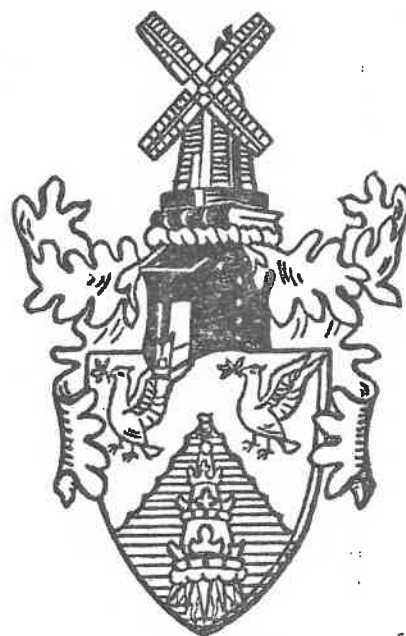


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Editorial

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A. P. Watkinson.*

As the end of the school year approaches everyone's thoughts turn towards that subject of paramount importance "the exams." Although, of course, the exams must figure very prominently in school life, one cannot help but feel that in some respects their importance is overrated. Our education does not consist merely of lessons and exams, but of something more. The complete education offered to us here gives us a way of life, an approach to living, and therein lies the importance of our varied school activities, for they help us to learn how to live, how to become useful members of the community into which we must enter when we leave school. Therefore, let all of us endeavour to take an active part in the life of our school, for thus in doing so we will increase not only its strength but our own.

House Reports

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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.

Without doubt this has been the most successful year in the history of the House. To date we have carried off the Rugby Shield, the Music Cup, and the Cross Country Cup.

In the Inter-House Rugby Final, the Senior team won the Shield for the first time ever, beating the Preston House by 14 points to 3, while an enthusiastic Junior team was narrowly beaten by Preston. The House was well represented in all School teams; of the First XV players in the House, three were awarded Team Colours.

Representing us in the Debating Competition, Lean and Preston performed admirably. Having beaten Fylde House in the preliminary round, we were narrowly defeated in the semi-finals by School, the eventual winners. The speakers were well supported by many members of the House from the floor.

The Music Competition proved to be our next success. Owing to some excellent organisation by G. A. Preston we won the cup for the second year in succession. Preston himself scored ninety-five per cent. for his piano recital, Hill and Lewis eighty for their duet, and the choir seventy-eight for their hymn.

Turning to cross-country running, the House team did very well indeed, winning the event with the small score of sixty points. First man home was Bracegirdle who was fourth in the actual race. He was very well supported by Clark, Lewis, Bradbury and Kirkham. Bracegirdle and Kirkham were both awarded places in the School Harriers and both gained Team Colours.

The Inter-House Athletic Sports provided a medium in which our competitors scored highly, and the House finished fourth. The Senior team gained many victories, first places being obtained by Blossom, Kirkham, Mckie, Lean, and the Relay team. Unfortunately, however, the Juniors and Intermediates did not do quite so well. In the Inter-School Sports at Blackpool we had three representatives, Blossom, Mckie and Dewhurst. Blossom gained two first places, Mckie a second, and Dewhurst a fourth.

The Chess Competition did not prove very successful for us. We have played four matches and won only one. However this time it has been the Seniors who have let the Team down, which fact however has its recompenses, for we now can hope for good things in the future.

In the Work Cup we have been gradually creeping up, having pulled up from fifth to third position. We hope that this success will continue.

In the Cricket Competition, both Junior and Senior teams are doing very well. The Junior team has reached the semi-final by beating Fylde, and the Senior team has reached the final after two comfortable wins, also over Fylde, and Kirkham, both by eight wickets. We now look forward to the final which is to be played on 14th July.

Looking towards the future we hope to maintain our improvement in the Work Cup and to remove ourselves from sixth position in the Swimming Sports, a position which we have unfortunately held for the last four years !

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, R. S. THOMPSON, D. F. WOOTON, J. WOODS.

Throughout the Easter Term the prestige of the Fylde House has been admirably upheld in all school activities, sporting and academic. There has been a most noticeable improvement in the concern of all members for the welfare of the House, as was so conclusively proved by our victory in the Athletic Sports. For three years we had been second to the School House, narrowing the margin each time, yet being pipped on the post by the School House's early lead in standard points. It was thus to the credit of all members who contributed standard points this year, that we finally laid the bogey which has haunted all day-boy Houses since 1943. Of the competitors on Sports Day, Helm with four firsts including a new record for the Intermediate 100 yards, and N. S. Jackson, Worden and Brownbill, with two firsts each, were the most outstanding.

This same House spirit has been evident also in the attendances at Gym Cup practices. In three nights we gained over two hundred and fifty points, an effort which moved us up from fifth to second place. Clitheroe setting the example with an excellent sixty-six. Our Junior Rugby team was rather heavily defeated by the Preston House but played with unflagging enthusiasm to the final whistle. Stout performances were put up by Hoyle and Marshall in the forwards and Gregson in the backs. Our only try, the best of the

match, was scored by the latter in an inspired burst of speed from the half-way line. In the Cross Country run our comparatively young team did well to achieve fourth position. D. Thistlethwaite finished second in the race, a run which gained him a place in the School Harriers team. To complete the sporting picture of the term, the Senior cricket team rather unexpectedly improved on last year's score by thirteen runs but even this was unfortunately not enough to stop the Ashton House who knocked off the runs for the loss of only two wickets. The Junior cricket team lost in a more evenly contested match. After scoring twenty-five runs, of which Carter made twelve, they took five Ashton wickets for only one run, but a determined stand by Ashton enabled them to reach our score with a loss of two more wickets.

Turning to the academic side of school life we can record our achievement in the Work Cup. We have retained second position throughout the term despite a poor mock G.C.E. result from the upper school. We hope for the sake of the House and for the individuals concerned, that this setback will be remedied in July. The debate proved unsuccessful from our point of view; we lost nineteen votes to three. However we regained our status in the Musical Festival in which we were placed second, after a very close decision. Our three items: choir, vocal and cornet duets, gained eighty, eight-eight, and seventy per cent. respectively, the two former being selected for the School Concert. The Chess team won two out of five matches, the Juniors faring on the whole better than the Seniors.

Kirkham House

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

House Captain: P. FENTON.

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

The object of this report is to review the activities of the House since the last issue of the School Magazine in February, of this year. The departure of M. Ramsbottom just before Easter was felt in many ways, particularly on the cultural side where he had done splendid work, both for his House and for the School, in Dramatics and in Music. Due to the capable work of K. Houghton who took over from Ramsbottom the organisation of our entry for the Musical Competition, the House was placed fourth. It is rather significant that all the members of the team, the whole choir and also Johnson, Wood, Kirkham and Ramsbottom, came entirely from the Junior School.

However fluent and persuasive might be the tongues of Houghton and Parkinson on normal occasions, they managed to secure but one solitary vote in support of their proposition in the House Debating Competition against Preston.

Under the captaincy of N. Kirby, the Junior House Rugby team was defeated by six points to three in the preliminary round by Lytham, the eventual winners.

It is regrettable that the House was last in the Cross Country race and in the Athletic Sports, but somehow there seems to be a lack of ability and prospects do not appear all too bright for the immediate future. Good performances were given on Sports Day by N. Kirby (first in the Intermediate High Jump and Mile), P. N. Carmont, W. A. K. Benley, P. Fenton, M. Kirkham and H. Pilkington.

In the Chess Competition, the two matches played since the last report have been lost, to Lytham and to School, but Sowerbutts the Junior captain, continues his winning sequence.

The Senior Cricket team, captained by Fenton, lost to Ashton by eight wickets, R. A. Maddocks being the most successful with both bat and ball.

At the time of going to press the House lies fourth in the Work Cup placings.

Finally a word of thanks to the House Masters for devoting much of their valuable spare time, for the benefit of the House in general.

Preston House

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

House Captain: J. E. BUCKLEY.

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

The Preston House began the school year very well by winning its way to the finals of the two Rugby Competitions. The Senior team defeated Fylde, seventeen points to six in the semi-final, but was beaten by Ashton House, three to fourteen in the final, after a hard-fought match. The Junior team, captained by S. R. Halliwell, beat Ashton House 14—13 in the preliminary round, and Fylde House, 21—5 in the semi-final. In the final against Lytham House they drew 3—3 after extra time, but lost the replay 3—6, again after extra time.

The House also won its way into the final of the Debating Competition by overwhelmingly defeating Kirkham House in the semi-final. The final, however, was lost to School House by one hundred and twenty-three points to one hundred and twenty-four.

In the Music Festival, the House came third, ten points behind the winners. Much hard work by A. E. Haythornwhite, and practice by all those taking part, was put in, producing an ambitious and polished performance.

The Cross-Country team failed to maintain the high standard of previous years and came fifth.

The Athletic Sports were much more keenly contested than has been the case for the past few years, and Preston House finished third, only six points behind the runners-up. J. F. Harrison won four Junior events and P. J. Hosker broke the 120 yards hurdles record.

In the Chess Competition, Preston leads from School House by nine points, having won all their matches to date.

The House also leads in the Work Cup, seventy-seven points ahead of Fylde House. This should be a spur to everyone to score as many points as possible, for every mark is valuable.

The Junior Cricket XI, captained by M. P. Benson, was beaten by School House in the preliminary round. School House scored twenty-nine; J. F. Harrison took six wickets for two runs, and N. Moss four for twelve, but the team made only eleven in their own innings. This young and inexperienced team showed considerable enthusiasm and willingness to learn, and provide much hope for the future. In the semi-final, the Senior XI defeated School House in a dour and determined match by the narrow margin of five runs and so go to meet Ashton in the final. D. W. Garnett took four for twenty-four, and P. J. Hosker six for twenty.

In the first seven-a-side Touch Rugby match, the Intermediate team beat Lytham House fifty-seven points to nil.

As for the future, we look forward to the Swimming Sports, but we can only expect success if everyone in the House tries hard to score maximum standard points.

This year has been the most successful that Preston has ever had, but such success cannot be maintained without the support and interest and determination of every member. The Junior House in particular shows great enthusiasm and ability.

Lytham House

House Masters: MR. C. K. LEE, MR. R. T. BENTLEY, MR. J. MURRAY.

House Captain: R. A. FOOTMAN.

House Prefects: D. J. SHARRATT, H. KENNEDY, A. J. BENNET, C. D. DEWSE, R. W. OGDEN.

The promise we prophesied in the last report for the Junior Rugby team was amply fulfilled when they succeeded in carrying off the Rugby Cup, in the face of some stiff competition from the other Houses. In the preliminary round we were drawn against Kirkham and managed to defeat them; six points to three. Going on to the semi-final, we met School and beat them also 6—3. The final, in which we played the Preston House Juniors, resulted in a 3—3 draw after extra time. We emerged finally from the replay

victorious, again having won by our seemingly lucky score of six points to three. This young, but very keen team are to be sincerely congratulated on their success. Their play throughout, although not always perfect in style, was without exception enthusiastic and fast, and their just reward came in the form of eventual victory.

In the Inter-House Cross-Country Competition this year we were narrowly beaten by the Ashton House by a margin of six points. This result was an encouraging one, and the House's praise must go to our team. Especially to be congratulated are D. J. Sharratt for securing first place, and T. R. Corlett who came in third.

We did not fare as well in the Inter-House Athletics, in which we finished fifth. More standard points were gained this year, and there were definitely fewer boys who did not make some contribution towards our sum total. On Sports Day itself, three firsts were obtained by House members; D. J. Sharratt won the Senior Mile, T. Corlett the Senior 440 yards, and the Junior team, the Relay. Places were also gained by G. Rawlinson, S. Cartmell, T. Corlett, J. Bailey, I. Walton and R. Walmsley. To all of them go our congratulations.

In the Chess League, we have played three matches. Two of them, against Ashton and Kirkham, we have won, both by a margin of eighteen points to six. In our third game however, we succumbed to the wiles of the Fylde House, who defeated us 14—10. Thus we have made a definite improvement in this field of School activities since the last issue was published.

In the Inter-House Musical Festival, we were unfortunately able to produce only two items instead of three, thus being automatically adjudged sixth. However, the level reached by our items was a high one, and if we could have produced a musician, or group of musicians of an equal standard we should have been placed third. Our praise must go to M. R. Bennet whose two piano solos were awarded the high mark of eighty-eight per cent.

On the cricket field our Senior XI faced School House who succeeded in vanquishing our massed talents for a total of thirty-three runs, and the game resulted in a win for our opponents by six wickets. Our most recent sporting event was our first match in the Intermediate Touch Rugby Competition, in which we suffered rather a crushing defeat at the hands of the Preston House. We may only hope for better results in the matches still to be played.

This year has been one of mixed results, neither very disappointing nor elating. However, it has been a period of promise, as is no doubt inevitable when our main strength lies in the large numbers of our Junior members. We look forward to the time when these young men's talents will come to fruition, bringing, we hope, distinction and honour to the Lytham House.

School House

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

House Captain: C. R. PLASTER.

House Prefects: D. J. HINTON, C. C. STORER, M. E. C. SANT.

This term has not been a particularly successful one for the School House, our having gained, so far, only one trophy.

For the first time in twelve years the Athletics Cup has been taken from us, but the House finished a very worthy second to Fylde on Sports Day, and the team and all those who gained standards, in which, incidentally we had a lead, are to be congratulated.

In the Inter-House Cross-Country Competition, the House's team acquitted itself reasonably well, and finished third. In this field of sport, C. C. Storer and H. G. White are to be congratulated on running in the School Harriers VIII.

But we must not dwell on our failures, if they can be called failures. There are still spheres in which we can distinguish ourselves. The Junior Cricket XI scored a fairly convincing win over Preston House, bowling them all out for only twelve runs. The Senior Cricket XI also passed through to the semi-final by virtue of its victory over Lytham House, but in the following round the team narrowly lost to Preston House by five runs. We should like to wish the Juniors luck in their games yet to be played.

In the Debating Competition the House gained a narrow victory in the final over Preston House. The principal speakers, C. C. Storer and R. M. Wilkinson, distinguished themselves, and were ably supported by the speeches of House members from the floor. In the Chess League, we are lying second, thanks to the skill of K. Howard and his team, and with a little improvement amongst the Juniors we might be able to assume the lead.

In the Inter-House Musical Festival we moved one place up on last year's position, finishing fifth in spite of the capable performance of the House team, led by R. M. Wilkinson. We still hold the sixth position in the Work Cup, a placing by no means suitable for School House; members should pull their weight much more in the classroom.

However, we hope for future successes this term. In the Inter-House Gymnastics Competition, the House holds top place, and is firmly determined to stay there. Our hopes for retaining the Swimming Cup are also high, and at the moment we have a lead in standard points. The Shooting Competition is also to be contested this term, and we look forward to a result favourable towards the House. Let the School House achieve that which it deserves!

The Societies

The Library Report

Chairman: Mr. B. Coates.

The library has undergone further changes and improvements during the last six months.

The number of periodicals which the library purchases through the General School Committee has been increased in the hope of providing more varied reading of an interesting and entertaining nature.

New library equipment has been ordered, including one thousand ticket holders. An order for new books will be made before the Summer Holidays, and the Committee would welcome any suggestions concerning this order.

The use that the Junior School has made of the Library, in particular the Junior Section, has been most encouraging. Equally encouraging is the great respect they have shown for the proper use of the Library.

Almost inevitably, during the Summer Term the number of people using the Library falls, and so the Committee decided to reduce the number of sessions to two per week; Monday and Thursday, 1-30 — 2-00 p.m. But already this year the total issues have easily surpassed the previous highest.

At the end of this Term the subject and author catalogues will be checked and brought up to date.

The Musical Society and Orchestra

Chairman: Mr. J. Murray. Secretary: A. E. Haythornwhite.
Committee: J. R. Broadbent, P. J. Hosker, R. W. Darby, A. P. Watkinson.

The musical life of the school was this year centred on the Easter Term, for within the space of one week both the Inter-House Musical Festival and the Easter Concert took place. Details of most of the items are to be found elsewhere in the magazine, but extra mention must here be made of the creditable performance of the orchestra; there was a decided improvement in the spirit and the performance (not to mention tone), of the players.

Also during the Spring Term, members of the committee were privileged to attend the broadcast of a "Music to Remember" programme from Preston on 31st March. Parties have also been organised to the few symphony concerts, the most popular of which probably being the one which included Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

Next term should see the delivery of the new radiogram, which is at present on order, and which, no doubt, will be put to good use by our members.

The Scientific Society

Chairman: Mr. G. R. Wignall.

Secretary: D. J. Sharatt

Committee: C. C. Storer, W. Threlfall, J. B. Blossom,
N. I. P. McKie, J. G. Worden.

The Society's activities have been more varied this year than previously. After a rather slow start, several film shows were given, and the good attendances illustrate the keenness and enthusiasm of Society members. The Meteorological Section has continued to flourish, and a little instruction has been given to the Juniors. Observations on aurora, or lack of it, have continued to aid the I.G.Y. officials at Edinburgh, who send news sheets from time to time.

At the moment the Committee is hoping to organize a trip to a place of scientific interest, to round off an encouraging year.

The Debating Society

Chairman: Mr. G. H. Boocock.

Secretary: M. D. Lawton.

Committee: A. R. W. Lean, C. C. Storer, H. R. Mayor, G. C. Box.

During the Easter Term the Society's activities were confined to the Inter-House Competition. After closely contested preliminary and semi-final rounds, Preston met School in the final, the motion being, "That a good lather is half the shave". The debate, which attracted a large and distinguished audience, could not have been more close, resulting as it did in a win for the School House (C. C. Storer and R. M. Wilkinson) by only one point, after the two members of the staff who kindly consented to adjudicate, had disagreed over their verdict. Congratulations must go to the winners, and indeed to all the Teams in the contest, and if the general standard of speaking which we heard is any guide, next year the School House will be facing a very hard fight if they wish to retain the Cup.

Chess Report

Chairman: Mr. H. B. Wilson.

Secretary: P. J. Hosker.

Committee: M. D. Lawton, W. Whitaker, J. D. Nightingale,
K. Howard.

As the year progresses chess usually falls into the background. This year, however, with the Inter-House Chess Competition, which is now in its closing stages, chess is still very prominent. Besides the keenly contested House Competition the School knock-out Competition has now reached the semi-final stages. The School Chess team has had no fixtures except that in which the School combined team met the Fulwood and Broughton Chess team, which in fact, turned out to be a most successful venture.

The Easter Fair, 1958

The Easter Fair this year was held on Saturday, 22nd March. We were again lucky in having reasonable weather which always helps to ensure the success of such occasions in the School Calendar. After a brief speech of welcome to our numerous guests, Mr. Norwood declared the Fair open and a rush of feverish activity ensued from the salesmen, ticket-sellers and stall-holders.

This year we had an even more varied selection of activities than we have had in previous years, ranging from the prophecies of the fortune-teller, that annual favourite who, one feels cannot be getting any younger, to the innovation of the weight-lifting competition, in which gentlemen were challenged to outvie the feats of the K.G.S. champions. The stalls tempted the visitors with a large assortment of bargains, and were well patronised. Mr. Crane's "Bottle Stall" proved to be as popular as usual, exhibiting bottles and jars containing such a varied selection of liquids as mint sauce, Babycham, cochineal and Coca-Cola. In the raffles it was possible to win a candlewick bedspread, a complete dinner, a box of fruit, or a cleaning set, and the numerous other competitions offered a variety of prizes. The afternoon was brought to a close by the auction, in which the remaining goods were sold.

For the first time the School Concert was not held on the same day as the Easter Fair, but on the previous Saturday, so that the large amount of work necessitated by these two events was not concentrated into the one day. The Concert, on which a report is to be found elsewhere in the Magazine, was most successful and raised £13. 0. 4d. This amount, combined with that raised by the Easter Fair, made up a record total of £187. 4s. 6d.

The School's thanks are due to all those boys and members of the staff who worked so hard to make the Fair a success, and most important of all, to the parents and friends, who gave, as they always do give, so generously at this function.

The S.C.M.

Chairman: MR. D. NORWOOD. *Secretary:* W. WHITAKER.

Treasurer: J. BERRY.

Committee: C. R. PLASTER, P. FENTON, D. W. PARK, C. C. STORER,
R. W. DARBY.

THE MARCH CONFERENCE

The Annual S.C.M. Conference was held in the School on Friday, 7th, and Saturday, 8th March. More than ninety delegates from The Queen Mary School for Girls, the Park School, Preston Grammar and K.G.S. heard first-class speeches on the subject of: "Christianity and Communism."

The first speaker, Canon R. G. Norburn, after being introduced by the Chairman, Mr. Norwood, gave an illuminating outline of the history of Communism from its earliest beginnings. The Conference then divided into discussion groups, which were immediately followed by tea.

After tea, Canon Norburn gave his second address, and pointed out to the delegates, the dangers of Communism, and what steps we, as Christians should take to avert its threat. Friday's session drew to a close with question time, followed by prayers led by Miss A. J. Podger, the North Western Secretary of the S.C.M.

On Saturday, the Bishop of Lancaster, the Right Reverend A. L. E. Hoskyns-Abrahall, gave a most interesting and enlightening address in which he pointed out to all those present, the inadequacy of Communism. A short period of discussion in groups ensued, after which there was a lively discussion open to all. Prayers finally brought the Conference to a close, and it is hoped that all who attended gained much from the meeting, and that this important event in the School Calendar will be often repeated in the future.

Sixth Form Conference: "The Press"

On March 28th ten members of the Upper Sixth travelled to the Arnold High School for Girls at Blackpool, for a one and a half day conference, the controversial subject being "The Press." Approximately five hundred Sixth Formers from all over the North of England attended the Conference. On arrival each delegate was claimed by his or her group leader, and after the preliminary elections of chairmen and secretaries for the individual groups, the Conference was officially opened by the Mayor of Blackpool.

We were fortunate in having three distinguished speakers, namely the Deputy Editor of the *Manchester Guardian*, the News Editor of the *Daily Mail*, and a lecturer in Extra-Mural Studies from Leeds University. The Conference was divided up into three sessions, each speaker taking over one session and speaking for one hour and a quarter. After questions to the speakers, the delegates split up into three groups, and much lively and interesting discussion on all aspects of the journalistic world ensued. The Conference drew to a close on the Saturday evening with a dance attended by the majority of the delegates, and most definitely enjoyed by all of those present. Finally, with the night drawing in, and the mellow(?) strains of "Auld Lang Syne" echoing around the rafters of the Arnold High School Hall, the Conference, much to the disappointment of all the Sixth Formers, ended, but with many hoping for a return visit to a similar Conference there next year.

Our grateful thanks are due to Miss Moore, the Headmistress and our hostesses, the Sixth Form girls of Arnold High School, for organising the Conference and for all the attention they bestowed upon us on our visit.

R.M.W., U.VI.

The House Musical Festival and the Easter Concert

The second House Musical Festival took place this year on the afternoon of Tuesday, 11th March, in the School Hall, and it was a great pleasure for us to welcome Mr. Porter as our adjudicator.

At 2-15, the three Houses whose programmes constituted the first half of the Festival, began their items, each House being allowed to enter three, lasting not more than five minutes each. Then, after a short interval, the remaining three Houses performed their items.

Upon the completion of the afternoon's programme Mr. Porter was called upon to deliver his verdict, but in a few words preparatory to doing so, he referred to the television programme, "Top Town", in which one always seemed to disagree with the judges' decision, and Mr. Porter said that he thought we would probably feel the same way. He also commented upon the high standard of music heard during the afternoon. Finally the Ashton House was adjudged the winner, for the second year in succession, in spite of close competition from the other houses.

The Festival was brought to an end by a vote of thanks, proposed to Mr. Porter by A. E. Haythornwhite, the Secretary of the Musical Society and Orchestra.

The items and the percentage mark awarded to each were as follows (in order of performance):—

	%
LYTHAM HOUSE (which only submitted two items):—	
*Two piano solos, "Minuet in G" by Mozart, and "Sonatina in G" by Beethoven played by M. R. Bennet	88
"Santa Lucia" sung by a junior choir	74
Total	162
FYLDE HOUSE :—	
*A choir singing "Linden Lea"	80
A cornet duet, "Jerusalem, my glorious home" played by M. Parkinson and T. Threlfall ...	77
*A vocal duet, "Flow Gently Deva" sung by K. S. Jackson and N. S. Jackson	88
Total	245

SCHOOL HOUSE:—

A piano duet, "Scarf Dance" played by R. M. Wilkinson and G. Haworth	80
*Choir singing "The Torpedo and the Whale"	72
A guitar duet, an original composition played by G. Haworth and T. J. Fulford-Brown	80
Total	232

INTERVAL

PRESTON HOUSE:—

An orchestra playing "March in D" (Rivaldo) by Handel and "Musette" by Handel	75
*A vocal quartet, "A Catastrophe" sung by J. R. Broadbent, R. W. Darby, A. P. Watkinson and M. N. Bowtell	90
*Choir singing "Bobby Shaftoe"	78
Total	243

ASHTON HOUSE:—

*Vocal duet, "None shall part us" (Iolanthe) sung by M. T. Hill and B. T. Lewis	80
A choir singing "Sunset and evening star"	78
*A piano solo "Concerto in C minor" by Beethoven (Last movement) played by G. A. Preston ...	95
Total	253

KIRKHAM HOUSE:—

A piano solo, "Liebestraum" by Liszt played by B. A. Johnson	84
A choir singing "Lincolnshire Poacher"	80
*A recorder and piano ensemble, "Lullaby" by Schubert and "I vow to thee my country" played by M. Kirkham, S. Ramsbottom and R. H. Wood	78
Total	242

It was decided this year, that the school concert, which in former years has followed the Easter Fair, should be held on the previous Saturday evening, the 15th March, at 7-30 p.m. It was a purely musical concert, including music by the school orchestra, a selection from "Merrie England" by the choir, and the best items from the Musical Festival; the first three Houses in the competition submitted two items each, and the other Houses, one. These items included in the Concert are marked in the above list by an asterisk. The concert programme was completed by our guest artist, Mr.

G. R. Mason, an old boy of the School, who last year won the Open Lieder Rose Bowl at Blackpool Musical Festival. The success of the evening was illustrated not only by the congratulatory remarks made by parents and friends, but also by the fine collection of £13. 0. 4d. towards the Easter Fair. This success was undoubtedly due to the tremendous amount of work put in by Mr. Murray, who spent many hours practising with the orchestra, the choir, and individuals; to him the School owes a very big "Thank you." Congratulations are also due to the School Orchestra and Choir, who gave a very pleasing performance.

J.R.B.



Outward Bound Course

9th to 16th April

At 8-50 a.m. on Wednesday, 9th April, Joe, or should I say Cpl. Blossom, and I met on Preston Station and set out for Towyn in North Wales for a week of mountain training. After a pleasant journey involving a two hour wait at Shrewsbury, during which we visited some points of interest, we arrived with fifty-eight other cadets at Towyn, a delightful little town on the coast of Merionethshire. We were met by Lt.-Col. Churchill, the camp C.O. who was well known in the war for his bravery. In France, he enjoyed himself shooting arrows at the Germans, and later he was parachuted into Norway during the "Phoney war." He was captured on a hill in Norway whilst playing the same bagpipes which he played for us from the station to the camp. He was such a trouble to the Germans while he was in their concentration camps, escaping time and time again, that they eventually set him free.

The camp was not like the usual Army camp inasmuch as ranks were not important and the only discipline was self-discipline. Surprising as this may seem to those who have visited other Army camps, this arrangement was entirely successful. We spent two days at the camp learning map reading, first aid, mountain rescue, and the various knots and belays which we used when we were on the nursery slope cliffs. Each morning at 6-30 after reveille we all very bravely ran to the shore and had a dip in the ice-cold sea water.

On the Saturday we set out by coach for Snowdonia, half of us going to Idwal on the Nant Ffrancon Pass, and half to Pen-y-Gwryhd near the Llanberis Pass. There were ten boys to a patrol, the patrols being named after the famous climbers, Bourdillon, Evans, Hilary, Gregory, Shipton, Mallory and Hunt. The patrols went in pairs and each pair did a different thing each day, while Mr. Kremer and officers from other schools were attached to certain

patrols. The first day we went rock climbing and abseiling on the Milestone Buttress on Tryfan, which we found very exciting and exhilarating. After this we had to go for a short hike in pairs to find out certain points about the countryside. At night we did some initiative tests, such as climbing round a ruined chapel and crossing over crevasses. At night we slept in Arctic tents, identical with those used on the Everest and Antarctic expeditions.

On the Sunday we set off from Idwal with full kit over the Glyders by the Miner's Path, over the majestic cone of Tryfan to Pen-y-Gwryhd, while others went over by the Devil's Kitchen. After tea we set out on our "Tod Scheme," in which we had to climb up the precipitous mountain side and sleep quite alone on the top, some in bivouacs and some wrapped only in a ground sheet. During the night we had visitors; sheep, foxes, and rolling boulders, all of which tried their best to push us over the cliff.

On the Monday we went our day hike round the famous "Snowdon Horseshoe," climbing the Crib Goch (3,025 feet), the one and a half mile, eighteen inch wide ridge (2,816 feet) on to Crib-y-Ddizgl (3,493 feet), then on to Y Wyddfa, the summit of Snowdon (3,560 feet), down the scree run and up on to Y Lliwedd (2,947 feet), and then down to Llyn Llydaw and back to camp. This took us about six hours steady walking and we climbed some 5,000 feet, which we thought was quite a feat. The view from the summit of Snowdon was wonderful but this was not thoroughly appreciated as we had parched dry mouths and nothing to drink. When we reached the Pen-y-Pass Hotel after six hours arduous climbing in the burning sun, we were really ready for a drink, for although there was snow on the mountains we were not allowed to touch it because of the danger of stomach cramp.

On Tuesday we packed up camp and went back to Towyn where we handed in kit. Early Wednesday morning we set off home after a most enjoyable week. The weather, of course, ensured its success but it was, although arduous, one of the best weeks of my life.

J.B.

C.C.F. Report

Army Section

C.S.M.: N. S. Jackson.

S/Sgts.: M. N. Bowtell, K. S. Jackson.

Sgts: P. J. Hosker, M. D. Lawton, D. G. Lloyd, C. R. Plaster.

Cpls: J. Berry, D. W. Park, C. C. Storer, W. Threlfall, P. Watkinson, H. G. White.

L/Cpls: K. M. Armistead, J. B. Blossom, R. Bracegirdle, D. J. Hinton, P. J. Holliday, R. A. Maddocks, H. Taylor, R. S. Thompson, R. M. Wilkinson, T. B. Wilson.

Since the last report there have been many events and innovations in the C.C.F. training. First of all the number of N.C.O.s has been doubled to a total of twenty-two (one to every ten cadets) two being added from those who went to Fulwood Barracks, and another nine who attended an N.C.O.s cadre after having passed "Part II" with the Travelling Wing. At Christmas we lost the services of Cpl. Cryer, and at Easter Sgt. Ramsbottom left. We wish to thank them both for their valuable services to the C.C.F. as N.C.O.s. A notable fact this term has been the low number of entries in the charge book. I am sure that this is due to a more responsible attitude of the cadets and not to any slackness of the N.C.O.s in enforcing the discipline which forms a valuable part in the C.C.F. training.

At the beginning of the Spring Term, we started some experimental additional training which has since proved to be successful. We had First Aid instruction by Cdts. Bradbury and Williams; Preliminary Commando-type training by Cdts. Clark and Rogers; and "Outward Bound" training by Lt. Kremer, Cpl. Berry and L/Cpl Blossom, who all attended the Army Outward Bound School in Snowdonia during the Easter holidays.

On May 1st we had an informal visit by Brigadier Connolly, and on May 15th we had the General Inspection by Group Captain Rivell-Carnac, D.S.O., D.F.C. Both inspecting officers were favourably impressed by the efficiency of the N.C.O.s and the enthusiasm of the cadets. They were especially pleased to see the additional training we had introduced in an attempt to make the training more interesting. The inspection was held as usual on the front lawn, on a very hot morning. In this connection, it is important that all cadets should realise how one turnout can ruin the efforts of all the other cadets in a platoon. The march past and drill were as good as, if not better than in former years, and at the request of the inspecting officer, all cadets were awarded a half-day holiday in appreciation of their efforts.

On May 22nd we had our annual visit to Altcar. We got off to an early start, and by 4 o'clock the one hundred and thirty-five cadets had fired thirty-five rounds of live ammunition each (twenty rifle and fifteen bren). Sgt. Fenton is to be congratulated on being the best shot for the second year running, with a score of one hundred and thirty-nine out of a maximum of one hundred and forty. There has been a revival of interest in shooting, possibly due to the reintroduction of shooting badges.

On Sunday, June 1st, a party of thirty cadets and two officers attended the Civic Service at Kirkham Congregational Church and took part in the parade to mark the occasion of the installation of the Chairman of the Council.

As far as actual training is concerned, we have had one "Part II" Exam, and hope to hold a "Part I" Exam for Platoons Five and Six before the end of term. Next term, however, a revised syllabus is being introduced in the light of a changing attitude to National Service and Cadet Forces. Amongst other changes, Section Leading, Mutual Drill, and Bren Training, will probably be excluded from the programmes.

The Annual Camp this year will be held at Kinmel Park, Rhyl, and about fifty cadets have expressed their intention of attending. It promises to be an enjoyable and profitable camp with the emphasis on what the Army calls "Adventure" training plus some modified "outward bound" training.

N.S.J., C.S.M.

The R.A.F. Section

THE EASTER CAMP

The R.A.F. Section Easter Camp was held this year at North Weald, near Epping, Sussex. The Station was in many ways an ideal setting, since although it was situated in most attractive rural surroundings, it was within easy reach of London by Tube train. On 9th April we were billeted, after a lengthy train journey down. One of the attractions of the Camp was the comfort of the billets and the N.C.O.'s room, the latter being of great comfort and utility to those who slept in it, and of strategic importance for inter-school warfare later in the week. With other schools, the total cadet force was about one hundred strong. The following morning we were addressed by the Station C.O. who was an ex-Battle of Britain Spitfire pilot, Group Captain Sutton, who took a personal interest in the welfare of the cadets. Every day he "adopted" two cadets, picked at random from the contingent and took them with him on his day's work around the camp. He also invited one cadet sergeant each day to the officer's mess for lunch.

The camp was the base of the R.A.F. Aerobatic Team who flew Hawker Hunters, and we spent much time in studying these

aircraft, their construction and operation. We ourselves flew in Ansons and had a total of about two hours in the air. The Station also possessed three Spitfires and a Hurricane, which had taken part in the Battle of Britain.

On Sunday the R.A.F. was kind enough to issue us with travel warrants enabling us to spend a half-day in London free of charge. Some of the party found themselves witnessing an anti-H Bomb demonstration in Trafalgar Square, where a large crowd had gathered to hear leading members of the Labour Party. The evening was spent in inspecting night life in Central London.

Little else of note occurred during the remainder of the week save the flattening of the airfield fence by one of the Ansons on landing approach, and the Map Reading exercise on the Tuesday. Although the Camp was remarkable amongst its predecessors for its opportunities for social amusements, both in the N.A.A.F.I. (even though this institution was found to be lacking in Pepsi-Cola), and outside, it was also memorable for the kindness and consideration of the officers, and in this connection, the party wishes to offer its thanks to Flying Officer McKerrow for his diligent and paternal attitude.

The Annual Inspection of the C.C.F. took place on 15th May, and Group Captain Rivell-Carnac was greeted by a Guard of Honour from the R.A.F. Section, resplendent in white belts and carrying rifles. The Inspecting Officer did not express an opinion on this — it is only to be hoped that he was impressed. He seemed to enjoy more visibly a trip on the School's glider. Although the writer was not present on the field, it is reported that his flight was not particularly spectacular, although he returned to School delighted, and claiming that he had flown higher than anyone else in the section.

During the year Cadets Wootton and Coates have successfully completed a flying scholarship course and have received pilots' "A" licences. Our congratulations go to them and also to Cadets Archer and McKie who attended gliding courses and have obtained "B" certificates.

As a result of a high percentage of cadets having passed advanced and proficiency examinations during the year, we now have 12 advanced level, 14 proficient and only 2 non-proficient cadets.

Sporting Activities

Rugby Football, 1957-8

Results:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	F.	A.
1st XV	13	4	6	3	83	84
2nd XV	6	4	2	0	72	47
Under 16	6	4	2	0	79	53
Under 15	5	1	4	0	25	108
Under 14	4	0	4	0	19	85

Once again, bad weather caused the cancellation of a number of fixtures and in the term and a half season only thirty-four matches could be played by the five School teams. In spite of the comparatively long interval between matches, however, all teams managed to maintain a high level of keenness and except for the two junior teams, to produce some quite good results.

It can be safely said that the 1st XV results do not give an accurate picture of the team's capabilities and standard of play. On the occasions when the team was at full strength or not losing players through injury during the game, convincing victories were gained, notably against Blackpool G.S. and King Edward's School, Lytham. In respect of injuries the School owes a great deal to Desmond Coupe, an Old Boy and a physiotherapist in Preston who came to the rescue on several occasions. The pack soon settled down, after a few adjustments into a very compact and successful unit and mention must be made of the leadership and hooking of P. Fenton, captain, and the hard work put in by R. Wilcock, P. Hosker and E. Parkinson, the latter particularly in the second half of the season. The wing forwards R. Bracegirdle and R. Duckworth, although lacking speed, were always in the thick of the fray and should do very well next season. At the base of the scrum, C. Plaster played some fine games and he is to be congratulated on his selection for Lancashire in all their four matches. J. Bamber at outside half, although handicapped again by injury, fulfilled his early promise, but the threequarter line, strong defensively, never really got going. The handling and passing always seemed a little chancy but N. and K. Jackson and D. Hinton improved considerably through the season. Another player who made a great improvement during the season was P. Dickinson at full back and it was a pity that the School lost his services at Christmas. The team always played with great spirit and were undoubtedly deserving of a better record.

It was good to see the 2nd XV improving on its record of 1956-7 when only one game was won. Although, as is usual with 2nd XVs, losing its regular players to the 1st XV, on account of injury, it never lost its keenness or determination to win. G. Barnes the captain, was the outstanding player but he received splendid support from W. Whitaker, A. J. Bennet, M. Lawton in the strange, for him, position of full back, and D. Wooton.

The Under 16 too settled down to play some good football and S. Clitheroe, the captain, is to be congratulated on his leadership and example. He was well backed up by H. Taylor, M. Robishaw, A. Lewis, M. Kirkham and J. Pearson. The two Junior teams were not very successful. Both teams had competent three-quarter lines but few of the forwards seemed to understand the fundamentals of forward play. The tackling and the falling on the ball were generally very poor and it was obvious that few of the team relished the rough and tumble and the hard graft necessary in Rugby football.

The Inter-House Rugby Shield was won for the first time by Ashton after a rather disappointing final, and Ashton and Lytham, who won the Junior Shield, are to be congratulated on their success. These two finals brought to an end a season in which much good football had been seen and played and one in which much promise for the immediate future was shown.

At a meeting of the Rugby Committee at the end of the season the following awards were made:—

Full Colours to P. Fenton, C. Plaster and R. Wilcock.

Team Colours to P. Dickinson, C. Dewse, N. Jackson, K. Jackson, D. Hinton, J. Bamber, R. Bracegirdle, R. Duckworth, R. Hewitt, E. Parkinson and P. Hosker.

Rugby Fixtures—1st XV, 1958-59

Saturday, 20th September	v. Preston G.S. (home)
Saturday, 27th September	v. Old Boys XV
Saturday, 4th October	v. Wigan G.S. (home)
Saturday, 11th October	Inter-House Sevens
Saturday, 18th October	v. Old Boys XV (home) (Provisional)
Wednesday, 22nd October	v. Balshaw's G.S. (home)
Saturday, 25th October	v. Upholland G.S. (away)
Saturday, 1st November	v. Blackpool G.S. (away)
Saturday, 8th November	v. Southport G.S. (home)
Saturday, 15th November	v. St. Joseph's (home)
Wednesday, 18th November	v. Rossall 2nd XV (away)
Saturday, 22nd November	v. Arnold (home)
Saturday, 29th November	v. Balshaw's (away)
Saturday, 6th December	v. K.E.S., Lytham (away)
Wednesday, 10th December	v. Blackpool G.S. (home)
Saturday, 13th December	v. Hutton (away)
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Saturday, 17th January	v. Hutton (home)
Saturday, 24th January	v. Bolton (home)
Saturday, 31st January	v. Cowley (home)
Saturday, 14th February	v. Manchester (away)

Old Boys intending to visit the school this winter may find this fixture list useful in enabling them to make their visits coincide with a school match.

Athletics, 1958

The School Athletics team has just completed a most successful season, winning both its School matches and the Inter-School Competition at Blackpool by a margin of 11 points. The most successful athletes have been P. J. Hosker (captain) who not only set up a new record in the Hurdles at Blackpool, but also gained a very meritorious second place in this event at the Northern Schools' Sports at Manchester, J. B. Blossom, winner of the Shot and 100 yards and K. Jackson, High Jump. Mention, too, should be made of the Relay team which equalled the existing record at Blackpool and of N. I. P. McKie, Discus, and P. Fenton, Javelin. The only disturbing features of the season have been the lack of real success in the middle distance events, although much good effort was made and keenness shown, and the mediocre performances of our Under 15 team, T. Fulford-Brown excepted.

It is hoped that next season will see an improvement in the athletics facilities so that matches and training may be continued throughout the whole of the Summer Term.

At a meeting of the Athletics Committee the following awards were made:—

Full Colours to P. J. Hosker, J. B. Blossom and K. Jackson.
Team Colours to N. Jackson, T. R. Corlett, D. J. Sharratt, N. I. P. McKie, P. Fenton and W. Whitaker.

Sports Day was held this year on April 30th in glorious sunshine and after a very keen and interesting competition the House Trophy was won by Fylde House by a margin of twenty-six points from the runners-up, School. The Organiser for Physical Education in Blackpool, Mr. N. Broughton, very kindly presented the Trophy and Certificates at the end of the sports.

Results:—

	Points
K.G.S.	104½
K.E.S., Lytham	85½
K.G.S.	57
Preston G.S.	47
Blackpool Inter-School Sports:	
K.G.S.	32
St. Joseph's	21

Inter House Results

PUTTING THE SHOT (Senior):

1st J. Ethelston, 38ft. 11ins.; 2nd J. B. Blossom; 3rd M. N. Bowtell.

PUTTING THE SHOT (Inter.):

1st B. Howard, 38ft. 5½ins.; 2nd W. Denley; 3rd G. W. Ibbison.

THROWING THE DISCUS (Senior) :
1st N. I. P. McKie, 121ft. 1ins. (record) ; 2nd R. Wilcock ; 3rd J. B. Blossom.

THROWING THE DISCUS (Inter.) :
1st B. Howard, 111ft. 8ins. (record) ; 2nd D. Jackson ; 3rd T. Threlfall.

THROWING THE JAVELIN (Senior) :
1st C. Plaster, 137ft. 7½ins. ; 2nd P. Fenton ; 3rd N. I. P. McKie.

THROWING THE JAVELIN (Inter.) :
1st B. Howard, 128ft. 3ins. ; 2nd P. Sharples ; 3rd G. Rawlinson.

LONG JUMP (Senior) :
1st N. S. Jackson, 18ft. 5½ins. ; 2nd. J. Bamber ; 3rd K. S. Jackson.

LONG JUMP (Inter.) :
1st R. Helm, 17ft. 8ins. ; 2nd N. Kirby ; 3rd N. Hayes and T. F. Brown.

LONG JUMP (Junior) ;
1st J. Harrison and D. Brownhill, 14ft. 8½ins. ; 3rd G. Nightingale.

HIGH JUMP (Senior) :
1st A. Lean and P. J. Hosker, 5ft. 2ins. ; 3rd K. S. Jackson.

HIGH JUMP (Inter.) :
1st N. Kirby, 4ft. 7ins. ; 2nd D. Garnett ; 3rd I. Oliver.

HIGH JUMP (Junior) :
1st D. Brownhill, 4ft. 3ins ; 2nd G. Nightingale ; 3rd R. Hollands.

INTER-HOUSE RELAY (Senior) :
1st Ashton ; 2nd School ; 3rd Fylde.

INTER-HOUSE RELAY (Inter.) :
1st School ; 2nd Fylde ; 3rd Kirkham.

INTER-HOUSE RELAY (Junior) :
1st Lytham ; 2nd Preston ; 3rd School.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1.	Fylde	.....	200 pts.
2.	School	.....	174 pts.
3.	Preston	.....	166 pts.
4.	Ashton	.....	153 pts.
5.	Lytham	.....	114 pts.
6.	Kirkham	.....	113 pts.

- 100 YARDS (Senior) :
1st J. B. Blossom, 10 7-10th secs; 2nd N. S. Jackson;
3rd K. S. Jackson.
- 100 YARDS (Inter.) :
1st R. Helm, 10 9-10th secs. (record); 2nd T. F. Brown; 3rd H. Pilkington.
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- 100 YARDS (Junior) :
1st J. Harrison, 12 4-5th secs; 2nd P. Hunt; 3rd S. Cartmell.
- 220 YARDS (Senior) :
1st N. S. Jackson, 24 1-10th secs.; 2nd W. Whitaker;
3rd T. Corlett.
- 220 YARDS (Inter.) :
1st R. Helm, 26 1-10th secs; 2nd T. F. Brown; 3rd H. Pilkington.
- 220 YARDS (Junior) :
1st J. Harrison, 29 1-10th secs; 2nd P. Hunt; 3rd J. Bailey.
- 440 YARDS (Senior) :
1st T. Corlett, 55 1-5th secs; 2nd W. Whitaker; 3rd K. Howard and N. I. P. McKie.
- 440 YARDS (Inter.) :
1st J. Worden, 61 secs; 2nd P. Carmont; 3rd B. Howard.
- 880 YARDS (Senior) :
1st M. Kirkham, 2 mins. 17 3-5th secs.; 2nd G. Barnes;
3rd S. Clitheroe.
- 880 YARDS (Inter.) :
1st J. Worden, 2 mins. 20 1-10th secs.; 2nd T. F. Brown; 3rd D. Garnett.
- MILE (Senior) :
1st D. Sharratt, 5 mins. 0 2-5th secs.; 2nd C. Storer;
3rd R. Bracegirdle.
- MILE (Inter.) :
1st N. Kirby, 5 mins. 24 3-5th secs.; 2nd J. Wilkinson;
3rd J. Gregson.
- 120 YARDS HURDLES (Senior) :
1st P. J. Hosker, 15 2-5-th secs.; 2nd N. S. Jackson;
3rd K. S. Jackson.
- 110 YARDS HURDLES (Inter.) :
1st R. Helm, 17 3-5th secs.; 2nd P. Sharples; 3rd R. Walmsley.
- 100 YARDS HURDLES (Junior) :
1st J. Harrison, 17 3-5th secs.; 2nd M. Kirkham; 3rd L. A. Walton.

Harriers, 1958

The Harriers have once again enjoyed a short but successful season, only being beaten once in their four matches, and on that occasion they ran second to Blackpool G.S. in a triangular match which also included Hutton G.S. The remaining three matches against Preston G.S. and Balshaw's at home, King Edward's School away, and also Hutton G.S. away, were won convincingly. On three occasions R. Bracegirdle was the first K.G.S. man home and on the other occasion it was M. Kirkham. The success of the team was undoubtedly the result of the keenness of all members during the training sessions before the commencement of the season. Team Colours were awarded to H. Kennedy, C. Storer, G. Barnes, R. Bracegirdle, M. Kirkham, T. Corlett, and D. Thistlethwaite.

D. J. Sharratt, who was unable to run for the Harriers because of injury, was the individual winner of the Inter-House cross country race, and the House Trophy was won by Ashton.



Obituaries

H. C. TURNER

Throughout its long history of more than 400 years K.G.S. can hardly have had a more devoted son than Clifford Turner, whose death occurred with tragic suddenness in his office in April this year. For more than 40 years he was connected with the school as scholar, Old Boy and Governor.

He was at school from 1916-1923 and ended as Captain of the Lytham House, and on leaving school he became a very active member of the Old Boys' Association. When in 1946 Mr. J. H. Rigby resigned from his position as Secretary the Association was exceedingly lucky to be able to call upon the services of Clifford Turner as Secretary and Treasurer, and he always made light of the very efficient way he carried out his duties, until in 1954 he was forced by ill-health and pressure of the family business to relinquish his duties. Like his father before him, he was a Governor of K.G.S. for when the O.B.A. was asked to nominate a Governor he was the obvious and unanimous choice and later he became a Drapers' Company Governor.

Such were his official connections with the school, but perhaps it is by:

“ his little nameless unremembered acts
of kindness and of love ”

that he is best summed up. He was always ready to give, lavishly but unobtrusively, in order to help any activity of the school. One remembers in particular a production of “ Merchant of Venice ” about 1938 which was most beautifully presented in lovely cloths made in Progress Mill and generously given by Clifford Turner. When our very successful series of Easter Fairs was started, during the austere period of rationing, his gifts ensured the financial success of the undertaking. We feel proud of having produced such an admirable example of a K.G.S. Old Boy and with that pride is mingled our real sympathy for his wife and two daughters.

WINDHAM E. HALE

When Mr. E. Hale died in May, 1958, at the advanced age of 94 years K.G.S. lost one whose services to the school will surely never be equalled, for he had been a Governor of the school for the astonishing period of 62 years. He had seen the remarkable growth of the school from about 80 boys in the unsatisfactory building near the church to its present thriving condition with about 370 boys. To the wise governance of Mr. Windham Hale and his peers K.G.S. owes more than can be reckoned and gratefully acknowledges its debt.

“ Let us now praise famous men.”

GERALD SNAPE (1946-1952)

We regret to record the death of Mr. Gerald Snape in April of this year after a sudden illness. During his time at K.G.S. he participated actively in the various fields of school life. He represented the School at cricket, rugby, athletics and other sports. He was not one of those members of the School content to drift through its life passively, but one who gave much to K.G.S. and in doing so gained much in return. He will be deeply missed by all his friends.

May we offer our sincere sympathy to his parents in their bereavement.

Friends of Kirkham Grammar School

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

Glorious June! As I write these notes the outlook is dismal — hardly the weather for holidays and garden parties. Our Sixth Annual Garden Party will be written into history by the time the *Kirkhamian* is issued and we sincerely hope it will be recorded that we had a bumper crowd and a cloudless day. If you didn't support us make a resolution to do better next year.

We are reaching the end of another Friends year and I feel your Committee has put in some really hard work and carried through a programme covering all the basic aims of our articles of foundation.

Since my last notes we have had more Careers Evenings and speakers of high calibre have given of their leisure to journey to Kirkham. The Manchester City Librarian and the Personnel Officer of the I.C.I. are men in point, and are worthy of a crowded hall. They speak authoritatively and have much of value to say.

The Finance Sub. ran another successful Christmas Competition and we owe much to our immediate Past-Chairman, Mr. Bennet, who has devised the competitions from their inception. One more example of his untiring efforts for the Friends. The Social Sub. has excelled itself. They ventured on a dance at Samlesbury Hall and I can assure any members who were not present that they missed a delightful evening. Actually it was a "sell-out" within a few days of its announcement, so next year apply early for tickets.

A car treasure hunt provided 100 people with grand entertainment.

Looking through a list of Committee Members the other day, I was struck by the fact of how few of our original "old guard" are now serving in the committee ranks. They have loyally played their part from the inception and over the last two years been happy to hand over their trust to others. It augurs well that others were there to assume responsibility and have so well shown their ability to build on the foundation laid by their predecessors.

This leads me to my plea that we shall have a goodly company at our next Annual General Meeting. Normally this is not well attended and I do sincerely ask everyone to make an effort to give their support on this occasion. Throughout the year your Committee do much on your behalf and in all fairness we should like you to hear our account of our year's work and to hear your views — good or bad. We also elect our new Committee, so if anyone feels they can give a hand, please arrange for a nomination. The need for a ballot always indicates a healthy state of affairs.

Two other items I should like to mention: A Careers Exhibition will be held early in the next School year. Please come along. You will learn much which may benefit your boy. There will no doubt also be some form of social evening for parents of new boys. This is a grand opportunity for parents new to K.G.S. to get together and spend a pleasant few hours. These socials do not pretend to be intellectual nor frantically comic — just homely entertainment, and all who have attended in the past have counted the time well spent. If anyone reading these notes knows of any parents of new boys to K.G.S. do encourage them to come. All arrangements will be circularised later, but a word from an old hand can make the difference.

By the way, the refectory style table about which I sermonised in the last magazine, is now on order, so roll up to our events and help us to foot the bill — for this and future projects. If you haven't yet had your holidays may I wish you good weather and happy days, and as a final shot I will adapt some wording I recently saw on the back of a Ribble bus, and say:—

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Old Boys' Association

One of our foremost and earliest members has been lost to us in the earlier part of this year. Clifford Turner—affectionately known as “Ginger” must be known to very many members, even to those who were not his contemporaries at School.

He was for many years the Secretary and Treasurer of the Old Boys' Association and a “Regular” at all its functions.

His keen interest in the School was shown in many different ways, and the School honoured him by appointing him a School Governor.

For several years Clifford had not been his usual self owing to ill-health, but in spite of this he made the effort to attend our annual gatherings.

On your behalf I sent a letter of condolence to his wife and family and a floral tribute from “The Association” was amongst the many tokens of respect and affection at the funeral ceremony at Lytham.

Members of the School Staff, Committee Members of the Association and old school friends were present.

John Davy.

An interesting letter (below) has been forwarded to me from the School.

From THOMAS COOKSON

“I received a copy of *The Kirkhamian* from my friend, Ernest Butcher, Esq., 17 Friary Road, London, N.12 — who like myself is an ‘Old Boy’ of the Grammar School.

He suggested that I write to the Editor of that excellent magazine, because he was sure that you would welcome letters from ‘Old Boys’ — showing where they are, and how they remember with affection their old school.

My name is Thomas Cookson, J.P., aged 74 years — a pupil at the School 1898—1900 — although I came too late and left too soon — yet I received there those principles which a good school imparts to the character — that which sustains and fortifies you for your future walk in life.

In the year 1911 I emigrated to Australia and have resided since then in the City of Sydney, where, following my vocation in the building trade — I have been with firms whose speciality is the installation of shop fronts and interior fitments in stores and offices.

Then I retired in 1949 from the position of Factory Manager of one of the leading firms after having been with them over 30 years.

I was appointed a Justice of the Peace in the year 1945 and have been a Lay Reader in the Church of England many years.

In *The Kirkhamian* I was pleased to note the name of D. J. Hinton ‘Prefect in the School House’. He is a relative of mine —

'a cousin once removed' — although we have not met I wish to convey to him my warm regards and best wishes for his future.

When visiting England in 1953, I drove past the School, but not knowing anybody there, I was somewhat diffident and did not care to intrude — D. J. Hinton was not then at the School, being with his parents in India — otherwise I would have called.

However, I did visit the Old School near the Parish Church, and walked alone upon the site which was indeed a somewhat desolate scene — but it was not lonely to me for happy memories were mine.

The only building standing was the Top School — sans-windows, doors or floor — just the walls and the roof, but I must needs go inside, and looking up at the roof had a desire to throw a few stones among the trusses and rafters in the hope that perhaps there would fall down one of those quills which we made with fins attached upon which would be written a name with a warning to throw it back again — or else ! ! !

Looking over into the playground of the National School and I remembered how those robust boys often did tauntingly call us 'Grammar School Canary Birds'.

You see how splendid a welcome I received for I was in good company — for again there came to me the masters and comrades who together helped us to become **men**.

The Headmaster, Rev. E. Spry Leverton, M.A., F.R.A.S., my Form Masters, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Godfrey — also so many who shared with me those happy days — 58 years ago. V. G. H. Hicks (secondary), F. Mycock-Crook (primary and secondary), Webb, Bibby, A. Dewhurst, my brother Cookson (secondary), W. Gregson, J. Winchester (late P.N.E.) and my friend Ernest Butcher, who is responsible for this letter, which I hope you will receive with patience. I give you my full permission to abridge or even reject if you think it is irrelevant.

Ernest Butcher in a recent letter wrote — 'It's good to look back on our real friendship — I wonder what it is that has held us together so long. There it has been for 50 years and still continues — and long may it endure — with humour to season the mixture'.

Yes, the foundation of many friendships were made in that oneness between Masters and Scholars — on the playing fields of the School. Those vigorous games against Hutton, Poulton, Preston Grammar Schools. Very sorry you have changed from Soccer to Rugby — however here's 'cheers' for you all.

I desire to express my appreciation to the Kirkham Grammar School for the help and courage — also the strength to face life and see clearly the path.

With every good wish to the present Masters and Scholars and warm regards from 'An Old Boy'."

28, Harslett Crescent,
Kogarah,
N.S.W.

7th April, 1958.

Parkinson, K., of 147 Preston Road, Lytham, is now serving in Cyprus and has sent his subscription from that uneasy island. He has our best wishes and we hope that he will be able to help to iron out some of the difficulties at present existing in the island.

Immediately after the Annual Dinner I received quite a few outstanding subscriptions from members whose consciences are not quite clear. Alas! this happy state does not continue, and for weeks I can forget that I am Secretary to the Association.

If you have not paid YOUR subscription, please make an effort to do so at the earliest possible moment as I should hate to have to strike you off the list of Old Boys. Unfortunately this step has to be taken very quickly when subscriptions fall into arrears as postage on Magazines and other expenses soon run away with our meagre income.

WEDDINGS

R. Bettess (1920—22) to Miss N. Crowther, on 15th March at St. Peter's Parish Church, Fleetwood. Now living at 59a Derbyshire Road, Fleetwood. Dick Bettess is a Captain in the Merchant Navy and met Miss Crowther when she was a passenger in his ship bound for Australia. Romance on the High Seas !

John Davy, School House, Catforth, Preston. Catforth 330.

Profile No. 2



JACK POPPLEWELL (K.G.S. 1924-1926)

Continuing our series of Old Boys who have had distinguished or unusual careers since leaving K.G.S. we present in this issue Jack Popplewell, the details of whose career, be it distinguished or unusual, certainly make interesting reading.

He very modestly claims that he was a "dud" at school but is very grateful to Mr. E. J. Williams for discerning in him some latent talent and awarding him the English prize in 1926. The achievements at school of which he is proudest however are those of, firstly, helping the School House to win the football shield by scoring 16 tries and kicking seven goals in four matches, and secondly, gaining his rugger cap. He had great hopes then of making a name for himself at Rugger, but an injury, sustained when he was captaining the O.B.'s side in 1928, finished his footballing.

On leaving school he became, and still claims to be, a farmer "of sorts", but the seed spotted by E.J.W. in 1926 has in the intervening 30 years flowered to good effect, for he has found fame and, we trust, fortune by the use of his pen. He was first under contract to a London publisher, became a professional song-writer and wrote words and music to more than 40 songs of which Bing Crosby and Gigli have recorded one each. He also wrote the music for several films, and during his leisure from farming and composing from 1930 to 1938 he wrote four novels

It is, however, as a playwright that he is now best known. In 1950 his play "Blind Alley" was produced at the "Q" Theatre, London, and now in 1958 a film version has been completed under the title of "Tread Softly Stranger" and Diana Dors plays in it. In 1955 "Dead on Nine" with Hy Hazell and Griffith Jones played 6 months at the Westminster Theatre, was televised in 1956 as the play of the week, and has been presented in Italy, U.S.A. and South Africa. In Holland it won the television award as the best T.V. play of the year. His most successful play is however "Dear Delinquent" which began in June, 1957, with Anna Massey and David Tomlinson and is still running at the Aldwych after more than 400 performances.

In Easter week, 1958, his latest play "The Last Word" appeared at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool, before going to London where we wish it as great a success as "Dear Delinquent" is having. Such has been the success of "D.D." that it has been, or is about to be performed in Copenhagen, Paris, Vienna, Rome, Berlin, Mexico, Rumania, Greece, Holland, Madrid and Australia.

Popplewell's address is Vaynol Gate, Morley, Yorks, and he says he would greatly like to renew acquaintance with his contemporaries at K.G.S., especially with A. D. L. Rawstron and F. White. (So should we at K.G.S. for that matter!)

Successful farmers we have produced in plenty from K.G.S. but a farmer-playwright — or should it be a playwright-farmer? — is surely unique. The good wishes of all at K.G.S. go to Jack Popplewell and we look forward to lots of delicious shivers down the spine as the curtain rises on many productions yet to be born.

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