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Editorial

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In writing an Editorial, one is always tempted to look back over the time which has elapsed since the last issue of the magazine. To do so on this occasion is particularly pleasing, for one may see a vista of great activity on the part of members of K.G.S. Places as far apart as Bergen in Norway and Carnon on the Mediterranean coast of France have been the scenes of visits from Kirkhamians; plays have been seen and produced; conferences and councils have been attended; another Speech Day and Carol Service are behind us. These and many other activities are indicative of a flourishing school life.

It is likewise pleasing to note that the appeal made in the last Magazine for contributions other than official reports has born fruit and that boys from all parts of the school, from the Upper Sixth to the third forms, have made some effort in this direction. Long may this state of affairs continue.

Let us not be satisfied with what we have achieved; for there is always room for improvement.

The Editor acknowledges the receipt of the following contemporaries:

The Arnoldonian (Arnold School, Blackpool).

The Poultonian (Baines Grammar School, Poulton-le-Fylde)

The Rossallian (Rossall School).

The Lancastrian (Lancaster Royal G. S.)

The Old Edwardians Gazette
Elmslie School Magazine

Mr. C. K. Lee

The School sends its best wishes to Mr. C. K. Lee who is recovering from an operation undergone early in the new year and hopes that he will soon be back.

Our best wishes also go to Alan Roberts (U.V.A.) on his return to School after a considerable absence.

The Houses

Ashton House

House Masters: MR. H. B. WILSON, MR. G. R. WIGNALL, MR. T. JACKMAN.

House Captain: D. G. LLOYD

Vice-Captain: A. R. W. LEAN

House Prefects: E. G. SLEDDON, W. THRELFALL

We extend a sincere welcome to all the new members of the House, and trust they will find pleasure, satisfaction and achievement in its services. We also send our best wishes to all those who left us at the end of the summer term, and wish every success for the future to P. W. Hopcroft, last year's captain, now at Edinburgh; P. I. Vardy at London; P. Bannister at Nottingham and T. H. Kirkham at Manchester.

The only House activity which did not appear in the last edition of the *Kirkhamian* was that of the music competition. This, in which we gained first place, proved to be our only success last year. It was due to some excellent organisation by Vardy and it was very pleasing to see so many of the House actually taking part.

The first term in the school year 1957-58 proved to be one of our most successful for a very long time. In the chess competition, a new competition this term, we played two matches, winning one and losing one, the latter by a very narrow margin.

In the Senior Rugby we reached the final by beating School House 6—0, and Kirkham House 14—0. We now play Preston House in the final which promises to be a very hard match indeed.

Finally after a reasonably successful first term we look forward to even greater success in the terms to follow.

Fylde House

House Masters: MR. B. COATES, MR. I. J. KREMER, MR. A. L. BRUNT.

House Captain: K. S. JACKSON

House Prefects: N. S. JACKSON, D. F. WOOTON, R. S. THOMPSON, J. WOODS

At the beginning of a new year we welcome to the House Mr. Brunt as Assistant House Master, and all new members. We send best wishes for the future to W. R. Thomson at Manchester University, and to K. Harrington who will be greatly missed

for his services to the House. We also congratulate R. S. Thompson and J. Woods on their appointments to the office of House Prefect.

In last year's Swimming Sports we finished 5th, which position we have now held for the past four years — a most regrettable state of affairs which might have proved even worse had it not been for the efforts of Clitheroe, Docherty and the Intermediate and Junior relay teams. The Junior cricket team did not come up to expectations and was beaten by quite a large margin in the semi-final by School House. In the Musical competition we finished 4th despite the fact that we had no recognised musicians. Fortunately the capabilities of M. Parkinson and T. Threlfall as cornet players were realised in time, and together with the Jackson Bros. and W. Coward's recorder group we managed to give a performance of reasonable all-round quality.

The first achievement of this term to record is the success of the chess team against Ashton House in the first match of the competition. We won all senior games and lost all junior, thereby winning the match by 16 pts. to 8 (Worden finished his game before the rest of the team had settled down in their seats). The senior House Rugby team played valiantly in the first half of the semi-final to lead the Preston House by 8 pts. to 6. In the second half Preston gained the lead, Clitheroe replying with a try which he converted just as the final whistle went. The final score 16-17 suggests the closeness of the game, and although we lost, we can be proud of the performance of the team, especially the forwards, who gave of their utmost throughout the match.

Undoubtedly the greatest achievement this term was our performance in the Work Cup. In the first half term we gained 115.5 pts., 1.2 less than Lytham's 116.7, although we had the lowest number of non-contributing members, and our position was second. We had even greater cause for rejoicing in the second half term as we finished first, with a total of 125.5 pts. — a clear 7.5 pts. lead. The fact that we had no first or second individual places shows that the points were contributed by a large number of boys in the House and not just by the exceptional few. This success was repeated in the full term orders — our total of 241 pts. ensured first place with a lead of 7 pts. over the other Houses. Congratulations to all the members who contributed points!

The chess team in its match against the Kirkham House did not do as well as expected. We won only one senior game and two junior games. Miscellaneous points worthy of note, are the appointment of S. W. Clitheroe as captain of the Under 16 XV; the fact that we have representatives in all School Rugby teams; and the complete record of House photographs since 1923 XV now being displayed on the walls of room 10.

Lytham House

House Masters: Mr. C. K. Lee, Mr. R. T. Bentley and Mr. J. Murray.

Captain: R. A. Footman.

Prefects: D. J. Sharratt, H. Kennedy, R. W. Hewitt, A. J. Bennet, C. D. Dewes, R. W. Ogden.

We would like to start by extending a sincere welcome to the many new members of the House, and by wishing them success in their future school careers. May we also here take the opportunity of sending our best wishes to all those who left the House last Summer Term, especially to Bowe, our ex-Captain, who is to be congratulated upon gaining a place at Oxford.

In two out of the three inter-house competitions which have started this term, the results did not merit the adjective successful; however results are not always the criterion of success and the enthusiasm of the House in general helped to make up for what we lacked in practical achievement in these two fields.

In the Inter-house Rugby Competition, we were drawn against Kirkham, and in spite of concerted effort, the Lytham Seniors, ably captained by Hewitt, were not able to repel the heavier Kirkham side. The result was a 12-5 win for Kirkham, our try being scored and then converted by Dewse.

During the Winter Term we played our first two matches in the Chess Competition, against Preston and School House respectively, but unfortunately they both resulted in our losing by the same score of 18 points to 6. However, there are still another three matches to be played in the current series and perhaps we may hope that Bennet and his team will fare better this term.

In the Inter-House Work Competition the results have been much more promising and the new members of the House contributed in no small way towards our success. Our final position, based on both terms and exam marks, was third with an aggregate of 341.5 points, only 11 behind the leaders. So there is only a very small margin between the teams, and a little extra effort this term might well enable us to catch up.

With reference to this term's sporting prospects, most of last year's winning cross-country team are still with us, so we stand a good chance of retaining the Cup. We also hope that the influx of some 30 new juniors should give us a fair chance for the Junior Rugby Cup.

May we here tender our best wishes to Mr. Lee for a speedy recovery, and our hopes that he will soon be with us again in perfect health, and may we also thank Mr. Bently for taking his place so ably during Mr. Lee's enforced absence.

Kirkham House

House Masters: MR. H. J. REAY, MR. S. CRANE, MR. J. R. HOYLE.

Captain: P. FENTON

Prefects: M. RAMSBOTTOM, K. W. HOUGHTON, R. A. MADDOCKS,
D. W. PARK

In this review of the activities of the House, we must look back to the Summer Term of 1957 and to the Inter-House Cricket Competitions. The Senior XI, having defeated the Lytham House in the semi-final by 77 runs was in turn beaten in the final by the School House, the top scorer being Butterworth. The team was captained by P. Fenton. The Junior team, under the captaincy of P. N. Carmont, was defeated by Ashton House in the preliminary round.

The House achieved second place in the Swimming sports, first places being won by A. P. Baines in the long plunge and by H. Cryer in the senior back stroke event.

Another second place was achieved in the newly introduced Music Competition. The House was represented by A. R. Baines, W. J. P. Grime, M. Ramsbottom and B. A. Johnson.

The Winter Term of the new school year has seen the preliminary and semi-final rounds of the Senior Rugby competition. The team, captained by Fenton, defeated the Lytham House in the preliminary round, but were unable to overcome the Ashton House in the semi-final.

The first two matches in the Chess Competition have been played against the Ashton and Fylde Houses. Although defeated by Ashton, the team, under its captain, Houghton was successful in its match against the Fylde House. We wish the team luck in its matches against the remaining Houses.

In the Work Cup the House has achieved only fourth place, but there is time to make up the leeway.

Since the last magazine several members of the House have left the school and our best wishes go with them in their new spheres of activity, especially to last year's captain A. R. Baines, now at the University College of North Wales, and to W. J. P. Grime at St. John's College, Oxford. In saying farewell to those going out at the top, we must not omit to greet those new members of the House coming in at the other end and to express the hope that their sojourn as members of the Kirkham House will be of benefit not only to themselves and the House, but to K.G.S. as a whole.

The congratulations of the House must go to B. Coates on his award of an R.A.F. flying scholarship, to R. A. Maddocks on passing the exam for the Certificate "A" Part II, and to G. J. Bamford on his admission to the training ship H.M.S. *Conway* which he joined on January 1st.

Preston House

House Masters: MR. S. MIDDLETON, MR. I. W. MCKERROW,
MR. G. H. BOOOCK

Captain: J. E. BUCKLEY

Prefects: R. W. DARBY, P. J. HOSKER, M. D. LAWTON,
W. WHITAKER

In completing the report of last year's activities it should be recorded that the Junior Cricket team was beaten by one wicket by Ashton House in the semi-final, having themselves beaten Lytham House by one wicket in the first round. P. Cookson was top scorer in both matches. The House was quite well represented in the School's cricket teams; W. A. Mayor was re-awarded his XX cap, and R. M. Wilcock gained a new award of a XX cap; W. Whitaker was captain of the Second XI. In the Inter-House Swimming Sports the team came fifth; this disappointing position was due to the lack of standard points, and to a want of interest or ability in the Lower and Middle House. M. N. Bowtell and R. M. Wilcock were both awarded School Swimming Colours. In the Musical Competition the House failed to make best use of the talent available and only came fifth.

In this term's activities the House has been more successful. The Senior Rugby team, most ably captained by R. M. Wilcock, defeated Fylde House in the semi-final by 17 points to 16. The House Chess team, in a new Inter-House competition, won the first of its fixtures when it defeated Lytham House by 18 points to 6.

The House offers its congratulations to S. H. Wilcock, House captain 1953-4, on winning a Rugby Blue at Oxford.

At the end of last term the House lost a number of its seniors, and we would like to wish them every success. W. A. Mayor, last year's House captain, P. S. Hayes, F. B. Traice, and N. H. Leater are to be congratulated on gaining admission to University. We would also like to extend our good wishes for the future to I. F. Nightingale, who emigrated to New Zealand just before the end of last term. We were all sorry to learn of the death of F. M. Ainsworth during the summer holidays, and we offer our sympathy to his parents.

We sincerely welcome the six new members of the House and hope they will find enjoyment in its service.

Lastly, it should be said that there is an opportunity for everyone to give of their best even if it is only in bringing the right spirit to the House.

School House

House Masters: MR. G. T. WILKINSON, MR. R. FIELDING.

Captain: C. R. PLASTER

Prefects: D. J. HINTON, C. C. STORER, R. M. WILKINSON

The House ended the 1956-7 school year in fine style, having in its possession the Senior Cricket, Junior Cricket, Senior Rugby, Junior Rugby, Swimming, Gymnastic and Athletic Cups. Truly a fine effort! Most of these successes have been commented on in previous magazines, but a word is necessary for those which have not.

The Swimming Cup was retained in the House due to an excellent performance being made in the swimming sports by the whole team ably captained by D. J. Hinton, which backed up the standard points gained by the House as a whole.

Congratulations also to all those members of the House who gained points in the Gymnastic Cup, for by their united endeavours we once again had an overwhelming victory in this competition. The new Music Competition provided yet another inter-house fight, but in this the House finished sixth. However the House team captained by R. M. Wilkinson put forward a commendable effort, and the results were extremely close.

The end of the year saw the departure of several stalwart members of the House, to whom best wishes are offered for the future, especially to last year's House Captain, E. Sidebottom, who is now studying medicine at Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

This term the House Senior Rugby XV lost by 6 points to nil against Ashton House, after an excellent and gruelling game in adverse conditions — "one of the best House matches ever" was an opinion expressed by many members of the school. We extend our congratulations to Ashton House who have since beaten Kirkham House in the semi-final, and we wish them the best of luck in the final next term. C. R. Plaster, D. J. Hinton and M. E. C. Sant and K. Howard have represented the House in the 1st XV this season, and 17 members of the House have played for other School XV's — an excellent majority.

In the new Inter-House Chess Competition our representatives beat Lytham House by 18 points to 6 in the preliminary round and the House wishes the team good luck in the coming matches.

Another new competition has been arranged this year, that for the Inter-House Work Cup. In this competition the School House is at present lying in sixth position which is by no means suitable for the School House and we hope to pull up next term.

Form Reports

IIIB

On our first day at school, as all new boys do, we wondered what it would be like. The idea of changing rooms and masters after every lesson, appeared strange at first. In fitting ourselves into our new school life, we had to get used to the idea that although we had been in the top in the primary school, we were now very small fry, indeed.

The idea of spending Saturdays mornings at school did not appeal to us at all. Now, however, we are quite accustomed to this.

Those of us who have dinner at school, are impressed by the good quality of the food. No doubt this is because meals are cooked in the school's own kitchens, and the food comes to the table piping hot.

Although some of us had never played Rugby football before coming to the school, most of us now prefer it to the Association game. At the time of writing, there are more IIIA boys in our top set than there are IIIB boys. Just recently though, two IIIA went down to the bottom set and two IIIB boys came up. If this goes on, we will soon be in their position.

The form played a Rugby match against IIIA and soundly defeated them.

A.R.D.C.

IIIA

The members of the form have settled down quite well at their new school. It took longer than it should have done owing to the closing of the school for the 'flu epidemic. We are now fully recovered and getting on with our work. We are also settling down to Saturday morning school and scampering round from room to room. A few nicknames have started e.g. "Hovis," "Frank" and "Elderberry."

Some of us have met one of the masters' friends — a piece of hard linoleum — unsocially!

Most of us are enjoying Rugger and we all like getting rather "muddyish" during a game.

Our form master this year is Mr. Wilkinson, who also takes us for geography.

M.R.B.

Lower IVb

This year the form has come across a strange subject called Latin. Kirkham, Pollock and Nightingale find it very easy, whilst others such as Hunt, Bamber and Lewis do not catch on so well.

Mr. Wilkinson, our last year's form master, still takes us for geography. Mr. Wood is our new form master and every now and then he cracks a joke. The form roars with laughter. He also takes us for French. Mr. Brunt is our new Maths. master.

Mr. Lee has again been absent and we cannot learn about William the Conqueror, much to our disappointment.

The prefects this year are not such a bad lot, although a detention is given out every now and then.

B.T.L.

Lower IVa

We started our second school year with a few changes in form and one new boy. We were soon introduced to a new form of torture devised by Mr. Middleton, NITAL (sorry, wrong way). This we were glad to leave for 10 days when an Asian friend visited the school. The exams over (thank goodness), we enjoyed a half-day holiday to watch S. H. Wilcock play for Oxford in the Varsity match on television.

RIDDLE.—There are no prizes to be won for the answer to the followed riddle which should be sent to—SANTA CLAUS, The North Pole. And don't forget, POST EARLY FOR NEXT CHRISTMAS.

What musical instrument never tells the truth?

D.R.B.

Upper IVb

This term the form has had a few changes; Whitehead, Harrison, Cluttard, Langley and Bamber have "passed on" from the happy brotherhood and entered into the evil-doings of the A form. In their place we welcome Fulford-Brown, Ellison and McCarthy. "Dim" is leading the detention party, closely followed by Littlefair.

There have not been many incidents this term except for the beloved 'flu bug which was so welcome near the beginning of this term. Excitement gathered during one games period when we found that a *Lancashire Life* photographer was here and wanted to take a photo of us. To our dismay he took us in the showers. Luckily when the magazine came out the photograph was not included. We leave you with a few questions.

Who beat Mr. W. up and why?

Why is Littlefair always grinning.

J.J. F.B.

Upper IVa

This year we have been well represented in the sporting line with Pilkington, Sowerbutts and, once, Whitehead in the Under Fifteen XV. In the Under Fourteen XV we have had Whitehead as captain, Abbott, Banks, Dunn, Evans, Gregson, Jackson, Kirby and Walmsley. Unfortunately the Under Fifteens have won only one game and the Under Fourteens have lost all their games played and have had three postponed.

Reginald is up to tricks as a robber on the stage and we are all sure that he enjoys being a nuisance to F.... Albert now has so-called lessons with the form (not very pleasant) as in all forms, the lurgi visited us, but was most strongly objected to, and we had a very good attendance.

T.J.H.

Lower Vb

Hello, hello, hello. This is Lower VB coming out of a coma to take its place among the pages of this great magazine.

This year the form has been split up into groups for different subjects. Some of us take music and some Ag. Sci. but, of course, Ferny has to be awkward and take Latin when everyone else was quite happy to say goodbye to it. Pip takes to biology like a duck to water, he specialises in the horticultural side and can tell immediately which 'weeds' are good and which aren't.

Going to the sporting side we supply the Under 16 XV with two members, Bamford and Leven. The Under 15 XV with Howard, Elliot, Ibbison, Sharples, Parkinson and Lloyd. But, of course, not all our sporting activities are successes. In conjunction with the A form we supplied 15 smaller members to play to Under 14's. We won the race back to the changing rooms.

We hope the School will join us in wishing Bamford good luck in his career on H.M.S. *Conway* which he joins after Christmas. Also we wish Mick Lee a speedy recovery after an absence which has extended over most of the term.

We will round off this report with a few questions.

Who is "Pip?"

What are "weeds?"

Who said 33-0 and in what connection?

Who is "Ferny?"

H.E.B.

Lower Va

Everyone seems to be settling down happily after the 'flu bout and the added terror of Christmas exams. We welcome to the "A's" "Broady" and "Killers" and hope that their stay in the form will be a happy one.

Our form master, Mr. Fielding, seems to have been in the wars since he took over the leadership of our form. During the course of the term he sprained his wrist and had the windscreen of his car smashed by a fall of sand. But in spite of these mishaps he has still found the time to more than fulfil the duties of a form master.

The form is well represented in the Under Fifteen's team and we managed to achieve a slightly higher average mark in the Christmas P.E. exam. than the B. form (to Mr. Crane's great disappointment!)

CHRISTMAS GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TEST

Answer the following questions:—

1. What died during the Christmas exams?
2. Who said that in future English exam papers should be put into volumes?
3. Who said that a cow called Jetty would be coloured sea-green?

J.G.W., D.J.S.

Upper Vb

On Wednesday, 11th September at 2-30 p.m. there was a master's meeting in which the form unfortunately did not participate. On the following morning a small knot of "Old Boys" gathered in room 10 to survey the crowd of plebs such as Horror, Shove and Daveez. Robishaw kindly volunteered to become form captain in the best tradition of the E.T.U. and so the term got off with a good swing and UVb were swung out of room 10.

It was with great joy that the chemi set beheld Alphonse except for Miss Lily Kavanagh, who thought he was wonderful! This term Cattermole found it too cold to take any fishing expeditions. The form was deeply sorrowful at the absence of Parker, we hope he is having a good vacation. A certain master who shall be nameless took a dislike to Blunt's idea of a school uniform who pointed out that Miss preferred him that way.

Corlett, Cryer and Ethelston are to be congratulated on obtaining places in the 2nd XV, and Butterworth, Robishaw, Rooking, Hornby, Hill and Bushby for getting in the Under 16 XV.

B.C.

Lower VI Science

Mates, have you noticed any marked deterioration in the weather recently, as something seems to be cooking in room 16? Changing from the sodium test and the Walking Window Test, using a white lab. coat and vertical jerk, we proceeded to find, to 3% accuracy, the focal length of every lens in the lab.

Also, this term, the form indulged in English, Music and German. Although unwilling to put our backs into English, the majority enjoyed singing, with the exception of Albert, who does quite a lot of corridor duty during this period. The most important conclusion from the latter subject is that German girls are neuter.

Earlier in the term, some Bods went to the S.C.M. Conference, Jock 'n' Joe going on ahead to see the "birds." Also, Archy had the good fortune to lose in his contest with another, Mythical Archer. To him, go our congratulations.

By the way, did Jock's 'phone call save R.H.'s troubles from multiplying?

R.B.

Lower VI Modern

Our numbers have now dwindled to a round dozen, although that dozen will soon become eleven, as P. Dickinson will be leaving at Christmas. and we all say very good luck to him in his new job.

Having now got over the hurdle of the G.C.E. examinations we are tasting the pleasures of sixth form life and the conversation in room 9 is becoming decidedly intellectual. Two of our members cannot be persuaded that "Falstaff" is not a coward, although we have all produced magnificent arguments to prove the fact.

History appears to be a very popular subject, and judging by the amount of literature which appears in the form-room, I am sure that the two Public Libraries in Preston must be devoid of books on that learned subject.

Many of our members play for school rugby teams and Wilcock and Parkinson are to be congratulated on being picked for a Lancashire Schoolboys trial. One of our members even went so far as to join the Dramatic Society, and when he appeared on the stage in the school play all those who knew him held on to their seats and prayed that the "Deposition of Richard II" might not be turned into a political meeting upon the subject of Karl Marx.

As this article was written before Christmas we were going to conclude by wishing everybody a Merry Christmas, but we understand that the magazine will not appear until February so we shall have to put that greeting forward again, unless of course you are thinking of walking backwards to Christmas.

"Down the Pole"

This September witnessed an influx of new Apes and Angels into Room 7, under the rather superior eyes of the Victorians, who tunnelled into the depths of their memories and recalled the day when they, too, had climbed the steep and rocky path from the plebian lowlands of the Lower Sixth to the dizzy Olympian heights of Mr Stevenson's form. However the new arrivals soon settled down and termtime in Room 7 assumed its usual chaotic tedium.

"Poidal," the only conclusive proof that man has directly descended from the apes, continued his course in muscle expansion with unabashed fervour. "John" seems to have withdrawn very willingly from the treasurerership, and, it is rumoured, is living in comfortable retirement, but far be it from me, a humble scribe, to confirm such calumny. Under the very able presidency of "Heow," the Temperance Society assumed a new vigour, but I was pained to hear a confession of defeat from this, our staunchest member, one Saturday evening, when he lumbered up to me and announced: "I've had too much, but I haven't had enough." All I can add is my imploring cry to return to the folds of moderation, for, in the words of Falstaff: "Harry, now I do not speak to thee in drink but in tears." The Keir Hardie of the South Fylde, known amongst his intimates as the "6.5 Special," continued his customary harangue against the existing social order of depraved capitalists, but he was deeply shocked when he discovered that "Eggie," formerly prominent among his disciples, had gone even further into the red and had joined the Comrades Union.

"Geoff" had to be treated for shock (and has not yet recovered his old confidence) when he was bluntly informed that he was in sever danger of being pointed at! We ancient scholars were very disappointed that "little Roger" did not show as much interest in the sport of peng-pong as had been expected, but instead proved the truth of that old adage, "Music calms the savage breast," and proceeded to be "sent" by the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance." I am afraid that "Chris's" flower is shooting up, away from the common ground already, for he was quoted as saying: "We are not amused" when assailed by cries of "rhubarb" from the "little weeds" outside the Room 7 allotment. "Ray," our histrionic enthusiast, firmly denied the assertion that the only reason why he wore a certain coat was that he could drop his flowing locks into the hood, to prevent them from being trodden upon. This year, it appears that the footrot is rampant, for "Ram" has been seen wearing boots everywhere, even in the sacred confines of the library, to protect himself from

it. Finally one word of praise for those who, "with loose spur and bloody a rein rode inland many a post," and thus saved the G.P.O. from almost certain chaos.

We leave you as usual with our questions:

Who is "the naughty boy"?

Who said "I heeded not the summons"?

To which body belongs the motto "Ours is not to reason why . . . "?

Whose gymnastic abilities enabled him to become this year's Rock and Roll champion of Kirkham?

The Societies

Music Society and Orchestra

Chairman: MR. MURRAY.

Secretary: A. E. HAYTHORNWHITE.

Committee: J. R. BROADBENT, P. J. HOSKER, R. W. DARBY, A. P. WATKINSON.

Since the two films ordered for this term were not forthcoming, the only activities other than the weekly meeting of the orchestra, have been visits to various musical events in Preston. A party of thirty attended a performance of "The Barber of Seville" but numbers attending the symphony concerts were considerably less. This was probably owing to the inconvenient dates of the concerts, and it is hoped that the situation will improve next term.

The orchestra continues to exist though faced with formidable opposition. However, it is sadly lacking in numbers and any assistance from the more musically minded members of the school will be welcome.

We hope to arrange some gramophone concerts when the new equipment arrives.

Debating Society

Committee: MR. COATES (Chairman), M. D. LAWTON (Secretary), A. R. W. LEAN, C. C. STORER, H. R. MAYOR, G. C. BOX.

Recorder: T. J. HUSS.

With a total membership of over 120, and an average attendance at debates of over 60, the Society is one of the best-supported in the school, as indeed befits so important an extra-academic activity. Motions serious and frivolous, topical and general have been vigorously debated, and the following momentous decisions reached:—That the house: Does not deplore criticism of the Royal Family; believes that the freedom of the press should not be restricted; that a study of science does not lead to a decline in Christianity; that the House of Lords should be abolished; that

prefects should grow beards; that Soccer is a better schools game than Rugby; and that each man should not have three acres and a cow. As an innovation one junior debate was held, with most encouraging results, in which it was decided that Television is the Idiot's Lantern: both principal speakers in this debate are to be congratulated on a high standard of oratory. The one disturbing feature of the term has been the lack of support from the sixth form, which of necessity must provide the majority of speakers, and which last has inevitably led to duplication of speakers. This absence of support is as deplorable as it is incomprehensible, for the debates thus far held have been without exception stimulating, provocative and enjoyable. In the Spring Term the inter-House competition is to be held, and the committee hope that the wide interest already evinced will be yet further stimulated by the spur of inter-House competitive spirit.

Library

Chairman: MR. B. COATES.

This term has seen many improvements and changes in the School Library, some of which are the fulfilment of the work begun by last year's Committee.

About £50's worth of new books have been bought for the Junior Library, which is now shelved in the Library proper. The interest and use shown by the Juniors has been most encouraging and it is hoped their enthusiasm will be maintained. In the near future it may be made possible for the Lower School to use any books in the whole Library.

The arrangement of the Library has undergone certain changes in order to accommodate the Junior Section. New opening times (1-30 p.m. to 2-0 p.m.) have been introduced in an attempt to relieve overcrowding, but this has not as yet been a serious problem because there has been no consistently bad weather.

At a Committee meeting during the term the Suggestion Book was considered, and it was decided to purchase the following books:—

Mathematics for the Million.

Pillar to Post (on Architecture).

The Uses of Literacy.

Chess Secrets.

Origin of the Species by Darwin.

The task of selecting books from the Suggestion Book always gives rise to much bitter complaint and dissatisfaction, and so it is recommended that, in future, ideas for new books of a specialist nature should be discussed with the masters of the subjects concerned, and then, if they agree, the masters themselves will submit the titles with their list of recommendations. Ideas for books of a general nature should be discussed with Mr. Coates and then,

if he agrees, entered in the Suggestion Book. You are reminded that an order for new books will be made in April.

It is also hoped to increase the number of newspapers and periodicals which the Library buys.

A further innovation this year is that books may be borrowed by the whole school for the holidays.

So far this term 870 books have been issued, corresponding with 1,000 during the Winter term last year.

Scientific Society

Chairman: MR. G. R. WIGNALL. *Secretary:* D. J. SHARRATT.

Committee: C. C. STORER, W. THRELFALL, J. BLOSSOM, N. I. P. MCKIE, J. G. WORDEN.

First, I feel compelled on behalf of the Committee to apologise for the lack of films during the Autumn Term. This was partly due to a lack of liaison with last year's committee and our enforced holiday further delayed the ordering of films for last term.

The Society has, however, been active in other directions; the meteorological sub-section has been receiving daily weather maps and instruction has been given to a number of boys who should soon become proficient in this science.

Several members have helped and are still helping with the aurora survey in connection with the International Geophysical Year. Although the start was rather slow we are now in full swing with this and readings are being sent in regularly. This requires a long and sustained effort by many of our members as we are attempting to record observations on each night of the year.

The eighteen months covered by the I.G.Y. are proving to be most interesting as scientific achievements are reported almost every day. The efforts of the Russians in sending two satellites to orbit the earth, the trans-Antarctic Expedition, the recording of earthquakes, glacier formation and sun spot activity are only a few of the many activities being carried out during the period.

Badminton

Chairman: MR. FIELDING. *Secretary:* P. J. HOSKER.

The standard of play among the members of the club has improved considerably. This is probably due to the grant from the General School Committee, which has allowed the club to possess more and better rackets, and the efficient tuition of the chairman, who is to be thanked most heartily.

This term has not been too successful for the team. Under the captaincy of Plaster it was defeated by K.E.S., Lytham, and narrowly beat the masters' team. But with willingness to practise we will go from strength to strength.

Chess

Chairman: MR. WILSON. *Secretary:* P. J. HOSKER.

Committee: J. D. NIGHTINGALE, M. D. LAWTON, K. HOWARD,
W. WHITAKER.

Chess now plays an important part in the activities of the school. An inter-House Chess Competition has been arranged in which each house plays the other houses in turn. At the end of the year the winning house is to be presented with a cup. Already a third of the matches have been played off this term in a most keen and competitive spirit.

The School Chess team has only played one match this term but it was a sparkling victory over Preston G.S. It hopes to finish this year with an unbeaten record for the first time.

Just a last word about sixth-form chess. This wonderful and most ingenious game is now played with much patience and perseverance among the seniors and it is hoped that it will spread throughout the school.

The Eccentric Society

The Autumn Term saw the initiation of a new society at K.G.S. — the Eccentric Society. Should any unenlightened reader question the purpose of such an organisation, perhaps a statement of its objects may be useful. The only qualification for entry is that one must be in some way mentally inclined away from the normal. There being this year a large number of members of the Upper Sixth thus (in)disposed, the society was formed.

After a preliminary excursion into the quadrangle at dinner time in order to observe the Russian satellite had been abandoned through lack of a suitable dinner time, the society decided to make a trip to some public place of entertainment and eventually it was arranged to visit the Playhouse, Preston, to view a production by a local group of a play called "The Merchant of Venice," written by a best-selling author of the sixteenth century. Members of the party included a veteran car owner, an eminent rocket scientist, a writer of letters to the B.B.C., a player of obsolete stringed instruments, a renowned aviator and a bright young spark. Dress was standardised, but not rigidly adhered to since the traditional dress of the society was not universally available. Two members who had not previously obtained tickets entered the theatre some thirty minutes before the performance to secure their seats. On making an exit after having effected this, they were accosted by a young lady who, apparently regarding their dress as extraordinary, proceeded to insult them in a surprising manner. Remarking on the frailty of human nature and surprising depth of insight, the two members waited in a local warm place for the rest to arrive.

The production was enjoyed by all, and the party was therefore to be seen at the interval disappearing through a small door leading into a labyrinth of passages in the gloom of which bearded ladies were occasionally to be seen. The guide contrived to make us late for the second half of the performance, adding to the annoyance of one who had previously been accusing the party of blocking the doorway.

The second half of the play again afforded little that the society found appealed to its instinct of seeking the unusual and so, after the curtain had fallen, the society helped the rest of the audience to block the roadway outside by holding conversation with a local veteran car driver whose relic seemed to be of the same breed as that belonging to our member. After exchanging wishes of seeing each other again between London and Brighton the following year, we tore our member away and bade him good-night as his car started back to Kirkham with another member as passenger. (Note: It was a downhill slope).

The Society presents the following as its motto: "Sit pro ratione voluntas which was first used by Juvenal and means "Let will stand instead of reason," for the benefit of those who have not had the privilege of a classical education.

It is hoped that the Society will feel the need for another trip, and being unsatisfied with one excursion, will once more fulfil their function of providing enjoyment for those who are different.

N.B. How to recognise an eccentric: he is wearing a paper clip in his jacket or has his shirt collar turned up on one side.

Any enquiries should bear the word "Eccentric" on the upper left-hand corner of the envelope, and should be addressed to any publication but this one.

R.W.D.

C.C.F. Army Section Report

C.S.M. N. S. JACKSON.

Staff Sergeants: M. N. BOWTELL, K. S. JACKSON.

Sergeants: P. J. HOSKER, M. D. LAWTON, D. G. LLOYD, C. R. PLASTER, M. RAMSBOTTOM.

Corporals: J. BERRY, H. CRYER, D. W. PARK, W. THRELFALL, A. P. WATKINSON, H. G. WHITE.

Yes, the C.C.F. continues to function despite the abolition of National Service. This is largely because of the admirable aim of the Force: "The aim of the C.C.F. is to develop a boy's character, powers of leadership, initiative and self-confidence, and so to enable him the better to take his place as a leader either in the Forces or in civil life." (C.C.F. Regulations, Paragraph 1). The value of the training cannot be denied even by the more sceptical critics, and as long as the cadets realise the aim of the C.C.F., it will continue to give cadet the ability to accept responsibility with the power to control himself and others.

The N.C.O's this term have started well and are to be congratulated on their keenness and the way in which they have faced up to their responsibilities.

As for the cadets, interest and enthusiasm seem to be on the increase judging by the number of applicants for holiday courses. Unfortunately, out of the 16 applicants, only 4 have been found places. However, 12 cadets are going to the Fulwood Barracks Cert. "A" Part II course; we wish them the best of luck, and hope that by their efforts, they will be able to join the N.C.O's and thus gain even more benefit from the C.C.F. than they have done so far. Hearty congratulations to the 13 cadets who passed Part II this term: Barnes, G., Blossom, Bracegirdle, Hinton, Holliday, Howard, Maddocks, McCartney, McKie, Storer, Thompson, Wilkinson, Wilson.

Activities within the C.C.F. this term besides normal training, have been limited to an entertaining and instructive lecture by Capt. Montagu of the Army team of lecturers, and the Annual Remembrance Day service in Kirkham which was attended by 30 cadets (from both sections), 4 N.C.O's and 2 officers. For platoons 6 and 7, the term's work was finished off with a recruits test, which showed that Platoon 6 was slightly better than Platoon 7 in every respect.

ANNUAL CAMP. Last July, 53 cadets, 8 N.C.O.s and 2 officers attended a most successful and profitable camp. The party left school on the first day of the July holidays and travelled by train from Kirkham to Rhyl (Arthur slept). En route for Kirkham Station, the baggage party, showing great initiative, secured a sufficient quantity of consumable liquid to quench the thirst of 40 or more cadets during the journey. We arrived at Rhyl Station to be greeted by a most inconsiderate downpour; however, the rain cleared up before we reached Kimmel Park, and then held off until the last three days of camp when it poured down continually. This was partly responsible for an outbreak of 'flu which confined some cadets to their tents. On arrival, Major Reay had no difficulty in finding a volunteer batman.

Assistance in training for the basic section was given by two Eaton Hall officers, Ian and Michael, whilst 12 cadets attended a signalling course. Training in general was outdoors as much as possible, and the cadets took part in many exercises and saw some excellent demonstrations by the R.A., R.E.M.E. and others. We also had the opportunity of seeing and handling some Russian weapons found in the Suez area. In connection with the latter, it was remarked that the rifle could not fire an aniseed ball 50 yards with any degree of accuracy, whereas the mortar was regarded as an efficient weapon since it closely resembled its British counterpart.

On Sunday, during the customary church parade, the service was enlivened by the efforts of members of K.G.S. choir singing in harmony which made a pleasant surprise for the other con-

tingents. After the parade we were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Norwood who inspected the tents and talked to the cadets (Arthur slept).

One night was devoted to shooting (Arthur slept); this was considerably enjoyed by the cadets who took part, and particularly by the N.C.O.s, who, not satisfied with mere cardboard targets, replaced them with tin cans, the knocking off of which gave them some fiendish delight. The night manoeuvre (unfortunately?) had to be cancelled because of the showing of "Doctor at Sea" in the camp cinema (Arthur slept). Meals on the whole were an improvement on previous camps at Rhyl, although the outdoor meals were if anything worse. (By the end of 10 days' camp Arthur had put in approximately 100 hours sleeping time).

In conclusion, a good time was had by all, and I would recommend a cadet camp to all cadets as a cheap, enjoyable and profitable holiday.

Dramatic Society

Chairman: Mr. I. J. Kremer; Secretary: R. A. Footman.

On the 16th, 17th and 18th December, 1957, the Society undertook a new venture and produced three one-act plays instead of the usual full-length five-act play.

The Junior School performed Clemence Dane's "Shivering Shocks," which was produced by Mr. Kremer. "Brother Wolf," by Laurence Housman, was the choice of the Intermediate School, and was produced by Mr. Fielding. The deposition scene from Shakespeare's "Richard II." was given by the Senior School under the direction of Mr. Wood.

Space does not permit the giving of a review of these productions, but this will be printed in the next issue.

Founders' Day

JULY, 1957

The most important function of the K.G.S. year is Founders Day.

The Cadet parade occupied the first half of the morning: the precise ranks of the nascent militia were inspected by Group Captain H. M. G. Parker. It is to be hoped that we appreciate just how much we of K.G.S. owe to Group Captain Parker and the local R.A.F. Station. The proposed closure of the latter will break an intercourse which has been of great benefit to K.G.S. As is customary the Founders Day service began at approximately 11-0 a.m. Thanksgiving was offered for the lives and the public spirit of those pioneers and supporters of education to which K.G.S. owes its existence. Canon A. Finch, Vicar of Wigan, in his sermon, emphasised the ideal of service and the need in the modern world for originality. He suggested that the world is served better by benevolent eccentricity directed at the good of the community than by the bleak uniformity which is the feature of present day society. The singing of the choir was a prominent feature of the service, whilst in the realm of lesson reading, the representatives of the school, A. R. Baines and D. T. Bowe evinced an impressive dignity.

The meaning of Founders' Day can never grow less as the years pass; may K.G.S. continue to praise the famous men who established and maintained the school in the days when nationalised education was unheard of, state aid not envisaged.

That Founders' Day is also a day of reunion was demonstrated by the vast numbers of old boys who attended the cricket match in the afternoon. It has been stated above that weather did not interfere with arrangements but nevertheless the soaked pitch, product of a few days of typical English summer, and drenched outfield proved no small inconvenience to the players. Such was the state of the wicket that it seemed that neither the efforts of the first XI "seamers," Maddocks and Lloyd, nor the guile of Mr. Crane and Plaster would have much effect on the great names who filled the earlier half of the Old Boys' batting order. Nevertheless the Kirkhamians of the past were dismissed for 70. The first XI speedily knocked off the runs for the loss of two wickets, and so ended Founders' Day for another year.

Scores: Old Boys XI 70 all out (Barterfield 21, Wilcock 13), (Lloyd 4 for 31, Maddocks 4 for 33).

School 1st XI 71 for 2 wickets (Hopcroft 18, Sidebottom 36 not out).

Result: The School 1st XI won by eight wickets.

Speech Day, 1957

As in previous years, but probably for the last time due to the imminent closing of the camp, Speech Day was held in the cinema of the Kirkham R.A.F. Camp. Our thanks are again due to Group Captain Parker for his continued kindness in providing these facilities.

When the Chairman of the Governors, the Rev. A. R. Allen, had opened the proceedings before a very full house, Mr. Norwood gave his report. Opening by congratulating the many boys who had gained successes in the academic field, both in G.C.E. and University entrance, the Headmaster went on to draw a contrast by emphasising the importance of subjects not included in examination curricula, discussion groups, the many societies, and games, the latter being then reviewed. Mr. Norwood welcomed the introduction of the Music Festival as another such activity, and concluded by thanking the Friends for the many ways in which they had helped the school.

The afternoon's guest was the Bishop of Burnley, the Rt. Rev. G. E. Holderness, who was next introduced by the Chairman as "a scholar, a schoolmaster, a soldier, a parish priest and a prince of the church." The Bishop first presented the prizes, and then gave his address.

He said that the hallmarks of a good Grammar School should show themselves in two ways: firstly in sound learning, strength of character and good moral standards. He thought that the "Three I's," intelligence, initiative and imagination were most important, coupled with hard work and a sense of service. The second hallmark was good good manners which "cost so very little, and yet are so very precious," and are all too often lacking in this nuclear age. The Bishop concluded by hoping that the school would go on producing young men fitted in every way to go out into the world, and then ensured tumultuous applause for his fine address by asking that the school receive a half-holiday, which was granted.

A vote of thanks to the Bishop was proposed by the Rev. W. A. P. Francis, Vicar of Kirkham, and seconded by Mr. Stevenson, the Deputy Headmaster. Many of the guests then returned to the school hall for tea, which brought to a close a successful and enjoyable afternoon.

PRIZE LIST

SIXTH FORM PRIZES—

Bowdler Prize for Mathematics	W. R. Thomson
English Literature	P. S. Hayes
History	W. J. P. Grime
Geography	W. Whitaker
Latin	P. S. Hayes
French	P. S. Hayes
Chemistry	W. R. Thomson
Physics	F. B. Traice
Biology	P. I. Vardy
Science	E. Sidebottom

N.U.J.M.B. G.C.E. "A" LEVEL — PASSES IN THREE OR MORE SUBJECTS—

D. T. Bowe, P. S. Hayes, M. Ramsbottom, A. R. Baines, P. Bannister (4), L. Barton, R. A. Darrah, P. W. Hopcroft, T. H. Kirkham (4), N. H. Leater, W. A. Mayor, J. E. Ryan, W. R. Thomson (Distinction in Physics), P. I. Vardy, M. D. Wilding.

HOUSE TROPHIES—

Rugby Football Shield	School
Cricket Shield	School
Athletic Sports Cup	School
Cross-country Cup	Lytham
Swimming Cup	School
Gymnastics Cup	School
Shooting Cup	Kirkham
Musical Festival Cup	Ashton
Junior Rugby Football Cup	School
Junior Cricket Cup	School

BOYS WHO HAVE DONE MOST FOR THE SCHOOL—

1st: R. M. Wilcock. 2nd: C. R. Plaster.

CRICKET PRIZES—

Batting: E. Sidebottom. Bowling: R. A. Maddocks.

LOWER SIXTH MERIT PRIZES—

M. D. Lawton, D. F. Wooton.

FORM PRIZES—

J. Mackelden	U IV B:	J. J. Bamber	L V A:
P. B. Kilroy	L IV A:	M. A. McCartney	L V B:
R. O. Maddock	L IV B:	D. Thistlethwaite	U IV A:
J. F. Harrison	III A:	S. M. Bradbury	U V M:
C. T. Robinson	III B:	G. Parkinson	U V Sc.:

UPPER FIFTH SUBJECT PRIZES—

English: H. R. Mayor.
History and Geography: E. Parkinson.
Mathematics: R. H. Duckworth.
Languages: J. J. Bamber.
Science: R. H. Duckworth.

N.U.J.M.B., G.C.E., "O" LEVEL PASSES IN FIVE OR MORE SUBJECTS—

A. Armer (6), M. E. H. Barnes (7), R. Bracegirdle (7), C. D. Dewse (7), R. H. Duckworth (7), K. Howard (7), M. A. McCartney (7), N. I. P. McKie (6), H. G. White (6), J. J. Bamber (9), J. Berry (9), R. A. Croisdale (6), P. Dickinson (6), R. Halstead (6), P. Holliday (7), M. B. Jackman (9), H. R. Mayor (9), R. W. Ogden (8), E. Parkinson (8), M. E. C. Sant (9), T. B. Wilson.

The following' achieved passes in the G.C.E. November examinations:—Archer (1 pass), Barnes, G. (2), Bowtell (1), Constantine (1), Cryer (2), Dickinson (2), White (1), Wilcock (2), Wilson (1).

GYM PRIZES—

Senior: N. I. P. McKie. Intermediate: G. R. Clarke. Junior: N. Moss.

CHESS—

DIVINITY PRIZES—

Senior: A. R. Baines. Intermediate: D. W. Garnett. Junior: L. F. Abbott.

ART PRIZES—

Intermediate: A. R. Carpenter. Junior: R. O. Maddock.

MUSIC PRIZE—

G. A. Preston.

PROFICIENCY IN AGRICULTURAL STUDIES—

R. M. Wilcock.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZES—

Senior: M. Ramsbottom. Intermediate: W. J. Harvey. Junior: P. J. Carmichael.

PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZE—

D. T. Bøwe.

READING PRIZES—

Senior: J. . Buckley. Intermediate: J. D. Fleet. Junior: T. J. Huss.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUBJECT PRIZES—

English Subjects: W. A. K. Denley. Languages: C. I. Doris.
Mathematics and Science: R. O. Maddock.

"STAR" PRIZE

J. G. Morgan.

HONOURS, 1956-57

W. J. P. GRIME (1949-57)—Open History Scholarship, St. John's College, Oxford.

P. I. VARDY (1949-57)—State Scholarship (1957).

J. R. LANCE (1949-54)—Selwyn College, Cambridge, B.A., Nat. Sci. Tripos. Pt. II (ii) honours, Zoology.

J. L. ROSCOE (1926-34)—M.B.E. Gambia Colonial Service.

F. D. MARSDEN (1956-54)—B.Sc. (Manchester University) II(i) Mechanical

J. O. BULLOCK (1946-54)—Brasenose College, Oxford, B.Sc., III honours, Physics.

G. W. HUMBER (1944-52)—Ph.C. and M.P.S.

A. RIGBY (1944-52)—B.A. (Manchester University). I hon. Architecture, Certificates I and II (Distinction in Town and Country Planning).

J. C. COPLEY (1946-54)—B.A. (Durham University) II(ii) honours,

J. DUNCAN (1946-54)—LL.B. (Durham University) II(ii) honours.

S. T. JENKINS (1954-53)—Diploma in Social Studies, Leeds University.

G. NORRIS (1947-54)—LL.B. (Liverpool University).

J. B. BALL (1944-51)—M.B., B.S. (Durham University).

K. RYDING (1950-55)—Admission to R.M.A., Sandhurst (from Welbeck College).

Carol Service

This ever pleasing function was, as always, held on the last Friday of the Winter Term in Kirkham Parish Church.

Despite the ill-omens forecast by many — the day being Friday, 13th — the service got off to a good start with the singing of the traditional carol, "Once in Royal David's City," of which the first verse was sung by N. Hill. The Rev. W. A. P. Francis, who conducted the service, then pronounced the opening sentences, this was followed by a carol "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" sung by the choir and in which R. W. Darby sang the second verse.

By tradition, the first lesson was read by a newcomer to the school last September, M. R. Bennet. Then followed the carol "Angels from the Realms of Glory," in which everybody joined.

The second lesson was read by T. J. Huss, after which the rafters of the church rang to the strains of "Ding-dong Merrily on High."

Another piece of scripture was then read by J. D. Fleet, foretelling the bringing of peace and joy to the whole world. The choir then sang a carol "All my Heart this Night Rejoices."

The fourth lesson was read by J. E. Buckley and everyone joined in the singing of that well loved carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem." This was followed by a lesson fortelling the coming of Christ, which was read by the School Captain, C. R. Plaster. Then followed the choir's "piece de resistance," E. J. Moeran's "Magnificat" in D major.

After this there followed the sixth lesson, read by the Chairman of the Friends of Kirkham Grammar School Association, Mr. W. W. Luckman. This was a new innovation last year and emphasises even more the family nature of the service. The choir then sang a new carol, "Sing Lullaby."

The seventh lesson was read by the senior master of the school, Mr. B. Stevenson, and then the congregation joined lustily in the singing of "Ye Shepherds Leave your Flocks."

The eight lesson was read by J. R. Lance, an old boy of the school now at Cambridge. This was followed by a new carol, which was a version of the "Three Kings" carol. "Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar" — Peter Cornelius. Three boys, M. T. Hill, J. Colburn and B. T. Lewis sang the parts of the kings and were well supported by the rest of the choir singing softly.

The final lesson this year was read by Rev. Francis, and the service closed with the singing of "O Come all Ye Faithful."

The joyful atmosphere was sustained till the end, when the congregation left the church to the accompaniment of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

Sixth Form Carol Party, 1957

On the evening of Monday, December 23rd, at 6-0 o'clock, twelve members of the Sixth Form arrived at school to continue the tradition of singing carols for a number of masters at their homes.

Among the Party were C. R. Plaster, P. Fenton, K. S. and N. S. Jackson, C. C. Storer, W. Whitaker, E. G. Sleddon, P. J. Hosker, M. D. Lawton, M. Ramsbottom, D. J. Hinton, and J. E. Buckley.

At quarter past six we began our singing at school with "Once in Royal David's City". Our travelling covered a much wider area of the Fylde than in former years, for we visited Kirkham, Wrea Green, Thornton, Fleetwood, and finished, in the early hours of Tuesday morning, at Blackpool. Transport was by two cars and two motor cycles in convoy. One of the party did not arrive until the rest had reached Dow Bridge, and when he did, he rather looked as though he had been pushed through a hedge backwards—perhaps he had?

We would genuinely like to thank all those who entertained us for the truly hospitable way we were received, and we hope that in return we were able to bring a little of the Christmas spirit to them.

We would also like to thank all those who contributed to the total of £5 6s. 0d., which, as usual, was sent to St. Dunstan's.

J.E.B.

S.C.M. Conference—November, 1957

On Friday, November 15th students from four schools met at the Park School, Preston, for the 1957 Conference of the Student Christian Movement. The schools represented, apart from the Park School were Hutton G.S., Preston G.S., and Kirkham G.S.

The subject was "Worship" and after a few opening remarks the Chairman, Miss Shanks, introduced the first speaker, the Rev. K. C. Dykes. The Conference then divided into Discussion Groups which were followed by questions arising from the discussions. Tea was then served in the dining hall.

After tea we were given a very enlightened address by the Rev. D. A. Edwards, who gave us the chance to hear the Beaumont "Folk Mass." This is the rendering of hymns and prayers in swing time. The address was followed by Discussion Groups and questions directed at the speaker. The session was brought to a close by a further extract of the "Folk Mass" which took the place of the usual prayers.

Saturday morning saw the second session of the Conference. The speaker was Miss M. Putz who gave a most informative address on the religious life of a Quaker. After a lively discussion many questions were asked. On this note the Conference ended.

Cricket, 1957

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st XI	13	4	4	5
2nd XI	5	2	1	2
Under 15 XI ...	4	2	1	1
Under 14 XI ...	6	0	6	0

1957 has been a good year for K.G.S. cricket. All four School teams have practised hard, comported themselves well on the field, and, with the exception of the Under XIV, have produced some satisfactory results. The School House continued on their winning way in the Inter-House Competitions, securing both Senior and Junior Trophies, but stern opposition was provided by Kirkham and Ashton.

The play of the 1st XI followed very much the pattern of the weather. An excellent start was made, all the first three games being won, but with the advent of the examination period, always a time of trial and tribulation, there was a pronounced slump, and although there were two near misses against King Edward School, Lytham, and Blackpool Grammar School, no further victories against other Schools were recorded.

However, the season finished on a high note with an excellent victory against the Old Boys. It was thought at the beginning of the season that finding the bowlers to dismiss the opposition would present the greatest difficulty but actually this turned out not to be the case. A great discovery was made in R. Maddocks, a medium-paced seamer who had a most successful season. G. Lloyd, too, bowled very steadily for long periods but although he was difficult to score from, lacked any real penetration. Variety was supplied by C. Plaster, slow off-spinner, who improved with time, and R. Hill, medium-paced left arm. In all, the bowling was very successful, and seldom failed to get rid of the opposition for a reasonable score. It was backed up, too, by keen fielding, and the results of Plaster's many fielding practices could be seen in the second half of the season. Plaster, himself, was a splendid fielder and he was well backed up by J. Bamber and A. Butterworth away from the wicket and W. Mayor as a close fieldsman. R. Wilcock proved a very lively and adequate wicket-keeper.

It was the batting of the side which did not always prove to be as good as it looked. A great deal depended upon the opening pair, E. Sidebottom and P. Hopcroft, and both batted extremely well. C. Plaster proved to be an excellent captain but did not, for him, have a very successful time with the bat. The best of the remaining batsmen were undoubtedly A. Butterworth and J. Bamber, and much will be expected of these two in the future.

At the end of the season Plaster, an old Honours Cap, presented Caps to E. Sidebottom and P. Hopcroft and Team Colours to J. Bamber, A. Butterworth, G. Lloyd, W. Mayor, and R. Wilcock.

The 2nd XI, with a very limited programme, played keenly at all times. There were no outstanding personalities in the side but W. Whitaker, captain, F. Duckworth, P. Fenton and M. Sant did well.

The outstanding player of the Under XV was undoubtedly B. Howard and his score of 85 not out against King Edward's, Lytham, was the highest by a Junior for a very long time. He received very good support from A. Cookson and D. Garnett. The Under XIV had a very unhappy time, losing all their matches. The bowling and fielding, with J. Montgomery an excellent captain and wicket-keeper, were adequate, but the fundamentals of batsmanship remain a complete mystery to most of the team, R. Moor and R. Scholfield excepted. It is to be hoped that what was taught in 1957 will have been learned by 1958.

That the season just concluded was such a pleasant one, and on the whole successful, is due in no small part to the worth of M. Lawton as secretary, and the Cricket Committee would like to express its sincere thanks to him and to Mrs. Norwood and her band of helpers, in particular Kathleen, for their considerable share.

1st XI.

- May 11th PRESTON G.S. (AWAY). WON by 8 wickets.
Preston G.S., 100; Kirkham G.S., 101 for 2.
(Hill 4 for 8; Hopcroft 49 n.o.; Bamber 37 n.o.)
- May 18th ARNOLD SCHOOL (HOME). WON by 5 runs.
Kirkham G.S., 67; Arnold, 62.
(Sidebottom 27; Lean 12 n.o.)
- May 25th BAINES G.S. (HOME). Won by 4 wickets.
Baines G.S., 49; Kirkham G.S., 50 for 6.
(Maddocks 7 for 15; Hopcroft 18; Mayor 12 n.o.)
- June 1st QUEEN ELIZABETH'S G.S. (HOME). LOST by 2 wickets.
Kirkham G.S., 84; Q. Elizabeth's G.S., 88 for 8.
(Sidebottom, 23)
- June 15th KING GEORGE V. SCHOOL (HOME). LOST by 43 runs.
King George V., 58; Kirkham G.S., 15.
(Maddocks 8 for 30)
- June 19th KING EDWARD VII (HOME). MATCH DRAWN.
Kirkham G.S., 124 for 7 decl.; K.E.S., 58 for 8
(Lloyd 35; Butterworth 30)
- June 22nd BLACKPOOL G.S. (HOME). MATCH DRAWN.
Kirkham G.S., 137 for 9 decl.; Blackpool, 64 for 9.
(Hopcroft 36; Bamber 25; Butterworth 23; Lloyd 4 for 29)
- June 26th WIGAN G.S. (AWAY). LOST by 4 wickets.
Kirkham G.S., 64; Wigan, 65 for 6.
(Wilcock 26; Bamber 23; Maddocks 5 for 12)
- June 29th FRIENDS OF K.G.S. XI (HOME). MATCH DRAWN.
Kirkham G.S., 125 for 4 decl.; Friends, 86 for 6.
(Sidebottom 48; Lloyd 46)

- July 7th **BALSHAWS G.S. (AWAY). MATCH DRAWN.**
Balshaws G.S. 138 for 6 decl.; Kirkham G.S. 80 for 5.
(Plaster 4 for 21; Plaster 26; Bamber 23)
- July 9th **OPTIMISTS XI. v REV. J. WALSH'S XI. OPTIMISTS XI. LOST.**
Walsh's XI, 119; Optimists XI 41.
(Mr. Crane 4 for 24; Plaster 10)
- July 10th **HUTTON G.S. (AWAY). LOST by 7 wickets.**
Kirkham G.S., 40; Hutton G.S., 43 for 3.
(Butterworth 18)
- July 11th **URMSTON G.S. (HOME). MATCH ABANDONED.**
Urmston G.S., 176 for 5 decl.; Kirkham G.S., 34 for 0.
(Hoperoft 16 n.o.; Sidebottom 14 n.o.)
- July 13th **OLD BOYS' XI. (HOME). WON by 8 wickets.**
Old Boys', 70; Kirkham G.S., 71 for 2.
(Lloyd 4 for 31; Maddocks 4 for 33; Sidebottom 36 n.o.)
Hopcroft 18)
- July 16th **MASTERS XI. WON by 120 runs.**
School XI, 179 for 6 decl.; Staff XI, 59.
(Butterworth 61 n.o.; Plaster 52 n.o.; Mayor 27;
Maddocks 4 for 14).
(Mr. Middleton 17 n.o.; Mr. Wilkinson 17)
1st XI. Scorers: D. R. Moor and J. E. Buckley.
- 2nd XI.
- May 25th **BAINES G.S. (AWAY). MATCH DRAWN.**
Kirkham G.S., 73 for 9; Baines G.S., 62 for 6.
(Howard B. 19)
- June 1st **QUEEN ELIZABETH'S G.S. (AWAY). WON.**
Kirkham G.S., 46; Queen Elizabeth's G.S., 30.
(Duckworth, R. H. 23; Sant 7 for 8)
- June 15th **KING GEORGE V. (AWAY). MATCH DRAWN.**
King George V., 107 for 4 dec.; Kirkham G.S. 73 for 5.
(Duckworth R. H. 34)
- June 19th **KING EDWARD VII (AWAY). WON.**
Kirkham G.S., 136 for 7 dec.; King Edward VII 77.
(Whitaker 32 n.o.; Robinson 31; Barnes M. E. H. 24;
Lawrence 22; Taylor 3 for 12)
- July 10th **HUTTON G.S. (HOME). LOST.**
Hutton G.S., 88; Kirkham G.S., 38.
(Fenton 3 for 11)
2nd XI Scorer: D. Ashworth.
- "UNDER 15" XI.
- May 11th **PRESTON G.S. (HOME). LOST by 45 runs.**
Preston 58; Kirkham 13.
- June 1st **K.E.S., LYTHAM (AWAY). WON by 40 runs.**
Kirkham, 137; K.E.S., 97.
(Howard B. 85 n.o.)
- June 15th **KING GEORGE V, SOUTHPORT (AWAY). WON by 38 runs.**
Kirkham, 68; K.G.V., 30.
(Garnett 5 for 12; Elliott 4 for 5)
- July 6th **BALSHAW'S G.S. (HOME). MATCH DRAWN.**
Kirkham, 88; Balshaw's, 54.
(Howard B. 20)
"Under 15" Scorer: G. L. Holmes.

"UNDER 14" XI.

May 18th	ARNOLD (AWAY). LOST by 42 runs. Arnold, 61; Kirkham, 19. (Whitehead 4 for 13)
May 25th	BAINES (AWAY). LOST by 45 runs. Baines, 70; Kirkham, 25. (Whitehead 6 for 8; Abbott 4 for 31)
June 1st	QUEEN ELIZABETH'S, BLACKBURN (AWAY). LOST by 7 wickets. Kirkham, 27; Blackburn, 28 for 3. (D. R. Moor 12)
June 13th	BLACKPOOL (HOME). LOST by 43 runs. Blackpool, 85 for 9 decl.; Kirkham, 42.
June 22nd	HUTTON (AWAY). LOST by 9 wickets. Kirkham, 36; Hutton, 37 for 1.
July 6th	HUTTON (AWAY). LOST by 9 wickets. Kirkham, 9; Hutton, 12 for 1.

JUNIOR HOUSE CRICKET 1957

LYTHAM (30 all out) v PRESTON (34 for 9)	PRESTON (46 all out)	ASHTON (33 all out)	SCHOOL
ASHTON (30 for 4) v KIRKHAM (29 all out)	ASHTON (48 for 9)		
	FYLDE (28 all out) v SCHOOL (30 for 2)	SCHOOL (54 all out)	

SENIOR HOUSE CRICKET, 1957

FYLDE (23 all out) v ASHTON (24 for 4)	ASHTON (99 all out) v SCHOOL (156 all out)	SCHOOL (53 for 2)	SCHOOL
	KIRKHAM (115 all out) v LYTHAM (38 all out)	KIRKHAM (31 all out)	
LYTHAM (94 all out) v PRESTON (90 all out)			

1st XI

A list of the 1st XI fixtures is included in the Magazine for the first time. The School would like to make it known that Old Boys, who are always welcome visitors, would be particularly welcome spectators at any of the School matches, especially if they could bring some fine weather with them.

1st XI FIXTURES FOR 1958

May 3rd (Saturday)	v Preston G.S. (home)
May 10th (Saturday)	v Baines G.S. (away)
May 17th (Saturday)	v Arnold G.S. (away)
May 31st (Saturday)	v Urmston G.S. (away)
June 7th (Saturday)	v K.G.V. Southport (away)
June 14th (Saturday)	v K.E.S. Lytham (away)
June 18th (Wednesday)	v Q.E Blackburn G.S. (away)
June 21st (Saturday)	v Blackpool G.S. (home)
June 28th (Saturday)	v Wigan G.S. (home)
July 5th (Saturday)	v Balshaws G.S. (home)
July 9th (Wednesday)	v Hutton G.S. (home)
July 12th (Saturday)	v Old Boys (home)

Swimming

The School Swimming team has met with more success this season than it has done during the last few seasons. Its first fixture resulted in a narrow defeat at the hands of Hutton G.S., whilst at the Inter-School Sports at Blackpool the team obtained fourth place, R. M. Wilcock gaining first place in 50 metres breast stroke race and M. N. Bowtell, the captain, second place in the 50 metres free style race. Several other positions were obtained and the team put up a very good performance on the whole. A feature of the swimming, however, has been the steady increase in the number of boys able to swim. The Inter-House Sports provoked much rivalry and it was most pleasing to find that there was a competitor from every House in every event.

The training sessions at Preston Baths, on Wednesday afternoons, have helped a great deal in getting the team fit for the fixtures. It must be mentioned that M. N. Bowtell has cultivated a good spirit in the team, and Mr. Crane must be thanked for his advice and help.

It is generally thought at K.G.S. that swimming is the Cinderella of Sports, but the fact that more boys than ever can swim shows that swimming is gaining popularity and is on the upgrade.

W.T.

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

1. Junior Breast 25: Dewhurst (A), Ridding (P), Gaffiney (L); 21.6 sec.
2. Inter Breast 50: Lewis (A), Pilkington (K), Molyneux (S); 39.9 secs.
3. Senior Breast 50: Wilcock (P), Dewes (S), Dickinson (G); 35.0 secs.
4. Senior 100 yds. F.S.: Bowtell (P), Cryer (K), Hoyle (L); 69.8 secs.
5. Junior Back 25: Stuttard (S), Marshall (F), Kirby (K); 19.1 secs.
6. Inter Back 50: Howard (S), Clitheroe (F), Broadbent (P); 40.0 secs.
7. Senior Back 50: Cryer (K), Rogerson (L), Broadbent (P); 38.0 secs.
8. Junior Dive: Boothman (S), Moss (P), Wells (K); —
9. Junior F.S. 25: Kirby (K), Smith (L), Boothman (S); 14.7 secs.
10. Inter F.S. 50: Howard (S), Robishaw (L), Docherty (F); 31.6 secs.
11. Senior F.S. 50: Bowtell (P), Hoyle (L), Howard (S); 31.3 secs.
12. Long Plunge: Baines (K), Bowe (L), Threlfall (A); 44ft. 5½in.
13. Junior Relay: School (S), Kirkham (K), Fylde (F); 84.0 secs.
14. Inter Relay: Fylde (F), School (S), Kirkham (K); 71.0 secs.
15. Senior Relay: Lytham (L), School (S), Kirkham (K); 66.5 secs.

FINAL PLACINGS:

1st, School; 2nd, Kirkham; 3rd, Lytham; 4th, Preston;
5th, Fylde; 6th, Ashton.

La Reunion Culturelle, 1957

La réunion a eu lieu à Blackpool le 15 et le 16 Juillet, et des élèves de toute la Fylde sont venus. La réunion culturelle est un événement annuel, et on peut y entendre des conférences, des chansons, des extraits de pièce, etc.

Nous étions heureux d'écouter Mme. Mathey, qui nous a parlé de la famille française; aussi nous avons entendu un professeur de Rossall School, qui a parlé du Corsique et de la Sardaigne. Il y a eu aussi un extrait du "Bourgeois Gentilhomme," "Vingt Questions," et plusieurs chansons de la France.

Certainments, les élèves anglais peuvent apprendre ici beaucoup de choses au sujet de la France.

A.E.H.

A Holiday in Norway

8th—17th AUGUST

After much planning and thought by Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Reay we found ourselves prepared for a holiday in the western fjords of Norway. We travelled by train to Newcastle and then embarked on a steam-turbine ship, the s.s. *Leda*, of the Bergen Line, which carried a total of 495 passengers. We sailed at four o'clock on the 8th of August and steamed happily down the River Tyne. The ship was fitted with stabilisers which counteract rolling, so we thought we were quite safe from the dreaded "Mal-de-Mer" but as soon as we were clear of the Tyne breakwaters the ship began to rock. Many of our party were seen to be hurrying down to their cabins and Chris looked as green as his jersey. But several of us were lucky to be able to keep well and enjoy the cheap, but wonderful meals on board. Everything was tax free on board so goods were very cheap. In the fresh, cool morning everyone seemed to be better and most people were seen to be walking on deck, whether for health or for other purposes I will not disclose. We soon saw the first islands of Western Norway and by 11 a.m. were sailing into the magnificent harbour of Bergen, the second largest city in Norway. We were followed in by ships of the Swedish Navy who saluted the city with their guns. We sailed past the German submarine pens into the harbour.

After disembarking we left by coach, seeing the sights of Bergen and then climbing through the gorges and mountains to the Sandvanseter Hotel, Kvanskog for lunch, our first taste of real Norwegian food. The roads we travelled on were very narrow and precipitous but the driver did not seem to mind and travelled at a speed we thought impossible. We arrived at the fascinating village of Ulvik i Hardanger at 6-0 p.m. and were welcomed by our host and shown to our rooms. The hotel overlooked the tip of the Ulvik fjord which joins the main Hardanger fjord. The water here is salt water and there is a tide although it is ninety-eight miles from the sea. The hotel had its own diving board and skiffs and we made full use of these. The food was wonderful. We participated regularly of the cold table with its many sorts of meats and salads, and we had some meat which was tough and supposedly reindeer meat although the waitress, when asked, did not seem to know where it had come from. The soups were very different from English soups, for some seemed to us like greasy water with chunks of raw cauliflower or carrot in it. But there was plenty of this rich food except when we were given packed lunches which consisted of four open sandwiches. Our favourite pastime before meals was to sit on a seat opposite the hotels and laugh at the waitresses. When we had first arrived at the hotel our door was opened and a head popped in. "Animal" instantly cried out

"No not you!" But the answer came in a cynical voice, "Yes, Blossom, it's me." However he was staying at the Brakenes Hotel where all the "posh" people stay so we were greatly relieved.

Besides boating and swimming there were many other amusements in the village. The people were very friendly and the native boys were soon calling us by names like "Elephante," "Animal," and "Chyiss." The female natives also were very friendly and many boys vanished in the evenings, with the "Yangta," but "Animal" was very disappointed when he found only squirrels when he went to look for birds. However he was worse when we provided him with "Minnie." Another of our favourites was Stickty, who was known to have carried off one of the junior members of the party into some garden or other. Who filled the table outside with empty bottles of beer and had to be taken home? The walks were wonderful around Ulvik. A quarter of a mile from the village we would be walking in beds of bilberries, looking at gigantic anthills, scanning the glaciers of a high mountain or looking for such birds as the black-cock or flowers which hung like a link of beads from the dripping rock faces. The views were awe-inspiring and they made us feel very humble indeed.

On our trips away from Ulvik we travelled up to 2,800 feet above sea level on the mountain railway which does figure eights inside the mountains in order to ascend them, we saw waterfalls 600 feet high, glaciers and ice-fields hundreds of acres in extent. We travelled by ferry through steep-sided fjords and visited a village whose only communication was by boat. We bought souvenirs, hand-made and hand-painted beautiful but fantastically dear.

On the 16th of August we got up at 4-0 a.m. and set out for Bergen on the main Oslo-Bergen railway. We went up the Bergen funicular railway when we arrived and looked at the city from the mountain floien behind Bergen. We then saw the Grieg and Michelson statues, the lake which is covered with ducks half the year round, and went into a fishing museum in Bergen. We embarked at 4-30 p.m. and sailed for Newcastle. On the sail we exchanged our kroners and ore for English money again and wished goodbye to beautiful Norway. After passing through the customs safely in Newcastle we travelled by train back to Preston, sorry to leave Norway but happy and filled with memories that would last a lifetime. It had been a most enjoyable trip. Thank you to the masters in charge.

J. Berry.

The Jubilee Jamboree

August, 1957

On August 1st, 1957, the Duke of Gloucester, President of the Boys Scouts' Association opened the combined Boy Scout Jamboree, Rover Moot and Scouters Indaba at Sutton Park, Warwickshire. The Jamboree, J.I.M. for short, was held to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell and the jubilee of the Boy Scouts' Association which he founded in 1907. For twelve days, 35,00 Scouts from eighty nations lived together in the beautifully kept and well-wooded park, a testimony to the value of Scouting in a troubled world.

The camp was so large that it was split up into five sub-camps, each named after one of the previous world Jamborees. In the middle of the Park was the shopping centre where, from the horse-shoe of shops and banks one's every need could be supplied. Names to be seen included W. H. Smith, Boots, the Post Office and British Railways. But not only was this a shopping centre, it was also an exchange centre. The exchanging and collecting instincts had plenty of scope and one could see, for example, an Iranian with a stock-whip, an American with a kilt, and a Scot with a bright red American shirt. The swapping of badges was especially popular and little huddles of Scouts engaged in such business were watched with interest by visitors.

Close to the shopping centre was the huge arena where each day a display was given by the Scouts of a different country. The United Kingdom contingent re-enacted the life of B.P., showing scenes from his life at Charterhouse, the siege of Mafeking, the rejoicing in London after the town had been relieved and last of all, scenes from the last Jamboree attended by B.P., that held in 1937 at Dogelanjangan in Holland, and his farewell speech which had been recorded.

Popular evening events were the Camp Fires held in the sub-camps with the numbers of those present being anything up to five thousand. Here could be seen and heard the national dances and songs of many countries. The atmosphere of a well led Camp Fire is something that can not be described but must be experienced.

Visitors to J.I.M. were both numerous and distinguished, many having travelled from as far afield as the United States and Australia. The most welcome visitors were Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip who toured the numerous camp sites in a Land Rover meeting Scouts of all nations and creeds. In the arena Her Majesty watched a march past of Scouts from every country represented at the Jamboree, and later, a display by United Kingdom Air Scouts.

Other notable visitors included the Prince of Leichenstein, Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide and wife of B.P., and Mr. Macmillan, the Prime Minister.

The Jamboree had been so arranged that every Scout was taken to a place of interest during his stay in England. Some went to the Crewe Railway Works, others to car factories, and so on.

The Rovers went hiking for three days. They travelled by rail to centres in Wales and Derbyshire whence enjoyable hikes took place. Unfortunately the weather was unkind and some of those in Derbyshire reached the top of a climb in cloud as a storm broke about them, bringing snow and sleet with thunder and lightning. After these three days some of the kit was wet, but the spirits of the Rovers could not have been higher.

Every Sunday afternoon the British contingent invited the other Scouts present to what were called International Tea-Parties. One British troop of thirty might have invited as many as a hundred foreign Scouts, and although seating arrangements were limited to the ground and food to jam sandwiches and tea, everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

One evening some were fortunate in going to the Gang Show in Birmingham. This non-stop variety performance, which was being televised included witty incidents, spectacular choruses and more serious sketches, and completely held the attention of the audience.

On the morning of the last day all the Scouts of the British Empire and Commonwealth contingents gathered in the arena to present on behalf of their districts and countries a portrait of himself to Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout, and a diamond "Thanks Badge" to Lady Rowallan, in grateful recognition of their devoted service to Scouting.

The weather was by no means unkind. After a traditional English summer of rain and storms the weather suddenly improved and the first six days of the Jamboree were hot and sunny. This fine weather came to an abrupt end with the arrival of storms which forced many occupants of leaking tents to seek shelter in the drier marquees. Soon what had been green grass was churned into mud as more and more rain fell, but failed to dampen anybody's spirits, and J.I.M. carried on undaunted.

All too quickly J.I.M. came to an end and was officially closed on August 12th by Lady Baden-Powell, but the memories of those twelve days will always remain with those who were fortunate either to camp in Sutton Park as members of contingents or to visit the Jamboree.

R.S.(Q.S.) D. J. Sharratt
Q.S. H. Cryer.

Tribal Tradcutters

Inside the conference room it was hot, and smoke seemed to be everywhere, despite the notice on the door. Around a large table in the centre of the room were seated a dozen well-to-do gentlemen with papers in their hands, each talking quietly to his neighbour — except one, Professor James, who ought not to have been there. He was seated next to a rather fat grey suit which kept oscillating gently with its occupant's asthma.

A door opened and a man wearing a dark brown pair of plus fours entered, carrying an enormous bundle of typed paper. All the men at the table became silent and clattered to attention. After the newcomer had settled himself in his revolving chair at the head of the table, the others sat down and relapsed into the mumbling until the chairman rapped with his fist because he had forgotten his little hammer.

"Gentlemen. You know why we are here. To discuss whether it will be possible in the future for our trains to arrive on time in London instead of twenty minutes late."

"Would you mind repeating that?" asked Professor James. But he was ignored. He was only a signalman after all. The chairman continued.

"Gentlemen, the public," (here all the men made disgusted faces), "are laughing at us!"

A general uproar followed, in which the water was spilled over Professor James's knees, and the chairman was swung round in his chair twice, sending his papers fluttering to the floor. He finally regained his balance and called for Silas, his butler. He spoke a few words to him when he appeared, and the butler walked over to a cupboard in the corner, and rapped on the door.

From the cupboard step three 'bus conductors each carrying a small model of a railway engine.

Song: "British Railways." Tune: "Clementine."

What an uproar, what a scandal,

What will happ'n we can but guess

Now the Tories have taken over,

Ain't the railways in a mess!

The chairman and the butler throw up their hands in dismay as the scene fades.

We are now on a platform where about two hundred people are waiting for the London train. No doubt above half will be boarding — the others saying goodbyes. It is now half past nine. The train is due at 9-25 and here it comes — people hanging out from the windows, doors opening before the train has stopped. Not much room — in fact, people are standing already. Plenty of empty carriages though. But they are first class: for the elite and class distinctionists. However, some will get off. Full dining

cars. Perplexed waiters. Only ten getting off. Mad rush. Have to hurry, it's seven minutes late now. Guard's blowing his whistle.

"You can't go yet, half of us aren't on!"

"Eh?"

The train leaves, many women with puckered lips left standing on the platform, eyes wide open.

Enter Station Master. He carries a chair. He says something to a porter who shuffles off, dirty black smoke trailing behind him. He reappears with other men, all carrying chairs. When these are assembled, the remaining would-be passengers are seated. Enter twenty well-dusted porters, who quickly line up against the wall. The Station Master raises his baton.

Song:

"Land of dopes and Tories,
Comrades all are we.
Down with all red lorries,
We want the Railways three..."

(Fade sound. Cut to 3. On grams. Fade to 1, track back and pan right to nasty blurr on bed. Cut to 2, behind piano; focus slowly on empty beer glass. Off grams. Slow fade).

((FOREST)))

Jimmy Boon

There was a boy called Jimmy Boon,
Who decided to go up to the moon.
He built a space-ship from a log
With help from his pet who was a dog.
With three 'bob' rockets packed inside
He prepared for his joy ride.
A goldfish bowl upon his head
And a space-suite made from a double bed.
So Jim set out to find the moon,
With a space-gun made from a serving spoon.
The dog got in and so did he,
The rockets went off, one, two, three.
He passed a star, the Milky Way
And reached the moon that very day.
It landed in a crater, bump!
He sat down hard and hurt his rump.

Suddenly he heard a sound
Which made his head go round and round.
The dog went faint and so did he.
The moon-men were coming, Oh goodness me!
Their heads were green, their noses red,
Their bodies were made from loaves of bread.
Their arms were made of spindly wire
And they were wearing a quaint attire.
The leader came first with a big space-gun,
The second was eating a currant bun.
Away went Jim, his dog went too,
Oh goodness me, oh goodness you!
Imprisoned in a dismal cave,
They made him nearly rant and rave.
At last he managed to escape,
Wearing a moon-man's invisible cape.
He jumped in his space-ship and flew away,
On earth he landed that self-same day.
He's still on earth and tells his tale
And his book is now on sale.

D. Mallinder.

Of National and Personal Interest

It has been suggested that the reading matter of the *Kirkhamian* should be adapted so as to appeal to a rather wider public — the Upper VIth for instance — who usually take great pains to avoid buying a magazine. Hence we have produced, by a process of “sublime mysticism and nonsense” the *Kirkhamian Almanack and Horoscope* for February to July, 1958.

PROPHECIES FOR 3rd WEEK IN FEBRUARY, 1958.

Britain undergoes the first stage of a national crisis. The Chancellor of the Exchequer devalues the £ sterling by 10%. Arsenal are defeated by 16 goals to nil and sign four new defenders at a cost of £85,000. Questions are asked in Parliament as to the amount of money being spent on military cadet forces in this country. An extraordinary meeting of the General School Committee is called to discuss the effect of the extent economic cataclysm, on the United Kingdom, with particular reference to the affairs of old established provincial grammar schools. Twelve inches of rain falls in four days in the North of England. The First XV win a match. Legislation is brought before Parliament to ban the game of Rugby Union.

LAST WEEK IN FEBRUARY, 1958.

The rain spreads to the rest of the country: flooding occurs on Salisbury Plain. Five umbrella manufacturers become millionaires overnight and are raised to the peerage. The Kirkham U.D.C. lowers the water rate to an unprecedented level. The financial crisis is not improved by the Government's palliative measures. The Conservative administration resign and riots occur in the constituency of South Lonsdale, promoted by the wealthier agrarian interests. Mr. G--tsk-ll takes office. In an emergency budget the £ sterling is devalued by a further 15%. The umbrella industry is nationalised. Matthews scores a goal for Blackpool. The rain continues.

MARCH, 1958.

Great Britain is evidently ruined from a financial standpoint. The rain ceases: the sun beats down upon the face of the earth. Drought ensues. Mr. G--tsk-ll resigns. Uprisings occur in Birmingham and Manchester. Sir W-nst-n Ch-rch-ll is asked to form a Government with Mr. B-v-n as Chancellor of the Exchequer. The co-treasurers of the G.S.C. resign. The starving works parade in front of Nos. 10, 11, Downing Street shouting “We want beer.” The drought enters its third week: three soft drinks manufacturers raised to the peerage. The Chairman of the National Umbrella Board commits suicide. The attention of the United Nations is drawn to the brutality of the game of Rugby. Preston North End, Blackpool and Millwall reach the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup.

APRIL AND MAY.

The economic measures of the new Government are entirely successful. Nationwide content. The weather returns to normal and the start of the cricket season is delayed by some three weeks. A statue of Sir Winston Churchill is erected in Ebbw Vale. Lord Aneurin of Rhondda demands higher salaries for Cabinet Ministers and is supported by the Minister of Works, Lord Cousins and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ted Hill. In a burst of goodwill the T.U.C. rises on their behalf. A general strike is proclaimed and the unions also demand their own abolition because of the burden to their members of paying contributions to union funds as well as super tax. The Easter Fair raises a record sum, to be spent on the cricket square. Millwall beat Preston North End 5—2 in the F.A. Cup Final.

JUNE AND JULY.

A good season for the First XI is predicted. D. G. Lloyd scores two half-centuries and Fylde House win the Cricket Cup. A good season for leg spinners. Tripe will be very cheap in Lancashire. The deposition of the Russian leaders is not unexpected and a monarchy will be set up. Sir Anth-ny Ed-n will be invited to accept the crown.



Horoscope

Aquarius (January 21st-February 19th). If you have blonde hair, it may turn black during the year. If you have a twin brother, due to the combinations of your stars, it is not unlikely that you will look rather like him. Take care of your predisposition to fish and chips otherwise you may put on weight.

Pisces (February 20th-March 20th). This may prove a good six months for romantic interests: if not, the reverse may apply. People born under Pisces dislike all smells of drains, so you would do best to avoid these.

Aries (March 21st-April 20th). For those with historical minds a good period is predicted. Those who are kings will flourish. A six-mile run before breakfast will do no harm, and if you do this for six months and eat nothing but nuts, you will either become an average boy or go mad.

Taurus (April 21st-May 21st). If you play cricket you may drop a lot of catches. This seems a favourable time for you to buy a bucket, a race horse or a litter of black pigs. Financial gain is likely, especially if you are working. Your results at G.C.E. 'A'

level will be good, provided you are taking this examination. For those not doing so, a cold bath at 4-30 every morning will prove a good habit as it will help to add some purpose to the paying of a water rate.

Gemini (May 22nd-June 23rd). You've had it! You are advised to dig a hole in the sand and place your head in it.

Cancer (June 24th-July 23rd). You will either gain or lose money in the next six months. Your library books may be overdue, look at them and see. Eccentric children of Cancer are advised to eat one pound of cheese each day and to stop smoking.

Leo (July 24th-August 23rd). You will be distressed by the rise in the cost of living and in the cost of drink, which amounts to the same thing. Go carefully in your relationships with other people or you will make enemies and at all costs avoid arguments with mad dogs.

Virgo (August 24th-September 23rd). For a while you will have to tread carefully with those in positions above you, but once into your stride you will achieve a great deal of satisfaction. You will strike a new and profitable activity.

Libra (September 24th-October 23rd). A season of plenty is foretold. If you are a leg-spinner, you are likely to be hit for many sixes. Otherwise success is likely, especially in the realms of croquet and bridge. If you have a herd of elephants, now is the time to sell, because the price of fodder will probably rise.

Scorpio (October 24th-November 22nd). Watch your p's and q's.

Sagittarius (November 23rd-December 22nd). For you the music of the spheres is playing a regular symphony. You will win several thousand pounds on a football pool, travel abroad, and be executed if you drink sufficient coffee. The death of a favourite worm will cause you grief.

Capricorn (December 23rd-January 20th). Ladies: You will gain what you have always wanted. Gentlemen: You will suffer a personal economic cataclysm.

"Night"

A sky darkly lowering,
Inset with promiscuous primrose of evening sun
Embraces all black shapes.
'Gainst this, in nightmare's gloom
The gasworks, Hell's Parthenon, loom
A pachyderm grey;
And in this threatening element
Poplars an eerie shadow cast,
Their shuddering tops, sinuously infirm,
Murmuring, conferring
On the fate of man.
Now rises Mammon's chariot
Drawn by dark steeds,
Belching platitudinous cigar smoke:
And tailored waistcoats rise and fall
And bowler hats,
Upended vats
Of greed's dye — earthly horror.
And thus bedecked
They tread the path to Hell
As Mammon's mates, his faithful fools.
The world closes up, surrounds me
In four walls of horror. Drink!
The creaking board of fear
Cleaves the emptiness,
The Web of terror brushes
Against an eyelid.
Hypochondria becomes claustrophobia.
Numbers, vast numbers, O Sire, are inert,
But not absent. O God,
Catch breath;
Can this be death?
Nay: conformity bald, innate
In man, ever called by fate
To die in his own blood
Without resistance, murdered
By authority, stifled by narrowness
of mind.
—"Did you enjoy fielding at deep fine leg
All afternoon?" — "then it rained."
—"Latin is a dead language"
The Corpse of cadet.
All is confinement, even in the minds
Of best friends
Unresisting to civilisation's bane
Acquiescence — they fall — inane
In soul. A blanket
Of mental starvation covers all
Like sand an ostrich head.
Be warned — Catch breath
For surely that is death.
The pen is mightier than the Bren. Amen.

—Anon.

"To Norway"

Present School Captain leaning o'er the rail;
Up comes a big wave and he lets out a wail.
Colour started natural, now slightly pale,
He's waiting for the ship to dock,
Counting the miles by the passing rocks.
Disembarkation porters all a chatter,
Travellers going long journeys buying reading matter,
Blue-uniformed customs men searching through baggage,
Fussy old gentleman looking for his package.
Fishy, salt-tanged air, taxis rushing everywhere,
Had a real fright, traffic here goes on the right.
Passing great pine forests, then plunged into darkness,
Passing through a tunnel, all there is black starkness.
Great blue fjords, looking really cold,
Young male swimmer, looking really bold.
Large bright grey snow plough
Standing under a pine-tree bough.
Arrived at our hotel—
There goes the dinner bell.

H. Pilkington.

The Soldier's Ten Commandments

Now that it is known that all but a few of the members of this school will not have to undergo compulsory military service, the secret criterion for the "privates progress" may now be uttered abroad.

1. Thou shalt not take the name of thy sergeant in vain, lest thy name be inscribed on a 252 and a course of endurance for thee prescribed.
2. Thou shalt not scrounge or swing the lead lest thou be called upon to repent in the precincts of the Sergeants' Mess among the dirty dishes.
3. Honour the pay bloke all the days of thy service so that thy credits may be as the sands of the desert.
4. Thou shalt not fritter away thy worldly wealth by means of "Banker," Pontoon," or "Brag," lest voices of authority shall say unto thee "Render to me thy name and number, but let thy shekels remain where they lie."
5. Thou shalt not line thy pockets with illicit sales on N.A.A.F.I. fags lest thou incur the wrath of the powers that be and thereafter take up thine abode in the temple of the glass roof.
6. Thou shalt not take unto thyself thy comrade's kit, or borrow in his absence lest thy sins be thrust upon thee by the quickness of the hand that blacketh the eye.
7. Thou shalt not consort with publicans and sinners lest thou fillest thyself with beer to overflowing, for it is said: "He that drinketh shall pull the roller."
8. Six days shalt thou labour and on the seventh day thou shalt work twice as hard, endeavouring to bring upon the faces of thy boots and brasses a shine of exceeding brilliance.
9. Thou shalt not kill the cook that offends thee nor shalt thou smite him on the hip or thigh, but thou shalt convey thy complaint through the proper channels where men expect little and receive even less.
10. And it shall come to pass that when thy group cometh, thou shalt pass into the street called Civvy and thou shalt be arrayed in strange garments and go thy way rejoicing.

N.B.—For translations of slang, apply to any Army or ex-Army bloke.

J. Petts.

Friends of Kirkham Grammar School

President: REV. A. R. ALLEN, M.A.

Although a little belated may I wish everyone a Happy New Year.

I wonder what hosts of good resolutions we have made, and I wonder how many of them still remain intact. New Year and Good Resolutions are so linked that I feel we are apt to forget we can make a good resolution at any time of any day, so may I ask you to make one as you read these jottings.

"I will support the Friends to the utmost of my ability." —

If each and everyone will make honest endeavour to be present at all our functions then not only will you enjoy yourselves but in so doing you will set the seal of success upon the really hard work and thought which your Committee so gladly give for the benefit of School.

Last year our project for the School was the provision of a tape-recorder and this aim we achieved just before Christmas. We think it is a first-class instrument and it is now in service doing good work. When I say that it cost in the region of 80 guineas, I do so to show that the Friends contributions are worthwhile and of a quality which only can be achieved if we have the real support of all our members.

Recently we have been considering our 1958 Project and in this direction we have, as always, sought the guidance of Mr. Norwood. He has indicated the need for a refectory type table for the School Hall and we feel this must be a furnishing worthy of its setting. To this end we have ambitions to secure a work by the firm of Thompson, of Kilburn, Yorks. Robert Thompson, the grandfather of the present directors, died in December, 1955, but has left behind the high traditions of craftsmanship which he so faithfully carried out in his lifetime. He was a man in the style of the great masters of the past and the carved "mouse" was his "mark." He has left fine examples of his work in York Minster and Westminster Abbey and much by his hand can be seen at Ampleforth College. It is interesting to note that he chose the "mouse" as his "mark" as indicative of industry in quiet places. A somewhat refreshing thought in this world of jet propulsion and Sputniks. We could take pride in handing to the keeping of K.G.S. a work in the tradition of such a craftsman; but remember, it all depends on you.

Our Fifth Annual General Meeting was held at School on October 23rd and I only wish many more had been present to hear the address by our President. Speaking as Chairman of the Governors he dwelt on two main points. The first was the thrill he and his fellow Governors felt in the knowledge that the Friends were solidly behind them in the common cause of K.G.S., and the second, the great potential value of the Careers Service. All present

were most conscious of the sincerity of his words and of the message of encouragement which they conveyed.

As our President said, there is more in the choice of a career than the question of its £-s.-d. aspect; it shapes the pattern of life when schooldays are over. No boy or parent can know too much of the range of work this world has to offer and it is to this end that the Careers Sub-Committee go to such lengths in organising their Careers Evenings. Let us face the fact that the attendance at the evenings is disappointing. Recently we had a talk by the Chief Education and Welfare Officer of one of the biggest engineering concerns in this land, and 30 people — mostly boys — were present. The Chief Educational Officer of the British Railways travelled down from London especially to talk to us on Transport, and the response was much the same. We can do better than this and I appeal on behalf of our Careers Sub. that in the future we attain our ambition of "house full" at these functions. I know that men of outstanding ability are booked for the Spring Term, men who have reached high places in their chosen professions. They are busy men who are giving generously of their time and knowledge for our benefit. We can say thank you by being present to hear them.

The A.G.M. saw the end of Mr. J. R. Bennet's year of office as our Chairman. In moving a vote of thanks to him it was stated that he had been a great example and his handling of affairs would serve as a model of chairmanship. With that expression your Committee unanimously agree. He has alternately bullied and cajoled us into the way we should go and the things we should do, and all to one end — the well being of K.G.S. Mr. Luckman was elected as his successor and events are proving him a worthy chairman.

Your Treasurer and Secretary remain as before, and we both like to feel this a mark of appreciation of our worth!

I seem to have been so occupied with exhortations and admonitions that I haven't yet referred to the Annual Garden Party. The weather was not too kind, but in spite of that I think everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time. In our choice of Opener, Miss Anne Morton, we were fortunate indeed. She stayed with us to the end and charmed us all with her sincerity and obvious enjoyment of the fun and games. On behalf of everyone may I here record a big "thank you." The cricket match ended as all such matches should — in a draw. I do not know whether this was due to evenly matched skills with willow and leather, or to finely executed umpiring — nor do I care. Honours were even and the dignity of parenthood was upheld. Dare I say it! We could have done with more support.

We have held another successful whist drive. Unfortunately it wasn't Rainbow whist as advertised. It wasn't a question of bad management, we just couldn't find anywhere to buy the necessary cards. We have now got a stock in hand so next time if we say

Rainbow, we shall mean Rainbow. Anyhow it was grand to see so many in the Hall. I stayed ten times at the first table, but still I enjoyed the evening. At first I blamed the cards, but ultimately I got a sneaking feeling it was a matter of skill — or lack of.

At the meeting just before Christmas the Committee accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. C. E. Holgate, who, on taking over certain other responsibilities had reluctantly been forced to the decision that he could not devote the necessary time to the Friends affairs. Mr. Holgate was the Hon. Secretary for the first two years of the Association's life and on retiring from that office he took over the Chairmanship for a year. He is a man of considerable ability and spared nothing in his determination to place the affairs of the Friends on a sure footing. The Committee is very much poorer without him and we shall miss his lively imagination and considered opinions. His interest in our affairs will always remain and we know we shall see him and Mrs. Holgate at many of our events.

I have rambled to such an extent that you will be tired and no doubt the Editor will next time ask me to be a little more brief. So may I close by wishing you all happiness in the days ahead, and a plea that you won't forget that little matter of a good resolution.

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Annual General Meeting and Dinner

In spite of the fact that the above-mentioned functions were held on the ominous date of Friday, 13th December, the evening was generally voted a success although only about 60 sat down to the dinner.

The A.G.M. was held at 7-15 p.m. and about 25 members attended. The meeting received with great regret H. C. Turner's resignation from the committee, and P. J. Hodgson, D. R. G. Hunt and J. S. Mills were elected to the vacant places on the committee. E. Smith gave a report on the Cresswell Strange Memorial Fund, and stated that after payment for the memorial window in the School Library and for the photograph a sum of about £70 remained which, invested in War Loan, would serve to endow an annual prize or prizes for presentation on Speech Day. The rival claims of Preston and Blackpool as the venue for the Dinner were discussed and though no decision was arrived at, the Hon. Sec. would be pleased and enlightened by the expression of the opinions of members.

After dinner the President, Mr. Norwood, proposed the Loyal Toast and M. R. P. Gregson, now an Under-Secretary in the Ministry of Health and a resident of Guildford, proposed the toast of The School. In a very witty and entertaining speech he discussed the foibles and failings of Civil Servants, the pleasures of eating and drinking, and the perils of parenthood, but on reflection, one must admit that he did not have a great deal to say about K.G.S. This was rectified by Mr. Norwood in his reply to the toast when he discoursed on the past, present and future of the School. Mr. S. Crane proposed the toast of The Association, and J. F. Morse, renowned throughout the length and breadth of the Fylde for his powers of after-dinner oratory, drew an interesting comparison between Whittingham, where he was born, and K.G.S., where he was educated.

On the whole, a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

We have recently received a letter from J. Popplewell (K.G.S., '24-'26) in which he states that his contemporaries may be interested to know that he is the author of three plays which have had the distinction of London productions. "Dear Delinquent," after a long run at the Westminster Theatre, is currently running at the Aldwych, and the two previous plays, "Blind Alley" and "Dead On Nine," are soon to be filmed.

Old Boys' Dance

The Annual Dance was held at the School on Friday, 10th January, 1958. It was very gratifying to find that amongst the number who attended there was a greater proportion of the younger members of the Association.

The event was most enjoyable, thanks to the efforts of Mr. B. Stevenson, who acted as M.C., and to a lively band. Mrs. Norwood and her Staff are to be congratulated on the excellence and variety of the refreshments which they provided.

I feel sure that many more of our members would attend if they realised just how delightful these functions can be.

The Dance is held annually on the second Friday in the New Year — will you make an effort to be there on 9th January, 1959?

Young Members' Dance

At a recent Committee Meeting, it was suggested that many Old Boys living in the Preston area might be interested in a Dance held at some Venue like Worsley's. September was thought to be a suitable time, a charge of 3/6 or 4/-, and it was felt that such a Dance might appeal to the Younger Members of the Association.

If you would welcome such an event please let me know, suggesting a date (preference for day of week), times, admission charge, and any other details which might be useful to me in making the necessary arrangements.

I have also been asked to inquire if members are interested in the formation of an Old Boys' Rugby Team and if so whether they would be willing to support such a venture.

I would like to have more news of Old Boys for inclusion in the next issue of the Kirkhamian, so please send me any items of interest as soon as you can.

—John Davy, School House, Catforth, Preston.

Rugby

The Old Boys' v The School

This match, played on 12th October, was originally fixed for a fortnight earlier but as the school closed because of the 'flu epidemic, the game was postponed and thus the O.B.s lost the services of all the university players who by this time had started their terms. However a very respectable team was collected and the match was played in delightful Indian-summer weather which would have been highly appreciated three months earlier for the cricket match.

In the early stages of the game the Old Boys did not rapidly settle down to an organised side and the very lively School team were soon two tries up through splendid dashes by Fenton and Harrington. The latter try was converted by Wilcock. Being 8 points down, the Old Boys settled down grimly to their task and as more cohesion amongst their backs developed they became increasingly dangerous and in a lovely bout of passing the ball was handled by all the backs and finally Kaye streaked over for as good a try as one could wish to see. At half-time, with the score 8 pts. to 3 in favour of the School, one's outstanding impressions were (1) some very good clearances by R. O. Wilson at full back and (2) the unfortunate attack of catarrh which caused P. J. Barnes to leave the field. In 40 years' acquaintance with the game this is the first time one has known a player leave the field for this reason. Ah well, one lives and learns!

The second half was rather scrappy with little combined play from either side. By good backing-up, Parkinson scored for the School and Kaye once more scored for the Old Boys. Thus a very pleasant game ended in a win for the School by 11 pts to 6.

The match was ably refereed by Mr. I. W. McKerrow who deputised for Mr. Crane. It is rumoured that he will continue to deputise for the next twenty years or so.

RUGBY TEAMS

O.B.s.—R. O. Wilson; Rodgers, Bramwell, Renshaw, Kaye; Hull, Bailey; Eaton, Brook, Thornton; Wood, Barton; Corlett, Barnes, Syms.

School.—Sant; Jackson, N., Jackson, K., Dewes, Hinton; Plaster, Harrington; Hosker, Hewitt, Duckworth; Parkinson, McKie; Wilcock, Fenton, Kennedy.

Profile No. 1



Following the example set by the more reputable Sunday Press we propose, in subsequent issues of *The Kirkhamian* to publish a series of biographical sketches of various Old Boys of K.G.S. who have gained distinction in their own particular line, or who have had unusually interesting experiences.

Pride of place goes to S. H. Wilcock, who in December, 1957, gained his "Blue" for Rugby at Oxford by representing the University in their memorable win by 3 points to nil over Cambridge. This is the first time one of our Old Boys has gained a "Blue" at either of the more ancient universities and the congratulations of everybody at K.G.S. —boys, Old Boys, Staff and Governors— will go out to Wilcock. The school shared his enjoyment on December 10th, because it was awarded a half-holiday in order to watch the match on television whilst four lucky members of the school actually made the journey to Twickenham.

S. H. Wilcock was outstanding for all sorts of athletic activities during his sojourn at Kirkham and began to play in school teams during his second year at school. For about three years he was pre-eminent amongst neighbouring schools at Rugby, Cricket and Athletics and much of our success was due to him. Whilst at school he represented Lancashire County Schoolboys on two occasions.

Before going up to Oxford, where he is reading Law, he did his National Service and represented R.A.F. in the Inter-Services Tournament. He also played for Fylde and Bedford, and for East Midlands in the County Championship. He narrowly missed his "Blue" as a wing threequarter in 1956, but in 1957 he gained it in his old position as a No. 8 forward.

K.G.S. has had a Test match cricketer in the person of the late Bill Roberts but it has never had an International footballer, though R. C. Hodge and W. B. Cartmell may be reckoned as "near-misses." Most of the newspapers in their reports of the University match tipped Wilcock as a future England No. 8, and everyone at K.G.S. would regard the idea as a consummation devoutly to be wished. We heartily congratulate him on his past achievements and promise to follow his future career, athletic and legal, with breathless interest and sincere good wishes.

Correspondence

Hatfield College,
Durham.

13-12-57.

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your letter. It gives me great pleasure to maintain the link between Kirkham and Durham.

The Kirkham contingent in Hatfield is enjoying University life to the full, especially in this last week of the Christmas term. The most recent additions, Michael Collinson who is reading Politics and Economics, Alan Porter and myself who are both doing Geography, are now settled, not too leisurely I hope, in our second year. Paul Waddington and Brian Ashworth are both doing finals, whilst John Copley keeps a fatherly eye on us all.

Since coming to Durham I have heard those who don't know say that Durham is all ecclesiastical and rather redundant. No doubt there is an emphasis on Theology and the Arts, which rank second to one in the country, but the science faculty is also expanding rapidly and when the new all-science college is built it will do so even further. I think facilities for my own subject are excellent at Durham.

On the non-academic side most of us find that one sport takes up most of our spare time. Michael Collinson is the only Kirkhamian in the Boat Club, of which he seems to be a staunch member, whilst Alan Porter has been very successful on Durham golf courses. John Copley plays for the Hatfield Rugby XV which at the moment has a threequarter line of county players.

A number of people who come to Durham expect an industrial mining town, but instead they find a small, and especially in summer, a beautiful city.

In closing I would give every encouragement to any Kirkhamians who are considering Durham and especially Hatfield College as a future place for study.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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