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SCHOOL NOTES



We welcome Mr. R. B. Riseley and Mr. D. E. Davies to the staff this term, both of whom are teaching Mathematics. Mr. Riseley was at Cambridge University and has subsequently been with the British Petroleum Co. Ltd. Mr. D. E. Davies was at Manchester University where he took a commercial degree. He is also a very useful cricketer and should be able to give us much valuable help on the cricket field in the summer term.

We congratulate J. D. Lewin on gaining an Open Exhibition in Natural Science at Queens' College, Cambridge, in the December scholarship examinations.

The School Play this year was given on the 13th, 14th and 15th December, and was "The Dark is Light Enough" by Christopher Fry. Although described as a winter comedy this play held a very serious message, and a comparatively small cast fully upheld the high standard we have come to expect in these annual productions.

The annual Old Boys' Dance in the School Hall was held on the 22nd December and was a great success. The Hall was filled to capacity, and the occasion was a thoroughly enjoyable one.

Nine members of the C.E.W.C Society attended the annual Christmas Conference in London.

On 21st March a party of Sixth Form boys visited Liverpool to see the play "La Machine Infernale" by Jean Cocteau.

The School almoners asked the School to make a collection for St. Loyes College, Exeter (for the training and rehabilitation of the disabled). £11 13s. 9d. was raised, and this was sent off in February.

The painting of the exterior of the School Pavilion was completed in November, and during December a concrete fence was placed round it. Later the installation of shower baths was completed. It is hoped that the interior will be decorated soon, and the Pavilion will be open for use at the beginning of the summer term.

The School had a General Inspection during the week 11th-15th March.

VALETE

- Green, S. H., 1950-57.—Mason's Upper Visc.Schol., G.C.E. (A.305) 1954-56, House Almoner, R.L.S.S. Bronze Cross 1955.
- Knowles, B. E., 1950-56.—Spencer's Upper VIModern, G.C.E. (A1,O3) 1954-56.
- Knowles, C. G., 1950-56.—Evans', Upper VIModern, G.C.E. (O3) 1955, Intermediate Certificate R.L.S.S. 1952
- Osborne, R. P., 1950-51.—Rogers', Upper VISCb., G.C.E. (O5) 1955.
- Ball, D. J., 1951-56.—Spencer's, Lower VISp., G.C.E. (O4) 1956, represented School at Badminton 1956.
- Bruford, P. H., 1951-3, 55-6.—Mason's, Lower VISCb, G.C.E. (O6) 1956.
- Delaney, J. C., 1951-56.—Gear's, Lower VISp., School Choir Orchestra 1952-55. Intermediate Certificate R.L.S.S. 1955.
- Mellor, J. S., 1951-56.—Rogers', Lower VISp., G.C.E., (O2) 1956, Colts XV 1954-5.
- Rawcliffe, C., 1951-57.—Mason's, Upper VIScA., G.C.E. (O5) 1955. 1st XV Colours 1956, Cricket Half colours 1956, Under 16 Athletics Colours 1954, Award of Merit R.L.S.S. 1956.
- Rimmer, B. W., 1951-57.—Spencer's, Upper VIScA., G.C.E. (O1) 1955. Swimming Colours 1956, Bar to Award of Merit R.L.S.S. 1956.
- Holt, A. S., 1952-56.—Mason's Lower VISp., G.C.E. (O6) 1956.
- Warburton, D. R., 1952-57.—Leech's, Lower VIModern, G.C.E. (O5) 1956.
- Berry, J. D., 1953-56.—Mason's Lower VISp., G.C.E. (O4) 1956.
- Haslam, D. A., 1953-56.—Evans', Upper VTrSc.
- Marshall, A. T., 1953-57.—Woodham's, Upper VTrSc.
- Ward, J. R., 1954-56.—Gear's, Lower VISp., G.C.E. (O4) 1956.
- Muggleston, J., 1955-56.—Edwards', IIIb.

SALVETE

P. R. Orchard, D. G. Ostick.

HOUSE REPORTS

EDWARDS'

Captain: B. D. Cookson. *Almoner:* J. K. Stuart.
Captain of Games: P. G. Davies. *Senior Prefect:* D. R. Dixon.
Prefects: D. Bailey, S. Coley, P. R. Davies, A. Hornby, B. E. Milne, D. Renshaw, C. Timperley

First, a belated word of praise for the Senior Rugby XV: they reached the final last term and, though beaten, played with courage and determination against a very skilful Woodham's XV. The Junior XV have played no matches as yet, but, under the supervision of Davies P. G. and Co., and the captaincy of Tasker, they, too, stand a good chance of reaching the final.

We have not had a great amount of success in the other sporting activities this term! In the Cross-Country competition our overall position was 7th, though there was an unfortunate disqualification which pulled our position down. Henshaw deserves a special word for finishing 5th in the Senior competition.

The Boxing competition, for so many years a happy hunting-ground for Edwards', has not been graced by many entries from this House, but this is probably just the swing of the pendulum, as it were, and, no doubt, the picture will be a brighter one in the future.

The continued generosity of the members of the House in the Charity Collections is an encouraging sign and very gratifying. Stuart again proved an extremely efficient almoner, and in three collections £1 12s. 6½d. was the total.

Last term we were well represented in the School play, and we are equally well represented this year in the concert: the two Dixons are prominent in the orchestra, along with Jewell, Tasker and Hesketh, while there are a number of Edwardians to be seen, and heard, in the choir.

Next term sees the Cricket and Swimming competitions, and also the G.C.E. examinations. Practices for cricket will be held in the holidays, and it is hoped that as many as possible will take this opportunity to improve their game. The swimming activities of the House are in the hands of Dixon, with Williams in charge of Life Saving; and they hope that all who can swim will qualify as soon as possible.

Finally, to all boys taking the G.C.E. examinations, the best of luck, not forgetting that a reasonable knowledge of the subjects they are taking also helps.

B.D.C.

EVANS'

Captain: C. F. Wilson. *Vice-Captain:* M. D. Heeley.
Almoner: B. M. Large. *Secretary:* J. D. Lewin.
House Prefects: P. N. Heyes, D. M. Barton, C. J. Gillett, W. T. Keeley, G. F. Jones.

We should like to congratulate W. T. Keeley and G. F. Jones on their appointment, at the beginning of this term, as House Prefects.

So far this year we have had a fairly successful year: we lost only to the eventual champions in the Senior rugby competition, and finished third in the Cross-Country contest. (A. B. Johnston was the first in the Junior event). We hope that the Junior rugby team, under the captaincy of Carter, will be equally successful.

Our collections for charity this term amounted to £1 7s. 8½d.

Last term the following boys were successful in Life Saving Examinations:—Bronze Cross: P. M. Ashton, A. B. Johnston, J. M. Rawlinson. Bars to Bronze Medallions: N. C. Ashworth, B. M. Large, J. R. Peet.

This term has also brought a gratifying number of entries—thanks to the efforts of B. M. Large—and we hope that they will be successful at the end of the term.

We congratulate those members of the House who have reached the semi-finals in the Boxing contest, and thank all who entered for their support.

Finally, we wish every success to those who will be finding examinations unpleasantly close when this appears in print.

J.D.L.

GREAR'S

Captain: J. E. R. Smith. *Secretary:* N. J. Murgatroyd.
Almoner: N. Rimmer.
Prefects: J. A. Perkins, N. Rimmer, P. C. P. Vickers, G. A. Wade.

At the end of last term we lost the services of J. C. Delaney and J. R. Ward. We wish them every success in their respective careers.

In this year's Boxing competition we had our largest entry for several years. At the time of writing we still have several contestants left in the competition. We wish them luck in their bouts.

The Cross-Country races took place just before half-term, and although we did not do as well as we had expected, the final result was an improvement on last year's performance. In the Senior event we finished eighth and in the Junior event fourth. In the Junior event Hulme ran well to finish second, and Wall showed promise for the future.

Life-saving classes have again been progressing steadily under Rowntree. We congratulate those boys who were successful in

their life-saving examinations last term. Boys are reminded that the Qualifying competition takes place next term, and all boys who can swim are asked to be sure that they are capable of gaining the maximum points.

The Junior Rugby team have had only one outing so far this term against Spencer's, whom they beat 18-5. We wish them luck in their remaining games.

The House Chess tournament has now reached its final stages.

The response to this term's Charity was rather disappointing, and we ask all boys to make a greater effort next term.

Finally, we wish all boys taking G.C.E. examinations next term the very best of luck in their papers.

N.J.M.

LEECH'S

Captain: C. A. Whitehead. *Vice-Captain:* M. K. Davies.
Almoner: J. Dewhurst. *Secretary:* P. E. Rigby.
House Prefects: A. Roberts, R. W. Rothwell, K. F. Wilson.

Last term, the House Chess team succeeded in retaining the School Chess cup. A Roberts, C. A. Whitehead and J. D. Cohen are to be congratulated on their performance in winning all seven matches.

The Badminton team, consisting of M. K. Davies and K. F. Wilson, reached the final of the School Badminton competition. Unfortunately, they were beaten by Rogers'.

Under the new system of awarding points for the Honours' List, we came second, losing to Spencer's by only two points.

The Senior Rugby XV had a poor season, losing all three matches; two of them heavily. However, we have several good junior rugby players, and we hope the Junior XV will do better.

In the Cross-Country competition we gained fourth place; the junior team proving the more successful.

About twenty-five boys entered for the Boxing competition this term, thanks to the efforts of the captain, R. W. Rothwell. We have never done well in this competition in the past, and we hope to see an improvement this year.

Unfortunately, very few boys have shown an interest in Life-Saving practices, despite the efforts of the Swimming captain, K. F.

Wilson. We hope that many more boys will take part in this activity, and give Wilson the support he deserves. We hope too, that all who can swim will endeavour to get their qualifications next term.

The Charity Collection this term realised £1 7s. 6d. This is not as good as usual; but we thank our Almoner, J. Dewhurst, for his efforts in persuading boys to give to a worthy cause.

Athletics and Cricket are the main activities next term. We would urge all boys who can to take part in Athletics practices both during and after the Easter holidays.

Finally, we wish the best of luck to boys taking G.C.E. examinations in the summer.

P.E.R.

MASON'S

House-Captain: J. O. Kissenisky.
Secretary: F. G. Bowyer. *Almoner:* A. A. Kent.
Prefects: P. Jackson, F. Rimmer, R. B. W. Furness.

The House wishes to congratulate Jackson and Rimmer on their appointment as House prefects. Unfortunately, however, we have lost one of our great assets in Rawcliffe, who has left us to join the Merchant Navy. We wish him every success in his chosen career. S. H. Green has also left us, and our life-saving classes must suffer in consequence.

Kissenisky has been appointed House captain and also School cross-country captain, which he celebrated by winning the annual cross-country race for the third successive year. Unfortunately, no one else from Mason's was near enough to see him do it.

The extortionist methods of our new Almoner, Kent, produced a total collection for St. Loye's College, Exeter, of £1 4s. 7½d.

The House extends its sympathy to A. Moister for his long illness, and we send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

F.G.B.

ROGERS'

House Co-Captains: W. E. Brookfield, J. C. Pond.
House Secretary: A. D. Redman.
House Almoner: L. M. Mansfield.
House Prefects: G. M. Hand, L. M. Mansfield.

At the end of last term the House Badminton team, W. E. Swindlehurst (captain) and D. M. Raynor, won the cup by defeating Leech's decisively in the final match.

The candidates for the Life-Saving examinations last term were all successful: L. R. Tyson, A. N. Buckels, D. G. Moore, J. A. Fleetwood, and K. S. Milne gained the Bronze Medallion, and D. Shaw the Bronze Cross. Classes have been started again this term with Shaw and Moore as instructors.

The Cross-Country competition was held before half-term, and the result was very encouraging. The House team was captained by J. C. Pond. In the Junior competition D. W. Morris finished sixth, D. B. Taylor seventh, and D. M. Raynor twelfth. W. A. Price, D. G. Smith and C. E. Massam also ran. We were placed first in this half of the competition. In the senior section, which was run off the following day, P. D. Pond and B. W. Howgate finished second equal and J. C. Pond twenty-seventh. J. A. Fleetwood, D. Shaw and W. E. Swindlehurst also ran. In this half we were placed second. When the senior and junior points were amalgamated we gained first place. Congratulations to all concerned.

The Boxing competition has started and the House team, which is quite large, is captained by P. D. Pond. About two-thirds of the entrants who have so far boxed, have won their contests.

The Junior Rugby competition has not yet begun, but practices have been held; the team is being captained by I. S. Milne, and we wish them good luck.

The House Almoner thanks all contributors to the charities collection this term. The amount raised was £1 13s. 8d.; this is quite good, but a greater contribution would be appreciated next term.

A.D.R.

SPENCER'S

House Captain: A. Rodwell. *House Vice-Captain:* A. Jones.

House Secretary: R. F. Chapman.

House Prefects: F. Halsall, T. Fox, F. Schober.

In the last match of the Senior House Rugby competition we defeated Grear's by a very convincing margin. Although we lost the previous two games it was noticeable in the last game that the team had coalesced into a very good side, and next year it should present a formidable obstacle to other teams.

Owing to the bad weather there have been few practices for the Junior House Rugby competition. The team, therefore, has

had little experience of playing as a side. We lost the first match to Grear's; but the team should not be disheartened. It should use the experience gained, in future games.

The Chess team did rather better than expected by winning two out of the last three matches and ending sixth in the competition. This is an improvement on last year's result when we ended at the bottom of the list. As the members of the Chess team are staying on next year they should do reasonably well. It is important, however, that boys lower down the School should take an interest in Chess, so that we may have players for future years.

Life-Saving classes are continuing under the tuition of Rodwell and Chapman. A big effort is needed in the end of term examinations, if we are to retain the Life-Saving Cup.

Under the new system of awarding points for schoolwork, whereby every boy's position is taken into account, Spencer's have done exceedingly well by coming in first in the first term's assessment. However, we are only in the lead by a small margin, and all boys must try to improve their form position so that we can retain our position at the top.

We must impress upon members of the House that our contribution to the School Charity was again unsatisfactory. We should like to see a far more generous response next term.

R.F.C.

WOODHAM'S

House Captain: J. J. Thompson. *Secretary:* J. T. H. Allen.

Captain of Cross-Country: K. Wright.

Captain of Swimming and Boxing: E. M. Bennett.

House Prefect: J. M. Ellis.

Towards the end of last term the House Rugby XV showed that it was the side with the best team spirit and stamina in the School by gloriously defeating a strong Edwards' side in the final of the competition by the convincing score of 15-0. Congratulations to all concerned.

We also proved our prowess in the Cross-Country competition when the combined team efforts of Wright (captain), Ellis, Husband and Dyson managed to win us second place. A little more enthusiasm from the juniors might well have given us victory.

This term's Charity collections were well-supported by the House, and we kept our record of heading the list of donors.

After the preliminary rounds of the Boxing competition we seem to be having rather mixed fortunes, but hope that in the next issue of the magazine we shall be able to record another victory in the competition.

Several members of the House have entered for R.L.S.S. examinations to be held at the end of term, and under the guidance of Bennett progress is being made.

At the time of going to press the House Junior Rugby competition had not started, but several successful practices have been held, and it seems that the captain, Brown, will have a strong team to back him.

As usual, we have many representatives in the School Orchestra and choir who practise hard, and thus the School Concert ought to be successful.

Though we seem to be an excellent all-round House, we are not beyond improvement, especially in the sphere of classwork. For this the juniors are responsible, and we urge them to put an extra effort into their academic work, as well as to support House and School activities more enthusiastically. Remember, we want the Jubilee Cup next term!

J.T.H.A.

ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS

"PER ARDUA"

The countryside was bleak and barren, but here and there a few bushes or trees were to be seen. The ground was coarse and windswept, littered with rough stones and rocks, and, in places, sodden from the heavy downfalls of sleet. There was sleet falling and an icy wind was blowing.

Suddenly, a line of figures could be seen on a distant ridge. The elements seemed to conspire against them, but they struggled on, looking tired and practically exhausted, wondering whether they would ever reach their objective. They plodded on, crossing every obstacle with great difficulty. Some were so tired that they could not jump over a stream but just strode through it, climbing wearily up the opposite bank, and pressing onwards.

The leader disappeared from sight, and, one by one, the rest disappeared after him, behind a copse. After a short time the

column appeared again, and it seemed to be travelling faster than before. Had the leader seen his destination? As he ran he could hear the instructions he had received on setting out—"You must reach the village before them at all costs!"

By now it could be seen that every step they took was agonising, but they carried on, putting every last ounce of energy into one last spurt for their destination. The leader had already reached his goal—the Junior Cross-Country was won.

D. Wintersgill (4A).

"A TOOTH FOR A —?"

Each age has had its own peculiar way of torturing its fellow-beings. Ancient Athenians were sent as tributes to Minos where they were forced to enter the Labyrinth, a maze in which the monster, Minotaur, devoured them. In Roman times, slaves had to fight gladiators and wild beasts in the arena. During mediaeval times there were the Rack and the Maiden. The Holy Office of the Inquisition developed an interesting technique of its own. The eighteenth century Navy had keel hauling; and now, in the twentieth century, we have the dentist.

Usually indicating the whereabouts of his chamber of horrors is a brass plate, simply announcing his name, but the ancient torturers were more honest; they put an inscription over the entrance—"Abandon hope, all ye that enter here."

The potential victim slowly mounts the steps to the Bastille. After a few moments of hesitation he plucks up enough courage to ring the bell. The chief assistant torturer opens the door in anticipatory sadism and asks if he has an "appointment." He would love to answer, "No," and run for it, but he knows he would have to come again when the hot tea or the East wind next entered the cavity, so he throws out his chest in false bravado, and whispers, "Yes." It is then that he regrets not telephoning to say that he was dying, or even dead.

"Come this way," said the spider to the fly, which is ushered into the ante chamber of the torturer, and there he see five others before him. He smiles at them pathetically; they return apprehensive grimaces.

Sitting down, and opening a decaying copy of "Punch," he reads for a while and then glances round. All the others are pretending to read, but in reality their ears are at full cock, fearfully anticipating the screams and cries from the sacrificial altar.

The door opens. "Next, please," He is now the fourth. His knees quiver and butterflies perform acrobatics in his stomach. That victim is soon disposed of. Now he is the third. The next

two go in together! He is the next but one. His fellow sufferer, with the look of the slave about to enter the arena, glances at him and breathes, "Moriturus te saluto!" He is the next.

The thought of escaping while he can comes into his mind, but he has left it too late now, for the spritely step of the assistant torturer is heard at the door. His chance has gone.

"Next, please!"

C. E. R. B. Frost (L5Y).

THE STORM

Thor in his anger strides the skies,
The whole earth trembles and waiting lies,
Till the sudden flash of searing light
Severs the storm clouds poised for the fight.

Wild winds sound the bugles; the enemies clash
And the heavens re-echo the sounding brass,
As sword meets sword in mighty thunder,
And the might of the skies is burst asunder.

The thunder rolls, the lightning flashes
As, steel to steel, the armour clashes;
The War God's army in battle array
Assembles its forces and enters the fray.

Above the earth the sound on high
Of clashing armies rends the sky,
Till the War God pauses and calls a halt
To the tumult blazing across the vault.

C. J. Flemming (4A)

MOUNTAIN RAILWAYS

On our holidays last year in Switzerland my parents and I had to use a cable railway called the Schatzalp Bahn. This railway is owned by an hotel and used to take tourists both to the hotel and to the higher slopes of the Schatzalp, which in winter are famous ski runs.

We paid our fares and one by one took our places for chairs. When each chair arrived, a passenger jumped in, was whisked off his feet, and had his safety-belt fastened. His nearest neighbour was about fifty yards in front or behind him! When the railway stopped, which it did frequently, the chair swayed, and I felt most insecure so far above the ground—though the view of the surrounding mountains and valleys was wonderful.

On another day we rode in another cable railway up to 7,000 feet, where we changed to another train which climbed higher—sometimes through tunnels made in the mountain side. At intervals there were huge wooden structures to prevent avalanches of snow from blocking the line in winter.

Both trips were interesting, though at times they were a little too exciting.

I. Hartwell (4A)

"COMES THE BLIND FURY . . ."

Mr. Willis sat down at his desk, pulled out a flattened packet of cigarettes, lit one, drew in his breath, snatched the cigarette from his lips, and flattened it in an ashtray already full. Mr. Willis was nervous; that was only to be expected for he was going to commit a murder. He did not think much of murder as a trade, or even as a hobby, as the hours were long and unpensioned retirement often sudden—but in his case it was sheer necessity. The victim was an unpleasant individual who, over the previous eighteen months; had caused a rapid diminution in Mr. Willis' bank account; and all because he had found out about one of Mr. Willis' youthful indiscretions. In short, Mr. Theodore Smith, an uncouth American, was blackmailing Mr. Willis, who had been prepared to pay for the rest of his life. However, now that Janie, his daughter, was to marry, Mr. Willis could not risk exposure for her sake.

He glanced at his watch—it was 5-55 p.m. In five minutes Smith would arrive: before midnight he would be dead. Willis shivered. From an inside pocket he took an unopened packet of chewing gum and gazed at it reflectively. It merited attention, for it was poisoned. Mr. Willis planned to change the doctored packet for the one Smith habitually carried in his jacket pocket.

At exactly six o'clock Smith strode into the room. He was a short, broad-shouldered young man, with dark wavy hair which seemed to object to the pressue of the cream coloured trilby which surmounted it. His tie was the colour of the yolk of an egg and was framed by a dark blue shirt and a bottle green suit. He grinned unpleasantly at Mr. Willis and deigned to remove his hat. Mr. Willis nodded to him and Smith came over, sat on the edge of the desk, and selected a cigarette. He scraped his thumb nail across a match head, lit the cigarette, and squinted at Mr. Willis through a cloud of blue smoke. He spoke out of the corner of his mouth.

"Toined up agin like that ole bad penny," he said, nasally. "O.K., give," he snapped, in the style of his favourite Hollywood gangster.

Mr. Willis took a wad of notes from a desk drawer; they were all old ones. Smith counted them and his capacious wallet swallowed them.

"Nasty doity stuff," he grinned. "Don' wanno git no nasty goims." He crossed over to a wash basin which was partitioned off from the rest of the office, hung his jacket on a hook on one of the screens, and began to wash his hands. He did this regularly on every visit, and it was what Willis was waiting for. He crossed the room, changed his packet of gum for that in Smith's pocket, and went back to his seat at the desk.

He grabbed a cigarette and lit it with difficulty, since his fingers seemed unwilling to hold the match. He was frightened. He inhaled so deeply that he gasped. He breathed out slowly and pressed his hands flat on the desk to stop them quivering.

Smith emerged from his ablutions, rolling down his shirt sleeves. He grinned. He always grinned. He flicked the abominable trilby on the back of his head with a manicured forefinger, grinned again, and said, "Be seein' ya."

He was gone, leaving Willis blaspheming at the cigarette which had burned down to his fingers.

Smith walked down the narrow stairs and strode out into the wet night. He walked swiftly the two blocks to where he had parked his car, and slid into the driving seat alongside the only other passenger, a young brunette.

"Hi," he grinned, and took out a black enamelled cigarette case with gilt initials in one corner.

"Cigarette?"

She shook her head.

"Gee, ah forgot," he said, "ah've some gum here, Janie. Have a chew instead." He dropped an unopened packet of chewing gum into her lap, and let in the clutch.

H. Brooks (L6 M)

LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA

I. A. Young, of Killara, N.S.W. Australia, wrote to the Headmaster in January, and his letter included the following:—

"Although keen rivalry between Melbourne and Sydney remains a part of the Australian outlook, we in the premier city were delighted to know that Melbourne made a particularly good job of staging the Games. I tried very hard to get down there but could not manage to get time off from business. Being very interested in small-bore shooting and holding several executive positions in the sport in N.S. Wales, I attempted to find myself an official's job, but this had been taken care of by the Victorian folk. I even went as far as to try and shoot my way into the Australian team but was eliminated in the N.S.W. trials. I am a pretty successful prone shot, but positional matches are most difficult and require a long period of training and practice.

Faced with the prospect of seeing nothing of the Games, I purchased a TV set and thoroughly enjoyed viewing films on all aspects of the Games in the comfort of my home, and at the same time gave pleasure to a number of friends. Television is still in its infancy here, and very few people have been able to afford sets which cost about £225 installed, complete.

Copies of the "Red Rose" now arrive frequently, and reading them does tend to lessen the tremendous gap of distance between Killara and the School. The analysis revealing just where the boys go when they leave is very interesting, and I am pleased to see only a small percentage taking up clerical work. As far as I can see, Australia is a land for the professional man and the tradesman. With all work becoming very scientific these days, it is no wonder that one has to specialise to do any good. As for myself, I have specialised in public relations work and selling the "invisible" commodity of Fire and Accident Insurance, and have been an Inspector for four years now. The prospects are excellent, and very shortly I will become a Resident Inspector in one of the country towns to service a large and expanding portion of this State. Some companies would give this job the title of Local Manager, but I think the less grandiose "Resident Inspector" is more fitting. I have only one regret as far as my life is concerned, and it is that I did not take advantage of the opportunities given for a University course and degree. No doubt about it, a B.Sc. offers unlimited scope everywhere."

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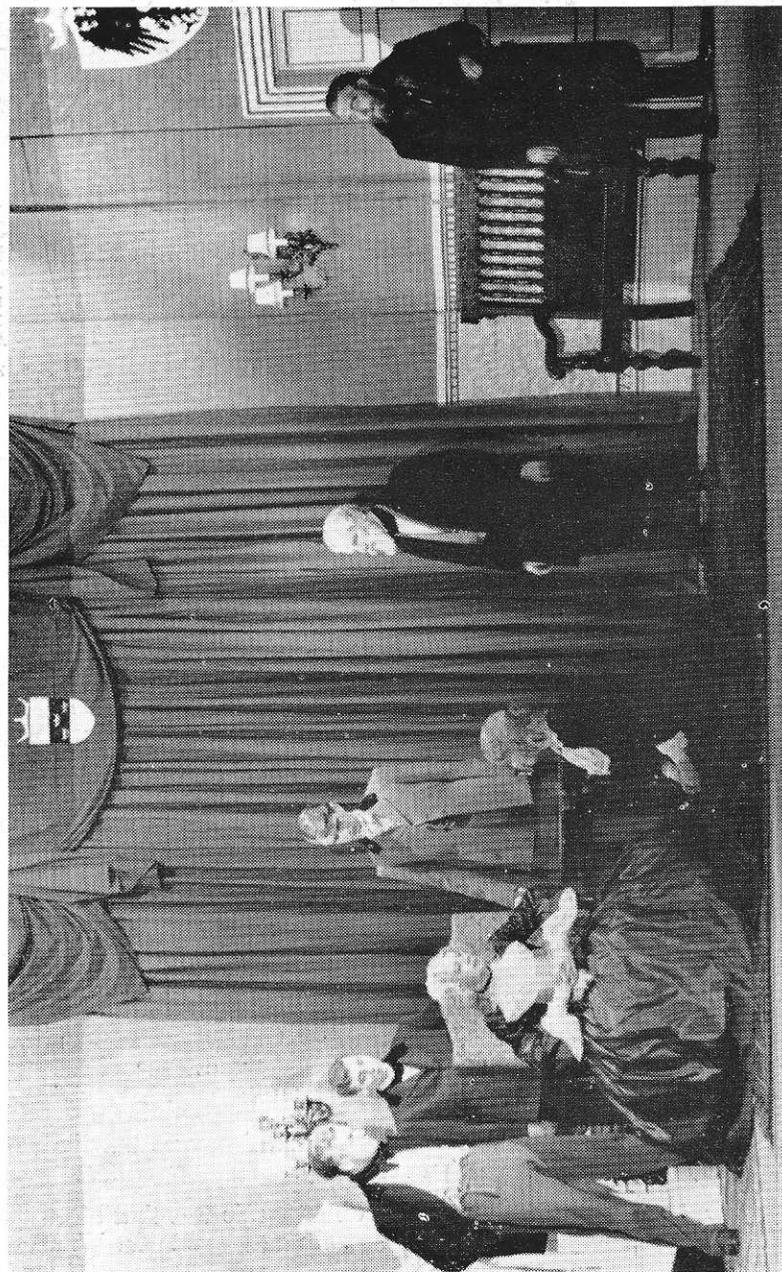
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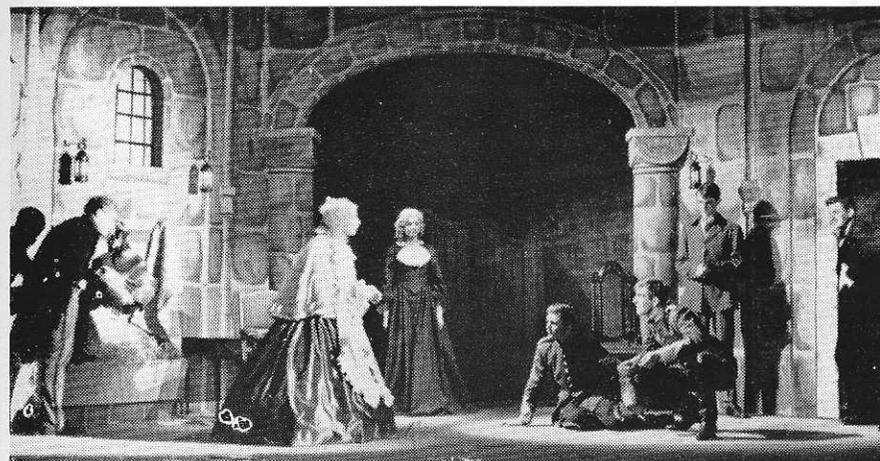
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In playing Richard Gettner it is necessary to make his personality sufficiently attractive for us to remain interested in his future, and to understand why the Countess in her apparent wisdom herself remains interested. R. Armstrong approached this task with a mature appreciation of its difficulties. Physically he is not very mobile, but when not called upon to move about his acting assumes an arresting quality of control. He used his hands expressively and his face eloquently and his voice, though shrill in moments of excitement, was well produced. This was an intelligent performance.

Countess Rosmarin Ostenberg was finely played by R. Williams, who sustained a remarkable depth of feeling. With sensitive flutterings of his hands and movements of his head he compensated for a slight lack of colour in his voice. He avoided pathos in the illness of the Countess, and tragedy in her death. He allowed the music of the lines to carry him from sentence to sentence without sacrificing their meaning. He, too, showed an impressive maturity of approach.

The parts of Colonel Janik and Count Peter Zichy were taken by H. Brooks and R. B. Furness. As the man of war forced by circumstance to requisition the house where once he had been a guest, Brooks was entirely convincing. The man of peace was very neatly underplayed by Furness. With his air of competence and quiet he was an admirable foil to the temper and temperament of Gettner.

As the two guards, P. N. Heyes and D. R. Dixon both made an impression of awkward and uneasy self-possession. They handled the singing and dancing very well, quickening the pace of the second act towards an effective climax.

The three soldiers were played by P. J. Travis, S. T. Coley and D. R. Warburton.

The set for acts one and three was delightfully understated, suggesting opulence with a wealth of simplicity. The complicated brickwork of the stable set for the second act was, however, rather too busy, and at times the cross-lighting left sudden and disconcerting shadows across the faces of the players. The delaying of the curtain at the end of the act seemed to give it a significance it does not possess. The music was indispensably unobtrusive.

"The Dark is Light Enough" was extremely imaginatively produced and capably acted. It was altogether a very interesting production of a very interesting play.

J.S.

SOCIETY REPORTS

DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: G. A. Wade.

Secretary: J. K. Stuart

Vice-Chairman: A. Roberts.

Committee: R. Armstrong, R. F. Chapman, J. C. Pond,
P. G. Davies.

On November 16th, the junior school made ample use of its opportunity to display its capabilities, when it gave an excellent performance of the one act play, "The Little Man," which merited congratulations for all concerned.

On November 23rd, we discovered that the School is not, for the most part, plagued by any terror of the supernatural, when the joint efforts of Messrs. Chapman and Jackson, despite the appearance of a mysterious object, whose name, we were told, was "Claude," failed to carry the motion "That this House is afraid of Ghosts," before the opposition of Messrs. Knowles and Meadowcroft.

It would appear, from the Junior elocution contest, that the lower half of the School is not beset by that apathy which is so marked a feature of many of the activities of the Senior School, since, this year, the competition was notable, not only for the usual high standard of recitation, but also for the exceptionally large number of entrants. The first prize was awarded to Bennison of TrX, and the second to Travis of 4A.

January 11th witnessed the proposal, by Messrs. Furness and Davies, of the motion "That Television is a Social Menace," which was opposed by Messrs. Rodwell and Roberts. The somewhat juvenile audience made it quite clear, in the numerous speeches from the floor, of varying length and relevance, that they were fully conversant with all the less serious entertainment which was offered to them. It would appear that such entertainment did not meet with their approval, since the motion was finally carried by a large majority.

The highlight of the term was, of course, the Masters' Debate, which attracted a large audience, who heard Messrs. Jones and Coulson propose the motion that "Ignorance is Bliss," which was opposed by Messrs. Lord and Clough. The motion seems to have been judiciously chosen, for it afforded all four speakers an opportunity to air their knowledge of humorous anecdotes. Indeed the continuity of funny stories was only once broken, when an appeal was made by Mr. Clough for subscriptions to supplement the

pittance which constitutes the salary of the teaching profession. This appeal to the emotions must have softened the hearts of the audience, who finally rejected the motion by 65 votes to 35.

The Society would like to express their gratitude to Messrs. Herbert, Coley, Furness and Riding for their valuable assistance in designing and painting the posters which have constituted an affective method of advertisement.

J.K.S.

JUNIOR DEBATING COMPETITION

This term has seen the inauguration of a competition designed to stimulate an interest in debating in the School, and from the response received it is clear that, even at this early stage in the competition, it has been successful.

Entry has been limited to third and fourth forms and L5X; and each form has been able to enter two teams of two speakers.

During the preliminary rounds, on the 20th and 21st January, the standard of speaking was surprisingly good, though there were still too many speakers who relied on written speeches instead of notes. The four teams chosen to debate in the semi-final were: Hulme and Hollis (3X); Miller and Hunt (3X); Grime and Travis (4A); and Walker and Greenberg (4A).

The draw for the semi-finals has resulted in the two 3X teams opposing one another, and in a 4A debate, so that the final must be between 3X and 4A. From what has been heard so far, both these debates, and the final, will be of a high standard. All those who entered for the competition deserve to be congratulated on their performances.

CHRISTIAN UNION

Chairman: G. A. Wade.

Secretary: J. K. Stuart.

Committee: R. Williams, P. Rigby, Middleton, Lowe, Peet.

We have had only two meetings so far this term, the first of which took the form of a discussion on the problem of divorce, and the attitude which the Church ought to take towards it. The conversation, which was at times extremely lively but none the less productive of sound ideas, developed eventually into a direct conflict of opinion as to the desirability of the present system—whereby the Church has instituted, as the foundation of its policy towards divorce, certain set rules, by the transgression of which an offender incurs punishment in such forms as banishment from the Communion Table. Some favoured the continued existence of

such rules; others thought them to be of a purely negative character, and that a more positive approach would be an advantageous innovation. We agreed to differ.

The 25th February witnessed a Brains Trust, the panel comprising Mr. W. Lord, Mr. Drake, B. O. Cookson and J. K. Stuart. Although the flight of time compelled the team to restrict themselves to relatively few questions, those which received their attention were dealt with thoroughly and thoughtfully, and we are very grateful to all who took part.

J.K.S.

THE LIBRARY

Senior Librarians: J. T. H. Allen, B. D. Cookson, D. R. Dixon, A. Rodwell.

After cataloguing all the volumes kindly presented last term, we are confronted with a large box of books given by D. R. K. Seddon, an old boy of the School. To him we are most grateful. We extend our thanks to Mr. Lord and S. H. Green for other books.

We have also to record the introduction of a weekly magazine: "The New Scientist."

The Librarians.

MUSIC SOCIETY

Whenever anyone asks what is to be played at the next annual concert the main question, more often than not, is "What is the main choral and orchestral item?" This year the answer to the question will be, "King Estmere," by Gustav Halst."

The performance of this work takes at least twenty minutes, but its enjoyment is sustained throughout. Rousing melodies and lively choral episodes make the piece excellent for performance by School musicians, and we have had many hard but enjoyable practices in order to realise our ambitions.

But, besides "King Estmere," the orchestra have been practising enthusiastically Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1 in C, in which M. Goodridge plays the solo part. We are confident that his sure fingers will ensure another success and heighten the enjoyment of the concert. Movements from Haydn's "London" Symphony are also being practised.

In addition, the choir is devoting some of its attention to shorter individual songs, but, of course, most of its efforts will be expended upon "King Estmere."

Later on this term members of the Society will pay a visit to the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, to hear an orchestral concert.

In conclusion, it is sad to realise that many of our most capable musicians will be leaving us this year; and more deplorable, that there are few who are interested in learning to play instruments, especially violins. More junior boys should at least try to play an instrument—they will be depended on to form the orchestra one day—and much fun is to be had in the Society.

J.T.H.A.

C.E.W.E.

Chairman: G. A. Wade.

Secretary: J. K. Stuart.

Librarian: R. Williams.

Foreign Correspondent: K. Milne.

Committee: Mr. Lewis, P. Pond, R. Armstrong.

The outstanding feature of this year's activities was, of course, the expedition, made by a small party, to the Christmas Holiday Lectures, in London. The subject under examination was the North American Continent, the lectures on which were informative, interesting, usually intelligible and clearly the work of men of experience. The questions which followed were fruitful and well considered, although somewhat tinged with a certain occult spirit of bitterness—the inevitable product of recent Anglo-American relations. The discussion groups which were a supplementary item on the programme, enjoyed only slight attention, having to compete with the more luxurious pursuits of the city. Generally speaking, however, despite some inconvenience with regard to accommodation, and the possibility that our young and impressionable minds may have been corrupted by the vendors of Communist propaganda, who maintained a constant siege of the Central Hall, the visit was highly successful and well worthwhile.

On November 7th, a small group of members availed themselves of the opportunity to put questions to a New Zealand journalist and traveller, who had, in the afternoon, given a talk to the whole School on "Malaya".

On November 23rd, we found that the feeling of the Society was against the recent British action in the Middle East, when J. K. Stuart failed by 9 votes to 6 to carry the motion "That this House approves of the British action in Suez," before the opposition of G. A. Wade.

It was decided to devote this term's activities to a study of Africa, with special reference to the British sphere of influence; on January 22nd, therefore, J. K. Stuart gave a short talk on

Nigeria, which was followed by a discussion, which, though effecting no positive resolution, was valuable in that it gave all the small audience an opportunity to speak.

On the 12th February, we made a consideration of the outlook in Africa as a whole, in a discussion, led by G. A. Wade, under the title "Can Africa be held for the West?" In the truly British spirit of idealistic, but somewhat unrealistic, optimism, it was decided that Africa could, in fact, be retained in the democratic camp, although no solutions were suggested which could, in the immediate future, solve the many pressing problems in the continent, which threaten to thwart that aim.

South Africa was the topic of the discussion, again led by G. A. Wade, on February 26th. Here again it was clear that members realized fully the immensity of the problem, that they had little or no idea of positive action, and that they optimistically presumed that at some time in the distant future, the hand of providence would solve the question.

J.K.S.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Chairman: J. D. Lewin.

Vice-Chairman: J. C. Pond.

Secretary: P. S. L. Booth.

Projectionist: S. H. Green.

Committee: P. N. Heyes, G. F. Jones.

The meetings of the Society this term have all been of general interest and deservedly well attended.

The first lecture of the term, on January 15th, was on "Science in the Food Industry", given by Mr. Humphries, from Reece's, of Liverpool. He described the duties of a scientist in the food industry, which consist of inspecting samples of food for harmful bacteria, which cause food poisoning.

On January 29th, Mr. Pennington, on behalf of The English Electric Company, gave a very interesting talk on "Jet Propulsion." With the aid of slides he described the principle of the jet engine, and described how the engine was modified for propelling aircraft at different speeds. The meeting ended with the showing of a film entitled "The Gas Turbine."

The last meeting to date was on February 12th, when Dr. Colledge, from the I.C.I., gave a well informed lecture on "A Background to Plastics". He gave a short account of the development and manufacture of plastics, illustrated by several samples. A colour film called "P.V.C.", dealing with the manufacture of poly-vinyl chloride, was then shown.

The next meeting will be the Chairman's lecture on "Light". This will be followed by an Experimental Evening and a film show.

P.S.L.B.

THE THORNLEY SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster.

Chairman: C. A. Whitehead.

Secretary: J. T. H. Allen.

Committee: W. E. Brookfield, G. F. Jones.

This term the activities of the Society have been mainly indoor. But this does not mean that the lure of the hills is dwindling in us, for a rock-climbing expedition has been planned for Easter.

On January 28th the President kindly gave a lecture to members of the Society and to many other enthusiastic boys. He began by showing several photographs taken in the Alps during the previous summer, and former summers, to illustrate his lecture.

Two films followed, one on rock and snow climbing in the Rockies, the other of a mountain of North Wales with which several members are familiar—Tryfan. At the end of the meeting, interested boys were asked to submit their names if they wished to join the climbing expedition at Easter.

As a result of this invitation, a party has been formed, and we intend to assemble at the Robertson Lamb Hut in the Langdale Valley in the Lake District, to begin on April 7th, our active summer season.

J.T.H.A.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Chairman: A. Rodwell.

Secretary: J. Belcher.

Treasurer: P. Knight.

Committee: C. Gillett, A. Jones, M. Little, I. Rimmer, D. Salmon.

This term we have had some very interesting lectures illustrated by film-strips, and we hope to hold some more next term. The committee members who gave these were: M. Little, who lectured on "Making the Most of Your Camera"; P. Knight, on "A Peep Behind the Scenes"; and C. Gillett, on "Milestones of Photography".

Mr. J. S. Christopher gave us a lecture on Cinematography. The points he explained he made doubly clear with all the gadgets and equipment he brought. He also showed some slides and two films. We sincerely thank him for all the trouble he went to in arranging this lecture.

At the time of writing there still remains one more meeting; that is the Headmaster's lecture on Pictorial Photography, to which we all look forward.

J.B.

CHESS CLUB

At the beginning of this term Mr. Clough took over the Chess Club from Mr. Lessiter. Mr. Lessiter has done much for School chess and the Chess Club; we should like to express our thanks on behalf of chess players, past and present, for his services.

The House Chess Competition was again won by Leech's last term. School matches last term were quite successful: an Under 15 team defeated Meols Cop 6-1; the School team defeated Meols Cop (away) $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$; and also interrupted a long series of defeats by beating Ormskirk G.S. 5-2 at home.

This term, however, we were defeated at Ormskirk $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$; but, at home, managed to hold a strong Hutton side to a 3-4 defeat.

On the 23rd February the first School v. Staff match was played. A victory for the staff resulted; the Headmaster, Mr. Coulson, Mr. Drake and Mr. Flemming won their matches, and the School's winners were Roberts, Brookfield and Wilson.

The season is to finish with a 14-board match against Southport Chess Club.

A.R.

THE BEE CLUB

So far this term only one meeting has been held: this took the form of a film show.

Of the three silent films which were shown, two were concerned with the life of the honey bee. (One of them was a re-edited version of a German film.) The third film was in colour and was called "Summer Wings": it dealt more with the practical side of bee-keeping than did the others.

W.K.J.

THE ART SOCIETY

There have been the usual diverse activities at Art Society meetings this term with clay modelling, lino-block printing and script lettering becoming increasingly popular.

Membership continues to increase and now numbers nearly sixty. This large number cannot be accommodated in the Art Room, and it is many ways fortunate that a proportion of Art members are "drafted" into the choir on alternate Thursdays.

Despite the large number of members we should welcome a few more from the middle school. Seniors we now have in plenty; some of them are to be seen assisting younger members with their drawings—others just standing about, amazed at the ability of "first years" to draw anything from horses to helicopters.

The Society has now reverted to its form of one weekly meeting, Thursday, at 4-10 p.m. The extra meeting operating on Tuesdays was only a temporary measure and has now been discontinued.

SCOUT TROOP

Scoutmaster: Mr. H. H. Long.

Assistant Scoutmaster: Mr. D. A. Garnett

Patrol Leaders: R. F. Chapman (Lions), P. N. Heyes (Otters), D. Reid (Eagles.), R. B. W. Furness (Curlews).

We must remember two faithful Scouts who left our troop last summer, namely Nyman and Dalby. Nyman had attended all our summer camps since the re-formation of the troop, and he was Troop Leader for two years before he left. Both were Patrol Leaders and Queen Scouts.

The number of Scouts in the troop has fallen this term, but we hope that this is only for a short while, and that everyone will display the enthusiasm that will encourage others to join. At the moment there are more juniors than seniors. This is a stage through which all troops must pass at some time or another, and we know that in the future, when all these juniors are older, the troop will greatly benefit. They have certainly made steady progress in tests. Taylor R., White, Delahunty, Fairclough and Hunter have all passed Second Class tests. Amongst the seniors, Carey, Reid and Smedley have passed First Class tests, and we must commend Reid on attaining his Ambulance Badge.

Reid, who was Second of the Curlews, has been promoted to Patrol Leader of the Eagles; Smedley is his Second. Palmer has taken over Reid's old position, and D. B. Taylor is Second of the Otters. Congratulations to these boys, and may they look to their new duties in a true scouting manner.

Chapman and Heyes have been very busy decorating the Scout Room. The top and walls are in Ice Blue, the dado in Blueberry, the end wall is Mustard, and the door, Cardinal. Other woodwork is in cream. We should like to thank Mr. N. Harrison for his artistic advice in selecting the colour scheme.

Preparations are still going ahead for the open night at the end of term. Mr. Garnett is not yet in hospital suffering from the effects of producing a Scout Show. We are presenting a Pantomime, numerous sketches and musical items with a camp-fire to finish off, together with two films on Scouting. What we should do without Mr. Garnett goodness only knows. His infectious enthusiasm has provoked even the laziest of us to do some work.

We are very pleased to welcome Chadderton back to the troop as acting Assistant Scoutmaster. He has attended most of our meetings this term, and he plans to take a party of juniors hiking during the Easter Holidays. The seniors are planning a three day cycle ride into North Wales, besides one or two hikes.

Smedley must be commended on his splendid efforts to publish a Scout Magazine. He has put in a lot of hard work, and it is hoped that everyone will support him.

It is good to see White back at School, taking an active part in troop activities.

On Sunday, 24th February, we attended a service in the Gaumont Cinema, in commendation of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Robert Baden-Powell, our founder, and also to commemorate the Jubilee of the Boy Scouts Movement.

R.B.W.F.

BOXING CLUB

The Boxing Club continued for the first few weeks of term in its usual way, with an average attendance of about twenty boys, who spent their time training and sparring in the Gym. The new boxing ring seems to have given a great fillip to boxing in the School, and, because of its use in a number of P.E. periods, a number of seniors, who before had taken no interest in boxing, joined the club.

The Inter-House Boxing Competition, which was mainly supported by the Club members, had a favourable entry. Up to the time of writing the standard of boxing has not seemed to be so good as that of previous years, but this is made up for by the gameness of most contestants, especially the juniors.

The bout between C. F. Wilson (Ev.) and J. E. R. Smith (G.) was well above the usual standards of skill. Although the contest was fiercely fought, Wilson being the victory, the contestants showed no animosity after the bout: this sums up the true spirit of the School boxing.

J.O.K.

SPORT

RUGBY

Fist XV

v. Wallasey G.S. Lost 17-12.

After taking the lead early in the second half, the School side faded rather badly.

v. Blackpool G.S. Lost 10-6.

The School were ten points down at half-time and, despite continued attack by the School backs, lost a very close game.

v. Lancaster R.G.S. Lost 14-5.

The School lost a forward battle under rather poor ground conditions.

v. Ormskirk G.S. Draw 3-3.

The School side played well and managed to prevent the Ormskirk fifteen from repeating its victory earlier in the season.

v. Wigan G.S. Draw 5-5.

Under shocking ground conditions the School XV were unlucky not to come away with a victory, the forwards giving one of their best displays of the season.

v. Waterloo. Lost 11-0.

Under extremely bad weather condition the side put up a creditable performance against a heavier and more experienced side.

1st XV Critique

Green—A very strong and dependable full-back, whose tackling is of the highest standard.

Husband—A very fast and powerful winger, who will be of value to the School in future years.

Heeley—A clever centre who possesses a useful side-step and who tackles well.

Bennett—Tackles extremely well in defence and combines well in the centre.

Burgess—Another young player, who has shown great promise.

Ellis—Vice-Captain of the side, possessing a fine defence-splitting burst of speed.

Beattie—Has developed into a fine scrum half and gives a good service from the base of the scrum.

Large—Pack-leader and a very powerful mobile forward. Has led the pack well on all occasions.

Rimmer, F.—Has worked magnificently throughout the season; both his hooking and open play have been an inspiration to the whole side.

Pond—Previous to this season has had no rugby experience in any School side, but has developed into a hard working, vigorous forward.

Davies, M. K.—A good forward whose tackling improved as the season progressed. Has a safe pair of hands.

Watkinson—The line out specialist, whose forward play in general has been of the greatest value to the School XV.

Wright—A wing-forward who possesses much football ability, and tackles well in defence.

Lawson—Plays very hard, and has given of his best on every occasion. Tackles well.

Kissenisky—A hard, rugged player, whose covering in defence has prevented many tries.

Second XV

The Second XV have played six games since the last issue of the Magazine. The results give no indication of the good spirit existing in the team as there have been a good many changes, because of illness, in both First and Second XV's.

v. Lytham (H)	Won 12- 6
v. Calday (H)	Lost 0- 6
v. Blackpool (A)	Lost 5-17
v. Ormskirk (H)	Won 38- 5
v. Wigan (H)	Lost 0-13
v. Upholland (H)	Won 6- 0

Under 15 XV

This team began the season with the knowledge that they had lost every match they had played the season before as the Under 14 XV. However, after a number of positional changes had been made, and because one or two boys had come on rather well in the meantime, they have had a fairly successful season. They have played 10 matches, winning 5 and losing 5. After the first three matches had been played (and lost) a new spirit of determination seemed to be necessary, and it was this which really turned the side from a rather inferior one into a good one. Everyone found "something extra" to bring to his approach to the game and this started a run of wins. Success breeds confidence and, therefore, more experiments could be made; and the players were not afraid to attempt them. Probably Palmer was the most successful 'find' of the season. He was made into a full-back and has improved tremendously, so that he has given some almost superlative displays in this position. He is a keen student of the game and his positional play, handling and tackling have become exceptional. He has, however, to learn to make his angle and find touch more quickly. This change enabled Wilson to play as a centre three-quarter. He has an intelligent attitude to the game

and this was most useful. He has played some extremely good games this season. Hulm, J. has been tackling extraordinarily well and has often saved his side by his covering. It was a great blow to the side when he was injured whilst playing for a senior side. Turtle at scrum-half has also had a good season. He disciplined himself after a few games, so that his service to Hulm became quick and efficient. He is a fearless player who is quick to seize openings. Sutton, playing as a centre, added considerable vigour to the line and played well. Spencer, on the wing, developed control and made a number of good runs. If he could make himself a little faster off the mark he might become outstanding. Hind and Knowles also played in the backs and had some good games.

Amongst the forwards the front row deserves first mention. Ashton, Rawlinson, and Lloyd played magnificently. Rawlinson as hooker is still prone to the offence of most junior hookers in that he frequently has "foot up" but he has led his men very well, and out-hooked his rivals on many occasions. Lloyd and Ashton have been outstanding. They have played with tremendous gusto and their speed has been remarkable. They will obviously be most useful in Senior rugby next season. McMinn, playing as a wing forward, improved considerably. He is afraid of no one on the rugby field, tackles well and seems to play particularly well when his side is hard pressed. Rowlinson played good rugby and is unusually fast, whilst Johnston (after being moved from the backs) became a very useful lineout forward. Turner was always prominent particularly in lineouts, and Day, without being conspicuous, was on hand when needed.

The captaincy of the side was a joint one, being shared by Wilson and Hulm. This system seemed to work very well, and both made some excellent decisions on the field.

Results:—

v. Wigan G.S. (H)	Lost 3-51
v. Balshaws G.S. (A)	Lost 3-17
v. Cowley G.S. (H)	Lost 5-44
v. Liverpool C. (A)	Won 13- 6
v. Ormskirk G.S. (H)	Won 9- 5
v. Arnolds S. (A)	Won 30- 8
v. Balshaws G.S. (A)	Won 11- 6
v. K.E.S. (Lytham) (A)	Lost 0- 3
v. Ormskirk G.S. (A)	Won 3- 0
v. Stonyhurst C. (H)	Lost 5-21

Under 14 XV

This term the Under 14 XV played six games, of which four were won and two lost.

The strong team spirit which developed last term continued to be much in evidence, and as their match experience improved, so did their confidence in themselves and the general standard of play.

The three-quarters became much quicker off the mark and their passing more accurate and reliable. Tasker, always a very competent centre three-quarter, proved, in addition, to be an excellent captain. Mention must be made also of Keeley, who was quick to exploit any opening and whose kicking was a delight to watch, and of Martin, always aggressive in attack and a tower of strength in defence.

Many of the forwards, ably led by Jump, played consistently well. On occasions, however, their effectiveness was reduced by their preference to play as individuals rather than as a united pack.

v. Blackpool	Lost 9-16
v. Lancaster	Won 11- 9
v. Wigan	Won 16- 0
v. Chetham's	Won 25- 3
v. Stonyhurst	Lost 5-11
v. Liverpool College	Won 8- 6

Under 13 XV

Only two matches have been played this term, both of which were keenly contested. The team has played consistently well since its two set-backs last term, and has been undefeated in the last four matches.

The prospects for both next season's junior teams are bright, especially amongst the forwards. The main weaknesses lie in the threequarter line, which has not functioned as smoothly as one would have hoped. Several members of the team have already played regularly for the under 14 side, and four members of the second form have been tried in matches without any noticeable decline in the general standard.

Mention must be made of Shaw, who has proved himself a really excellent captain.

v. Bishop's Court (H)	Won 16- 0
v. Ormskirk (H)	Won 11- 5
v. Upholland (H)	Won 13-10

CROSS-COUNTRY REPORT

This term has seen two important events: a fixture with Merchant Taylors' at Crosby on January 26th, and the House Cross-Country Championships on February 14th and 15th. At Crosby we won the Under 14 event, with Hulme 1st and Wintersgill, M. 2nd; the Under 16's unfortunately lost, although Pond and Howgate were 2nd and 3rd. But we won the over-all contest on points.

The Junior House Championship on February 14th was won by Johnston of Evans' in the excellent time of 17min. 15sec., with Hulme 2nd and Martin 3rd.

The following day Kissenisky (Masons') won the Senior event, easily, from Pond and Howgate (equal second).

The final House placings were:—

1 Rogers'	5 Spencer's
2 Woodham's	6 Mason's
3 Evans'	7 Edwards'
4 Leech's	8 Grear's

We are looking forward to a return fixture with Merchant Taylors' on Saturday, March 9th, in Southport, and, we hope, to a fixture with Hutton Grammar School.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

NEWS OF OLD GEORGIANS

C. J. Allister (S) (47-51) has gained his Second Mate's certificate.

D. R. Binns (G) (45-52) has passed Part 1 of the final examination of the Incorporated Accountants' Society.

R. Duckworth (R) (40-47) has recently been made a Fellow in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons.

K. A. Farr (S) (45-51) and M. B. Solomon (R) (44-51) have passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

M. Glautier (S) (47-51) has been appointed Tax Officer Government Service in Rhodesia.

D. E. Langlois (L) (43-50) has taken up an appointment on the personnel staff of the Bahrain Petroleum Co., at Awali, Bahrain, Persian Gulf.

J. C. C. Meunier (S) (47-53), who has been studying Architecture at Liverpool University, is going to the internationally known architect Marcel Breuer, in New York, for office practice.

W. H. Scott (G) (33-40) has been appointed Reader in Industrial Sociology at Liverpool University.

D. A. Timperley (Ed) (46-51), student apprentice with the Liverpool N.W. Gas Board, has been awarded the Alfred Henshall Memorial Scholarship to enable him to continue a course of study at Leeds University.

R. D. Vernon (R) (42-48) received the Award of Merit at a passing out parade at Eaton Hall Officer Cadet School.

D. G. Wright (Ed) (42-47) has passed the Intermediate examination of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants.

MARRIAGES

D. J. Wareham to Sheila Fairhurst, at Victoria Methodist Church, on 26th December.

R. O. Jeffs to Joan Firth, at St. James' Church, on 5th January.

J. R. Wareing to Elizabeth Pendlebury, at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on 14th January.

SPORT

D. I. Kaitiff (M) (44-52) has won the Fencing Championship of all Scottish Universities.

The annual School swimming gala will be held on Friday, 12th July. It is hoped to arrange a School v. Old Boys swimming match on the next day.

A CAREER FOR YOUNG MEN THAT CARRIES

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