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EDITORIAL

A reasonable amount of original material was submitted for consideration for this term's Poultonian, but unfortunately not all of it, well intentioned though it was, was of a sufficiently high standard to deserve inclusion. We strongly urge all contributors to remember that though they may beat out an original idea whilst it is still white hot they must fashion its final shape at leisure.

Not even School Magazines are exempt from the pressure of rising costs, and the Christmas issue was a little larger and a good deal more expensive than usual. This is another reason why this term's Poultonian is fashionably slim. Perhaps, for some, this will be one of the more bearable consequences of the economic squeeze. Less pleasing to all concerned, but, we much regret, quite unavoidable, is the reluctantly taken decision to raise the cost of the Poultonian to two shillings.

BY THE WAY

At the end of the present term, Mr. E. Astell, after 38 years of service at Baines, is to retire. Appointed to the School in 1930, he has taught French and Latin during much of that period, being in charge of Latin for many years. He has been Senior Housemaster of Hodgson House since 1957. During the Second World War he was active in the Civil Defence Organisation, becoming Deputy Warden of the Central Division of Blackpool, and in the post-war period served for many years as a Civilian Instructor in the School A.T.C. Squadron.

He has always had a wide range of interests outside the orbit of his academic work, and disproves totally, if such proof be required, the erroneous idea that the Arts man cannot have inclinations towards, respect for and knowledge of Science. Mr. Astell has an extensive knowledge of engineering principles and practice over a wide field, and has always taken a particularly active interest in the School Model Engineering Society. His precisely engineered, accurate scale model steam engine, a real working model, has often been a popular and much admired exhibit at Society meetings. He

owns high fidelity radio equipment, much of which he has assembled himself with loving care and professional skill, and another interest that has afforded him hours of delight is amateur astronomy. A large part of his sophisticated equipment he has designed and built himself. On many occasions he has been very willing to advise and help members of staff, or to do for them those "tricky" little engineering jobs which require either equipment or expertise not commonly possessed, and the writer is one of many indebted to him for such a favour, which in his case restored to useful life an otherwise doomed item of domestic equipment.

Possessed of a capacious and well-stored memory, he has often shown himself to have a delightful, and at times, to those of us who have small Latin and less Greek, disconcerting facility for apposite quotation, and to be a mine of information on a great variety of miscellaneous subjects. The many boys whom he has taught throughout the years will have appreciated his patient and kindly tuition, and been aware of the painstaking scholarliness of his work with them. His staff colleagues will miss his forthright expression of opinion, and will no longer be able, when nice points arise, to "ask Zast".

"Jucundi acti labores," wrote Cicero. Mr. Astell takes with him the very best wishes of the School and the Staff for a long, full and happy retirement.

Mr. E. J. Slater has been appointed Head of the Mathematics Department in succession to the late Mr. G. L. Cardy. The School congratulates him, and offers him its best wishes in his new post.

To the Mathematics Department, in September, comes Mr. G. Purves, now completing his training at St. Martin's College, Lancaster, and on behalf of the School we welcome him and wish him every success.

As we go to press, Mr. D. G. Marsh enters hospital for an operation. He takes with him the warmest good wishes of the whole School for a speedy return to health.

Mr. Chettleburgh enjoyed some weeks of teaching practice with us at Baines, as we enjoyed having him with us. He has our best wishes in his future career.

Geoffrey Clarkson has been selected for the Lancashire County 2nd XI again this season, and has already turned in a number of good performances.

Lionel Tate, appointed to the *Financial Times* group in 1966 as data processing manager, is now in charge of their newly formed management services department. His work has taken him to the United States, France, Germany and Scandinavia, and he has given talks to bankers and universities, and presented papers at a number of Conferences.

David Flenley, having returned briefly to Edinburgh from San Francisco, is now completing his Medical Research Council Fellowship in Montreal.

Another Old Boy, I. Murphy, Outstanding Student of Carnegie College in 1966-67, has been appointed Assistant Director of Physical Education at Marlborough College. Congratulations to him on his success.

R. Hedgeland goes to Cambridge next term, and on behalf of the School we congratulate him and wish him well in his studies there. Not too much time at the Bridge table, Roger.

I. N. Holloway has attended a course at Harris College for two and a half years, and has now gained the Membership of the British Society of Scientific Glassblowers. We congratulate him on this achievement.

TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 1967-68

Summer Term: Re-open Tuesday, 30th April, 1968.
Close Thursday, 18th July, 1968 (noon).

Half Term: Closed for the week commencing:
Monday, 3rd June, to Friday, 7th June, 1968.
Plus one day's holiday, July 5th, 1968.

School re-opens on Thursday, 5th September, 1968.

THE HOUSES

Founder's House

The outstanding House match, against Hodgson Middle School, was a hard-fought game, which went to Hodgson. We had already won the Football championship, but the result was significant in determining the positions of the other Houses.

In the Cross Country event, we came second, in spite of winning the Senior and Junior events as regards points total. There were some excellent performances in the Senior event, and even an unfortunate disqualification made no difference to the final position. In the Middle School, some very disappointing runs proved to be decisive, and not even a very meritorious Junior Championship success by Fairclough could turn the scales. We have still to compete in the Athletics and Cricket Championships and such is the challenge to our position as reigning Cock House that nothing less than total effort and a sense of both corporate and individual responsibility will keep us ahead.

We wish success to all who are sitting the G.C.E. examinations, and we thank all who have worked for the House. To those who are leaving, we give the House's best wishes, and hope they will come in to see us whenever possible.

H.E.T.

Hibbert House

The Spring Term has seen two main sporting events, the P.E. and Cross Country Competitions.

The House came a rather disappointing third in the cross country results, in spite of the excellent performances of seniors S. Brown and Archer, and Middle School member Holden. A great triumph, however, was the P.E. Competition which we won by an extremely good lead. There were several outstanding performances, notably those of P. Rae, and Lofthouse, who is now Senior P.E. champion.

The Middle School football team managed to secure second place, making us overall second in the football results and also in the Cock House table.

We now look forward to a good result in Athletics and Cricket for, with a high score in these two events, we stand a good chance of becoming Cock House.

The House wishes to congratulate Hart, who succeeded Hedgeland as House Captain last term, and also wishes good luck to those who take their G.C.E. exams this summer.

D. R. SEAL, L IISc. I.

Hodgson House

This term has seen contested the P.E. Championship, the Cross Country Championship and the concluding matches of the House Football Championship.

After a convincing win by the Middle School football team in their last match, a very creditable third position in the overall championship was gained.

After a disappointing display in the P.E. Championship, the House made adequate amends by gaining first place in the Cross Country Championship. Although it was largely a spirited team effort special mention must be made of Leadbetter and Norwood.

We look forward to the House Cricket Championship in the latter half of the summer term.

A. N. BLYTHE, L VI Arts.

Whittington House

Since the last publication of the Magazine, the Cross-Country and P.E. Competitions have taken place, and the football contest has been completed. These have in no way enhanced our position, for in the football and cross-country we have come fourth. In the P.E. Competition, however, we gained third place.

The only individual placing we achieved in the Cross-Country was that of Livesey, who is Middle School Champion.

Although hope of being Cock House seems to have vanished, we must not be unduly pessimistic, for there is still last term's victory in the Swimming Sports, to take into account and the Cricket and Athletics Competitions are yet to take place.

A. D. TOWNSEND, L VI Arts.

191 SQUADRON A.T.C.

C.O.: F/Lt. SMITH.

Adj.: F/O RIDLEY.

The squadron has continued to enlarge upon its many achievements during the first half of 1968.

Sgt. Pegden has gained entrance to the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and we wish him all the best in this "foreign" service. Sgt. Gilbert and Sgt. Murty were awarded Advanced Gliding courses but unfortunately the weather prevented their completion.

The main event since Christmas has been the annual camp, which this year was at R.A.F. Thorney Island. During the camp the squadron was airlifted over Norway in a Hercules of Support Command, a total of four and a half hours' flying time. Also, cadets of the squadron distinguished themselves at shooting and swimming. R.A.F. marksmen badges were awarded to F/Sgt. Hart, Sgt. Gilbert, Cpl. Fisher, Cpl. Hanham, Cdts. Crawforth, Hulmes and Wilson. A.T.C. marksmen were Sgt. Murty, Cpl. Lees, Cdts. Ambridge and Hamer. R.A.F. swimming certificates were gained by C.W.O. Hedgeland (now left school), Cpl. Hanham, Cpl. Lees, Cdts. Culpin and Hulmes. The squadron also won the "inter-squadron" football competition and excelled by reaching the final of the rugby competition. It was thought by all to have been a very successful and enjoyable camp.

In the first week of the Summer Term the Wing Parade was held at Weeton Camp, but the Wing Sports, to be held on the same day, were postponed because of the weather.

In the near future the Second Annual Raft Race will be held. This event, although only in its infancy, has already gained immense popularity, and this year our crew hope to win, and not come a close second.

Finally, we sincerely thank our officers, F/Lt. Smith and F/O Ridley, for their continual support and help. We also wish all cadets who are leaving this year the best of luck in their future ventures.

F/Sgt. Hart, Cpl. Hanham.

ART CLUB AND POTTERY GROUP

The Club has been, as usual, quietly producing pictures and ceramic objects throughout the winter and spring terms. Attendance is small but of a dedicated and deeply interested nature. The intellectual, emotional and sometimes physical activity which the society offers brings great satisfaction to all participants and any boy with an artistic flair will be welcome on Tuesday evenings.

Our thanks, as always, to Mr. Ridley and Mr. Colledge for their advice and encouragement in all matters artistic.

R. H. MACCALLUM, U VI A.

SIXTH FORM EXHIBITION OF ART. 1967

Arranged by Mr. Ridley and Mr. Colledge, this event took place on Wednesday, 20th of December, in the School Library. Preparations had been in progress for about half a term, both on the administration side and on the creative side, where scholars from Arts and Science forms alike were seen working together to provide various "objects" for the exposition. The works of art were placed in the library the previous night, and to avoid undue congestion, a rota had been drawn up for visiting forms. The first year boys came during the first period, the second formers during the next and so on, leaving the sixth formers two periods (in theory) at the end of the working day.

Most of the exhibits were, of course, paintings. There was one rather disturbing pencil sketch, many paintings in water-colour, poster-paint and the occasional one in ink. Out of this section, there were two posters. One was obviously Art Nouveau (P. Thompson), and the other, by Jim Kingston, followed the 1967 "psychedelic" trend, and it depicted two pop groups. There were many colourful and gay abstracts, and the keynote seemed to be simplicity, brightness and contrast. Outstanding for its audacity was Kit Mackie's "Shades of Black," which was suprematist in style, seeming at first just to be a great, black oblong. I can assure the members of the school who were puzzled by this painting, that it was neither senseless, nor yet destructive.

There were a great many oil-paintings, and some in a new type of plastic paint also. There were three large size works in this section, and the two I liked best were the Op Art one by Clayton, Hanham and Tait, and one called "Quantum 3-4" by Goodwin and Holdsworth. Hard work had obviously gone into these two works. Only four of the smaller works in this section were not abstract. There was a landscape, a picture of a surf-rider (a firm favourite in the junior school), and two still lifes. There were abstracts and semi-abstracts galore, including one which bore a 15 gn. price tag.

In the centre of the library, a table had been set aside for the three-dimensional exhibits. All the pottery was by P. R. Maund, and his exhibits did him great credit. There was a huge silverish object from Pete Gilbert, which had most of us puzzled, until some wit among us suggested he put it back in the Biology lab. with the rest of the tropical plants. Two other exhibits which aroused interest were a smoothly sculptured work entitled "The Aintree Iron", and S. Rae's "Flower Power Giraffe." The latter was rearranged (probably by the same comedian who thought out the joke about Gilbert's tropical plant) in conjunction with one of Maund's pots. Enough said.

One very original 3D exhibit was Bob Nelson's collapsible (nay, collapsing) mobile. This hung from a lamp shade, and during the day fell down four times, and was reconstructed in four different shapes. A lot of work had gone into the making of this mobile, and as its creator was not always there to help put it back when it descended, this resulted in its frequent change of form.

On the whole, this was a very interesting exhibition, thanks to the efforts of the organisers and exhibitors, and every work, from Bellwood's copy of a Renoir to Lord and Gilbert's expanded polystyrene sculpture (with a very optimistic 750 gn. price tag) aroused some reaction in us all.

We hope to see more of this kind of exhibition in the years to come.

PAUL THOMPSON, U VI Arts.

CHEMISTRY SOCIETY

Since the last issue of the magazine there have been four meetings which have each attracted an audience of at least forty members of the school. We were pleased to see considerable interest from the Juniors.

The meeting in December consisted of a series of experiments to show the effect of catalysts. The action of iodine on aluminium in the presence of moisture was an effective and colourful demonstration. The unusual sequence of events in the oxidation of ammonia using a platinum catalyst was a fascinating spectacle. A short talk was also given about the nature of detergents. Brown, Phillipson and Fisher (U VI Sc.) were in charge, and two films entitled "Housing Solids", and "A World of Difference" were shown.

On the 22nd January two films, "What is Soap?" and "Detergents Up to Date" provided the main interest. The detergent film dealt with the manufacture of products which could be more easily destroyed by bacteria and thereby prevent the formation of large quantities of foam in rivers and at the sewage works.

Once a year a series of rather special experiments which delight a young audience are performed by the senior members of the

society. Gilbert, Maund and Holme (U VI Sc.) participated in the venture on the 12th February. The experiments were very successful despite one or two anxious moments by all concerned. The Thermo Reaction, Pharaoh's Serpents, exploding soap bubbles, the spontaneous combustion of phosphorus on filter paper, and the formation of vortex rings of phosphorus pentoxide as impure phosphine burned in air were some of the demonstrations.

The final meeting consisted of two films, one on the life of John Dalton and the other entitled "Chromatography". The latter showed how this special technique is used in separating and estimating the composition of mixtures and its applications to medicine in industry.

We should like to thank all those concerned with the running of the society, particularly Maund, who has been a keen and enthusiastic chairman, and Mr. Green for his help on all occasions and without whom the society could not function so successfully.

S. BROWN, U VI Sc II. J. H. PHILLIPSON, U VI Sc. II.

CHESS CLUB

Senior Captain: M. J. HART

Secretary: W. HANHAM

Chairman: P. TAYLOR

Treasurer: J. TAIT

The Chess Club has continued to prosper, playing a number of matches and being quite successful in them.

We were glad to see the juniors taking a more active part, and for this we have to thank Mr. Goulding, who organised a Junior League and Junior "Knock-out" cup competition. The winner of the Junior Cup was P. S. Davenport of 1M. The senior "Knock-out" cup competition has yet to be held.

We wish to thank Mr. Goulding for his continued support of the Club, and to thank him and the members of the team who put their cars at the team's disposal. We hope that the cost was not too great!

The Senior team was selected from M. J. Hart, D. Parr, D. Cowell, B. Johnson, R. Williams, J. Leadbetter, P. Taylor, W. Hanham, S. Brown, J. Tait, P. N. Gilbert, S. Varley and R. Fox.

W. HANHAM, U VI Sc. II.

SCHOOL CLIMATOLOGICAL STATION

Secretary: P. N. GILBERT.

Since the last report daily readings have continued and the observers have very rarely let us down, although we cannot say the same about the weather.

During last term the site and instruments were inspected by a gentleman from head office, who submitted a very favourable report about our observations.

During the course of this term the observers in the upper-sixth will be leaving us for richer pastures (A-levels!), and we thank them for their devotion to duty regardless of the unsympathetic elements of the atmosphere.

We welcome the new observers and congratulate M. R. Duty who will be taking over the prestigious (?) post of secretary from P. N. Gilbert.

Thanks go to all our observers and as always to Mr. Scupholme.

P. N. GILBERT, U VI Sc. II.

THE FYLDE INTER GRAMMAR-SCHOOL CHESS LEAGUE

Formed during 1967, the Chess League now has a good number of secondary schools participating. Teams represent the following school:

- *Baines Grammar.
- *Blackpool Grammar.
- *Arnold Boys.
- *Kirkham Grammar.
- *King Edward VII.
- *St. Joseph's College.
- *Arnold High.
- *Collegiate Girls.
- Fleetwood Grammar.
- Elmslie Girls.
- St. Catherine's.
- Hodgson.
- Layton Hill Convent.

(* are the original teams—the other five will join the league during the Autumn Term.).

The latest League Table is as follows:

	Boards played	won	lost	Points
St. Joseph's College	56	40	16	80
Arnold Boys	48	30	18	60
Baines Grammar School	48	27	21	54
Kirkham Grammar	32	24	8	48
Collegiate Girls	56	24	32	48
King Edward VII.	48	22	26	44
Blackpool Grammar	32	10	22	20
Arnold Girls	48	8	40	16

As can be seen the fixtures have nearly been completed—only five matches to be played in the League as a whole. These will have to be completed, probably by junior teams if seniors are involved in examinations, and this should be done by the end of June.

We would like to thank Mr. Goulding for his help in organising the League, adjudicating some of the boards, and collecting other results.

B.G.S., in third position in the Chess League, have a good chance of staying in this place.

B.G.S. fixture results have been:

v. Arnold High (Girls)	.....	Won 6½—1½
v. Collegiate Girls	.....	Won 5—3
v. Arnold Boys	.....	Won 5—3
v. St. Joseph's College	.....	Lost 4½—3½
v. Kirkham Grammar	.....	Lost 4½—3½
v. King Edward VII	.....	Lost 4½—3½

We have, therefore, only one match remaining—against Blackpool Grammar, (and the team is hoping for its first 8—0 victory).

We are looking forward to the final results.

R. WILLIAMS (League Secretary), U VI Arts.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: N. BURROWS

Secretary: J. BENNETT

A number of debates have been held since the last Society report, and, on occasion, attendances have been encouragingly high. An average attendance of about thirty rose sharply to well over fifty when the Society debated with uninhibited vigour the emotion-charged subject of Blood Sports. The proposers of the motion that Blood Sports should be abolished persuaded more than forty members to vote for them, and had the pleasure of winning handsomely. The motion that the British Police ought to be armed was more closely contested, but the most persuasive oratory added to sound argument failed to convince nearly thirty members, who rejected the proposers' motion by a majority of thirteen. The House was in some doubt whether it believed that Britain was becoming too American, and the majority that finally defeated the motion was very small.

Members have spoken confidently and in forthright terms, and without trace of selfconsciousness. They have been prepared to speak and to defend the positions they have taken up. Not always have they taken enough trouble to make sure that these positions were defensible. It is necessary in debate to try to foresee and forestall the arguments the enemy will use.

Burrows has acted as chairman with an enthusiasm which has sometimes precluded even a show of impartiality, and Bennett has kept the minutes conscientiously. We hope to see willing volunteers for official positions when the Society resumes in Autumn.

J.L.T.

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: J. A. LORD

Secretary: J. R. CATTERALL

By only the second day of the Easter term, the society had begun its activities with a fresh enthusiasm. With the earliest signs of spring already in the air, a party of thirty-four spruce and bold young men, led by a particularly spruce and bold Mr. Gregson, set out from Baines to join the Collegiate School Debating Society. We were very hospitably treated by the girls, and soon were enjoying tea, kindly prepared by the school's domestic science department. After tea, we were shown to the debating hall, where we found the girls strategically grouped together with an over-respectably wide corridor separating them from the chairs allocated to us. After suitable adjustments, Madam Chairman opened the debate and read out the motion, "This house considers that advertising is the consumer's worst enemy." Entertaining speeches and strong arguments were put forward by all four speakers, the two representatives from Baines being Mr. Lord, who opened the case for the proposition, and Mr. Gilbert, who seconded the opposition. When the debate was opened to the floor, it became more enjoyable as almost everyone contributed to the lively arguments which followed. At about 6 o'clock the debate was closed and the vote taken; the motion had been narrowly defeated.

Everyone had obviously enjoyed the debate, and we look forward to the girls' return visit, which we hope to arrange for the autumn term.

Two other debates have been held since the last report. At the first one, the motion was: "This house considers that the Law is becoming a threat to personal liberty."

Messrs. MacCallum and Maund proposed the motion, and Messrs. Cook and Armitage opposed it. In this debate, many of our new laws were examined in fresh aspects and their values were seriously questioned, with the result that the motion was carried.

The motion for the second debate arose from a controversial point raised in the previous one. It was "This house deplores racial discrimination". Proposers were Messrs. Leech and Pearson and opposers were Messrs. Duty and Woodward. This motion evoked very strong feelings and it was narrowly defeated.

On the whole, the society has been more successful this year than in recent years and every speaker has obviously put much work into the debates. The Lower Sixth form members have taken considerable interest, and there is every indication that the society will have even more success next year.

Once again, our thanks go to Mr. Gregson, whose advice and enthusiasm are invaluable and much appreciated.

J. R. CATTERALL, L VI Sc. II.

FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY

President: Mr. COLLEDGE

Chairman: T. ROBINSON

Secretary: P. THOMPSON

As in most societies, meetings have been suspended during summer term, because of the short time between the end of the Easter Holiday and the beginning of the G.C.E. examinations. We propose therefore to make this a report of the whole year's activity.

This has been the first year that the school has had a Folk Music Society, as well as the two traditional Music Societies. One main difference is that our society have managed to meet every week, on Mondays. We have endeavoured to present an extremely wide range of folk music, taking in such branches as Blues, Country and Western, Protest songs, and music from all over the world. We have also endeavoured to keep the members of the society informed on our activities—apart from the usual practice of having our weekly programme read out by the Headmaster during morning assembly, we have set up posters on the notice board at both schools. Often these highly colourful advertisements were changed weekly.

Our attendances have been mixed. Some artists have been presented to an audience of three, whereas others have received record attendance. Notable successes have been the meeting in which we played works by Bob Dylan, and the one where an original recording of Bev Alty (an old boy of this school who is now a top folk singer in New Zealand, where he does cabaret and Television work) was presented. Also the Christmas Ceilidh was well attended. A wide range of music was played and the meeting was full of the Christmas spirit. On that occasion we were visited by the Chairman of the society's first attempt in 1966-67, Mr. D. A. Rees, who is now at Bolton Technical College.

We would like to thank Mr. Colledge, on behalf of all our members, for his support, without which this society would not have been possible.

PAUL THOMPSON, Hon. Secretary, U VI Arts.

THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

Although we have not held any meetings at school this year, the society has been very active in its extra-mural organisation. The idea of holding soirées now seems a great success amongst our supporters; in the more intimate atmosphere of someone's sitting-room, it is easier to digest lengthy and difficult works than in the impersonal and acoustically curious Junior Laboratory.

Through the good graces of our supporters, we have been privileged to hear the complete Violin Sonatas of Beethoven, the opera "Leonora", conducted by Toscanini, as well as two

programmes devoted to Elgar and Vaughan Williams. Our thanks go out to Mr. Moulding, who has played host to us on two memorable occasions, and also to Messrs. West and Roberts for their advice and encouragement.

JOHN A. LORD, U VI A.

THE R.L.P.O. CONCERT AT PRESTON

Thanks to the good offices of the Education Committee, a party of first and second formers, controlled(?) by a small group of masters and prefects, avoided an afternoon at school on the twenty-ninth of November. Our journey to Preston was made in a specially chartered train, which proved a traumatic experience for all concerned. Oddly enough, none was mislaid on the way.

The programme was intended to introduce schoolchildren to the world of music, and for the most part, the items were well chosen. Sullivan's *Iolanthe* overture settled everyone down with its lighthearted playfulness, and the lively mood was maintained in Mendelssohn's *Italian Symphony* (first movement). Mair Jones gave a tasteful performance of Debussy's *Dances Sacré et Profane*, though one questions the suitability of this rather difficult music for such a young audience. The Roumanian Dances of Bartók followed, and despite the programme note to the effect that much of this great composer's music is too difficult, no riots were noticed.

Our afternoon concluded with the Henry V suite of Walton. Needless to say, the performance of the orchestra, under Charles Groves (who provided short introductions to all the pieces) was first class. Our thanks go to Mr. West and his colleagues, for making the day a success.

JOHN A. LORD, U VI A.

HALLÉ ORCHESTRA

On the evening of Sunday, 7th January, a small party of masters and boys took their seats in the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool, to witness a concert by the renowned Hallé Orchestra, expertly conducted by Maurice Handford.

The programme started ideally with an excellent rendering of our old favourite, the National Anthem. This was followed by a pleasant rendition of Vaughan Williams' *Overture, The Wasps*, after which was performed a number of Cornish Dances by Malcolm Arnold, in which all the instruments in the Orchestra "went to town".

The third piece of music was Elgar's *Variations on an original theme*, or "Enigma" Variations, and here the performance was superb, climaxed by Variation IX or *Nimrod*, in which "there is a feeling that the music has been lifted to another dimension".

At the interval we considered that we had heard the best, in the *Enigma* Variations, and that the final piece was likely to be an

anticlimax. How wrong we were! Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7* in A major completely changed our opinion, and it is sufficient to say that it was composed by a genius and performed by an expert.

We all enjoyed the concert immensely.

P. N. GILBERT, U VI Sc. II.

LOCOMOTIVE CLUB

This club was founded for railway enthusiasts of every description to enlarge their knowledge of locomotive practice and performance on British Rail and to foster a genuine care and understanding of railways. From the ranks of our junior locospotters perhaps a name fit to rank with Churchward, Stanier, Drummond or Gresley (Hooray!) will emerge.

Talks have been arranged on such diverse topics as 100 m.p.h. trains, the Midland, Spotters on the Eastern, and Pacifics. Each of us has his own pet hates and heroes—Blackies are no good! the Southern is awful, St. Gresley, the only decent enginemen are Highlanders, but like those of the enginemen themselves our differences are amicable.

At the end of December the club went to Carlisle with a pass to visit Upperby and Kingmoor motive power depots before steam engines finally gave way to diesel traction. I think all of us were saddened by the neglected lines of dead steamers waiting for the breakers' yard. In the Fylde region—the last stronghold of steam power in the country—the end is in sight as this goes to press. The club is therefore going to Carnforth soon to visit one of only three "graveyards" left in the country. A trip is also in the offing to either Birmingham or the East coast main line (to see some real railways!).

We have had some fascinating problems set on the causes of the railway accidents at Thorpe and Armagh. In addition our knowledge of railways was thoroughly tested in a Christmas quiz which was won—just—by O'Keefe of 2X. His prize was a Combine.

K. TAIT.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

President: I. N. HOLLOWAY, L VI Sc. II.

Chairman: I. MITCHELL, V S.

Throughout the Spring term the Photographic Society concentrated mainly on the more advanced aspects of Photography. These included the techniques of Photomicrography and Stroboscopic photography.

We also demonstrated and had numerous lecture films on: the preparation of black and white transparencies, colour photography and the manufacture of photographic reagents, paper and

film. The senior members gave many demonstrations on subjects varying from:

"How Photography Began" to "Intensification and Reduction Techniques in Modern Photography."

During this term we are hoping to make an 8mm. colour cine film on Transistors and Various Semiconductor Devices, if we can obtain sufficient support from the senior members of the school.

Attendances at the meetings have been, on the whole, very good, and a great deal of interest has been shown by the juniors.

We thank Messrs. Moulding (Hon. President), Scupholme and Chettleburgh for their invaluable help throughout the term, and also certain members of the society for donating pieces of apparatus for Society use. We look forward to your continuing support throughout the coming school year.

N. HOLROYD, IV S, Secretary.

TABLE TENNIS SOCIETY

Secretary and Captain: W. HANHAM Chairman: P. N. GILBERT

Treasurer: M. J. HART

The society has continued to meet and will do so right up to the end of term.

The membership has been slightly enlarged, enabling a division to be made in the league, in the hope of increasing competition. Up to the time of writing this report, our newly formed team has played four matches, two against Fleetwood G.S. and two against St. Chad's Youth Club. In both cases the team won once and lost once. I hope to be arranging the deciding matches in the near future.

The team, in each case, was selected from M. J. Hart, W. Hanham, J. Leadbetter, P. Taylor, J. Tait, P. N. Gilbert and N. Haworth.

Finally I thank the members for their regular attendance throughout the year.

W. HANHAM, U VI Sc. II.

FOOTBALL, 1967/68

Second Eleven

Captain: M. J. PORTER.

RESULTS FOR THE SEASON:

v. Clitheroe (home)	....	....	....	....	Drawn	5—5
v. Barrow (away)	....	....	....	....	Won	1—0
v. Bolton (away)	....	....	....	....	Lost	1—8
v. St. Martin's (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	5—3
v. Poulton T.C. (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	7—1
v. Bury G.S. (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	3—2
v. N. Manchester G.S. (away)	....	....	....	....	Drawn	4—4
v. Burnley G.S. (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	3—0

v. Rivington and Blackrod (home)	....	....	....	....	Drawn	3—3
v. Burnley (away)	....	....	....	....	Lost	0—1
v. Morecambe (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	4—3
v. Rivington and Blackrod (away)	....	....	....	....	Won	3—1
v. Bacup (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	4—2
v. Accrington (home)	....	....	....	....	Lost	0—2
v. Wigan (home)	....	....	....	....	Lost	1—4
v. Poulton T.C. (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	5—1
v. Morecambe (away)	....	....	....	....	Won	4—0
v. Preston (away)	....	....	....	....	Won	1—0
v. Chorley (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	7—0

Friendly:

v. Evington (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	5—0
v. Clitheroe (away)	....	....	....	....	Lost	2—3
P	W	D	L	F	A	
21	13	3	5	68	43	

Team—Hillman, Hill (1), Murphy (2), Porter (1), Peet, Clinning (5), Lockwood (8), Lofthouse (8), Lawton (12), Hulmes (4), Speed (7). Also played—Valentine (3), Holt (2), Wylie (6). Archer (3), Cowell (1), Holden (2), Redhead (3), Hart, Murty, Heslington, Hardman, S. J. Haworth, Laycock, Sharrock, Phillips.

In the first few games of the season the team members were still getting used to each other and this showed up in the results. Clitheroe were allowed to pull back from 3—5 to 5—5 in the last two minutes and against Bolton we were overrun and they ran out winners 8—1. After this game good wins were chalked up in the next three games as the team became more settled. The Bury result being a particularly good one as the match was played on a quagmire at Baines throughout a driving rainstorm. The team then remained unbeaten till the game at Burnley where we were plagued by a troublesome right winger who created their goal right on time.

After this game the team played reasonably well, despite the lack of a strong midfield link, until the visits of Accrington and Wigan when the defence and attack played as separate units and there was no linking between them. After this game Murphy was introduced into the defence and Clinning was allowed to move into attack. In the next five games 22 goals were scored and only one conceded. Preston Grammar, before we met them, were unbeaten, but by a great team effort in which everyone ran himself into the ground we outplayed them. The final result was not therefore a fair reflection of the game and reward for our endeavours. In the next game we played a weakened Chorley team and we produced our highest score of the season. Unfortunately the season ended on a dismal note with the game against Clitheroe, a game which defied description. We held the lead until 10 minutes from the end and then we lost two hotly disputed goals within a minute and thereby the game.

The team would like to thank Mr. Field for the interest he has shown and the trouble he has taken in the running of the team.

M. J. PORTER, L VI Sc. I.

Under-15 Eleven

Captain: R. N. DALTON

This team at times played good football, but there were several serious lapses, especially in defence, which resulted in heavy defeats. Generally however, they played to the best of their ability. Outstanding was Murphy, whether in attack or defence, and his presence was missed when he was promoted to the Second Eleven.

Regular team members: Cartmell, Hopwood, Thompson, Fenton, Dalton, Murphy, Leonard, Wreakes, Broscombe, Holden, Musgrave, Thornton, Calveley and Waller.

RESULTS:

Sept.	23—v.	Our Lady's High School (Home)	Won	8—4
	28—v.	Tyldesley (home)	Won	7—4
Oct.	7—v.	Hathershaw (home)	Drawn	4—4
	14—v.	Bolton (home)	Drawn	3—3
	21—v.	Palatine (home)	Drawn	5—5
	26—v.	Palatine (away)	Lost	1—7
Dec.	2—v.	Burnley (away)	Drawn	2—2
Feb.	3—v.	Morecambe (home)	Drawn	4—4
	10—v.	Our Lady's High School (away)	Lost	1—2
	24—v.	Montgomery (home)	Lost	1—6
March	2—v.	Bacup (home)	Drawn	4—4
	9—v.	Wigan (away)	Lost	2—5
	16—v.	Morecambe (away)	Won	6—1
	23—v.	Preston (home)	Lost	4—12
	30—v.	Chorley (away)	Lost	1—6

Under-14 Eleven

Captain: R. DAVIES

RESULTS:

Inter-Grammar (since last magazine).

v.	Blackburn (home)	Won	3—2
v.	Bury (home)	Drawn	1—1
v.	North Manchester (away)	Won	4—3
v.	Burnley (home)	Lost	2—7
v.	Burnley (away)	Lost	0—6
v.	North Manchester (home)	Lost	4—5
v.	Wigan (home)	Lost	1—5
v.	Preston (away)	Drawn	3—3
v.	Chorley (home)	Won	2—1
v.	Clitheroe (away)	Won	7—3
v.	Churchfields (West Bromwich) (home)	Won	7—3

Blackpool F.C. Cup:

1st Round:	v.	Cardinal Allen (home)	Won	7—2
2nd Round:	v.	Claremont (away)	Lost	2—3

P	W	D	L	F	A
27	11	3	13	85	80

Team from: Culpin, Johnston, Irving, Wright (2), Maddox, Swift, Hitchen (5), Davies, R. (16), Fairclough (3), Davies, K. (2), Hayward (18), Roskell (2), Owers (27), Kitchen (3).

Although usually able to score many goals against weaker sides, the team often disappointed against stronger opposition. There was a general tendency to "wait" for the ball and a lack of determination in the tackle which meant that on occasions our opponents had a monopoly of the ball.

The team has relied almost entirely on Hitchen, Hayward, Davies, R. and Owers for stopping, making and scoring the goals. Well as they have played they could not overcome the obvious deficiencies in the side—only 6 goals came from the wings in 27 games; elementary goalkeeping errors were the rule rather than the exception; the fullbacks marked the wingers well but rarely covered the centre half; and above all no drive or determination. The skill and potential is there in abundance—but a team cannot play football without the ball.

Despite these criticisms, their conduct on and off the field was always exemplary and they were a most pleasant team to work with.

J.T.B.

Under-13 Eleven

Captain: A. WRIGHT.

The team has steadily improved and crowned a good season by winning the Parr Cup. Having beaten both last year's finalists in earlier rounds (with a sweet revenge on Hodgson who defeated us last season), Baines won decisively against St. George's in the semi-final and, in an extremely hard final, beat Palatine 3—2. Our team was under constant pressure in the first half from a fast and determined attack, but conceded only one goal. In the second half, Baines took command and scored three goals in a short spell, and although Palatine scored again from a free kick Baines finished well on top. Every man worked hard, but mention should be made of Green, who, substituting for the injured Critchley in the second half, made a goal and scored the last one himself.

The team has relied on all-round work rather than individual brilliance, but it has owed much to the sharpshooting of Critchley (still an Under-12 player), the howitzer-like assaults on goal by the formidable Fairclough, and the urgent captaincy of Wright. If this team can keep together and maintain its present understanding, it should be a force to be reckoned with next season.

RESULTS:

Inter-Grammar:

v.	Bury (away)	Lost	0—5
v.	Burnley (away)	Drawn	2—2
v.	Rivington and Blackrod (home)	Drawn	4—4
v.	Burnley (home)	Won	6—1
v.	Morecambe (home)	Won	6—2
v.	Our Lady's, Lancaster (away)	Won	6—4
v.	Rivington and Blackrod (away)	Lost	5—14
v.	Bacup and Rawtenstall (home)	Won	7—1
v.	Wigan (away)	Lost	3—5

v. Preston (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	4—3
v. Chorley (away)	....	....	....	....	Won	7—2
v. Clitheroe ("A" team) (home)	....	....	....	....	Lost	0—8

Parr Cup:

v. St. Thomas of Canterbury (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	6—0
v. Hodgson (away)	....	....	....	....	Won	3—1
v. St. George's (Semi-Final)	....	....	....	....	Won	5—1
v. Palatine (Final)	....	....	....	....	Won	3—2

P	W	D	L	F	A
19	12	2	5	79	66

Regular team and scorers: McAteer, Wolstencroft, Jackson, Keitch, Wright (2), Rutter (2), Fairclough (20), Blair (11), Critchley (20), Birtwistle (9), Bradley (12). Also played: Singleton, Major, Eastham, Clarke, Green (1), Whittaker (2), Baker.

Under-12 Eleven

Captain: D. J. BAKER.

Continuing to develop, the team settled into an effective 4-2-4 style and reached the "Gazette" Cup Final at Bloomfield Road, only to lose to the "dark horses", the Under-12 team from the new School, St. Thomas of Canterbury. However, the "Rossall-Baines" Cup was retained (but only just)! and on the whole we look back on an encouraging first season which would presage an even more successful one next year.

In the "Gazette" Cup, a creditable draw at St. George's, with a decisive win in the replay, took us to the semi-final. Playing below form, Baines were slightly lucky to defeat Highfield. The Final was a splendid and exciting game; Hutson opened the scoring with one of his lobbed "specials" (has he been watching Suddick's "banana" shots?), St. Thomas' equalised with a tremendous kick which dropped just under the bar, and Hargreaves put Baines in front by following up and pouncing on a ball fumbled by the goalkeeper. In the second half, our midfield grip was not sustained, and though we continued to dominate territorially, St. Thomas' proved to be "better where it mattered"—in the penalty area. But Baines need not be ashamed; every boy put his all into it, and that is all we ask.

A comfortable 5-goal first-leg lead over Rossall was only just adequate to retain the Cup; the second-leg saw Rossall much improved and worthy winners on the day—one of "those" days when nothing would go right as far as Baines were concerned.

Finally, we all thank the parents of many boys in the two Junior Elevens for their support, presence, interest and co-operation, (not forgetting assistance in transport); young boys respond to adult encouragement and this we have not lacked this season, certainly.

RESULTS:

Inter Grammar:

v. Bury (home)	....	....	....	....	Lost	2—8
v. Burnley (home)	....	....	....	....	Lost	2—3
v. Burnley (away)	....	....	....	....	Lost	0—5
v. Our Lady's, Lancaster (away)	....	....	....	....	Won	5—2
v. Wigan (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	4—3
v. Chorley (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	9—0
v. Clitheroe (away)	....	....	....	....	Won	9—3

"Gazette" Cup:

v. St. George's (away)	....	....	....	....	Drawn	2—2
v. St. George's (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	4—0
v. Highfield (Semi-Final)	....	....	....	....	Won	3—2
v. St. Thomas' (Final)	....	....	....	....	Lost	2—4

"Rossall-Baines" Cup:

v. Rossall (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	7—2
v. Rossall (away)	....	....	....	....	Lost	0—4

Friendlies:

v. Claremont (home)	....	....	....	....	Won	5—3
v. Claremont (away)	....	....	....	....	Won	4—2

RESULTS FOR THE SEASON:

P	W	D	L	F	A
21	14	1	6	89	57

Regular team and scorers: Castle, France, Denney, Hankey, Harper (1), Baker (3), Moore (7), Hargreaves (12), Atherton (18), Critchley (12), Hutson (22). Also played: Wilkinson, Coupe, Buglass, Milner, Brindle, Burton (6), Davies (5).

H.E.T.

SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

This season has been a disappointing one, not from the point of view of results, but because of the fact that the "foot and mouth" epidemic and its restrictions caused nearly all the team's fixtures to be cancelled. Furthermore, most of the team's training was limited to road-running.

However, the results achieved in the Blackpool Schools' Championships (in which the team was third behind Blackpool G.S. and St. Joseph's College) and in the Inter-Grammar School Championships were both creditable performances.

The team hopes for better fortune next season and with the possibility of some of the elder members still being at school, together with potential shown by the younger athletes, the team should enjoy a successful season.

No report would be complete without thanking Messrs. Field and Lawrenson for their constant advice and encouragement, and also to P. Horsley and J. Ackroyd (both U VI Arts) who "chauffeured" the team to their fixtures.

Team representatives: Kings (capt.), Birtwell, Bradshaw, Brown, S., Hopwood, Leadbetter, Livesey, Norwood, Pegden, Rostron.

FIXTURES:

Nov.	v.	King Edward VII (home)	Lost	30—47
Nov.	v.	St. Joseph's College (away)	Drawn	40—40
Feb.		Blackpool Schools' Championships, Hodgson School, Poulton		3rd
March		Inter-Grammar School Championships Agricultural Showground		7th

W. D. KINGS, U VI, Hon. Sec.

... TO FURTHER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NATIONS

People talk of the difference between members of different nations, and believe that whilst such barriers exist, there can never be true harmony and understanding between them. Various organisations have been set up to foster international relations; U.S.A. has its Peace Corps, Britain has the V.S.O. and so on. We of Baines, in the true spirit of internationalism, have endeavoured to do our bit, and we have sent what we hope will be the first of many delegations abroad. This delegation was the guest of the Gymnasium Von Bainz in the Federal German Republic, and was happy to learn of the many similarities between that school and our own. The language barrier was soon overcome, in spite of the complex and esoteric words peculiar to the school in Germany. To help any of our scholars who may intend making the return trip next year, we have included in this magazine a short glossary of their terms.

The headmaster: der Oberjunghorroraltfuhrer.
The head boy: der Oberjunghorrorjungfuhrer.
The prefects: die Bootlickengruppe
The first years: das Gettenunterdenfeetenbunch.
The caretaker: der Overmoppenbucketklanger.
The caretaker's assistant: der Untermoppenbucketklanger.
The groundsman: der Keepoffdengrassmann mit
Schmellitraktoren.

The secretary: die Phonentypenfrau.
The P.T. master: der Runnenjumpenfuehrer mit Lautschaut.
The Sub-Librarians: die Puttenbackuntidygruppe.
The lab. assistant: der Settemupman und
Faulenupdenwerkesfuhrer.
The library: der Dossaroundenzimmer.
The toilets: die Primatiflatrinen mit Zigarettenschmell.
The school yard: der Standaroundimpouringregenplatz.
The bike shed: das Stackemuppenhut.
The canteen: die Mess.

PAUL THOMPSON, U VI Arts.

SILENCE

Cloudy, through the mists of time
exudes a land of fantasy.
A wide plateau of silence . . .
harbouring bare trees,
windswept in a windless world,
red crabs with massive claws;
gaunt skeletons
of half-remembered shapes.

No sound is heard.
nothing.

JOHN A. LORD, U VI A.

DRAGON DAYS

If I were young again
On a sharp November,
Blowing steamy summer through frozen hands,
Shivering as the veiled sun stares,
I would remember the crack
Of ice under my numbed toes.
The cough of a half dead car's
Choked engine, throttled by frost.
The laugh, and the chilly joke,
As the people stamp and stumble
Their muffled way to work or school.
The smell of the warm wool
Wrapped round my glowing cars.
I would recall
The clouds of dragon's breath we blew,
The games of trains and racehorses,
The huddle at the back of the classroom
Where the pipes were warmest—
Older as I am
I warm myself with thick clothes,
Buttoning outside the touch of cold,
And inside
The memories.

PAUL THOMPSON, U VI Arts.

INVADERS?

Black against the pale sunrise,
The metal monsters quietly wait,
Until the sun's first shining rays
Strike their frightening, metal hides.
They give a rumbling, grumbling growl
And lumber forwards on their huge black feet
Ripping a track across the countryside.
Gaping jaws with monstrous teeth
Tearing up soil, and grass, and trees.
Lumbering giants leaving white trails
Followed by stranger scorching creations
Which cover the ground with a thick, black, slime.

And so these gargantuans continue onwards
Until the black night halts their slow advance
Their task complete; they rest again.
The road extends another mile.

M. R. ROBERTS, III S.

SURPRISE ATTACK

Crickets tick and strange birds mutter;
Below I crouch, with my rifle,
Above, one of our planes flies.

Shimmering jelly
Flames and slithers out from nowhere.
Horrified, I watch, in the age of a split second,
The live filth crawling
Up my arm.
Freezing and burning!
Desperation—I scream and claw
With raw, scared hands;
I howl out my soul.
But I can do nothing, as my flesh is eaten.
I writhe, and die slowly.

Crickets tick and strange birds mutter;
Below I lie by my rifle,
Above, one of our planes flies.

PAUL THOMPSON, U VI Arts.

CENSORED! (Hippies v. Censors)

At home and in the cinema,
The "telly" and the "flicks"
Present a panorama of
The kids who live for "kicks".

It's life, we say, but even so
It seems that life is wrong;
On "true life" documentaries
The censor's hand is strong.

"Don't pollute the public's mind"
The pompous censors cry.
But some of us really want to know;
Why should these fogeys lie?

If people don't like "flower power,"
If love gives them the "twitch",
They've got their private censorship,
The television switch.

P. D. SKINNER, III M.

SPRING

As I walk down the country lane,
I hear a blackbird's call.
I see a yellow primrose peer,
Beside the old stone wall.

I meet a yawning hedgehog, there,
Just woken up from sleep,
And from behind the old oak tree
I see a squirrel peep.

Everything is gay and happy,
And the birds begin to sing.
For all of them are telling me
It's Spring, Spring, Spring.

R. MOORE, II S.

THOUGHTS ON SCHOOL SUBJECTS

The essence of History
Is a perpetual mystery,
Full of Kings
And things.

I'm no good at gym,
I can't even swim,
But I'd rather go to the baths
Than do maths.

A chemist had a daughter,
Who could never spell "water",
When asked to do so,
She wrote H₂O.

Geology's worth
Is to learn of the earth,
An eager studier,
Gets muddier.

My pen friend Herman,
Thinks I ought to learn German,
Why can't the chap chat in
Latin?

P. A. BEETHAM, III M.

HOLY ISLAND

Holy Island, or Lindisfarne, as it is sometimes called, is situated off the coast of Northumberland and is shaped like an axe, which, so the legend goes, is Satan's axe which was struck from his hand by a shaft of lightning and fell into the sea to form the island. It can be reached by car at all times except at high tide, when the road is flooded.

The priory was built by Saint Aidan in the seventh century but was burned down by the attacking Danes after his death. In the eleventh century another priory, made out of stone, was built on the site of the one burnt by the Danes. This priory was built by the Benedictine monks and its ruins are said to be the most beautiful in all Northumberland. Saint Cuthbert is probably the most famous Bishop of Lindisfarne and he used to stand up to his neck in the water praying. When he died in 687 A.D. he was buried in the priory but in 875 A.D., when the Danes invaded, his body was removed from its stone coffin and put in a wooden one for easy transport. The monks even travelled to Ireland with the body until it was laid to rest in Durham Cathedral. Saint Cuthbert believed that solitude was good for the soul and lived alone for many years on one of the Farne Islands. A church now stands on the hermitage where he lived.

The castle was built by Henry VIII because he feared raiders and is situated on a high isolated rock called "Beblone". When the Parliamentary troops returned from Scotland they easily captured the castle because it was in a state of decay owing to inaction. The founder of Virginia, Captain John Smith, was shipwrecked on the island and is said to have lived in the castle. The castle was given into the care of the National Trust in 1944.

When Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries the islanders, who became very poor, turned to ship-wrecking. By shining false lights from the cliffs they lured ships to destruction and looted their cargoes.

The Farne island where Saint Cuthbert died is a bird sanctuary and seals live on the other Farne islands.

The islanders (now there are about two hundred) have a strange custom about the pig. They do not refer to him by name, but refer to him as "the article". They eat pork sausages none the less.

J. R. PEIRCE, Form 2M.

DO IT YOURSELF

This "Do it Yourself" is tricky to do,
I'm painting a shelf—or endeavouring to.
Before I began how I wish I had guessed
That employing an expert might well have been best.

What with brushes to buy and the money I gave
Why should I have thought I could possibly save?
I've spilt enough paint to paint dozens of shelves
A common complaint when we do it ourselves.

I. R. PHILLIPS, II S.

THE END OF THE WORLD

Blood red ran the river
Towards the dying sun,
Blood red were the fields,
When the end had begun.

Death challenged the murderer
And greeted the nun,
And swallowed the nations,
When the end had begun.

There was nothing of splendour
As his victories were won,
But only soft weeping,
When the end had begun.

D. FAIRCLOUGH, II S.

OWL

On winter nights, when slow coal fires
Splutter in basements, twig and branch,
Belching with smoke the city air:

When quartered moons pale in the sky,
And lights flow along the dark
Like deadly nightshade on a briar;

Above the muffled traffic then
I hear the owl, and at its note
I shudder in my lonely chair.

Some secret lure of time it seems
Has called him from his country wastes
To hunt a newer wasteland here.

And where the candelabra swung
Bright in the dancers' sparkling eyes,
Now his black, hooded pupils stare,

And where the happy lovers danced
With flashing diamonds in their hair,
He opens now his silent wing.

And, like a stroke of doom, swoops down,
And wings across the empty hall,
And plucks a mouse from the spiral stair.

P. J. HOWARTH, IV X.

TOBERMORY BAY

A ship of the Spanish Armada
Fled north from the fearful fray,
When a storm arose and the vessel sank
In Tobermory Bay.

What wealth of treasure was on the ship
That sank that fateful day?
Is it still beneath the restless waves
In Tobermory Bay?

And what of the men who sailed the ship,
Whose rotting corpses lay
Below the water cold and deep
In Tobermory Bay?

Were they proud and haughty men at heart?
Or would they have been very gay
If they had escaped their terrible fate
In Tobermory Bay?

Did anyone live to tell the tale?
The records do not say,
But most must have drowned and met their end
In Tobermory Bay.

And what became of that galleon's gold
No one on earth can say.
For the secrets lie deep beneath the waves
In Tobermory Bay.

J. JOWETT, III M.

STRIKES?

Strikes for pay, strikes for play,
These actions take place every day,
Some official, others not,
To us their consequences mean a lot,
Higher wages, more to pay,
Prices rising day by day,
What can we do, who this dislike?
Our only answer is to STRIKE!!

A. W. DODGSON, II X.

RAIN

I sit at my desk in my dull little room,
I've nothing to do and I feel full of gloom.
Sky overcast and the patter of rain,
Blown by the wind upon my windowpane.

Outside is the field where I so long to play,
But what friends would visit on such a wet day.
I could read a book or I could play a game,
But none of those pastimes would be quite the same.

Then over the sea comes a break in the sky,
There's a knock on the door and I hear my friends cry,
"The downpour has stopped and we've got a new ball,"
And suddenly I don't feel gloomy at all.

K. FRANCE, I S.

SINFONIETTA—THE JOURNEY

I. Allegretto.

No purpose, no direction, not the sense to know
Where I go.
The uncarved block, the undyed silk, the formless form.
The worm
That shuns the light and squirms in midnight soil its way.

But each day
A careless word or action that will form and frame,
And push my shapeless mass along
To give it form. Each slightest word, or touch, or sound
Directs along the ground
My course—it seems to me a happy, aimless maze.

Increase of size.

Of direction I only know it to be there,
I know not where.
In happiness I lead a troubled course,
With joy and sorrow soon lost from any mind;
The journey waits to know its true purpose.

II. Nocturne: Adagio

The titanic robber, night, has stolen the sun,
But Phoebe is come to lighten our darkness.
Now she sails her shimmering silver ship above us
Upon a nebulous sea that would engulf her
And sink us into chaos once again.

I have too long awaited Pegasus at a dry spring.
I know my golden bridle is mouldering bronze.

The journey goes on; now I know my goal.
For I tread my slow path alone in ruin and darkness.
"Seek the companion among these pale faces that pass.
Do not ask; one is the answer, the goal, the other side."

I see Phoebe's vessel founder in cloudy waves.

But the faces are cold and turn away, and I am alone.
The journey is weary and fearful, and has no ending.
At last I see it: A warm glow from a window, a figure looking out.

Now Phoebe, quite confounded, is no more;
The dark waves in the cloudy sky are still.

III. Scherzo and Trio

Scherzo: Allegro con moto

She sits, as I enter the room, in a chair,
With a welcoming smile on her happy lips.
The candle shines on her long dark hair.
"Approach; the time is come."

A body warm in the warming hands,
A fire that is burning within the veins,
A sunset strong on the fiery sands.
"The journey is done?"

Trio: meno mosso

I see that face after eighty years;
The pale, white face, the long, grey hair.
I see my bones as they turn to dust;
And I will go, journey I must.

Scherzo da capo: più mosso

A decaying corpse propped on a chair,
A loathsome leer on the skinny lips.
The guttering dip gleams on lank, black hair.

I leave the place in icy dread.

IV. Finale: Presto con fuoco

Reeling, I flee. The purpose now is clear.
I journey to the unresisted end.
I search the Great Spirit among the forest trees,
And wonder if Hermes will lead me to Elysium.

Happy?
My deepest sorrow could be gaiety
If I knew greater sufferings were to come.
The height of happiness would be sad to me
If I awaited more celestial joy.
The journey leads ahead too fast to think
Or worry where it ends; for I must go.

I see a dark figure that comes to show the way,
To lead me to the unknown end I know.
"Prepare now to flee groaning below the shades."
NO!

I hear a thousand voices call to me,
And the river loses its name
As it floods out
To the boiling sea.

A. D. TOWNSEND, L VI A.

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OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

EDITORIAL

Old Boys of many generations have heard with regret of the death of Mr. B. A. Pickett in January this year, after nearly twenty years of retirement.

Bertram Arthur Pickett (known to us all as "Ben"), a graduate of Leeds University, came to Baines soon after his service in World War I. There was little scope for the specialist under the Whittington régime, and although his name means "instant Geography" to hundreds of Old Boys, he was, like Arthur Okell, at home in many subjects—we personally can speak for his thoroughness as a Latin master—and there was hardly a School activity in which he did not participate with enthusiasm. The Cadet Corps, camps, dramatics, choir, journeys abroad, stage-managing, and Whittington House were some, but by no means all, of his interests. In fact, his interests were, simply and totally, Baines Grammar School, and for many years after his retirement in the late '40s he was a constant and welcome visitor to School and Old Boys' functions.

"He's one of the 'old school'" is nowadays a description that tends to the patronizing or the faintly contemptuous more often than to the complimentary, but if there ever was a schoolmaster who earned that title in the best possible sense—conscientious, scholarly, dedicated and withal kind-hearted and lovable—that man was "Ben". Long may he live in our grateful memory.

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We regretfully report yet another premature death, that of Derek Lonsdale Banks at the age of 37 after a long illness. Though delicate in health at School, he later qualified in law and was an enthusiastic photographer. We extend our sympathy to his widow, his children and his mother, who lost her husband Harry—also an Old Boy and a well known local organist—only a few years ago.

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We are glad to report that Mr. Rawes seems to be quite his old self again after his serious illness last year, and George Brimelow's continued progress has enabled him to attend various functions. We hope to hear good news also of Bill Darbyshire who, as we prepare for press, has survived a serious collapse, and of Mr. J. Croswell, who has returned home after a spell in hospital at Rossall.

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The Annual General Meeting and Dinner were held at the Savoy Hotel on 15th February. Opening the Meeting, retiring President Roy Kerr reviewed his year of office, thanking the Officers and Association for their support, and paying tribute to the late Peter Edwards and Mr. Pickett.

The Hon. Treasurer reported an increase in membership and also, alas, in the price of the magazine which will have to be 2/- in future.

The Officers and Committee were elected as shown on the first page of these notes, and the new President, Roy Martyn, also thanked the Association and his predecessor for their efforts.

The Football Club report was presented by Kit Vincent, who announced an only moderately successful season following that of 1966-7, when the team finished 4th out of 15. He paid tribute to the retiring Hon. Treasurer, Brian Taberner, whose duties were now in the hands of Mick Royds, and thanked the Vice-Presidents for their support.

Neville Nelson travelled from London to represent the Southern Section, a report on whose function in March will be found elsewhere.

The Luncheon Club is still flourishing, meeting at the Bosley Grill, Yates' Wine Lodge, Talbot Road, on the first and third Fridays of each month. (We are asked to emphasise that this is not a "members only" affair—any Old Boy who is able to drop in on those days will be very welcome).

As usual, the Meeting closed with J. H. Sutton's omnibus vote of thanks to the Committee.

Afterwards, we were able to have a preview of the plaque which was to be presented to the School to commemorate the 250th Anniversary. It was, as reported separately, eventually unveiled on 9th April.

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At the Dinner, the Headmaster, proposing the toast to the Founder, noted that he established a "free" School at Hardhorn, but that the terms of his will clearly implied a "grammar" school. Could he have been foreseeing in his wisdom the possible evolution of his foundation into a Sixth-Form College?

The health of President Roy Martyn was proposed by his "first-day-at-School" friend Tom Winder, who described briefly Roy's academic and athletic career at School. In reply, Roy thanked Tom for the kind things he had said (and others left unsaid!) and for his own services to the Association. Reminiscing on his schooldays he made the point that as a fee-payer he had perhaps been the more appreciative of his opportunities; nowadays too many took too much for granted. He was, he reminded us, one of the first Baines Scouts and the very first Biology student. He then presented his predecessor with his Past President's Badge and displayed the new plaque for the benefit of those who had not seen it at the Meeting.

Another presentation was made by the President which we find it rather difficult to report objectively, as it was made in recognition of our own service of 21 years as your Editor, succeeding Arthur Okell in 1947. The traditional watch was not presented on this occasion, as we had inherited two, and preferred the vast and sumptuous new history of the English Heraldry and College of Arms, providentially just published in time, (and containing, we noticed professionally and editorially, a misprint on p. 502). May we here thank most humbly and sincerely all those officers, Past Presidents and members of the Association who not only contributed so generously to a gift very close to our heart, but also wrote so appreciatively of our work. It has been a pleasure to serve the Old Boys in this way for all these years, enabling us to keep in touch, if only vicariously, with so many old friends and ex-pupils, and, so long as you wish us to continue, and circumstances permit, we shall be very happy to do so. Thank you all, again.

Dennis Tofts announced his pride in proposing the toast to the School, Governors and Association. He was proud of the School's good name, the faithful service of the Staff, the wisdom of the Governors, and the friendships afforded him by the Association.

The Senior Prefect, Roger Hedgeland, said on behalf of the School that with the completion of the first 250 years, an important epoch was beginning especially in view of potential changes. The School was doing well and he was already conscious of the warm relationship between the School and the Association.

On behalf of the Governors, Councillor Hanham, deputizing for County Alderman Hull, conveyed the latter's apologies and good wishes. He spoke of the good work of the Staff, and reported that no further developments had occurred in the matter of the School's future status.

Replying for the Association, John Riding expressed his pleasure in attending our functions, his gratitude for the excellent groundwork he had received at School, and his astonishment at the way Old Boys turned up "in the four corners of the earth—and Mytholmroyd" (this for the benefit of our namesake, W.K.T., who was suitably indignant).

The Ven. G. Gower-Jones, Archdeacon of Lancaster, thanked his great friend the President for proposing the health of the Guests, and said how pleased he was to see Roy take this honoured position, and how much he and his fellow guests had enjoyed the evening.

Later, musical items were provided by Ernest Griffith, Malcolm Burrill, and the "Golden Bawlers", once more assembled under the exuberant non-baton of Mr. Rawes.

The following were our guests: W. H. Martin, Esq. (Headmaster); S. Hanham, Esq. (Governor); R. Barton Park, Esq. (Clerk to the Governors); The Ven. G. Gower-Jones (Archdeacon of Lancaster); Messrs. T. Jones, H. S. Mayall, E. H. Whitehouse and

R. O. Wilson (representing the Associations of King Edward VII School, Lytham, Arnold School, Blackpool Grammar School and Kirkham Grammar School); Councillor A. Bennett (Chairman, Poulton-le-Fylde U.D.C.); G. Bennett, Esq. (Senior Old Boy).

The following Old Boys and Staff were present:

D. D. Airey	A. Fitton	G. B. Shaw
E. Appleby	R. W. Greenwood	A. W. Stark
J. Anderton	D. Gregson	H. K. Stock
M. Ardron	J. W. Halkyard	C. D. Stubbing
P. Ardron	E. F. Harris	R. Stubbs
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A. S. Binnie	I. A. Howarth	A. B. Taylor
W. V. Bolton	R. N. Jones	D. C. Tofts
K. Brearley	J. D. Kay	H. E. Tomlinson
G. H. Brimelow	R. A. Kerr	W. K. Tomlinson
H. H. Bridge	E. Lees	W. Townsend
A. Britton	M. Limb	Ll. Unsworth
D. Brown	T. Lucas	C. Vincent
G. H. Brown	D. G. Marsh	D. Waddington
R. Bullas	R. S. Martyn	J. F. Walker
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W. Dewhirst	R. A. Rushworth	
J. Edge	G. Shaw	

The Southern Section arranged a dinner for 23rd March, when Blackpool played a vital match at Queen's Park Rangers. In spite of their formidable away record, Blackpool followed the tradition of sadly disappointing the loyalists in London—it is about a decade since we saw them win on our Southern Section visit—and as we go to press, Blackpool may well be rueing that very day, since their opponents have been promoted over Blackpool's heads by the margin of seven minutes and one-fifth of a goal. However, we can if we must, return to the scene of former non-triumphs at Fulham, next time!

There were just under twenty at the Dinner, which, as usual in the intimate atmosphere of the Falstaff, was very enjoyable. Each diner rose to give some account of himself and his current activities, and the company heard about present developments (and non-developments) and activities at School from ourself. But once again, we may—and do—ask, why do so few attend? Those who did on this occasion were J. F. Bostock, J. Charnley Jnr., R. Hale, R. K. Hardman, L. Horner, J. Hutchinson, R. Lang, N. C. Nelson, L. Reay, B. J. Rothwell, H. Ellis Tomlinson and friend, J. F. Walker and friend, F. Williams, M. S. Williams, and P. R. Williams.

The Commemorative Plaque, presented by the Old Boys to School to mark the 250th year of the "free school" provided by James Baines' will, was unveiled by the Headmaster at a short, pleasant ceremony on 9th April. The plaque, beautifully carved by Mr. E. Stevens, who was responsible for the other memorial furniture of the Hall, harmonizes therewith in style, and gives the names and dates of the Headmasters compiled with invaluable assistance from Mr. R. Sharpe France, the County Archivist, who was the guest speaker at last year's Speech Day. On that occasion he threw much new light on the School's thitherto somewhat opaque early history, not least the fact that even before 1717 (itself a controversial date) a school of some kind was functioning under James Baines' benevolent aegis.

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 1954 William Herbert Martin, M.A.

Before the ceremony we saw an entertaining football match between a strong Old Boys' Eleven and a rather "ad hoc" School Eleven (several of the First Eleven being engaged elsewhere as pseudonymous Spartans). There was much exciting and clever play on both sides and the Old Boys had no easy task in winning 4—3. The Old Boys' party included M. F. Aldersley, I. Ancell, E. Appleby, W. Marsden, I. S. Miller, D. Partington, A. Roscoe, M. Royds, T. Scott, I. Smith, A. Stevenson, and C. Vincent. R. B. Wright ran a line and Mr. J. Bradley refereed. At the unveiling of the plaque were the Headmaster, the President (R. S. Martyn), the carver (Mr. E. Stevens), and the following: M. Ardron, D. T. Bates, D. N. Bligh, G. H. Brimelow, D. Brown, G. Clarkson, P. Coon, R. D. Currie, G. Curwen, J. Curwen, J. A. Deft, Jim Edge, John Edge, B. Gilbert, D. Gregson, E. A. Horner, R. N. Jones, R. A. Kerr,

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PERSONALIA

We have congratulations to offer to numerous O.B's. on their various appointments.

Dr. E. Cumberbatch, who has spent much of his time lecturing in America and Leeds since graduating at Manchester, has been appointed a full professor of mathematics at Purdue University, Indiana, an institution whose population is about the same as that of Fleetwood. Having read a documentary in a recent Sunday supplement on the fearsome mechanics of American football as played at Purdue, we imagine that when Cumberbatch witnesses this internecine spectacle he will no doubt recall wistfully his participation in some of the gentler encounters between Whittington and Founder's.

Mention of Whittington recalls another stalwart of that House, David Durie, who, now (incredibly) a football veteran after some fifteen years of League experience with Blackpool and Chester, was appointed player-manager of Fleetwood F.C. last season and piloted the club to the top four of the Combination. He has several Old Boys on his books, including Tom Scott, John Strachan (currently in the First Eleven) and Ian Smith. He faces a challenge in the near future, when Fleetwood move into the more ambitious Northern League, and we feel sure that he will face it as determinedly as he has always played on the field.

Academic appointments include two local Headmasterships. H. K. Stock has returned to the Fylde from the Rochdale area to the new Clifton County Primary School in Lytham St. Annes, and George England returns to Baines Endowed School, Marton, where he was a pupil, as head.

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Edmund Pearce has been appointed manager of the Poulton Branch of Martin's Bank, and David Slater (nephew of our old friend and Vice-President Walter Slater, M.B.E.), has left Durham for the London School of Economics.

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What do you do when retirement in the Old Country palls? Fawcett S. Dixon, an inveterate pilgrim, tells us that two years has proved enough and he is off with his family to South Africa. He asks us to remember him to his former acquaintances connected with School, and especially to Mr. Harris.

Another emigrating to kinder climes is Johnny West, who

would like to hear from any Old Boys in Australia when he arrives there; his address is published in these pages

Perhaps he will come across George Sayer, who tells Mr. Okell that he has moved from Perth to Melbourne to take up a post-graduate two-year scholarship to study for a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He has met Duncan Phillip and his family, whose move to Tasmania we announced not long ago. Duncan has now gone to Perth in search of "better career opportunities". George sends a newspaper picture of the late Prime Minister Holt at an Old Boys' Reunion in Sydney, surrounded by pulchritude from a cabaret brought in to entertain the company. (His implied suggestion is obvious. What about it, Committee?). He thinks there are enough Old Boys in Australia to form what we might term a "Southern Cross Section", so, all and sundry to whom this may apply, why not contact George at Flat 2, 1 St. George's Grove, Parkville, Victoria 3052? (For a start, George, try your ex-Perth contemporary, Iain Wyatt, 5 Gem Road, Kenmore, Queensland).

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Letters have come in from Past Presidents A. M. Hutchinson, Harold Mason and Jack Flood, sending best wishes for the success of the Dinner, which they were unable to attend. The first-named never fails to send Christmas greetings to School, and until recent years Harold Mason organised the Southern Section's meetings and was one of its most active members. Jack Flood has been promoted as Services Manager to the East Midlands Electricity Board at Nottingham, but remains at his Derby address, not far from Harvey Hill, who called to see us at home recently. We had hoped to convene a Founder's Triumvirate at the Derby v. Blackpool game recently, but another engagement in London had to take priority as far as "we" were concerned, which may astonish many of "our" footballing friends. However, some amends were made when we followed Blackpool to that fateful last game at Huddersfield and enjoyed a pleasant visit to Alec Unsworth's at Brighouse.

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Without wishing to intrude an unduly personal note, we feel impelled to wonder at the laws of probability. News from Robert Cudlip (yet another Whittington ex-stalwart), now in real estate in Toronto, says that he has become friendly with a doctor named—Ellis Tomlinson. (Now, had it been Spudfarthing . . .)

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Our recent report on Barry Raphael's involvement in the record R.A.F. delivery trip elicited from Bill Curtis the news that his son is in Barry's "mob". No doubt the identity of background was soon established. Someone once said of such encounters that "Baines men seem to smell each other a mile off". The reference, we trust, was deductive rather than olfactory.

Talk of probability . . . in December 1965 we arranged to meet Lionel Horner, who drove over from Oxford, at the First Division match between Northampton and Blackpool. Moved to cynicism by an inept performance, he promised to entertain us for the weekend when Blackpool should visit Oxford United, then obscurely placed in Division Four. Well, "Jack", just wait for the 1968-69 fixture list to be promulgated . . .

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Change of Address

- E. Appleby, 22 Beechwood Grove, Bispham, Blackpool.
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 T. N. Burrows, 47 Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 G. F. Doyle, "Portelet," Manor Road, Manor Road Estate, Wrea Green, Nr. Preston.
 G. England, 5 Ryburn Avenue, Blackpool.
 R. B. Halstead, 14 Pufflett Road, Havelock North, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.
 J. Higginson, 12 Kent Avenue, Chadderton, Nr. Oldham.
 J. W. Nuttall, 34 Hardhorn Way, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 M. J. Pickersgill, 125 Carbery Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth, Hants.
 A. B. Taylor, 114 Knowle Lane, Sheffield (S119SJ).
 J. W. West, 5 Buyuma Place, Avalon, Sydney, Australia.
 Charles Williams, 3 Thistlehill Avenue, Lascelles Hall, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield.
 D. Wood, 5 Lawnswood Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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- 1960 Peter Coon, 15 Parkstone Avenue, Thornton-Cleveleys, Nr. Blackpool.
 1953 D. S. Gregson, 5 Rivington Close, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 1956 Dr. M. L. Powell, Aylesbury House, Underbank Road, Lt. Thornton, Nr. Blackpool.
 1963 J. A. Roscoe, 28 Red Bank Road, Bispham, Blackpool.
 1951 R. Bullas, 11 Kipling Drive, Blackpool.
 1965 J. M. Bentley, 44 Princess Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 1967 G. R. Jenkinson, 17 Lime Grove, Thornton, Nr. Blackpool.

Member resigned: E. H. Dinsdale.

For Your Diary

- Thursday, 27th June—Bowling (Snooker, if wet) and Supper at Elletson Str. Club, Poulton-le-Fylde at 7.30 p.m.
 Friday, 5th July—Cricket: O.B.'s. v. School at 6 p.m.
 Saturday, 6th July—Summer Show (Ken Dodd at Opera House) and Dinner.
 Friday, 29th November—Dinner-Dance, at Kimberley Hotel.
 Saturday, 15th February, 1969—Annual General Meeting and Dinner, at Savoy Hotel, Blackpool.

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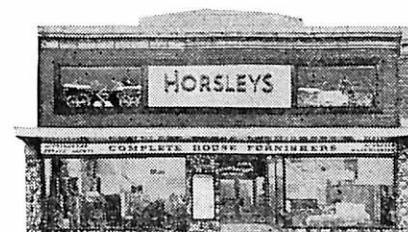
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