

The Kirkhamian



JULY, 1959

VOLUME II NUMBER 12

Official Outfitters

TO THE SCHOOL

**All wool Blazers for
the Average Scholarship
size at 67/6**

**School Cap 9/9
and Tie 6/11**

**Sports & Gym Kit
at
Competitive Prices**



**Navy Raincoats, Pullovers,
Shirts, Scarves, Stockings,
Satchels & Shoes available
in
good hardwearing qualities**

Lingards

**LINGUS HOUSE
PRESTON - TEL. 3535**

Start
the New School Year
with

Good
Drawing Instruments

◆
Prices Range from
13/6 to 5 Guineas

◆
from

COOP & NAYLOR

23 Abingdon Street,

Blackpool

Telephone - 28307 two lines

Radio Officers Required

Ocean Liners and other vessels require Radio Officers for transmitting, receiving and direction-finding work. Some vacancies exist for suitable type of students who are interested in radio and in travel. Information regarding the Course, tuition fees, grants and other particulars may be obtained from—

**The Principal
Northern Counties Radio School
91 Lancaster Road
Preston**

Phone: Preston 4364

THE KIRKHAMIAN

Volume II, No. 12.

July, 1959

CONTENTS

EDITORIAL	...	...	...	...	...	...	485
PROFILE No. 4 - Denis Norwood. Esq., M.A., J.P.	...	...	...	...	...	...	487
OUR NEW HEADMASTER	...	...	...	...	...	...	489
HOUSE REPORTS	...	...	...	...	...	...	490
SPORTING ACTIVITIES :							
Rugby	...	...	...	...	...	...	496
Athletics	...	...	...	...	...	...	497
C.C.F. REPORT	...	...	...	...	...	...	499
SPEECH DAY, 1959	...	...	...	...	...	...	502
SCHOOL EVENTS							
Easter Fair, 1959	...	...	...	...	...	...	505
S.C.M. Conference	...	...	...	...	...	...	505
House Musical Festival and School Concert	...	...	...	...	...	...	506
SOCIETY REPORTS	...	...	...	...	...	...	508
K.G.S. OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION	...	...	...	...	...	...	512
FRIENDS OF KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL	...	...	...	...	...	...	515



'Jones invented an ejector seat for Meredith, Sir...'

How do young men get to the top in the R.A.F. today? Do you know that Cranwell and Henlow, for instance, give the finest start to a permanent career in the R.A.F.?

R.A.F. College, Cranwell. Here, apart from learning to fly and navigate, you are groomed for leadership, so that you may one day be capable of filling senior executive and command posts in the R.A.F.

R.A.F. College, Henlow. Here you are trained to become one of the scientific leaders of tomorrow's R.A.F. and if specially selected, your training will include three years at a University.

Ask your Careers Master about R.A.F. Scholarships. These help boys, from the age of 15 years 8 months, to continue their studies until qualified for a place at Cranwell (minimum age 17½) or Henlow (minimum age 17).

If you write to *Air Ministry, ARI (Dept. MCA 12)*, *Adastral House, London*, we will tell you all you wish to know.

THE KIRKHAMIAN

President: — Mr. NORWOOD

Chairman: — Mr. MIDDLETON

Committee: — A. R. Lean, J. R. Broadbent, A. P. Watkinson,
J. L. Ingleby, G. C. Box



Editorial

The end of the Summer Term is always tinged with sadness, and July 16th, 1959, unusually so as our Headmaster will then be leaving us to go into retirement; may it be attended by the happiness which everyone connected with K.G.S. wishes Mrs. Norwood and himself! The details of Mr. Norwood's tenure of office are written elsewhere in this magazine; suffice it to say that a school derives its standards directly from its Head, and that K.G.S. is everywhere held in high esteem. We venture to say, however, that all those who have passed through his hands will have more personal memories as well. To every student of K.G.S. he has been not only a Headmaster in the administrative sense, but a friend and a guide also. There is no room for generalisations here; everyone will have individual memories and will bear individual gratitude.

Our sense of loss will be increased because in effect, we are losing two friends, as Mrs. Norwood also leaves us. To many generations of the School House she has been in loco matris; her services to K.G.S. have been many, not least in her having been the ever-present helper and supporter of her husband.

Every boy at present in the school, as well as those former generations who have attended the school since 1945, will wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Norwood on a job well done, and to hope for them a long and happy retirement at Lytham, where they must be prepared to lay aside a large sum for the repair of the door-bell, destined to be worn out by the many callers they will most assuredly have.



Mr. and Mrs. Norwood

Denis Norwood, Esq., M.A., J.P.

The subject of our profile this issue could be no other than Mr. Norwood who, after 14 years on the bridge of the good ship "K.G.S." is now bringing her into port after his last trip as skipper. Among the 27 Headmasters that the school has had in its 400 years' history what has been his special contribution to the school, and how has he helped to distinguish its present and to ensure its future?

Cresswell Strange retired in 1945 and left to his successor the task of bringing the school within the scope of the 1944 Education Act and of co-operating with the Lancashire County Council in the administration of the school. Although this arrangement, of necessity, meant the surrender of some of the school's independence the system appears to an outsider to have worked remarkably smoothly and amicably, and this is without doubt due to the courtesy, tact and administrative ability of Denis Norwood. With the assistance of a devoted board of governors he assured for the school Aided Status which in effect frees it from any control by the Divisional Executive Committee.

Amongst the more noteworthy of the events or innovations fostered by Mr. Norwood have been:— the brilliant Quatercentenary Celebrations which were such an unforgettable memory of 1949; the erection of the new block of buildings and school kitchen which, although they had to conform to the then passion for austerity and therefore did not come up to the architectural standards of the rest of the school, have nevertheless proved themselves indispensable to the well-running of the school and functionally satisfactory; the establishment within the school of a contingent of the Combined Cadet Force which, during the period of compulsory National Service, has achieved considerable success and has certainly helped Old Boys to weather a period which might otherwise have been very troublesome; the inauguration of those two red-letter days in the school calendar, Founders Day and the Carol Service, which are now traditional and owe their dignity and beauty to the inspiration of Mr. Norwood; and that thriving and vigorous organisation, the Friends of K.G.S., which has done, is doing and undoubtedly will continue to do invaluable work for the welfare of the school was his conception, too.

Inside the school Mr. Norwood's administration of the academic work has been markedly successful, in that the school's G.C.E. results have compared very favourably with those of any similar school whilst his attention to, and care for University entrants has been so wise that, besides having a goodly sprinkling of Old Boys at the older universities especially Oxford, we have at present representatives at most of the universities of the U.K. This close connection between K.G.S. and the universities then, is perhaps the first result of Mr. Norwood's regime to strike one. Secondly in school we have noticed his very great encouragement of the vocal and musical sides of life. He introduced a musical service for morning prayers which has invariably provided an impressive start to the day's work, and throughout the general life of the school the full and proper use of the voice has been encouraged by such activities as the daily reading of the lesson, debates, discussions and in the work of the General School Committee. K.G.S. has always had a good record in sport and this reputation has increased since the war. Whatever sporting activity we engage in, we start the contest with the respect of our opponents for the school's reputation, and this is usually a long stride towards success. Mr. Norwood's interest in (one might almost say devotion to) sport has been of great help to those engaging in these activities. All the efforts of the school have been supervised and directed in a most genial and co-operative way so that we can well describe Mr. Norwood as a gentle man and a gentleman.

The last three headmasters of the school have been, each in his own particular way, remarkable men who have served the school faithfully and well and have endeared themselves to hundreds of boys and masters who have served under them. Each has been supported by a devoted wife who has had nearly as much influence on the school generally, and certainly on the School House in particular, as her husband. Mrs. Norwood's social gifts in the full glare of publicity on the school's red-letter days, and her hard work in the nether regions on the many ordinary days, performing the trivial round, the common task, have been an enormous help in making Mr. Norwood's headmastership a memorable one. In their retirement, which we all sincerely hope will be long and happy, we wish them well; we thank them for their fourteen years of devoted service to the school; we assure them of a permanent warm corner in our hearts, and we hope that they will visit us whenever the opportunity comes.



Photo. courtesy of the Lancashire Evening Post

OUR NEW HEADMASTER

WILLIAM HALL KENNEDY, Esq., M.A.

As successor to Mr. Norwood the Governors have appointed Mr. W. H. Kennedy to take up his duties on 1st September, 1959.

Mr. Kennedy, who is at present a House Master and Senior Master at Aldenham School, Hertfordshire, was educated at Marlborough and St. John's College, Cambridge, where he gained a first in Classics and a second in History. During the war, he was commissioned in the Dorsets, transferred to the 7/12 Frontier Force Regiment of the Indian Army where he became adjutant, company commander and senior instructor in jungle warfare with the rank of Major.

In sport, he is a member of the Jesters Fives Club, has played squash for Hertfordshire, won the Southern Command cross-country championship, played with his Brigade Hockey XI, and Rugby and Association for his battalion.

Mr. Kennedy's wife, Pauline, is the daughter of Sir Guy Nott-Bower, and a niece of Sir John Nott-Bower former Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. She served with the V.A.D. during the war, and was a W.A.A.F. officer with the Photographic Interpretation Unit.

We offer them a sincere and hearty welcome to K.G.S. where we hope they will find a pleasant and congenial sphere of work, and that their stay will be long and happy.

House Reports

—o—

ASHTON HOUSE

House Masters: MR. H. B. WILSON, MR. T. JACKMAN

Captain: A. R. W. LEAN

Vice-Captain: J. J. BAMBER

Prefects: J. BERRY, R. BRACEGIRDLE, R. H. DUCKWORTH, J. BLOSSOM, N. I. P. MCKIE

The House has had fair success in the competitions of the past two terms. The Senior Rugby team beat Preston in the House Final, due mainly to the fine football sense of the captain J. J. Bamber and R. H. Duckworth. The Juniors, having despatched an older, heavier School House team with almost contemptuous ease in the semi-final, were beaten in the final by a powerful and experienced Lytham side, although every player played his hardest. Senior players were J. Berry, K. Webster, J. Banks, J. Bamber, M. C. Kirkham, I. Elliott, H. Taylor, G. Clark, R. H. Duckworth, A. Lean, P. Whitehead, A. J. Lewis, N. I. P. McKie, J. A. Dewhurst, V. Rooking and G. A. Preston.

The Junior side was Hill (captain), Evans, Lewis, Mason, Byron, Varley, Berry R. A., Baxendale, Clark P., Worrall, Cherrington, Hollands, Gudgin, Kennedy and Bridle.

The Cross-country Cup was retained by the following team: R. Bracegirdle, M. Kirkham, A. J. Lewis, G. R. Clark, J. Berry, P. Whitehead, N. I. P. McKie and R. H. Duckworth.

A very fine Athletics effort, both in standard points and in the events, was responsible for a high position (2nd) on Sports Day. This is an achievement unique in the annals of the House. Chess continues at its usual level of achievement.

However, the greatest success of Ashton House was in the musical field, the trophy being retained after a fine display in the musical festival. G. A. Preston was the prime mover in this, so it was with especial regret that we viewed his departure last term. He did many things for this House and did them all very well.

The Summer term will see the Cricket, Debating and Swimming competitions, and the last will be awaited with great interest for it is rumoured that, not content with merely swimming fifty yards each year, our senior representatives are talking of practice, and of taking the House from the sixth position, occupied by ancient custom. When this report is read the outcome will be known.

FYLDE HOUSE

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

Captain: K. S. JACKSON

Prefects: N. S. JACKSON, D. F. WOOTON, R. S. THOMPSON, D. THISTLETHWAITE

Our first duty in the House report is to congratulate D. Thistlethwaite on his appointment as House Prefect. On a different note we record with regret the departure of S. W. Clitheroe, H. Butler and K. B. Kelly, all of whom contributed in no small way to the activities of the House. S. W. Clitheroe in particular we shall greatly miss in all sporting events, where his efforts were much appreciated.

Although results in other fields have been a little disappointing this year, in Athletics we again proved ourselves the best in the school. We finished 1st, for the second year — a magnificent achievement towards which all members of the House contributed. On Sports Day we started with 98 points, a close second to School House, and finished with 234 points of which D. Brownbill gained 25 with five 1sts, and K. S. and N. S. Jackson 60 between them with five 1sts and three 2nds. We greatly value the retention of this fine trophy which we consider the most hard-won of all, and which reflects the co-operative spirit of the House.

The Chess team has not been very successful since the Christmas Term having won only one match. D. Thistlethwaite is to be congratulated on finishing 3rd in the Cross-country race despite a leg injury, and all the other runners performed well to gain 4th place for the House.

We are at present 4th in the Work Cup, a lower position than last year. P. A. Richards of IIIa is consistently outstanding in his contribution and although we have few other exceptional individuals all members except one have gained points each half term — a result bettered by no other House. Our 4th position in the Music Festival was lower than expected although the standard of our items was higher than last year. We were eliminated from the Debating competition in the first round despite good speeches by R. S. Thompson and K. S. Jackson.

Fylde House cricket continues to improve year by year, and this time against Preston House we scored 43 runs, only to lose by six wickets. Most of the runs, however, were scored by the younger batsmen who promise well for the future.

We look forward with confidence to the Shooting Competition, all six members of our team having represented the School.

KIRKHAM HOUSE

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

Captain: E. PARKINSON

Prefects: COATES, CARMONT, CROISDALE

The first House activity under review is the Cross-country race in which the House usually takes last place. However, owing to the efforts of N. Kirby, who came 7th in the race the House did manage to raise itself to the penultimate position.

Despite considerable practice, in the Athletic Sports the House did not achieve even this position. Attention must, however, be drawn to the fact that out of the four records broken on Sports Day, two of them were by members of the Kirkham House. These praiseworthy efforts were made by N. Kirby in the High Jump and by D. Jackson in the discus.

In the preliminary round against Lytham the Senior House cricket team managed to bowl out the opposition for 72. Littlefair returning 7 for 28. The team, captained by P. N. Carmont, started confidently enough in reply, Carmont hitting 22. But the tail-enders failed to do their part, the House being dismissed when 15 runs short of victory. After keen practice the Junior cricket team suffered a similar defeat against Lytham House. One or two of the team's representatives, however, showed considerable promise for the future.

LYTHAM HOUSE

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

Captain: R. W. OGDEN

Prefects: C. D. DEWSE, K. HOWARD, J. L. INGLEBY, J. D. FLEET, D. J. BROOKS, J. G. ETHELSTON

Since last going to press the House has fared moderately well in the competitions as a whole. There was, however, one exception namely the Cross-country race, which in past years has been our strong point. The House finished sixth, one point behind Kirkham House, our first man home, Dewse, being twelfth in the race.

In the Athletic Sports, after starting in sixth position with a total of 87 points we were finally placed 3rd, with a total of 18 points. The only individual to gain a first was Ethelston in the Shot, but first places were also gained in the Senior and Junior relays.

In the last two Chess matches of the year the House gained 43 points out of a possible 48, beating the Kirkham and Fylde Houses 24—0 and 19—5 respectively. This places us at the top of the Chess ladder though Fylde and School have each a match in hand.

In both Junior and Senior Cricket preliminary rounds we were drawn against the Kirkham House, both of which we won, the former by 7 wickets and the latter by 14 runs. In the Senior game, Lytham batted first, scoring 72 runs of which Dewse made 33. Kirkham were then dismissed for 58, when Rawlinson took 5 for 16. In the semi-final against Ashton House the team put up a far better display than even the most optimistic had expected. Batting first, Lytham scored 82, of which Robishaw hit 41. Despite the absence of Rawlinson Lytham managed to take 6 Ashton wickets before they knocked off the necessary runs. In the Junior game Kirkham batting first were dismissed for 47, which score was soon knocked off, mainly by Gorrie who remained unbeaten with 33.

In the Work Cup, the House has fared poorly up to date and much leeway in points has to be made up before the end of the year.

With the semi-final of the Junior Cricket and the Swimming Sports still ahead hopes of at least one more trophy are extremely bright.

PRESTON HOUSE

House Masters: — Mr. S. Middleton, Mr. I. W. McKerrow, Mr. G. H. Boocock

Captain: — M. D. Lawton

Prefects: — J. R. Broadbent, A. E. Haythornwhite, G. Barnes, J. D. Nightingale, R. M. Wilcock

The sporting activities of the House during the current term have not, at the time of writing, witnessed any great success. In the Athletic Sports the final position of fifth was disappointing, but the House had fine individual successes by G. Barnes in the Pole Vault and Half Mile and by R. M. Wilcock who set up a new record in winning the discus. Also falling below the anticipated standard were the junior cricket XI who lost to School House by 2 wickets. The senior XI did better however, in reaching the final by defeating Fylde, dismissing them for 44 after having suspended their innings at 64 for 4, of which Wilcock, the captain, made 36.

Turning to the academic activities of the House we find a very much brighter picture, and public congratulations must be offered to A. E. Haythornwhite and R. M. Wilcock in gaining places at Oxford, the former for 1959 to read Music, the latter for 1960 to read Geography. At the time when this report is being written, before the G.C.E. and internal examinations, Preston House can boast of more members having secured University places than any other House can, and of leadership in the Work Cup, and we must hope that this satisfactory position will be maintained.

Looking ahead, we see that we will appear in the cricket and debating finals, and we can hope to make a creditable showing in the swimming and shooting.

A retrospect over the year as a whole must needs be brief and cannot yet be complete, but the House may already record a successful year. Whilst its triumphs have been perhaps more individual than team efforts, they have nevertheless been several and varied in both sporting and academic fields, and House spirit has never been lacking.

In the next two years the House may suffer from a lack of numbers in the senior forms, but if the spirit and effort of 1958-9 remain, it need fear no eclipse.

SCHOOL HOUSE

House Masters: MR. G. T. WILKINSON, MR. R. FIELDING, MR. L. A. REDMAN

Captain: M. E. C. SANT

Prefects: H. G. WHITE, M. A. MCCARTNEY, R. M. WILKINSON

Since the last report School House has experienced a period of mixed fortunes. That we have not been too successful, however is not by any means due to a lack of spirit in the House, which has been highly commendable, but rather to a marked reduction in the senior members of the House during the past two terms. However, the efforts of the House as a whole have, in fact, with the possible exception of the Senior Cricket XI, achieved better results than had been expected. In the events of last term, which were unreported, the Junior Rugby XV suffered defeat to the Ashton House in the semi-final, and the Cross-country VIII, conscientiously captained by H. G. White, finished 4th, and although we had some good leading positions at the finish they were not backed up by the rest of the team.

The Debating team, R. M. Wilkinson and H. G. White, were narrowly defeated by Preston in the semi-final of the competition, and in the Music Competition the House's lack of musical talent, which was disguised as far as he was able by R. M. Wilkinson, finished 6th.

This term, so far, the House was equal 3rd in the Athletic Sports. This result was very pleasing and the team, having been depleted by the loss of senior members, is to be congratulated. At the commencement of the Sports the House was leading in standard points obtained previously, thus reflecting the good spirit and fine effort of the whole House.

The Senior Cricket XI proved to be disappointing as they lost to Ashton in the first round but this defeat was compensated to a certain extent by the Junior XI who beat Preston House in the first round after a most exciting and tense game. M. E. C. Sant, G. L. Holmes, P. J. Sharples and J. Montgomery deserve congratulations on their 1st XI appearances.

In the competitions which at the time of writing are unfinished or have to be competed for, the House is hoping for some good victories. In the Chess competition we are leading quite substantially, and we only have to make a success of our final game to ensure victory. In the Gym. competition we are also holding leading position.

The Swimming team, under McCartney's guidance, is intending to retain the trophy, and again the House is to be congratulated on leading the standard points table in this sport. The Shooting team also hope to retain the Shooting Cup when they shoot at the end of the term.

Finally success in the Work Cup competition, in which at one time we were leading, seems to be gradually falling away from us; a bigger and better effort is required from the House if we are to succeed in this, and we hope that all G.C.E. candidates will not only satisfy their own ambitions but also send in a flow of points for the House.

This report would not be by any means complete without at least a reference to the forthcoming retirement of Mr. Norwood. Mr. and Mrs. Norwood have been actively connected with the House since 1945, and the excellent administration, health and spirit of the House has owed a huge debt to them. School House will lose a great and faithful friendship with their departure, and the House, past and present wish them very many happy and prosperous years of well-deserved retirement.

Sporting Activities

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1958-9

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts. for	Pts. Agst
1st XV	16	12	3	1	189	67
2nd XV	9	8	1	0	227	50
Under 16 ...	5	4	1	0	103	81
Under 15 ...	6	5	1	0	66	41
Under 14 ...	6	0	6	0	20	137
Under 13 ...	1	1	0	0	27	0

From all points of view the 1958-9 Rugby season was one of the best of recent years. The results, with one exception were uniformly excellent and generally achieved by open and attractive football. The exception, the Under 14s, played the same type of football but they were a small side physically and always had to contend with bigger opponents. The highlights of the season were undoubtedly the defeat of Cowley School at Kirkham, followed by a convincing win at Manchester over the Grammar School.

The 1st XV was slow to settle down and it was not until November that the side really began to fulfil its promise. The pack, under the guidance and instruction of R. M. Wilcock, the captain, then became the dominant force and the introduction of M. Robishaw into the threequarters brought a much needed steadiness to the line. There still remained a lack of thrust in the threequarters but a little more was seen of two fast wingers in N. Jackson and K. Howard. G. Barnes at scrum half was particularly good. He combined excellent passing with good defensive covering and some well-timed breaks from the base of the scrum. He had a very good partner in J. Bamber who, although not producing many individual runs, nevertheless kicked well and "generalled" the threequarters extremely well. C. Dewse at full back was very good in attack and defence. But it was the pack that caught the eye. Against Cowley it was magnificent. Throughout the season R. Wilcock and E. Parkinson were outstanding with J. Ethelston, R. Duckworth, R. Bracegirdle and D. Wootton not far behind. Finally, mention must be made of the defensive play of the team as a whole, particularly the tackling which was uniformly good, a feature which was also very apparent in the 2nd XV. Play here followed the general pattern of the 1st XV with strong running and good handling by forwards and backs. Relatively few claims were made by the senior team so that under the keen captaincy of S. Clitheroe a settled team was usually available. Behind the scrum, in addition to scrum-half and captain, S. Clitheroe, the most conspicuous included A. Carpenter full back, M. Kirkham stand-off, and M. Sant and H. Taylor in the centre. Amongst the forwards D. Thistlethwaite and G. Preston always played hard and well.

The under-16s opened their season with a crushing defeat at Upholland and it became necessary to bring in several of the more promising players of the Under 15s. It is a great credit to the Lower Vs that a most successful team was formed and that no further defeats were suffered. B. Howard was always an efficient and enthusiastic captain and he received excellent support from P. Sharples and P. Cookson in the forwards and from P. Carmont, J. Worden and P. Whitehead behind the scrum. P. Whitehead was the captain of a most promising Under 15s which, after an initial defeat at the hands of Preston G.S., went on to win all its remaining games. The best players here played several games for the Under 16s and they included J. Dewhirst and D. Jackson from whom much is expected. As stated earlier, the Under 14s were a most attractive team and once they have overcome their weight difficulties they should be a very difficult side to beat. Their most promising players include A. Chrystall, D. Brownbill, V. Gorrie and A. Smith.

All in all, it has been a most interesting season and the thanks of the Rugby committee are extended to all those, referees, linesmen, spectators and Canteen Staff, who contributed so much to its success.

The Ashton and Lytham Houses are to be congratulated on retaining the Senior and Junior Rugby trophies, respectively.

At a meeting of the Rugby committee during March the following awards were made:—

Re-award of Full Colours to R. Wilcock.

New award of Full Colours to J. Bamber, G. Barnes and E. Parkinson.

Re-award of Team Colours to—C. Dewse, R. Duckworth, R. Bracegirdle, K. Jackson, N. Jackson.

Award of Team Colours to:—J. Ethelston, K. Howard, M. Lawton, H. Robishaw, D. Wootton.

The team was completed by A. Lewis.

ATHLETICS, 1959

The season has been notable not only for its success but also for several innovations. Thanks to the provision by the General School Committee of the jumping pits it has been possible to introduce two new events which should be very popular, viz.: Pole Vault and Triple Jump, and in the Inter-School Sports at Blackpool on May 27th G. Barnes and N. Jackson won first and second places respectively in these events. K.G.S. did not manage to

retain the trophy won in the previous year but came a very creditable second and the school extends its heartiest congratulation to Lancaster R.G.S., the eventual winners. Perhaps the loss of J. Blossom, a double winner in 1958 was a decisive factor but the Sports showed up once again our lack of really good middle-distance runners. Before the Inter-School Sports the school had defeated Preston G.S. in a very good and interesting contest in the first athletics fixture ever to be staged on the school playing field. On May 6th the school Athletic Sports were held and a most successful and enjoyable afternoon's sport was seen. Mr. J. Brownlee, Area Organiser of Physical Education for Lancashire very kindly presented the winners' certificates and the Inter-House trophy to the Fylde House who retained the trophy won in 1958.

There were only two fixtures arranged for this season, one against King Edward, Lytham and one against Preston G.S. at Kirkham. The King Edward match was cancelled because of bad weather and the match against Preston G.S. resulted in a win for Kirkham by 62 points to 48. In the Inter-School Sports at Blackpool we came a very good second with 26 points to a strong Lancaster R.G.S. team which gained 36 points.

C.C.F. Report

ARMY SECTION

C.S.M.: JACKSON, N.

S/Sgts.: JACKSON, K., LAWTON, M. D.

Sgts.: BERRY, BRACEGIRDLE, THOMPSON, WATKINSON, WHITE.

Cpls.: BLOSSOM, CLARK, HOLLIDAY, TAYLOR, THISTLETHWAITE,
WILKINSON, R.M.

L/Cpls.: ALLCOCK, GARNETT, LEWIS, ROGERS, WILKINSON, J. M.

Since the last report the N.C.O's have increased in number from 12 to 19, giving a rough average of one N.C.O. to every 11 cadets.

On March 12th we had a second Field Day, this time for Platoons 3, 4, 5 and 6. Platoons 3 and 4 did a similar map-reading course to the one done by Platoons 1 and 2 on the last Field Day, and Platoons 5 and 6 were able to do the fieldcraft games and exercises we had planned for last time. Again it was a very successful, profitable and enjoyable day for all concerned.

On May 14th, the contingent was inspected by Colonel Hogge, Deputy Director Cadets, War Office. As usual for this event in the cadet year, the weather was extremely hot. After the inspection on the front lawn and the march past, Colonel Hogge inspected the training. The programme, like last year's, included a Commando course in the gym., first-aid instruction by Cadets Bradbury and Williams, abseiling from the trees in the small wood under the supervision of Lt. Kremer, gliding for the R.A.F. Section, and a varied selection of lessons for the rest of the cadets in small groups all round the school. In his concluding speech the Colonel commented on the keenness and efficiency of the N.C.O.s and the good spirit in the contingent as a whole, and asked the Headmaster to grant a half-day holiday for all cadets.

On May 28th 102 cadets and 5 officers went to Altcar. Again the weather was very hot and dry, and getting an early start, by 4 p.m. all cadets had fired 5 rounds grouping, 10 application and 5 snap on the rifle, and 5 single shots and 10 automatic on the Bren. The smooth running of the operation was largely due to the good work of the N.C.O.s in getting their details to the right place at the right time, and the efficiency in the butts. Sgt. Watkinson is to be congratulated on achieving the best score with 109 points out of a possible 140.

On May 29th, twelve cadets competed in the Loyals Cup for shooting, in which we were placed third last year. The scores, however, will not be known till next term.

At this point I would like to say a word or two about Platoons 5 and 6; they have maintained a particularly high standard in their keenness and general attitude throughout the year, and they promise well for the future; I hope their efforts will be rewarded with good results in the Basic Test (the old Cert. A Pt. 1) before the end of this term.

Annual camp this year will be at Cultybraggan, an ex-P.O.W. camp in Perthshire, and 80 cadets have expressed their intention of attending. This promises to be an enjoyable camp as we shall be including "Outward Bound" or "Adventure" training in the week's programme.

EASTER CAMP (April 12th to 18th)

Thirteen cadets, two officers and Messrs. Bentley and Hoyle attended a camp in the Langdale area of the Lake District. Tents, sleeping bags, stoves, "compo" rations, etc. were all supplied by the Army at no charge whatever to the cadets concerned. The purpose of the camp was a week of "Arduous" training including hill walking, rock climbing, abseiling and initiative tests. Each cadet had two days walking, two days rock climbing and abseiling, and one day for his initiative test. Cadets cooked all their own meals from the excellent Army rations provided, including steak and kidney puddings, ham and eggs, salmon, soups, fruit, biscuits, chocolates, etc.

To give a complete picture of all that happened in that one week it would be necessary to write a book and it must suffice to mention only a few notable incidents: sleeping in a sitting position round the tent pole while the water level gradually rose all around; Lawton suspended by the rope over a 100ft. drop in a thunder-storm, Wootton's excursion to Gretna Green, Brace's and Joe's attempts to get themselves jailed, Mr. Bentley's night out at a lonely farm house whilst a search party was frantically scouring the mountainside, the strains of "It's lonesome away . . . " echoing up the Langdale valley at 10-30 p.m. the drunken dog . . .

All these events, and many others, made it a very enjoyable, profitable and unforgettable week's camp.

During the Easter holiday several cadets attended courses. Cadets H. E. Bradbury and M. C. McCreath spent an enjoyable week on an M.T. course at Rhy, and Cadets H. Pilkington and R. O. Maddock successfully completed a course at the Military Hospital, Chester. As a result of their efforts they were awarded Western Command First-Aid Certificates. The contingent was fortunate enough to be given two vacancies on a Junior Leadership Course at the Army Outward Bound School at Towyn and these vacancies were filled by Cpl. G. R. Clark and Cpl. D. Thistlethwaite. They both successfully completed this period of arduous training and are to be congratulated on the very favourable reports they received. In view of the popularity and appeal of this type of course it is to be hoped that more vacancies will be available in the future.

R.A.F. SECTION

Flt./Sgt.: HAYTHORNWHITE.

Cplts.: WOOTON, MCCARTNEY, MCKIE, J. ARCHER, LEANEY, MILLS, LINGARD.

Deserving of first mention in this report are some excellent results: our congratulations to Cpls. McCartney and McKie on the award of Flying Scholarships. They completed their training at Rhoose (Cardiff) and Wolverhampton respectively during the Easter holidays, and both now hold a Civil Pilot's "A" Licence.

Three cadets passed Advanced and one cadet passed Proficiency exams.

Our second Field Day was held at Woodvale on March 5th; all of the thirty cadets spent about thirty minutes in the air. Some had the good fortune to fly with Flt./Lt. Wilkinson and F/O McKerrow; once again we flew in single-engined two-seater Chipmunks.

Cpls. Mills and Leaney, and Cadets G. J. Archer and Tomlinson attended gliding courses at Meir (Nr. R.A.F. Stafford) during half-term, and all qualified for the "B" Certificate.

At the end of last term we welcomed thirteen new recruits to the section.

EASTER CAMP

This year's Easter Camp was held at R.A.F., Tangmere, four miles from Chichester. It lasted for the week beginning Saturday, April 11th, and was attended by three corporals and 16 cadets under Flt./Lt. Wilkinson and F/O McKerrow. We were joined at Tangmere by the R.A.F. Section of a school in Devonshire.

We had a set programme from 8-30 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day, and this included: flying (at least two trips in either a Chipmunk or a Varsity); shooting (three K.G.S. cadets reached .303 1st class standard); parachute landing training; a trip on an R.A.F. launch a few miles out of Newhaven harbour and back; a visit to Hove swimming baths at Brighton; and several lectures.

At the end of each day a not-too-regular bus service could take you to Chichester — three cinemas and a coffee bar! After the films had been seen, and a crowded coffee bar frequented, you could always walk and walk and . . . walk!

In the Camp N.A.A.F.I. we were offered the same privileges as the airmen, and we made use of the billiards room, the TV room and the canteen.

The all-important fact was that everybody enjoyed himself and found the camp well worth while. Our thanks are due to Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. McKerrow for organising and running it, and we look forward to next year's, when we hope to be joined by new entrants to the R.A.F. Section.

Speech Day, 1959

The venue of Speech Day was, on this occasion, the Public Hall, Preston, the change from the Kirkham R.A.F. Cinema being forced upon us by the closure of the Kirkham camp; this action of the Government has deprived us of a valuable connection. The order was further changed by the introduction of Kipling's "Non nobis, Domine" as a school song — a highly successful and appropriate innovation.

In his opening remarks the Chairman of the Governors, the Rev. A. R. Allen, spoke of the science buildings which the Governors hoped to erect in the near future, in order to bring K.G.S. into line with the requirements of such a school in an age of scientific progress. He emphasised the need for a broad liberal education—"there is nobody more hopeless than the 'one-subject' man." It was the policy of K.G.S. to prevent narrow specialisation. Mr. Norwood's annual report lent point to this as he mentioned the many and varied activities of the school. Since this would be the last occasion on which he would attend Speech Day at Headmaster it was pleasant to him to review the increase in K.G.S. interests over the past fourteen years. He had always enjoyed his term at K.G.S. and thanked those who had been his assistants over the years, paying special tribute to Mrs. Norwood's part in anything he himself had been able to do.

We were delighted to welcome Mr. Percy Lord, Chief Education Officer for Lancashire, as our guest speaker. After presenting the prizes he gave a speech which was both entertaining and instructive. The more serious element of his speech was an unconscious reflection of his great services to Lancashire Education as an administrator, since it showed many of his aims. He discussed the grammar school and its function, and the responsibility and privileged status of students at such a school. The audience found Mr. Lord's continuous good humour and frequent anecdotes much to their taste, and his request for a half holiday proved even more popular.

The following is a list of prize winners:—

Sixth Form Prize for English Literature	A. R. W. Lean
Headmaster's Prize for History	M. D. Lawton
Headmaster's Prize for Geography	K. S. Jackson
Sixth Form Prize for French	M. D. Lawton
Bowdler Prize for Mathematics	D. W. Park
Allcock Prize for Physics	P. E. Cross
Lambert Prize for Biology	K. W. Houghton
Rotary Club Prizes for "Service"	C. R. Plaster and P. Fenton

(Presented by the Rotary Club of Kirkham and Rural Fylde)

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES JOINT MATRICULATION BOARD G.C.E.

Passes at advanced level in three subjects were gained by:

A. J. Bennet, M. N. Bowtell, P. E. Cross, R. W. Darby, R. A. Footman, A. E. Haythornwhite, K. W. Houghton, K. S. Jackson (Distinction in Art), M. D. Lawton, A. R. W. Lean (Distinction in English Literature), D. W. Park, E. G. Sleddon, R. S. Thompson, W. Threlfall, W. Whitaker, D. F. Wootton, N. S. Jackson (Distinction in Art).

HOUSE TROPHIES

Rugby Football Shield	Ashton
Cricket Shield	Preston
Athletic Sports Cup	Fylde
Cross-Country Cup	Ashton
Swimming Cup	School
Gymnastics Cup	School
Shooting Cup	School
Whiteside Musical Festival Cup	Ashton
Chess Cup	Preston
Debating Cup	School
Junior Rugby Football Cup	Lytham
Junior Cricket Cup	Ashton
Inter-House Work Cup	Preston

BOYS WHO HAVE DONE MOST FOR THE SPORT OF THE SCHOOL:

1st—R. M. Wilcock

2nd—P. J. Hosker

CRICKET PRIZES:

J. H. S. Matthews Prize for Batting	D. G. Lloyd
Gilbert Taylor Prize for Bowling	R. Hill

LOWER SIXTH FORM MERIT PRIZES:

R. H. Duckworth, K. Howard.

FORM PRIZES:

UVa: G. J. Archer	UIVb: J. A. Dewhurst
UVb: R. Crane	LIVa: C. T. Robinson
LVa: G. Parkinson	LIVb: G. J. Nightingale
LVb: G. W. Ibbison	IIIa: R. D. Coates
UIVa: J. G. Morgan	IIIb: G. H. Gudgin

UPPER FIFTH FORM SUBJECT PRIZES:

English: M. Leaney	Languages: C. I. Doris
History and Geography: A. R. Carpenter	Science: W. A. Coward
Mathematics: G. J. Archer	

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES JOINT MATRICULATION BOARD G.C.E.

Passes in five or more subjects at ordinary level were gained by :

J. B. Allcock (6), G. J. Archer (8), G. C. Box (8), H. Butler (6),
J. R. Butterworth, P. N. Carmont (6), A. R. Carpenter (6), S.
W. Clitheroe, W. A. Coward (8), R. Crane, W. A. K. Denley
(7), C. I. Doris (8), J. D. Fleet (8), N. A. Hayes, D. A. Jagger
(6), R. M. Jones, M. C. Kirkham (7), M. Leaney (8), A. J.
Lewis, A. S. Mills (7), J. P. Pearson (6), G. A. Preston (7), H.
Taylor (6), D. Thistlethwaite (8), P. N. Tomlinson, J. M.
Wilkinson (7).

GYMNASTICS PRIZES :

Senior: R. M. Wilcock Intermediate: B. Howard
Junior: D. E. Moore

CHESS :

School Chess Champion, 1958, P. J. Hosker.

DIVINITY PRIZES :

Senior: M. D. Lawton Intermediate: D. J. Shearman
Junior: A. J. Howells

ART PRIZES :

Senior: N. S. Jackson Intermediate: S. W. Richards
Junior: J. S. B. Wilson

MUSIC PRIZES :

Senior: A. E. Haythornwhite Junior: J. G. Morgan

MATTHEWS PRIZE FOR PROFICIENCY IN AGRICULTURAL STUDIES :

P. Blunt.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZES :

Senior: M. Ramsbottom Intermediate: W. J. Harvey
Junior: G. R. Moores

PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZE :

M. D. Lawton.

FRIENDS OF K.G.S. ASSOCIATION READING PRIZES :

Senior: R. A. Footman Intermediate: W. J. Harvey
Junior: W. R. Kay

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUBJECT PRIZES :

Mathematics and Science :
A. Thistlethwaite
English Subjects :
G. Parkinson

Languages: G. Parkinson

LOWER SCHOOL SUBJECT PRIZES :

Mathematics and Science :
R. N. Dent
English Subjects :
R. H. Wood
Languages: C. T. Robinson

School Events

EASTER FAIR

It has become customary to see Mr. Norwood opening our annual Easter Fair, and again he kindly fulfilled the office: but those who imagined that the custom was to end were proved pleasantly mistaken, for we were told that he and Mrs. Norwood will be invited to return on future occasions, when they will be most welcome guests.

The element of continuity thus established was found further in the usual atmosphere of enjoyment and generosity abroad, and activity in the hall, with its stalls and side-shows, also followed its established successful pattern. Outside, however, were several new attractions, one of the most popular of which was the "smashing" activity by the range, where old crockery was displayed for breaking; psychologists please note. Further outlets for the destructive instinct were furnished by skittle-alley, rifle range, and shoot-at-goal side-shows, while for the stronger-willed crazy golf and bowls, ringing bottles and fishing for ducks provided a subtler form of frustration, and at every turn one would encounter a beaming raffle-ticket seller with sheets of tickets.

Indoors the bottle-stall, which goes from strength to strength, was well patronised, and it alone raised the splendid sum of £23. Mme. Claire, the fortune-teller, and the Record Room catered for their own type of customer in their own kind of way. Teas and refreshments were much in demand, as befitted a fine and not too cool afternoon, and were abundantly supplied.

Behind the scenes the instructed eye might observe a continuous stream of messengers bearing takings to the welcome Co-Treasurers, and their visits, plus receipts at the auction, which produced the usual atmosphere of good humour and amusement, gave, with the addition of the collection from the concert, the fine new record total of £206.

The nature of the Easter Fair being what it is, a united school effort, it is invidious to mention any name but one; that of Mrs. Norwood, who with her kitchen staff always ensures the smooth running of the canteen, and also does so much to help before and after the day itself.

S.C.M. CONFERENCE March, 1959

On Friday, March 6th, the annual S.C.M. Conference was held in the School. Apart from many members of our own Sixth Form, contingents also attended from the Park School and Penwortham Girls' Grammar School, to hear first-class speeches on the subject of: "What do Christians believe?"

The first speaker, The Rev. R. T. Brookes, who is the Assistant Director of Religious Broadcasting for the North of England, after being introduced by the Chairman, Mr. Norwood, gave a very interesting talk on the meeting of God and Man to bring about Faith and Religion, and he pointed out that this must be a two-way business.

After group discussions, tea, and question time, Mr. Parfitt talked to us of the Christian's responsibility to the community, not only in social and family life, but also in political life. Friday's session drew to a close after group discussions and a most argumentative open discussion.

On Saturday, Canon Picton of St. George's, Preston, gave a very concise and clear list under the heading of "A Christian's Responsibility to Himself," dividing this up into three sections: what Christianity tells a Man about himself; the call of a Christian is a vocation; and a Christian's moral and spiritual ideals. Lively discussion on these subjects brought the conference to an end and it is to be hoped that all those who attended gained much from a most enjoyable meeting which we hope will often be repeated in the future.

INTER-HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL and SCHOOL CONCERT

This year the third annual House Music Festival was held on Tuesday, March 3rd in the School Hall. The task of adjudicating was in the capable hands of Mr. Pilkington, organist at St. James's Church, Preston, and Headmaster of Gregson Lane Primary School.

The importance of this event lies not only in the fact that any visible or latent musical talent in the school can be seen, but also in the interest and enthusiasm which several weeks' practice stimulates.

As usual each House submitted three items, which were as follows:—

ASHTON HOUSE

*Vocal Duet, "Long Years Ago" (Patience), sung by M. T. Hill and B. T. Lewis	...	...	...	...	83
*Piano Solo, "Fantasia in F sharp minor" by Mendelssohn (First and last movements), played by G. A. Preston					95
A choir singing "I will go unto the altar of God", by H. J. Gauntlett	...	...	...	...	95
(10 marks deducted for exceeding the time limit by one minute).					
Total				...	263

PRESTON HOUSE

*A Vocal Quartet, "The Bear's Song", by Maurice Jacobson, sung by A. E. Haythornwhite, J. R. Broadbent, A. P. Watkinson and G. Barnes	...	...	...	...	85
Four-part choir singing "Early One Morning"	...	...	...	...	90
*Two pieces, Schubert's "Marche Militaire", and Moskowski's "Spanish Dance No. 1", played by A. E. Haythornwhite, J. R. Broadbent, A. P. Watkin- son and R. M. Wilcock	...	...	...	...	85
Total				...	258

LYTHAM HOUSE

*Two Clarinet Solos, "Minuet" by Haydn, "Song Without Words" by Mendelssohn, played by C. J. Foy	90
Solo by J. Colburn, "Hear My Prayer", by Mendelssohn	78
Two Piano Solos played by M. R. Bennet, "2 Minuets" by Mendelssohn, and a selection from "Highland Scenes" by Eric Thiman	90
Total	258

FYLDE HOUSE

A Cornet Duet, adaption of "Trumpet Voluntary" by Jeremiah Clarke, played by M. Parkinson and T. Threlfall	74
A choir singing "The Ash Grove"	83
*A Vocal Duet "Tenor and Baritone" by Lane Wilson, sung by K. S. Jackson and N. S. Jackson	85
Total	252

KIRKHAM HOUSE

A Piano Solo played by P. R. G. Langley "Wild Roses" by Douglas Shannon	80
Junior Choir singing "Linden Lea", by R. Vaughan Williams	85
Two Piano Solos, "Alla Turca" and "Andante Grazioso" by Mozart, played by B. A. Johnson	78
Total	243

SCHOOL HOUSE

Two Piano Solos, "German Song" by Tchaikowsky and "Tarantella" by Heller, played by M. H. Gunn	79
*A composition for piano and guitar by G. Howarth, played by G. Howarth and F. Fulford-Brown	85
Two Piano Duets, "Waltz in E" by Brahms and "Polonaise in A" by Chopin played by R. M. Wilkinson and G. Archer	75
Total	239

Congratulations are due to the Ashton House, who won the competition for the third time in succession, in spite of extremely close rivalry from the Preston House, Lytham House and Fylde House. Finally A. E. Haythornwhite thanked Mr. Pilkington for his fair judgment and for giving up his afternoon to come and judge the Festival of 1959 at K.G.S.

The School Concert took place on Saturday, March 14th and included the best items from the Festival (marked above by an *), and the School Choir and Orchestra. The programme was completed by two solo items sung by Mr. Robert Hull, an Old Boy of K.G.S., who has recently been awarded his L.R.A.M. in singing.

The concert once more proved a success and congratulations are due to Mr. Murray who worked so very hard to produce such a high standard of performance.

The Societies

THE GENERAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1958-9

In as far as the G.S.C. represents every boy at K.G.S. as well as most of the vested interests, it is proposed, in view of the factual — and dare we say, unilluminating — nature of the minute books and notices, that the school should be informed via the pages of "The Kirkhamian" of the activities of the Government. One might start by saying that the first meeting of the school year was notable for a rather spiritual attendance: Footman obstructed, Hinton seconded; Footman, aided by all those malcontents who found common cause in opposing any measure seconded by Hinton, obstructed again; crushing interventions by Whitaker and Hosker; the Treasurer awakes to ask what it will cost; dead motions litter the floor. A new pattern has arisen, not without its own excitement and dangers; it involves accusation by Lawton, noisy support by Mayor and Bamber, counter-accusation of scurrility by either Parkinson, Sant or White — proud appeal by the secretary on behalf of The Establishment — uniformly ignored by the combatants — delaying motions by Lean and Nightingale (pupils of Footman) and the whole thing quickly settled by the Chairman's intervention.

That "wonder for wise men," the magazine sub-committee, was recently, in theory anyway, lost to the G.S.C. Hence it was with some trepidation that certain items concerning "The Kirkhamian" were noticed in the co-treasurer's balance sheet. It was the sort of manoeuvre to be expected from the Editor but wasn't "taxation without representation" a little too much? So they said anyway. The spirit of Grime murmured that the matter was de facto, and in the event very little comment was passed. Yet, "the younger rises when the old doth fall" and this year the executive function of the committee was extended into two new and contrasting fields. There was established the S.C.M. sub-committee and a Table Tennis society. However, the methods employed in the establishment thereof were not dissimilar. The former, through its secretary, assured the meeting that no external expense would be incurred, whereas the next assembly was informed that a guinea had been sent away — lost to K.G.S. for ever — as an affiliation fee. The committee does not appear to be committed to building a church, but one has to be careful these days. Gasping at the duplicity, the assembly promptly passed a sort of Table

Tennis Relief Bill, flying in the face of warnings that the table was entailed and a large sum of rent owing, though it must be said that the objectors, who incidentally were also representing the unpaid landlord, when asked to produce documentary evidence, were unable to do so. Bamber, aided by Lawton and Thompson, and one is astonished to say, not openly opposed by the secretary, who does not approve of Table Tennis, showed superb flexibility in gaining a vast majority for an apparently impossible motion (pronounced "moshun", by the way).

It is perhaps, not generally realised that the work of the treasurer and his many assistants in making the Easter Fair a success is invariably prolonged by considerable discussion as to how the resultant sum should be spent for the benefit of K.G.S. This year the position was further complicated by the availability of funds outstanding from 1958. At one stage the Athletic party thought that by virtue of outstanding diplomacy(?) and a rushed motion they had been granted unlimited riches for improvements. It happened however that this was not to be and the sports people — always a dominant faction — were contented with the fine jumping pits which have since appeared. Mr. Jackman and the electrical experts, who had taken a dimmer view of the proceedings, were eventually able to arrange the purchase of a switchboard as a sop to that might Cerberus, the Dramatic Society, which, we must admit, has prospered on starvation rations far too long. Meanwhile, that good old hardy perennial, the Cine camera project always filled the background.

This is a brief account of the transactions of the G.S.C. for the year 1958-9. It is hoped that the inadequacy of means of disseminating the methods and spirit of the body has been partly remedied. It has always been felt that form representatives have failed to give proper accounts to the "constituents" about an organisation which has much to do with school life.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Chairman: MR. L. A. REDMAN. *Secretary:* D. F. WOOTON.
Treasurer: J. B. BLOSSOM.
Committee: R. BRACEGIRDLE, R. A. CROISDALE, P. N. TOMLINSON,
B. A. JOHNSON, J. L. INGLEBY.

The most important aspect of this term's activities has been the commencement of the making of a film of the life of K.G.S. The camera being used has been kindly lent to us by Mr. Croisdale, who has also offered to pay for the film required. The film itself will be in colour and it is hoped to cover as many facets of school life as possible. Up till now, shots have been taken by senior members of the society, at the Easter Fair, the Inter-House Sports and the Inter-School Sports at Blackpool.

As for the other activities of the Society; the darkroom has been used much more than in previous years, mainly owing to the younger members who are beginning to show an interest in photography. In order to stimulate this interest the Society is going to give demonstrations of developing and printing. There has been one such demonstration already, and an encouraging number of people have expressed a desire for future ones.

At the end of this school year, nearly all the senior members will be leaving. It is to be hoped that despite this, the Society will continue to expand under new leaders and that its activities will cover an even wider field.

MUSIC SOCIETY AND ORCHESTRA

Chairman: MR. MURRAY. *Secretary:* A. E. HAYTHORNWHITE.
Committee: J. R. BROADBENT, A. P. WATKINSON, R. M. WILCOCK.

The House Music Festival and the Easter Fair Concert have been the highlights of the School's musical activity this year, and, although the details are printed elsewhere in this issue, it may be said here that the standard of performance in these two events was most encouraging and shows a remarkable musical interest throughout the School.

We are most grateful to the staff of the library for the inclusion of several very useful musical publications in their recent purchases, and in the near future the "Musical Times" will be an added attraction in the library.

As usual, parties have been organised to attend the various Symphony concerts in Preston; the most popular of these was given by the Halle Orchestra under the baton of Sir Adrian Boult, when the programme included works by Mendelssohn, Brahms and Rimsky-Korsakov.

The orchestra has welcomed to its ranks several young and enthusiastic string players; let us, however, hope that it is only as a result of academic pressure that certain members have forsaken practices!

LIBRARY REPORT

Chairman: MR. B. COATES.
Secretary: J. D. NIGHTINGALE. *Treasurer:* G. BARNES.
Sub-Committee: J. R. BROADBENT, C. D. DEWSE, N. S. JACKSON,
M. D. LAWTON, A. R. W. LEAN, R. M. WILKINSON, D. F. WOOTTON.

Although the sub-committee has not been so active this term as it was last, when the "Author" and "Subject" were checked and made to correspond, valuable work has been done.

A number of new books have been accessioned and are now in use. Among them a number of Pelican books have been introduced. The purchasing of such books is, for the present at least, only an experiment, since just how much wear and tear they will stand up to is not yet known. The Pelican history series and several other books were bought and sent for backing. They have since returned and are now in use. Obviously if these books are a success, the saving to the library will be very great, since normally books cost about 30s. each.

The number of books issued during the Spring Term was 602, as opposed to some 1,081 in the corresponding term last year.

The number of missing books for that term was 19 which is somewhat lower than in the previous Winter Term, but still too high for so small a library.

The question as to whether or not magazines of the non-academic type, such as the *Woodworker*, should be purchased by the library has been discussed. Also the magazines purchased at the present have been reviewed. The committee has decided to suspend purchase of the *Spectator* and *New Statesman*, which were not very widely appreciated. *The Times Literary Supplement*, *Amateur Photographer*, the *Woodworker* and the *Musical Times* are to be bought in future or at least until the end of the school year.

Old Boys' Association

Greenlands Farm,
Wrea Green,
Preston.

Phone Kirkham 2074

June, 1959

Dear Old Boys,

May I take this opportunity of giving you a few details of happenings within the Association and of news of some Old Boys. I think there have been two outstanding items of news lately; firstly the news of the retirement, for reasons of health, of Mr. Norwood to take effect in the summer of 1959. On behalf of all Old Boys I should like to express sincere and deep appreciation for the work and effort that the Headmaster and Mrs. Norwood have put in for the Association over the past 14 years. Every Old Boy will wish them well and hope that they will enjoy their well-earned retirement. Secondly, the Joint Appeal for the School Building Extensions, in which the Association has worked in conjunction with the Friends, has been very successful, for the response from members has been most encouraging and the target has now been reached. Details of the amount promised will be found in a special article elsewhere in this issue.

The Appeal has led to an enormous increase in correspondence, and from overseas there is news of G. W. S. Knowles who is a missionary with the Church of South India in the Coimbatore district of that country. J. Butler-Porter, D.S.O., E.D., writes from Durban, S.A. with news of his appointment as Chairman of the Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association in Natal. J. L. Roscoe is in Bathurst, Gambia, W.A.; L. Rathbone in Jamaica; R. Singleton in Toronto, and C. H. Morley in Ghana.

Nearer home, P. J. Barnes finds time to keep the N.W. Division of the Inland Waterways in good repair; J. B. Reader is a policeman with the Preston Borough Force; J. Copley has taken up a teaching career in Blackpool, whilst S. H. Wilcock was last seen with his head inside a large volume understood to be on Roman Law.

In April over 100 younger members and their friends gathered at a dance in Worsley's Ballroom, Preston. This event was voted a great success and it is hoped to hold a similar effort at the end of September. Old Boys recently married include J. B. Ball, J. Copley, J. W. Crozier, A. Jackson, H. M. Marsh, G. Thornton and E. Waite.

Your committee have already met on several occasions to consider various items of business and it was decided to purchase an addressing machine and a filing cabinet to help the secretary in his work. The machine has cut out the laborious job of manually addressing over 500 envelopes. In future magazines and circulars should arrive on time. Many changes of address have been brought to light as a result of the Appeal and a revised and classified list of members is under preparation for publication in September. This will include the names of the many new life—and annual members. Subscriptions have been coming in quite well this year, but there are still many outstanding. However over £50 has been realised from this source.

Finally may I say how much I look forward to receiving news, views, opinions or suggestions from members, and may we look forward to a record gathering at the Annual General Meeting and Dinner, which this year will be held at the Victoria and Station Hotel, Preston on December 18th.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Keith Thornton.

(Hon. Sec.)

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

JACK HARRISON (1921-1927). We deeply regret to report the death of J. Harrison which occurred with tragic suddenness when he was playing cricket at Whitsuntide. We shall feel the loss of this staunch and solid Old Boy, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family and to his brother Bert.

REG. AND ALF HAWORTH, report extensive mechanisation of their bakery at Shaw, and an extension of their field of operations to as far afield as Blackpool. Any necessitous O.B. is assured of a kindly crust if he calls at The Ideal Bakery, Shaw.

J. TOMLINSON has been elected Chairman of Leyland Urban District Council, which office he previously held in 1947.

C. H. MORLEY in Ghana, is chief accountant with a company dredging for gold. He will be visiting U.K. in November/December for a short leave and hopes to attend Association functions.

J. L. SCOTT is doing his N.S. with the R.A.F. in the Isle of Wight, D. WEAVER also in the R.A.F. is stationed at Akrotiri in Cyprus. A. SEAR is with the Royal Navy at Gosport, Hants.

P. W. F. JOHNSTON has been distinguishing himself in Scottish Rugby circles where he has played for the Combined Scottish Universities, and in the inter-city match for Glasgow v. Edinburgh.

K.G.S. OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION AND FRIENDS OF K.G.S.

Joint appeal for School Buildings Extension

The last issue of "The Kirkhamian" contained an article explaining the aims of the Joint Appeal, which was launched early in February. Since then many offers of help have been received by both Associations and on June 1st, 1959 money promised totalled as follows:—

Offers of direct gifts	£1283
Offers by covenant over 7 years	£876
Estimated Income Tax reclaim on these covenants	£554
	<hr/>
	Total £2713

Of the money promised in direct gifts, £275 has been received from the Friends out of their Long Term Project Fund, which has been set up with such an appeal in mind.

There will, however, be Interest charges and some other general expenses to deduct from the grand total, but this will still leave the fund beyond the target of £2,500. It is felt that perhaps there are still some Old Boys and Friends who would like to contribute towards the Appeal, and donations, large or small, would be most welcome.

The amount promised has been offered to the School Governors who, delighted with the swift response, have now decided to go ahead with the plans.

The committee of the joint appeal would here like to express their deep appreciation of the many promises of donations which have led to such a splendid result.

Keith Thornton,
(on behalf of The Old Boys' Assn. and Friends of K.G.S.)

Friends of Kirkham Grammar School

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

Chairman: MRS. A. HARVEY

The end of our seventh year draws to a close, and looking back, I feel it has been one of activity marked by solid achievement. Mrs. Harvey, as our first lady chairman, has worthily followed the high standard set by her predecessors, and handled her Committee with feminine tact and shall I say guile!

The Governors' request for our financial aid towards School building extensions was a challenge for us to show our loyalty, and it was a matter of signal satisfaction to your Executive Committee when the target figure was realised. Details are dealt with in a special article elsewhere in this Magazine, so I will not weary you with a repeat performance, but may I stress that contributions to the Fund will be welcomed at any time, because the more we raise, so much less will the Governors have to realise from their capital reserves.

After a glorious May, June, the month of roses, has made her debut with wind and rain. As I write, arrangements for the Garden Party are being finalised, and we are hoping for kindly treatment from the "Clerk of the Weather," and a record crowd. Last year we were lucky enough to have Mr. Ken. Dodd as our Opener. This year we have a double act in the persons of Morecambe and Wise. Our thanks are due to Mr. Reid who has been responsible for securing the services of these busy artistes and I feel especial mention should be made of their generous response to our invitation. They are busy people who give of their leisure time to further our cause, and we are grateful.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in October, and I earnestly ask that you make a special effort to attend. We are always delighted to see such encouraging turn-outs for our social events, but our A.G.M. is normally conspicuous for its meagre attendance. This is the occasion when you can voice your views, and elect your representatives for the ensuing year, so decide now to give us your backing.

May I here mention that anyone volunteering to stand for election to the Committee will be welcome. Hard work is entailed, but previous experience is not necessary, so anyone wishing to stand need only let me have their name and I will arrange for the proposal form to be completed. It is natural that some long serving members should wish to retire from active participation, and it is right that new blood should be infused into the organisation. In fact, this to my mind, is the soundest way of ensuring that the Friends go from strength to strength. New committee members will find a welcome waiting, and reap the reward of doing a worthwhile job.

Our project for School this year is to take the form of a suitable trophy for the Work Competition devised some time ago by Mr. Norwood. A material trophy to mark the honour and glory has so far been missing, and it was felt that such a provision would be fitting during Mr. Norwood's last year as Head of K.G.S.

Your Committee have also requested Mr. and Mrs. Norwood to select a present as a retirement gift to mark our appreciation of their friendship and help. We shall miss them in a hundred ways, and we trust this small token will ever remind them of our affection and regard.

In closing may I commend to you a Dinner Dance which is being arranged for October. The Social Sub-Committee under the leadership of Mrs. Smith, ably supported by Mr. Benson as secretary, has given us a year of varied and successful social events, and I am equally sure that our first dinner dance will be another winner from the same stable.

This will be my last Friends article to the School Magazine, as I retire from office at the A.G.M. I was a mere "new boy" when I was talked into taking office, and I did so with fears and trepidations. I have enjoyed the three years I have served and received nothing but help and encouragement from all the Committee, so prospective volunteers, mark well.

W.S.W.

Joint Official Outfitter
for your School Uniform
and General Clothing

* *

EVERY ESSENTIAL ITEM FOR BOARDERS
AVAILABLE FROM STOCK

* *

SCHOOL BED-LINEN, TRUNKS, HOLD-
ALLS, VALISES, BRUSHES, Etc.

* *

WELL-MADE WOODEN TUCK BOXES
WITH STRONG METAL BOUND
CORNERS, PADLOCK AND KEYS

* *

BOARDERS' NAMES MARKED FREE OF
CHARGE ON EVERY ARTICLE BOUGHT

FROM

GILBERT TAYLOR

13-15 GARDEN STREET

—

ST. ANNES-ON-SEA

TEL. 569



Holidays 1959

Book Now for
YOUR HOLIDAY
in

BRITAIN or ABROAD

Motor Coach Tours or Holiday Camps

Air or Sea Passages to all destinations

*Emigration or Holidays in Canada and
America by Air or Sea*

Book at official agents:

Hind's Travel Agency

178 FRIARGATE, PRESTON

TEL. 84343

Your 'Personal Service' Travel Agents