, 5ft. 7ins. (record); 2nd K. Jackson; 3rd I. Robinson.

HIGH JUMP (Junior):

1st N. Kirby, 4ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. (record); 2nd P. Montgomery; 3rd T. Threlfall.

880 YARDS (Senior):

1st T. Renshaw, 2 min. 14 4-5th secs.; 2nd P. B. Myerscough; 3rd M. P. Collinson.

880 YARDS (Inter.):

1st C. Dewse, 2 mins. 27 4-5th secs.; 2nd J. Harrison; 3rd D. Thistlethwaite.

220 YARDS (Senior):

1st J. Garstang 23 4-5th secs.; 2nd W. Kaye; 3rd N. Jackson.

220 YARDS (Junior):

1st R. Helm, 29 4-5th secs.; 2nd T. Fulford-Brown; 3rd J. Wilkinson.

220 YARDS (Inter.):

1st J. Blossom, 25 2-5th secs.; 2nd J. Bamber; 3rd M. Lawton.

MILE (Inter.):

1st S. Clitheroe 5 mins. 41 4-5th secs.; 2nd A. Preston; 3rd C. Howson.

LONG JUMP (Junior):

1st R. Helm, 13ft. 9ins.; 2nd P. Whitehead; 3rd J. Montgomery.

LONG JUMP (Senior):

1st W. Kaye, 18ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.; 2nd N. Jackson; 3rd K. Parkinson.

LONG JUMP (Inter.):

1st L. Parkinson, 16ft. 4in.; 2nd C. Dewse; 3rd M. Lawton.

THROWING THE DISCUS (Inter.):

1st P. Blackburn, 108ft. 10ins.; 2nd M. Sant; 3rd E. Parkinson.

THROWING THE DISCUS (Senior):

1st J. Garstang, 104ft. 1ins.; 2nd M. P. Collinson; 3rd P. Johnston

440 YARDS (Inter.):

1st P. Blackburn; 59 3-5th secs.; 2nd, T. R. Corlett; 3rd A. Lewis.

440 YARDS (Senior):

1st J. Garstang, 56-1-5th secs.; 2nd A. Dean; 3rd M. P. Collinson.

MILE (Senior):

1st H. Kennedy, 5 mins. 7 4-5th secs.; 2nd C. Storer; 3rd G. Barrow.

100 YARDS HURDLES (Junior):

1st R. Helm, 17 3-5th secs.; 2nd J. Montgomery; 3rd H. Pilkington.

110 YARDS HURDLES (Inter):

1st J. Blossom, 16 secs.; 2nd J. Bamber; 3rd R. Croisdale.

120 YARDS HURDLES (Senior):

1st P. Hosker, 16 3-5th secs.; 2nd P. B. Myerscough; 3rd J. Swift.

INTER-HOUSE RELAY (Junior):

1st Fylde; 2nd School; 3rd Kirkham.

INTER-HOUSE RELAY (Inter.):

1st School, 1 min. 18 2-5th secs.; 2nd Ashton; 3rd Preston.

INTER-HOUSE RELAY (Senior):

1st Ashton, 1 min. 14 3-5th secs.; 2nd Fylde; 3rd Preston.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1.	School	.....	237 pts.
2.	Fylde	.....	158 pts.
3.	Ashton	.....	156 pts.
4.	Kirkham	.....	112 pts.
5.	Preston	.....	111 pts.
6.	Lytham	.....	96 pts.

A busy time for the
**FRIENDS OF KIRKHAM GRAMMAR
SCHOOL**

President: Rev. A. R. Allen, M.A.

Chairman: Mr. A. G. Sparrow.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. Baines, 40, Preston Street, Kirkham, Preston.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. R. Bennet, 35, St. Andrew's Road North,
St. Annes-on-Sea.

The General Executive Committee has again been active in this, the Association's fourth year, and has considered many schemes for the benefit of the fund and the School. This year's donations to the School have included a Specto-analyser, a substantial grant towards a new Gestetner duplicator and the provision of materials for a showcase for the School trophies (a member has kindly undertaken the actual construction).

We have run several events with varying degrees of financial success, although they were all thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Amongst them might be mentioned a Novelty Whist Drive and "Any Questions" Quiz last November, "Break for Laughter" in January, a Rainbow Whist and Domino Drive in March and the "Broughton Mannequins" fashion parade in April — these have covered a wide field of entertainment. In addition, there was the Christmas Competition which was again well supported and contributed £32 to the funds: there were three winners who each received £2.

Well Supported

An innovation this year was a car Treasure Hunt in May, which was well supported (in spite of a temporary break-down in the weather) and thoroughly enjoyed by all the occupants of the 28 cars taking part. Our thanks are due to those friends who were responsible for the organisation of the Hunt; and we look forward to a repeat performance in the not-too-distant future.

We are again grateful to the St. Annes members who ran a Whist Drive at their home in aid of the Association, over £7 being received by the Hon. Treasurer. The Hon. Secretary would like to renew his offer of providing a list of members in your neighbourhood if you would like to run a similar effort.

The Garden Party

The Social Sub-Committee has, as usual, had a busy time and the smooth running of all events is a tribute to its organising ability. At present the members are preparing the programme for the fourth annual Garden Party on 23rd June when we hope to have an even better attendance than last year. We hear that there are to be several innovations appealing to the ladies (large and small) — and consequently to the gentlemen!

The Careers Information Service Sub-Committee has been working under difficulties owing to its secretary's illness, so that only two Careers meetings have been held, but it hopes to get into its stride again soon. Meantime, the Careers Library and private interviews with consultants continue to be available.

The General Purposes Sub-Committee was responsible for the organisation and running of a recruiting function at Ashton in December which resulted in 16 new members and a small profit. This event proved very enjoyable, so much so that the question of holding annual functions away from School was considered at some length. The general feeling was against this, however, as there was the danger that they might supersede, and prevent members attending, events at the School.

A Reminder

The Finance Sub-Committee was in charge of the Christmas Competition, has continued to advise on the proposed spending of funds and has kept a tight hold on the reins. The members fulfil an unspectacular, but very useful and necessary, function.

Our Hon. Treasurer has asked us to slip in a reminder about unpaid subscriptions. The Association's year ends on 31st July and anyone whose 2/6d. is not paid by then automatically ceases to be a member. If you are so lucky as to have a boy good enough for K.G.S. you won't need to be told how your attendance at our events helps the School — so don't be written off!

Finally, reverting to the Committee, the members try to arrange events that **you** want. If you feel that there is room for improvement, that other types of evenings should be held, or have any other ideas or criticisms, will you please take the trouble to write to the Hon. Secretary about it **now**? The Committee is constantly on the look-out for, and will welcome, any new suggestions and is always open to receive constructive criticism.

Make a Note

As a tailpiece, may we remind members of the Annual General Meeting at the beginning of the Autumn term when we look forward to a good attendance to hear the Officers giving an account of their stewardship.

K.G.S. OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

Secretary: J. Davy, The School House, Catforth, Near Preston.
(Tel. No. Catforth 330).

Notes

The following additions or corrections should be made to the list of addresses which appeared in the last issue:—

Colonel James Butler-Porter, D.S.O., E.D., 390, Ridge Road, Durban, South Africa.

W. B. Cartmell, The Lower House, Wickham, Hants.

E. Thomson, 39, St. John Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent.

Allen, S. C., Group Captain (1918-22), Pendle, Chestnut Avenue, Chorleywood, Herts.

Twist, W. H., 1935-38, c/o 30, Preston Road, Lytham.

Matthews, T., (1918-22), Phillipine Long Distance Tel. Co., 126, Marques de Comillas, Manilla, Phillipines.

Waddington, A., 1936-44, 13, Princes Road, Ansdell, Lytham.

Taylor, R. L., 1948-53, 72, Kingsway, Penwortham, Preston.

Ward, G. A., 1948-53, Meadowcroft, Hoyles Lane, Lea, Near Preston.

Box F., 1921-5, 35, Chislehurst Avenue, Blackpool, S.S.

Clayton, R., P.O. Box 10794, Nairobi, Kenya Colony, British East Africa.

Congratulations!

K.G.S. Old Boys will wish to offer their congratulations to J. Harrison (1921-1927) who, after 17 years as assistant, has recently been appointed County Agricultural Officer for Oxfordshire. Jack, along with his brother Bert, will be chiefly remembered at K.G.S. for his keenness on cricket and his stalwart support of O.B.'s teams, in their annual matches with the School XI.

Allan Williams 1936-44) married at Lytham Parish Church on 14th January, 1956, to Miss Kathleen Turner.

Rodney Clayton (—), P.O. Box 10794, Nairobi, Kenya Colony, British East Africa, is now Chief Accountant to the Department of Community Development and Rehabilitation, Government of Kenya.

S. C. Allen (1918-22) now a Group Captain R.A.F. Present position Principal Dental Officer, H.Q., Home Command.

In January, 1955, was appointed one of Her Majesty's Honorary Dental Surgeons.

F. H. Jolly, B.Sc. (1911-18) has been appointed a Foundation Governor of the School by the Committee of the Old Boys Association.

OVER THE HILL



You boys at Kirkham Grammar School are fortunate! You have the pleasure of owing allegiance to a fine school, and you have also splendid arrangements whereby people come to your school to tell you about the possibilities of various careers.

Regarding careers, most young men have a tendency to speculate on what "lies over the hill." Its fulfilment broadens the outlook and shows a healthy and natural desire to see for ourselves what our "neighbours" on the other side of the world look like. Steaming through the Suez Canal at night time with the inscrutable Sahara Desert on either side, or sailing south-westwards through the South Sea Islands on some liner on a voyage from Panama to New Zealand are thoughts which always attract when the winter skies at home are grey.

Yes, quite apart from this more romantic picture, the life of a Radio Officer at sea is a very practical one, and the job requires a young man who has an interest — not only in travel — but also in radio and radar, and other branches of radio-navigation.

The course for this profession is approximately 12 months. Courses commence three times per year at schools approved by the Postmaster General. The school serving N.W. Lancashire is the Northern Counties Wireless School at Preston, whose Principal will be glad to supply Kirkham G.S. boys with further information.

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