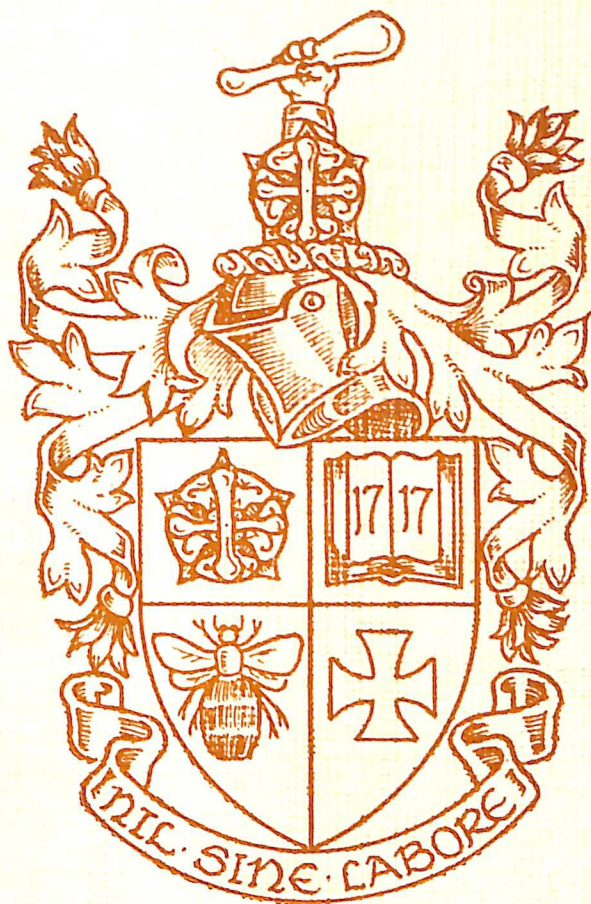


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EDITORIAL NOTES

The changed appearance of *The Poultonian* last term appears to have been approved by its readers ; at least, no really adverse comment has reached editorial ears.

One slight note of anxiety has crept into the remarks of the business manager, and in due deference to his suggestions we have done our best to keep the present issue within reasonable limits.

One word to contributors. The date on the back cover is the last possible date for submitting scripts. On the other hand, no date is too early, and our printers are always grateful for early "copy." So don't all wait (most of you did this term !) until the latest possible day.

The name of R. A. Simms should have been included in the H.S.C. results printed in the December *Poultonian*. Simms obtained passes in English, History and French at the subsidiary standard.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Easter : Thursday, April 6th, to Tuesday, April 25th.

Whitsuntide : Friday, May 26th, to Monday, June 5th.

Summer : Wednesday, July 26th, to Tuesday, September 12th.

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G.S.M. : Mr. MOULDING. *S.M.* : Mr. HARRIS.

Senior Troop : T./L., D. HALSALL ; A.T./L., E. F. WILKINSON.

Boy Scout Troop : T./L., D. C. FLENLEY ; A.T./L.s, G. B. SHAW and J. H. MARQUIS.

RADIO AND TELEVISION GROUP

Secretary : P. D. GASKELL. *Treasurer* : DEREK HULL.

SCOUT NOTES

Boy Scout Troop

The year opened for the Boy Scout Troop with a youth hostel hike in the Lake District. The members of the Court of Honour who took part in this hike were T./L. Flenley, P./L.s Hopkinson and Richardson, 2nds Bucke and Rodgers. Armed with permits from the Lakeland Regional Secretary, the party set out on January 5th, and the mental visions of sun shining on snow-capped peaks which the planners had enjoyed were rudely shattered by the sight of storm-tossed clouds over a grey, rain-sodden Lakeland. These clouds rapidly transformed themselves into a howling rain squall. Despite the weather, the hike was voted a huge success, and did more than serve its purpose of introducing the C. of H. to the Y.H.A.

The term commenced with the membership of the Boy Scout Troop much depleted, and it is due to the energy and keenness of the P./L.s and 2nds that it can now be said that the Troop is well on the road to recovery.

The only major innovations before half-term included the decision to start a Log Book, with P./L. Palmer as the keeper, and this log is written by Scouts who participate in events, with very little censorship. It should make interesting reading in future years.

The second innovation has been the commencement of Saturday afternoon scouting by the C. of H. This has consisted of pioneering, and a nearly-completed log bridge in the School Wood bears witness to our efforts.

In order that the C. of H. might have some experience of practical hiking, a hike over the Bowland Fells from Roeburndale was planned for half-term. Little did the planners think that the snow which

eluded them at Christmas would appear on this occasion. However, after the first day's walk was over, camp was made at some 900 feet. On awakening during the night owing to excessive cold, we peeped outside and were faced by a howling blizzard. The decision was hastily taken to make the hike a one-night, and not a two-night, affair ! It is, however, proposed to return to explore Roeburndale and Wardstone during the summer term.

A serious decision was taken after returning to School, namely, that in future no School premises should be used for Patrol meetings. This is slowly having the desired effect of making P./L.s run Patrol meetings at week-ends or during the evenings. The full effect of this will not be felt for some time, but if the tradition becomes firmly established it should do much to bring about a higher standard of attainment in School scouting. Troop meetings this term have been organised and run mainly by the A.T./L. and the C. of H., and some good programmes have appeared. One meeting involved the construction of bridges over water with improvised material ; some interesting creations took shape.

A feature it is hoped to start shortly is the improvement of the Troop's knowledge by lectures on various topics from members of the Troop ; the first is to be on astronomy.

The next main item on the agenda is the Easter camp—to be held at Great Tower, as usual—which will be run by the A.T./L. and Senior Scout Graham. It is hoped that all scouts with camping experience of any sort will attend this camp, where it is planned to provide some of the training in badgework that is so badly needed.

May I conclude this report by wishing all scouts who may be in camp this Easter, Good Camping !

D. C. FLENLEY.

Senior Scout Troop

T./L. D. HALSALL

A.T./L. E. F. WILKINSON

The Troop now consists of 14 enthusiastic members, who have met regularly on Mondays to discuss the running of the Troop, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for first-class badge work, and on Fridays for Troop meetings.

At the first Monday meeting it was decided that a further all-out attack was to be made by the Troop on the first-class badge. Since then much valuable work has been done. We congratulate Edge, the Troop scribe, who has recently gained his first-class badge. We hope to announce in the near future that several more of the Troop have followed his example.

During half-term, two members of the Troop, Hesketh and Gerrard, went on their first-class hike. Edge and Graham took part of their hiker badge.

Easter camp this year is to consist of a cycling tour in charge of the G.S.M. Graham will be helping with the Junior Troop camp at Great Tower.

The tuck shop has been doing very well this term, many packets of crisps, toffee and sweets having been sold. Hope has been appointed as treasurer.

We wish Good Scouting and Happy Camping to all Scouts.

D. HALSALL.

NATIONAL SAVINGS BRANCH

For the 11 weeks of this term, up to 24th March, our returns are :—

Amount subscribed this term, £193 15s. 0d.

Average number of subscribers per week : 203 (46% of the School).

Forms with the best record : IIm. (100%), Is. (95%), Vm. (88%).

The special National Savings Badges, awarded termly to Form Secretaries for particularly good work, have been gained by P. Penwarden, IIm. (retained), P. A. Coward, Is. (retained), and M. I. Smith, Vm.

Special congratulations to Form IIm. Well done !

A.C.O.

A.T.C.

Parades have continued as usual this term, although the strength of the Squadron during the first half was weak. As a result of a recruiting campaign held just after half-term, 18 Fourth Formers have joined the Squadron. They are : P. D. Baker, K. Boylan, B. F. Buckley, N. Bullen, J. M. Burrill, A. H. Carr, A. S. Carr, A. Chambers, G. L. Douglas, A. F. Forster, T. C. Green, P. A. Lord, R. Martin, F. L. Parkinson, J. W. Reid, R. A. Rushworth, P. Sharrock and M. J. Taylor.

We hope these new cadets will soon settle down and keep up a regular attendance.

Congratulations to Sgt. Shaw, Cpl. Hull and Cadets Buckingham and Leach on gaining their proficiency certificates. Many of the other senior cadets will probably have gained their "star" by the end of term.

We welcome Mr. Simms, who is now one of our officers. He will be in charge of the general parades and all the training activities.

DEREK HULL.

SCHOOL SOCIETY

General Report

This term has seen the various sections well into their strides, with most of them holding regular and well-attended meetings.

There have been two trips arranged during the term, and I am hoping that a third will have been arranged to Bee Bee Biscuits Ltd. before the end of the term.

I think that all who went on the tour of Waller and Hartley's will agree that it was an afternoon well spent, and although the *Evening Gazette* trip has had to be postponed, it will be held before the end of term, and I am sure that this visit will prove to be equally instructive and entertaining.

A word of praise and thanks would not, I think, be out of place in this report for the Dramatic Section for its pioneering efforts, which have at last borne fruit with the help of its new recruits. The play was, I think, a success in every sense of the word. I also feel that appreciation should be expressed to the Model Engineering Section and Mr. Charnley for the fine work that they did in "blazing the trail" with the renovation of the stage equipment.

Although meetings will have to be curtailed a great deal during the greater part of next term because of senior examinations, I hope that all our members will retain their enthusiasm and support those meetings which will be possible later on in the term.

Finally, I should like to wish all our members a very happy holiday, and to those who are sitting for certificates the very best of luck.

PETER D. SMITH.

Model Engineering Section

Meetings have been held whenever possible in the Workshop on Thursday evenings, when work on the models has been carried out. Models in progress are two oscillating steam engines, one of which is nearing completion ; a mill engine, and an antique petrol engine.

Several of our members took an active part in the assembling of the stage for the production of "The Rivals."

Our thanks must go to Mr. Astell and Mr. Charnley for the help and co-operation which they have given us.

Members of senior forms are welcome at our meetings every Thursday evening, when they can bring along models which they wish to construct.

P.B.A.R.

Philatelic Section

Meetings of this section have been held regularly during this term and, although attendance has not strained the accommodation kindly

provided by Mr. Astell, interest has been maintained and the meetings have been well worth while.

We are grateful to the School Society for the provision of a Stanley Gibbons 1950 Catalogue. A closer acquaintance with this work of reference has caused several members mild surprise by revealing that their collections contained some fairly valuable stamps.

Full use has also been made of the section's varied assortment of philatelic magazines, which have furnished a great deal of material of interest.

It is with regret for us that Travis, of IIIIm., one of the regulars, is leaving. We wish him the best of luck.

A happy Easter and good collecting to all.

R.H.W.

Photographic Section

Meetings have been held regularly. Demonstrations of toning and tinting have been given and members have also tried these processes. A very interesting evening was spent in the Manual Room making some reflectors for portraiture. These were used at the next meeting, when members tried their hand at portraiture. A lantern lecture, entitled "Creative Table Top Photography," was found interesting by all present, despite the severe disadvantage of only being able to use the small lantern. It is hoped that the epidiascope will be in working order in time for the next lantern lecture at the end of this term.

Practical work has been at a standstill, because we have had to change our dark room from the Chemistry Store Room to one of "Johnny's" rooms underneath the stairs. This is only a temporary measure, because Mr. Scupholme has kindly consented to our using the Advanced Physics Laboratory as a dark room as soon as it can be efficiently blacked out.

Meetings will be suspended during the summer term, but members who wish to use the dark room then will still be able to do so.

Our thanks go to Mr. Scupholme, who has been of great assistance in running the Society, to "Johnny" for the use of his room, to Mr. Charnley for the use of the Manual Room to make the reflectors, to Mr. Green for his willing co-operation, and to Messrs. Ilford Ltd. for the loan of the slides.

Finally, "good shooting" to those members of the section who are going abroad this Easter.

F.T.W.

Junior Science Section

A few meetings have been held this term and a regular attendance has been kept up. The most interesting meeting was a visit to the woods to obtain some biological specimens out of the pond and some

fungi from the trees. Afterwards, the specimens were studied under microscopes in the Science Lecture Room.

An American science magazine, "Popular Science," has been ordered by the School Society. This is issued monthly, and is available to all the members of this Section.

DEREK HULL.

Model Aeroplanes

Meetings have been held every Thursday during the term in the Manual Room, and many of our members have been keenly employed in the making of interesting models.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Astell and Charnley for their much-valued advice and assistance throughout the term.

P.D.S. (for H.I.S., Secretary).

Music Society

The policy of mixing gramophone programmes with concerts given by the members themselves has been continued this term. Composers of all kinds have been represented, ranging from Beethoven to the latest progressive jazz of Stan Kenton. The Society endeavours to cater for all tastes, and latterly the meetings have been very well attended. It is sincerely hoped that this enthusiasm will be equally evident in the future.

B.H. (Secretary).

Dramatic Section

At last the Dramatic Section has done a play ! I think that all those who took part in the play can, with all modesty, give themselves a hearty pat on the back. The choice was undoubtedly ambitious, but the players showed a remarkable understanding of and insight into the characters they were portraying.

With the sudden and most inconvenient illness of P. Ogden, who was to play the part of Captain Absolute, the play was in jeopardy, but Mr. Thompson valiantly stepped into the breach and saved a very awkward situation. At very short notice he attempted to learn the largest part in the play and accomplished his task remarkably well. I don't doubt that this is a feat he wouldn't like to repeat.

The play was produced admirably by Messrs. Horner and Thompson, and with frequent rehearsals they didn't permit the enthusiasm to wane for one moment. We must pay a tribute to C. Naylor, the prompter, who was in good voice.

Last, but by no means least, we must thank Mr. Charnley for his invaluable assistance. The technical side of the production was managed skilfully by him and his industrious assistants, who sacrificed much of their spare time to make the show a success.

To all those who have contemplated joining the dramatic section I would say, "Come along!" Some boys may have gathered the false impression that the Section is restricted to the senior forms, but this is not so; juniors will be made welcome, and if they would come forward in sufficient numbers a separate junior section could be formed, such as we have had in the past. All best wishes for a happy Easter to all our members, whether they are staying at home or going abroad.

T.P.T.

Radio and Television Group

A meeting for Radio and Television enthusiasts was arranged by Mr. Scupholme who, together with Mr. Charnley and Mr. Mitchell and about a dozen senior enthusiasts, expressed views as to the aims of such a group. It was decided that the group should endeavour to construct a television receiver for the School.

At the time of going to print, details of the receiver are awaited from a television firm in London.

P.D.G.

The Chess Club

Meetings of this club have been held regularly throughout this term. It is disappointing to note, however, that although there are still a few enthusiastic chess players, the average attendance at meetings has dropped; no doubt this is due to the large number of other out-of-school activities. Nevertheless, we have had some interesting games, and our meetings have been generally enjoyable.

P.O. (Secretary).

Debating Section

Owing to the many Wednesdays otherwise engaged this term, it has so far been impossible to hold a debate, although it is hoped to hold one before the end of term.

On Wednesday, 1st February, an interesting meeting was held in connection with the mock election, at which Mr. Johnson was chairman. The speakers were Robinson (Liberal), Bodenham (Socialist), Holt (Communist), and Wiener (Conservative), and each speaker answered questions at the close of the meeting.

The only other meeting was held on 15th March, and consisted of a general discussion on the following four topics:—

- (1) The reading of fiction is a waste of time.
- (2) Spelling reform is desirable.
- (3) Latin should be a compulsory subject in the school curriculum.
- (4) Tobacco smoking should be outlawed.

The Society is indebted to Mr. Horner for his assistance and interest, and we wish all our members a pleasant vacation.

D.S.P.

Junior Debating Section

We apologise for having made no report of this Society in last term's *Poultonian*. An account of the full year's work is therefore included. An inaugural meeting was held early in October, and the following committee appointed: K. E. Bodenham (chairman), J. B. Wright (vice-chairman), Whitehead (secretary), Gibson, Butler and (later) Sidebottom.

The first debate was held on November 2nd—"That the boy of to-day should do more in the home." Wolstenholme and Butler (proposition) stressed the practical value and help for mothers. Opposers were Whitehead and Gibson. The vote gave the two sides equality, and the chairman gave the casting vote to the opposition.

An extremely good and well-attended debate was held on November 16th, the motion being: "That life in the Middle Ages was better than life of to-day." Catterall and Sidebottom, proposing, made a comparison of the sociability of people then and now. For the opposition, Talbot and White spoke particularly of science and education. Again the chairman had to give a casting vote to the opposition after the house had been divided 35-35.

A quiz was held just before Christmas, Founder's and Hodgson beating Hibbert and Whittington.

On the 9th February, a debate took place: "That a drastic change is necessary in the B.B.C." The proposition, Sidebottom and Standley, said that there were too many serials and too few sports features. In reply, Jackson and Smalley said that wireless caters for all tastes. The motion was defeated by 19 votes to three.

The last debate, on the 9th March, was: "That the Golden Mile should be abolished." In proposing, White and Sidebottom said that it encouraged gambling and stealing. Replying vigorously, Catterall and Boulton spoke of the attraction and employment values. The vote confirmed their views, being 8-5 against the motion. The shockingly low attendance was probably the effect of a not even half-hearted committee.

We extend thanks to Messrs. Thompson, Horner and Hick, who have assisted by taking the chair on various occasions.

K.B.

SCHOOL SKETCHING CLUB

During this term, work has proceeded steadily—but weather conditions have made it necessary to hold the meetings in the Art Room.

We hope Spring will provide opportunities for more outdoor sketching.

J.C.

FRENCH CIRCLE

This recently-formed Society, which has a membership of about fifteen, is now firmly established. So far, two meetings have been held this term and a party organised to go to see a French film.

The first meeting was of both musical and French interest, for a recorded performance of "L'Enfant et les Sortilèges," by Ravel, was given. This short and amusing little opera, at times quite moving, was greatly enjoyed by the members once they had grown accustomed to the rather strange harmonies and orchestration.

On February 8th, a most interesting and instructive meeting was held, at which Mr. Astell gave a talk in French on "The Bayeux Tapestry." I wish to express to Mr. Astell our appreciation of this delightful talk, and to thank him for the trouble he must have taken in preparing it.

During February, a party was organised to see the French film "Bagarres." Those who were unable to attend soon learned the details of this film, which I feel sure was greatly enjoyed, from the members of the party. I am certain that the film proved very educational, and that our vocabularies are now enriched with some new and expressive words.

Finally, I wish to thank Mr. Harris for his support and encouragement of our French Circle.

P. OGDEN, VIa. (Secretary).

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FORM PRIZES

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Form Is. :	H. TOMLINSON C. H. GRAY	Form IV x. :	K. M. JOHNSTON
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Form II x. :	C. WATTS	Form IV m. :	D. F. HOTCHKIN
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Form III x. :	J. B. WRIGHT	Form V m. :	P. B. WIENER
Form III s. :	S. H. CATTERALL W. B. HAILE	Form VI b. :	R. LEACH A. K. J. PICKUP
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SPECIAL PRIZES

Merit and Progress Prizes :

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Form IIIs. :	J. R. HAWORTH		
Form IVx. :	A. WILLIAMS B. RIDEHALGH	Form VIa. :	P. D. GASKELL D. L. BANKS

Subject Prizes :

Fifth Forms :

English :	D. B. WRAITH	Mathematics :	K. RIDEHALGH
Geography :	G. B. THOMPSON	Chemistry and Physics :	B. W. DEWHURST
French and German :	P. B. WIENER	Engineering :	P. B. A. ROBINSON
French and Latin :	T. P. THORP		

Sixth Forms :

Lower Sixth :

English :	B. HOLT, C. D. ASHWORTH	Geography :	P. McCLELLAND
French and Latin :	P. OGDEN	Physics and Biology :	D. C. FLENLEY

Upper Sixth :

French and German :	S. PRICE (Old Boys' Prize)
Physics and Mathematics :	D. W. TURNER (Roland Darbyshire Prize)
Biology and Chemistry :	I. B. HOUSTON (Harold Mason Prize)

Art Prizes :

Senior Prize :	G. W. TUTE	Junior Prize :	A. E. FORSTER
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Keith Bamber Prize for Arts Subjects :

Not awarded.

Richard Thompson Memorial Prize (Photographic Society) :

F. T. WILLIAMS, D. C. FLENLEY

Bolton-Newton Prize for Public Speaking :

B. HOLT.

Headmaster's Prize for Public Speaking :

M. R. KAGAN

Magazine Prize (Presented by Mrs. Lucy Tomlinson, F.I.P.S.) :

P. D. SMITH

Public Service Prizes :

D. W. BRYANT, M. BUCKE, G. J. DENNER, B. W. DEWHURST,
M. R. KAGAN, B. A. KIRKMAN, D. S. PHILIP, C. A. POWELL, D. W. TURNER

SPEECH DAY, 1950

Speech Day was held in the Winter Gardens Pavilion, Blackpool, on Wednesday, March 8th, 1950. The lateness of the date was due to the re-decoration of the Palace Theatre, where it had been hoped to hold the ceremony.

The Invocation to the founder was read by T. P. Thorp. The School Song was sung under the direction of Mr. Rawes, who wrote the music.

The chairman, Major Brunner, paid a tribute to the late Mr. Hamer, whom he described as "A most loyal and indefatigable worker." Mr. Hamer was for many years Clerk to the Governors.

The Headmaster, in his report, answered the critics of the present-day system of education with regard to "Out of school" activities. These, he said, brought out talents in a boy which the normal routine classes failed to discover. He dealt at great length with our system of activities grouped together under the title of "School Society," with only one subscription each year, and ended by asking the parents to encourage boys to stay at school in the late afternoon to participate in these activities. He also mentioned other organisations, such as the School Scout Troop and the School Wing of the A.T.C.

The speaker, the Right Rev. Benjamin Pollard, M.Sc., B.D., Bishop of Lancaster, said that education should arm a person with a philosophy of life. Education is largely failing because it is undecided. He explained that education derives its authority from the supernatural, from religion. Indecision is fatal to education; is one of the major problems having to be faced.

He ended: "The aim of education is a good life—like the Christian Religion. I want you to be expert in goodness—so did your founder. Your education should be a signpost pointing to God; your lives should be submitted to the will of God, and lived in His service."

He then presented the prizes.

A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by the Vicar of Poulton, the Rev. N. H. Fogg, B.A., and seconded by Councillor J. H. Smythe, M.A., the Chairman of Blackpool Education Committee, who said: "Never in the history of England was it so necessary to have good men at the top."

The Bishop, amid loud cheers, asked the Headmaster for a half-holiday.

The School choir, under the direction of Mr. Rawes, gave a short programme of music. Mr. Robert Atherton was accompanist, and the programme was as follows:—

UNISON SONG....	....	"A wet sheet and a flowing sea"	....	....	<i>T. F. Dunhill</i>
TWO-PART CANON	....	.... "I have twelve oxen"	....	....	<i>Eric Thiman</i>
FOUR-PART SONG	....	"Blow, blow, thou winter wind"	....	....	<i>T. A. Arne</i>
CHORUS FROM "KING ARTHUR"					
		"How blest are shepherds"	....	....	<i>Purcell</i>
(SONG	....	(a) "When icicles hang by the wall"	....	....	<i>T. A. Arne</i>
ARIA	....	(b) "Where'er you walk"	....	....	<i>Handel</i>
(SONG	....	(c) "Feneen the Rover"	....	....	<i>C. V. Stanford</i>
		N. H. JOHNSON			
FOUR-PART SONG	....	"London Town"	....	....	<i>Edward German</i>
FOUR-PART SONG	....	"The Dance"	....	....	<i>Elgar</i>

B.M.

HONOURS LIST, APPOINTMENTS, Etc.

- D. H. Bamber (left 1934) : Final Examination, R.I.B.A.
- J. J. Bentley (left 1929) : Head of Building Department, Darlington Technical College.
- J. M. Bibby (left 1932) : Assistant Secretary to the Ritz Manufacturing Co., Glossop.
- J. R. Curtis (left 1939) : Intermediate Science Examination, London University.
- W. E. Curtis (left 1933) : Headmaster, Cookley Endowed School, near Kidderminster.
- J. R. Fishwick (left 1945) : Awarded special grant (after examination) from Lancashire C.C. for admission to the Royal Manchester College of Music.
- A. Garlick (left 1945) : Royal College of Music. Appointed organist at the English Church in Rome, and admitted into the Rome Conservatoire of Music for further study.
- G. T. Green (left 1946) : B.Sc. (Tech.), 1st Class Honours, Manchester University. Appointed Engineering Assistant on the County Surveyor's Staff.
- E. Haythornthwaite (left 1946) : B.Sc., Honours Physical Chemistry, Class 2, Div. I., Liverpool University. Awarded Isaac Roberts Research Scholarship.
- C. H. P. Robinson, M.P.S. (left 1925) : Group Chief Pharmacist to Mansfield Hospitals (five hospitals and a rehabilitation centre).
- J. M. Ross (left 1949) : Executive Examination, Civil Service.
- R. J. Skinner (left 1943) : Assistant Manager, Accounting Machine Division of the National Cash Register Co., for the British and French West Indies.
- G. K. Stewart (left 1942) : L.R.A.M. Diploma.
- W. Walton (left 1931) : Chief Accountant, Northampton Corporation.
- W. F. Williams (left 1947) : Intermediate Examination (with special prize) of Institute of Chartered Accountants. Placed sixth in England and Wales.
- J. A. Withers (left 1946) : Gazetted 2nd Lieut., Royal Tank Regiment (Regular Army).

THE HOUSES

Founder's House

The football results were rather disappointing last term ; we were placed third in the final table.

This means that every member of the House must do his best in the cross-country run, an event in which all can and must help. We have put up good performances in the past, chiefly because of the large number of boys qualifying.

Next term all life-savers must attend classes regularly. Valuable points can be won for the House by members gaining life-saving awards. Cricket, gym. competition, athletics, and the School swimming sports are very important events to come.

Every member is expected to pull his full weight, and thus feel that he has at least done something to assist his House in retaining the Cock House Championship Trophy.

Finally, we wish all members a good holiday, and hope they come back fresh and invigorated for next term's events.

D. HALSALL.

Hibbert House

No House activities have taken place this term yet, but by the time this is published the cross-country results will probably be known. In this event we have succeeded in coming first in the two previous years, mainly owing to a large number of entries. We hope this will be repeated. Stan Bannister, our House captain, should do well in this event.

The House was very pleased to hear that Mr. Charnley has been chosen to take Mr. Reade's place as one of our Housemasters. We are very fortunate in gaining the support of such an enthusiastic member of the Staff.

Next term brings with it many House events, which include the swimming, gymnastic, athletic and cricket competitions. We wish the House teams every success in these events, upon which the Cock House championship mainly depends.

We wish a happy holiday to all, and the best of luck to all those Seniors who will be taking the forthcoming School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations.

D.H.

Hodgson House

There has been little House activity this term, so we have an opportunity to record the events of last July which were forced out of the December magazine owing to lack of space.

CRICKET MATCHES. *Hodgson v. Hibbert*—Senior (13th July) ; Hodgson 94 for five (Edmundson 40, Southworth 4 for 42) ; Hibbert 34 (Brown 3 for 8). Middle School (16th July) : Hodgson won (no score supplied). Junior (16th July) : Hibbert 63 ; Hodgson 42. *Hodgson v. Whittington* : Senior (16th July) : Whittington 14 ; Hodgson 16 for two.

In last July's magazine we congratulated Raymond Brown and Bill Bracewell on their Football Colours ; before that magazine appeared they were awarded Cricket Colours, on which we now congratulate them.

Our Juniors won their event in the gym competition by five points in 368. Our Seniors came third, which was also our position in the final total.

By the time you read these notes you will know the result of the cross-country race. We thank all of our members who ran, and ask that they and the rest of the House will help to return the Cock House Cup to our "mantelpiece" by entering for the athletic and swimming sports, together with our cricket and gym teams.

To close, we wish all our members who are taking examinations the best success in them. D.W.T.

Whittington House

This term, up to the time of writing, has proved uneventful as far as House matters are concerned.

Arrangements are being made for the cross-country run, which takes place at the end of this term. Several members have taken part in the practice runs but, as usual, the greatest response is from the juniors.

Next term the main events are the athletic sports, the swimming sports, cricket, and the gym competition.

We wish all members who are taking the Higher School Certificate, Subsidiary and School Certificate examinations the best of luck.

F.T.W.

SWIMMING NOTES

We have held regular meetings on Saturday mornings during the term. Before break-up we shall know the result of our only fixture this term, with Manchester Grammar School on April 1st.

Next term we have the inter-schools swimming sports, and we ask all members to train seriously in readiness for this event. During previous years we have done well, and hope again to achieve some good results.

Members should note that after April 1st the Derby Baths will be open again.

We express our thanks to Mr. Yates for his interest and help.

Happy Easter to all !

D.C.E.H.

The Hot-pot duly took place on December 2nd, and some 50 O.B.'s were present for an excellent meal and the usual games. We must confess, with some embarrassment, to having had a very profitable evening. First, we won the beetle drive, largely because of one phenomenal beetle which took the minimum number of throws—the odds against this, as Mr. P——l would confirm, must be astronomical. Then we were fortunate to beat G. Edmundson in the table-tennis final, and thus qualified for the trophy which President Ardron so generously offered for competition each year. As the President lost the first round to us, we think his gesture particularly magnanimous! The cup itself is a beautiful piece of work, not quite on the Wembley scale, but none the less prized, and, as we declared on receiving it from the President at the dinner, will only acquire a new holder over our dead body.

Once again we were glad to see many younger O.B.'s at the Hot-pot, and a good number of them were also at the dinner. Do let us urge all leaving School to join the Association straight away, and lose no time in entering upon its varied activities.

Old Boys' Dinner

The dinner was held at the Clifton Hotel on February 18th and, as usual, was a great success. This was apparent even before an extension to 11.30 was announced. (By the way, had this concession anything to do with the distress of a well-known O.B.A. officer who was unable to find his ignition key until someone suggested looking at the keys in the car door?)

The Toast to the School, Governors and Old Boys' Association was ably and fluently proposed by A. S. Binnie, whose essays in lighter vein had an appropriately medical character. The Headmaster, Major Brunner, and "Bill" Hope replied. Mr. Stafford was at pains to rebut the charge, laid at a previous function, that he was "not a speaker, but a comedian." We offer no comment, beyond saying that notwithstanding the solemnity of his mien and the obvious sincerity of his tone, the entire gathering was in an almost continuous state of mirth.

We are, indeed fortunate in our Governing Body, as more than one speaker has declared at different times. The speech of the Chairman, Major Brunner, confirmed that belief, and strengthened—if that were possible—our esteem of him as one deeply interested in the welfare of the School, the Association, and individual members. The reply on behalf of the Association was delivered by Hope, and then the President was introduced by his friend and contemporary, Arthur Okell. There are many who think of Arthur as a quiet sort of fellow, whose mind is so busy revolving round his National Savings statistics and numerous filing systems that he never has much to say. We who

know him better were not surprised to hear from him a tribute admirably compounded of lucid fact and delicate wit, cleverly concluded by a reminder to Mr. Hollingworth—one of the O.B.A. Dramatic Society stalwarts—that this year he would have ample opportunity to appreciate the “Importance of being Ernest.”

The following attended the Dinner :—

AIREY, D. D.	CURRIE, R. D.	HOLLINGWORTH, E.	ROBERTS, W. S.
ALLEN, R. G. H.	CURWEN, G.	HOPE, G.	ROSCOE, H. J.
ARDRON, H.	DAGNALL, J. C.	HORNER, E. A.	ROWLINSON, W.
ARMITAGE, D.	DARBYSHIRE, W.	HUTCHINSON, A. M.	SEFTON, W. B.
BAMBER, D. H.	DAVENPORT, R. B.	JACKSON, K. L.	SHAW, G.
BECK, A. J. W.	DAVIES, F. C.	JUDD, A. S.	SMITH, R. M.
BELL, B. D.	DENNISON, H. R.	JUDD, L. A.	STAFFORD, F. J.
BELL, P. D.	DEWHURST, W. T.	KAY, J. D.	STARK, A. W.
BENSON, M.	EAVES, E.	LEES, E. A.	STUART, A.
BIBBY, J. M.	EDDLESTON, H.	LOWE, M.	SUTTARD, R.
BINNIE, A. S.	ELLIS, W. E.	MCINTYRE, J.	SUTTON, J. H.
BOWMAN, J. E.	ENGLAND, P. G.	MARTYN, R. S.	SYKES, G. E.
BOLTON, W. V.	FAIRBURN, J.	MORTIMORE, A. J.	TATE, T. C.
BREARLEY, K.	FISHER, N. W.	MOULDING, H. N.	TAYLOR, A. W.
BREWER, R. S. B.	FLOOD, J. G.	NIELD, J. F.	TAYLOR, R. F.
BRIDGE, H. H.	GOODHALL, P. E.	NUTTALL, J. W.	TOMLINSON, H. E.
BRIMELOW, G. H.	GREENHALGH, J.	OKELL, A. C.	TOWLER, J. T.
BROWN, G. H.	GREGORY, F. R.	OWEN, H. R.	WALTON, D.
CHAMBERS, B. K.	GRIFFITH, E. T.	PALEY, C. M.	WALTON, G. E.
CHARNLEY, J. R.	HARGREAVES, W. H.	PARSONAGE, T. E.	WALTON, J. A.
CHILDS, R.	HARRIS, E. F.	PICKETT, B. A.	WALTON, T. J.
CLEGG, D.	HAWORTH, L. A.	PYE, R.	WHITESIDE, G. M.
COPLEY, J. H. T.	HAYTHORNTHWAIT, E.	RAWCLIFFE, J.	WIGGINGTON, A. P.
CORBRIDGE, J. W.		RAWES, F.	WILKINSON, E.
CRAWSHAW, R. H.	HENTHORNE, H. H.	RHODES, J. K.	WINDER, T. S.
CROFT, J. R.	HEYES, J. A. C.	RIMMER, D. R.	WYATT, A. G.
CROSWELL, J.			

The guests present were : Major G. H. Brunner (Chairman of the Governors), Coun. F. Walton (Governor), Coun. J. R. Hull (Governor), L. M. Ball, Esq. (Clerk to the Governors), Robert Leeson, Esq., Mr. T. H. McGlynn (President, St. Joseph's College O.B.A.), Mr. N. W. Crosland (President, Blackpool G.S. O.B.A.), Mr. S. T. Maxwell (President, Arnold School O.B.A.), P. D. Gaskell (Head Prefect).

Apologies for absence were received from Colonel W. J. Plant (Vice-Chairman of the Governors), Coun. A. B. Bithell (Chairman, Poulton U.D.C.), Coun. B. D. Wood (Governor).

We were pleased to welcome two of the recently-appointed Masters, Mr. J. Charnley (Engineering) and Mr. J. T. T. Yates (P.T.), and would remind all new Masters that there is always a place for them at the dinner, so that they may soon become Old Boys in spirit, if not in mere fact.

Finally, our thanks to E. Griffith and Mr. H. N. Moulding for their very fine singing, to Mr. Rawes, as always, for his musicianship, and to Jim Greenhalgh, for his “Holloway” recital.

Who's Who

ERNEST HOLLINGWORTH.

Entered Baines in 1912. Keen on all forms of sport, particularly football. Took Cambridge Locals and in 1917 left School to enter his father's business as a florist.

In 1920 he joined the Blackpool Corporation Parks Department, where he remained for 17 years. Purchased Beverley Nichols' cottage at Glatton, Huntingdonshire, in 1937, and went in for the more practical side of horticulture.

When war broke out, the five acres of garden were devoted to vegetable growing. He joined the L.D.V.'s at their inception ; later became Adjutant in the 1st Hunts. Bn. Home Guard with rank as Captain. Was also Area Director, A.R.P., and member of the Aircraft Inspection Department.

War-weary people from the blitzed areas gave him the idea of entering the catering business and he acquired a road-house in Essex where he stayed for two and a half years, moving from there to Danesford Lodge, Bridgnorth, where he and his family (four children) now live.

An active member of the O.B.A. for many years. Committee, 1929 ; Vice-President, 1937 ; Athletic Club, 1930 ; first Treasurer of the Club, later Secretary. Frequent member of O.B.'s teams, cricket and football. Prominent member of Old Boys' Dramatic Section, 1933 to 1936. President of the O.B.A., 1950-1951.

Believe it or Not !

During the evening of the recent O.B.A. Re-union, a group of older O.B.'s, including Messrs. Bridge and Okell, were talking about "T.D." when the conversation turned to souvenirs of those days, nearly "forty years back," when Mr. Bridge had been a member of the teaching staff. After a few "souvenirs" had been described, Mr. Okell told the group how he had obtained the former Headmaster's desk, which had no longer been required when the School moved into the new buildings. Imagine his surprise when "Pondy" put his hand into his back pocket, pulled out a ring of keys, and said : "Well, you might as well have the key to it" !

The key is now back in the lock which it last turned some 35 years ago !

Old Boys' Football Club

Both the Amateur and the Fylde teams are continuing to have a satisfactory season, and both are placed sixth in their respective Leagues. In consequence, there is a good deal of speculation and friendly rivalry as to which team is going to finish in the better position.

A similar situation has arisen in the Shield competitions. The Amateur team has reached the last eight of the Rawlings Shield, and the Fylde team the last eight of the Ramsden Shield. The quarter finals of these competitions take place on the same date, March 18th, and both teams have been drawn at home.

Once again the club has entered the I.C.I. Medal Competition. These games are played on the I.C.I. ground at Thornton. Dates of the matches are not yet known. Last season the O.B.'s were defeated in the final after a hectic struggle.

National Service has claimed four of our players so far this year. They are Derek Butterfield, Gordon Edmundson, John Griffiths and Peter Martin. We wish them all well and look forward to seeing each of them from time to time.

Several new names have appeared on the team lists since the last issue of the magazine. Robert Wylie, Roger Childs and Raymond Solomon have each played. Jim Greenhalgh has turned up out of the blue, and he is playing each Saturday whilst on leave from the Merchant Navy.

Another event clashes with the Shield games on March 18th. This is the wedding of Bert Lloyd, the stalwart centre-half of the Amateur team. The club sends best wishes to both Bert and Pat for their future happiness.

Results of matches played since the last issue of the magazine :—

1949.

Amateur League

- Nov. 26—v. Co-op. Youth (a). Won 3—2.
- Dec. 10—v. I.C.I. Hillhouse (a). Won 10—1.
- „ 17—v. Layton Institute (a). Lost 2—3. (Round 1, Blackwell Cup.)
- „ 31—v. Anchorsholme (h). Lost 1—2.

1950.

- Jan. 7—v. Blackpool Trades (a). Won 1—0.
- „ 14—v. Blackpool Boys' Club (a). Won 3—2. (Round 2, Rawlings Shield.)
- „ 21—v. Anchorsholme (a). Won 6—3.
- „ 28—v. Ranger A. (a). Drawn 1—1.
- Feb. 11—v. Cleveleys Amateurs (h). Won 3—1.
- „ 18—v. South Shore Athletic (a). Won 4—2. (Round 3, Rawlings Shield.)
- „ 25—v. Bispham (h). Won 2—1.
- Mar. 4—v. School (h). Won 7—0.
- „ 11—v. Co-op. Youth (h). Lost 1—3.
- „ 18—v. Lytham Corinthians (h). Lost 2—3. (Round 4, Rawlings Shield.)

1949.

Fylde League, Division II.

- Nov. 26—v. Warton United Res. (h). Drawn 3—3.
- Dec. 3—v. Thornton C.Y.M.S. (a). Lost 1—2.
- „ 10—v. Bispham (h). Won 1—0.
- „ 17—v. I.C.I. Res. (a). Won 6—0.

1950.

- Jan. 7—v. Central Juniors (h). Won 4—3.
- „ 14—v. I.C.I. (a). Won 7—4. (Round 1, Fylde Cup.)
- „ 21—v. Blackpool N.E. Res. (a). Won 5—0.
- „ 28—v. St. Annes Y.M.C.A. (h). Lost 0—1.

- Feb. 4—v. P.O. Engineers (h). Won 8—1.
 " 11—v. Thornton Joy Club (h). Lost 2—4.
 " 18—v. Victorians (a). Lost 0—9. (Round 2, Fylde Cup.)
 " 25—v. I.C.I. Res. (a). Won 7—1. (Round 1, Ramsden Shield.)
 Mar. 4—v. School 2nd XI. (h). Won 5—3.
 " 11—v. Poulton Athletic (h). Won 3—0.
 " 18—v. P.O. Engineers (h). Lost 3—4. (Round 2, Ramsden Shield.)

The leading goal scorers are : Derek Parsons 26, "Jack" Horner 21, Howard Copley 13, Gordon Edmundson 12, Harry Eddleston 12, Tommy Winder 11, Jack Curtis 10, Bill Darbyshire 10.

(Our thanks to Jim Croft for this report—and for letting us have it without having to be asked. This is a great help.—Ed.)

Correspondence and Notes

We have an interesting letter from E. N. O. Dixon (left 1914) from Dar-es-Salaam, recalling his meeting with N. H. Lord during the war. Dixon has been in aviation since 1935, and after R.A.F. service he took a post with East African Airways. He hopes to see his two boys enter "B.G.S." before long.

Another fortuitous meeting took place when R. Swift, on the boat for Egypt, found that the Orderly Officer was 2nd Lieut. John Withers. Swift says "the native Egyptians are extremely filthy, and enjoy a very low standard of living." (They must !)

ENGAGEMENT

BLACK : BENNETT.—William Henry Black, of Streethouse, near Pontefract, to Audrey Bennett, of Normanton (27/11/49).

Congratulations to "proud fathers" B. K. Chambers, R. Downing and "Bram" Taylor.

SCHOOL SHIELDS

As announced at the Dinner, we can supply wooden shields bearing the School Arms, at a cost of 6/- each. These look very well and are well worth the price. Enquiries to George Curwen, please, at School.

For your Diary

Friday, June 23rd.—Summer Dance at School.

Saturday, June 24th.—O.B.'s Cricket Match at School.

With this issue of the Magazine you will receive a circular informing you that it is proposed to publish within the next few months a new edition of the Association's List of Members. It would greatly assist in the rapid preparation of this if each member would send as soon as possible the desired information to Mr. A. C. Okell, at School. We are indebted to him for undertaking its compilation.

New Members

- 1948 G. T. Bowker, 7a School Road, Thornton-le-Fylde.
 1949 R. T. Jackson, 51 Macbeth Road, Fleetwood.
 1949 B. Waring, 89 Lockerbie Avenue, Anchorsholme, Blackpool.
 1949 G. E. Walton, "White Moss House," Normoss, Blackpool.
 1934 C. H. Creswick, 5 Commonsides, Ansdell, near Blackpool.
 W. G. Holmes, "Sandholme," Normoss Road, Normoss, near Blackpool.
 1949 B. T. Bannister, 8 Acre Street, Lindley, near Huddersfield.
 1947 G. H. Longworth, 269 Norbreck Road, Little Bispham, Blackpool.
 1924 E. Griffith, 6 Victoria Road, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 1949 J. M. Ross, 187 Fleetwood Road, Thornton-le-Fylde.
 1949 G. Porter, "Jolly Sailor Hotel," Radcliffe Road, Fleetwood.
 1937 G. E. Sykes, 58 Harcourt Road, Blackpool.
 1938 D. C. Tofts, 11 Queensway, Blackpool.
 1950 R. D. Wylie, 98 Victoria Road East, Thornton-le-Fylde.
 1937 J. E. Bowman, 16 Sandy Lane, Hambleton, near Blackpool.
 1949 B. Bates, 8 Marsh Road, Thornton-le-Fylde.
 1949 J. A. C. Lawson, Keeper's Cottage, Pilling, near Preston.
 1949 R. R. Blackburn, 226 Clifton Drive, St. Annes-on-Sea.

THE "MOCK" ELECTION, February, 1950

The following officials took part :—

CONSERVATIVE PARTY : *Chairman*, T. P. Thorp ; *Secretary*, C. Naylor ;
Agent, E. C. Jackson ; *Candidate*, P. B. Wiener ; *Committee*,
 C. A. Powell, B. Morris, R. G. Buckingham, G. B. Shaw, J. R. F.
 Wolstenholme.

LIBERAL PARTY : *Chairman*, D. W. Turner ; *Secretary*, M. R. Kagan ;
Agent, P. D. Smith ; *Candidate*, P. B. A. Robinson ; *Committee*,
 P. R. Williams, H. I. Swain, M. N. Travis.

SOCIALIST PARTY : *Chairman*, J. B. Wright ; *Agent*, I. McG. Willock ;
Candidate, K. E. Bodenham ; *Committee*, F. J. Wilson, W. B.
 Johnson, J. G. Robinson.

COMMUNIST PARTY : *Chairman*, P. McClelland ; *Secretary*, F. T. Williams ;
Agent, C. D. Ashworth ; *Candidate*, B. Holt ; *Committee*, P. F.
 Ledger, I. S. Barcroft.

The result of the election was as follows :—

P. B. Wiener (C.)	....	....	200
P. B. A. Robinson (L.)	....	....	85
K. E. Bodenham (Lab.)	....	....	78
B. Holt (Com.)	....	....	43

Conservative majority over Liberal, 115.

The Communist candidate lost his deposit.

A BIRD-WATCHER IN MOCK-ELECTION LAND

Do you remember the first three weeks of February? School notice boards crammed with displays of the parties' various virtues; the long-haired orators spouting from the not-very-well-disguised "soap" boxes; and those small pieces of paper on which you had to make your usual mark.

Perhaps that was all the election meant to you, and it is for this reason that I want to take you with me on one of my expeditions, so that you may realise that the whole affair was not just a haphazard business designed solely to break tables and give Old Boys a chance to have some practice with a hose-pipe. Nor was it an attempt to celebrate Guy Fawkes night a few months earlier in the year.

From the moment that the nesting season began in Election-land and the "common voter-bird" made his presence felt, there were constant cuckoos in the nests, and the activity of the bird-sanctuary was appalling—a real "cat among the pigeons" situation.

Perhaps the most elusive type was the afore-mentioned long-haired exponent of the ancient art of rhetoric—or in bird-watching parlance the "loud-voiced tub-thumper bird." One came across it in all sorts of out-of-the-way places. You saw specimens of it tripping over their unmanaged plumage, pacing to and fro with looks of anguish on their faces, with scraps of parchment, bus tickets, and unsigned posters clutched in their claws. This rare bird is known to most people as the supporting speaker.

Another species to be found lounging about was the "blithe spirit," which drifted about the corridor with a characteristic bland smile. This was, of course, the "hedging candidate-bird." I'm sure you remember him, patting little juniors on their golden heads and offering the more senior members of the gatherings "all that and heaven too," and always with the look of supreme confidence, each one sure that his hard-earned shilling was not going to find its way into Chancellor of the Exchequer Curwen's money-box, and each at the same time spurring his admirers on to greater efforts.

Those of us who are really observant were very occasionally rewarded with a fleeting glimpse of the specimen, "quill-eared drawing-bird." He was, I believe, known to his associates as the art-director. He it was who was often responsible for the various artistic creations which decked every available square millimetre of notice board. He was, indeed, a strange bird, with the ear always occupied in supporting odd pencils, and pockets specially designed for carrying surplus paper and ideas—what a queer bird he was!

Another much-sought-after species was the "down-in-mouth-and-at-heel-agent-bird." He was perhaps the most conspicuous of the rarer types, for with his bright plumage—remember those rosettes—

he was often very easily picked out, as the more proficient apple-core throwers were only too quick to observe. But, apart from his colouring, he was always easily distinguished by his expression—similar to that of a Conservative candidate who did not hear the radio doctor's speech. Didn't you ever see the fellow with the rapidly-greying hair who rushed from pillar to post getting posters approved, leaflets distributed, and meetings arranged? The most characteristic feature, however, was the light which for a split second crossed his face on his being asked what he thought of his candidate's chances.

And so these specimens, together with the "unruffled chairman-bird," the "enthusiastic junior-bird," and the "aloof staff-bird," make up my collection.

My only disappointment—the one that got away—the "*avis rarissima*," or the "dignified returning-bird," who, I fear, got away never to return, after being so rudely frightened by the unearthly row which greeted the announcement of the result.

What's that you say? "What about the result?" But that's another story. P.D.S.

"ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL"

"The Rivals," 1950

After months of preparation, hours of fun and heartbreak, and minutes of satisfaction, Mr. Thompson and I reluctantly signalled the curtains to be opened for the first School production since the war. Our first audience would be the most difficult to please—the boys. Would they appreciate the Irish of Sir Lucius O'Holt, the Malapropisms of Mrs. Morris, the antics of Ashworth as Acres? More important, would the finely-contrived, balanced sentences of Sheridan prove too remote from ears accustomed to twentieth-century brevity? Was the stage creaking too much, was Julia's wig comic, was the prompter to be heard, was . . . ?

The School was tolerant, nay, even amused sometimes. Whole minutes of appreciative silence seemed to us to augur well for our evening performances. Well, that was the dress rehearsal, and by the time of the finale, most of our perturbation had been dispelled. After all, the prompter had only spoken twice and Ashworth hadn't tripped over the carpet.

But "the best-laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley." On the following day Ogden, our principal, was taken ill. With the courage born of despair, Mr. Thompson attempted to learn the huge part in one day. He went on in the evening. Nonchalance and geniality were to be the keynotes of his portrayal of Captain Absolute. How could he achieve these, we wondered, with his head buzzing with

countless difficult cues and intricate sentences. We needn't have worried, for he played magnificently. On Thursday and Friday he went from strength to strength. Furthermore, the way in which the cast played up to him, helped him, was truly heart-warming. To those back-stage, and to me particularly, it was an object lesson in self-sacrifice and *camaraderie*.

The play ended on this happy note : the cast had enjoyed it, and, according to reports, so had the audiences. Therefore, it will not be the last play ; but the first, we hope, of a long series. For we know now we have the acting talent in School, the able stage-managership of Mr. Charnley, and the scenic effects of Messrs. Croswell and Okell on which to depend in the future.

L.H.

CHARACTERS

Coachman	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	R. T. BIRCH
Fag	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	J. B. MASON
Lucy	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	J. WOODRUFF
Lydia	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	I. MCG. WILLOCK
Julia	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	F. J. WILSON
Mrs. Malaprop	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	B. MORRIS
Sir Anthony Absolute	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	T. P. THORPE
Captain Absolute	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	B. OGDEN
Faulkland	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	P. D. SMITH
Acres	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	C. D. ASHWORTH
Errand Boy	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	D. CARDWELL
Sir Lucius O'Trigger	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	B. HOLT
David	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	D. S. PHILIP
Servant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	R. H. WILLIS

Produced by Messrs. HORNER and THOMPSON

ACTION

Scene	I.	....	A Street in Bath.
"	II.	....	Mrs. Malaprop's Lodgings.
"	III.	....	Captain Absolute's Lodgings.
"	IV.	....	A Street in Bath.
"	V.	....	A Street in Bath.
"	VI.	....	Julia's Apartments.

INTERVAL—Ten minutes

Scene	VII.	....	Mrs. Malaprop's Lodgings.
"	VIII.	....	Acres' Lodgings.
"	IX.	....	Mrs. Malaprop's Lodgings.
"	X.	....	A Street in Bath.
"	XI.	....	Julia's Dressing Room.
"	XII.	....	A Street in Bath.
"	XIII.	....	King's Mead Fields.

Stage Manager	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Mr. CHARNLEY
Prompter	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	C. NAYLOR
Make-up	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Messrs. SHAW and TOMLINSON
Scenery	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Messrs. CROSWELL and OKELL
Stage-hands	....	A. C. ALCOCK,	D. N. BREWER,	P. DODGSON,	D. N. GRUNDY,	K. RIDEHALGH,	P. B. ROBINSON,	P. SHARROCK,
		TURNER,	M. N. TRAVIS,	J. F. WOLSTENHOLME,	P. R. WILLIAMS.			

A VISIT TO THE DENTIST

"You will have to go to the dentist," said my mother. "I'm not going to have you moaning that you have tooth-ache every five minutes. You can go this afternoon." I had been troubled with tooth-ache for over three days, and my mother was growing tired of it. That was why two o'clock in the afternoon found me trudging dismally along the road towards the dentist's surgery.

I came to the door at last, opened it, and found myself alone in the waiting-room. I sat down and tried to read my *Hotspur*, but the pain of the tooth and the fear of what the dentist would do to me made reading impossible. Then, suddenly, a knock came on the door. "Next, please," said a gloating, sinister voice.

With my teeth chattering, and my knees knocking together with fear, I crept towards the door. Then, as I stepped inside, I saw the dentist. A surprisingly small and meek man he was, far different from what I had imagined him to be.

"What do you want, my boy?" he enquired.

"Please, sir," I quavered, "I'd like this back tooth taking out, if you don't mind."

"Let me see?" said Mr. Pullet, as his name proved to be. "Oh, that's a bad one. I'm afraid it will hurt you rather. But it will soon be over; sit here, please."

"Oh," I groaned in dismay at his last remarks.

He produced his needle from a roll of cotton-wool, sterilised it in a liquid which he kept in a bottle, and prepared for the operation.

"Open wide," he said, and pricked my gum around the tooth a few times.

"Nice weather we're having," he said, trying to start a conversation. "I expect it'll freeze to-night, though." But I was in no mood for talking.

"Now I think we're ready," he exclaimed. I licked my gum; it felt numb and swollen. "Open wide," said the dentist.

I licked my gum again; it certainly felt strange.

"Open wide!" repeated the dentist, rather impatiently. I opened my mouth and closed my eyes. I felt like a martyr in a Roman arena. There was a slight tugging sensation, and then—

"Spit in the bowl!" ordered the dentist. I obeyed in a daze, hardly able to believe that the ordeal was over.

"You'll be all right if you keep it warm," said Mr. Pullet.

I went back home in triumph, like a general who has just won a great battle.

J. BENSON, IIIx.

A VISIT TO HORWICH LOCO. WORKS

Watched by envious eyes from the yard, we, engineers of the 4th and 5th Forms, set off for Horwich which we reached after an uneventful journey via Preston.

The instant the coach turned through the gates most of the party were surprised at the lawn lay-out, the clean brick building, and the seemingly small works in the background. We were led into a room where we were able to see photographs of past engines ; someone said, " I wonder if there's a museum." The guides then arrived and the tour of the works began, here related in stages of the construction of an engine.

In the foundry we were just in time to see a cupola (rather like a blast furnace) tapped ; it was like fireworks day, with the hot slag being blasted out and the red-hot metal running down. Further along the shop, Pi—I was surprised when he discovered that a large metal plate, which was being lowered by a crane, was a mould.

In the earth-floored smithy we first saw springs being shaped and put together, then bars being thickened, but the most impressive thing was neither of these. It was the making of another component, which was shaped from a square bar, into a thinner, longer bar with shaped ends, using a power-hammer, in a matter of a few minutes with one heat and one caliper test. Some of us were amused to see the man with a brush who kept the tools cleaned, and one boy remarked what an easy job he had.

In the machine shop, the operator of a wheel-facing machine seemed very proud when he said there was only one other such machine in the world—in Canada. In one part of the works a machine was cutting and stamping holes in half-inch thick metal as if it were butter, and in another part men were pouring white metal down the sides of bearing sheaves as if it were water ; but the most interesting machine was a turret lathe. This was making boiler stays—a copper bar was pushed into a feed, the controls given a few twists and another stay added to a pile.

We now had an hour for lunch-time and, after having our sandwiches, we went for a stroll in the town.

After dinner, we visited the erection shop, where a new locomotive was near completion ; it looked impressive with its red and grey lines on a black body.

In a few years it may again be at Horwich, this time for repairs, its boiler out and its wheels off, while men carry out instructions chalked on the parts. On seeing the work carried out on each engine, it was hard to believe that fifteen were so thoroughly checked each week.

In the coach-shed, coaches were pulled down from A to Z, jacked off their wheels, cleaned, then painted, not, as you may think, on top of the old paint, but on the bare coachwork.

In one building we met an old friend, Loco. No. 3—old “Copper Nob,” one of the engines whose photograph was in the waiting-room—and were able to contrast this brakeless relic, with its brass, domelike boiler, with one nearly a hundred years younger.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip (for some it was much too short), and it was a great chance for all of us to see almost every type of machine in use, which otherwise we should only have seen in books.

B. RIDEHALGH, Vs.

THE STORM

Strong winds sweeping leaves from the trees,
Wind-swept oceans, foam-lashed seas.
Rain streaks down through cloud-ridden skies,
All is fierce till the storm slowly dies.

Flowers swaying in the damp fields,
Farmers wond'ring what the crop yields.
Birds all sleeping snug in their nests,
Sailors safe from their perilous quests.

DAVID JOHNSON, Is.

THE DYING ACTOR

I arrived out of breath at his bedside ;
And there in a fever he lay.
With the rest of the cast standing round him,
His last dying words he did say :
“Take my costume from out of the prop box,
Take my wig from the dressing-room door,
Take the script from my dress-suit hip-pocket,
And go on with the show as before.”

C. D. ASHWORTH, VIa.

WHAT A HOLIDAY !

An hour after school finished one autumn Thursday, four members of the School set off on a half-term cycling trip. By six o'clock the Trough of Bowland had been climbed. As it was November, it was dark by then, and the descent down the other side was, to say the least,

hazardous. Supper had been booked at Slaidburn Youth Hostel for 7.30, but they didn't arrive till eight. Fortunately, the Warden of the said hostel was a kind, understanding type. He was also a good cook, and they slept contentedly, little-knowing what lay ahead.

Next day they set out in a northerly direction, with the firm intention of reaching Barnard Castle. But the poor, innocent souls never reckoned with me—I'm the fourth Fate, by the way—and they soon changed their ideas. I let them ride for about twenty miles or so, and then used a convenient piece of glass with great effect on a back tyre. I certainly did that job properly. It took them an hour to mend it, and even then it only lasted for five miles. When it went down for the third time, they seemed to give up hope.

By five o'clock there were still thirty miles between themselves and their dream castle. To be exact, they were in the little town of Hawes, in Wensleydale. There they decided to separate—two to push on to Keld Youth Hostel, in Swaledale, in order to see about beds and meals ; and the others to search Hawes for a new tyre. The first pair crossed the pass between the two Dales without mishap, but, by the time the second half of the party came to the top, it was pitch dark and pouring with rain. How I chuckled ! I still don't know how they reached the bottom safely at the speed they did. However, in spite of my efforts, they did reach the bottom ; but when they arrived at the hostel they found it very dark and forbidding and very empty : the Warden had gone on holiday that very week.

Well satisfied with my day's work, I left them to find their own way out of the mess, and went home to supper on Mount Olympus. Eventually, they did find a place of rest in the form of the " Cat Hole Inn " nearby, and, on entering the dining-room, the first objects they saw were their two companions lazing by the fire and reading " bloods."

Next morning I was back on the spot early, and after letting down a couple of tyres, I sat back to watch developments. About half-past nine they appeared—all ready to set off, but thanks to me it was noon before they saw the last of the " Cat Hole Inn." They tried to phone a youth hostel, with a view to finding out whether it was full or not, but I'm good at fixing phone calls—the line was engaged. In the afternoon, I let them off quite lightly, I thought—just a few hills, nice and steep, and a touch of indigestion caused by eating too many cream buns, etc., for lunch.

Now, they had decided that day to make for the village of Kettlewell, in Wharfedale, because the hostel there is quite close to several other hostels which might be used as alternatives. For instance, Linton, Malham and Bishopdale Hostels are only ten miles from Kettlewell. But then I took charge of their lives again.

If a map of Northern England be procured, it will be seen that this region is quite close to that prominent bump in the countryside known as Pendle Hill, which, as everyone knows, is far-famed for its associations with the Lancashire Witches. Now, these worthy ladies, being personal friends of mine, kindly consented to hold their annual feast of All Hallow's Eve on that very Saturday, and, in order not to offend them, many youth hostels in the district were holding parties in their honour, to which all and sundry were invited. And so, when our quartet of heroes arrived at Kettlewell, they found that there was literally "no room at the inn." They ascertained from other members of the Y.H.A. (the lucky ones who had booked) that similar conditions prevailed at the other three aforementioned hostels. Only one other, at Stainforth, remained. The time was already five o'clock, but, if they had any luck, they would reach the hostel in time for supper. They had no luck !

The shortest route between Kettlewell and Stainforth is by a track running straight across country, used for the most part by sheep and foolish hikers. They chose to go that way, and I acted accordingly, leaving as many sheep, gates, and large pieces of rock in their way as was humanly, or rather, inhumanly possible. I succeeded in holding them up so well that they arrived at the hostel just in time, but only just in time, to miss supper. The sight of their faces on learning that they were too late was enough to make a hyena cry, and I really began to think I was treating them too harshly. However, there was room at the hostel, and they found food in the back-parlour of the "local," so they didn't do too badly.

The next day, Sunday, I left them to their own devices. The weather was awful, of course, and there was no food at the youth hostel they had chosen, but they were used to that. On Monday I even gave them a wind to help them home, and I felt quite benevolent.

Well, I hope they've learnt their lesson, and take the trouble to book beforehand when they go on their travels again. Hey ! Ganymede ! Some more wine !

R. G. BUCKINGHAM, VIa.

FOOTBALL

First Eleven

N. WOLSTENCROFT (goalkeeper). Started the season as a forward, but willingly took up his new position when we had difficulty in finding a suitable goalkeeper. He has held his place throughout the season.

G. B. SHAW (right full-back). Has not a very strong kick, but nearly always sends useful low passes ahead to half-backs or forwards. When beaten is quick to recover.

T. LAWRENSON (left full-back). As captain and player is quietly efficient. There is nothing spectacular in his play, but the more closely one watches him, the more one realises his worth to the team.

S. BANNISTER (right half-back). A whole-hearted player, untiring in his efforts. He has a tendency to kick the ball in the air too often, and such passes are difficult for forwards to take in their stride.

R. F. BROWN (centre half-back). Has proved a tower of strength throughout the season. He is well-built, quicker off the mark than last year, has good ball control, is determined when tackling, and kicks with power.

H. E. BLUNDELL (left half-back). In a quiet, unobtrusive fashion is a very useful member of the team. In defence he takes up position intelligently, while in attack he usually sends along low passes which enable his forwards to make for their opponents' goal.

B. TABERNER (outside right). Is powerfully built, a good runner and shoots hard. Sometimes he is not quite so effective as he could be, but in games when he relies on the skill he possesses he is very good indeed.

J. D. P'ANSON (inside right). Came into the team in January, when Porter left school. He has made a promising start.

F. G. BAXTER (centre forward). Is always a trier, but his shooting is not yet that of an ideal centre forward.

J. R. EDGE (inside left). Plays well in mid-field, but would do well to shoot oftener, for he can shoot.

D. B. WRAITH (outside left). Is a forward who makes ground well and puts across good centres, but he also would do well to cut in for goal and risk a shot oftener.

Fowler, Eaves and Penwarden have also played on occasion this term.

First Eleven Results. Spring Term, 1950

- Sat., Jan. 14—Morecambe G.S. (h). Lost 0—1.
" " 21—Preston G.S. (a). Won 2—0.
" " 28—Burnley G.S. (a). Won 1—0.
" Feb. 4—Wigan G.S. (h). Won 3—2.
" " 11—Clitheroe R.G.S. (a). Won 6—3.
" " 25—Morecambe G.S. (a). Game cancelled.
" Mar. 4—Old Boys (h). Lost 0—7.
" " 25—Manchester G.S. (a).
" April 1—Preston Catholic College (h).

Second Eleven

The School Second Eleven has had a good season. This term's results are as follows :—

- Jan 14—Morecambe G.S. (h). Won 10—2.
 „ 28—Burnley G.S. (a). Won 3—1.
 Feb. 4—Wigan G.S. (h). Won 4—1.
 „ 11—Clitheroe R.G.S. (a). Lost 0—1.

This does not include the Old Boys' Fixture, which we lost 3—4. Of the games played this season, we have the following record :—

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	
				For	Against
11	7	1	3	51	24

The “regulars” have been Hesketh, Pameley, Newsome (captain), Fowler (vice-captain), Eaves, Winchester, Grundy, Hull, Penwarden and Williamson. Carter, Bennett, Brown, Halsall and I'Anson have also played.

During the season the following criticisms and appreciations have been noted : The goalkeeping has oscillated between exceptional and poor, the defenders have covered well at all times, Grundy being a “discovery” at left-half, and the forwards have never co-operated methodically, despite the number of goals scored. The outstanding players have been the defensive trio of Winchester, Newsome and Fowler. To praise the defenders and bemoan the forwards of the older teams is fast becoming inevitable in these reports.

L.H.

“ Under Fifteen ” Eleven

- Dec. 3—v. Thornton M.S. (h). Won 7—2.

“ Under Fourteen ” Eleven

Captain : T. R. Cottam

Results since the last issue of the Magazine :—

- Dec. 10—v. Palatine School (a). Lost 2—3.
 Jan. 21—v. Preston G.S. (a). Won 2—0.
 „ 28—v. Burnley G.S. (a). Won 2—0.
 Feb. 11—v. Clitheroe G.S. (a). Won 3—1.
 Mar. 11—v. Palatine School (h). Lost 2—3.

The season's results table will be given in the next issue.

" Under Thirteen " Eleven

Captain : D. Brewer

One game has been played, against the Greaves Modern School, Lancaster, whose Headmaster, Mr. J. H. Sutton, is an Old Boy. Our team was : Thompson ; Underwood, Brand ; Lawton, Blundell, Shepherd ; Alder, Jackson, Gooder, Brewer, Penwarden. Brilliant left wing play earned a 12—0 victory, Penwarden scoring six goals, Brewer five, and Blundell one. It remains to be seen whether we shall do so well at Lancaster on their smaller pitch ! It is hoped to arrange regular fixtures in future with this school.

" Under Twelve " Eleven

Captain : B. S. Jackson

A " First Year " team has been practising with great keenness and has played two games against the corresponding Thornton M.S. team, winning 5—0 at home and drawing 1—1 away. The following played in one or both games : Johnstone, Hogarth ; Johnston, Wilkinson, Mottershead ; White, Blackburn, Algar ; Jackson, Standley, Higham, Pearson, Andrews. Scorers were : Pearson (3), Blackburn, Wilkinson and Higham.
H.E.T.

BY THE WAY

Our School Roll numbers 457.

There are no new boys this term.

Valete

K. Ashton, S. Brown, R. K. Dagger, F. Hopwood, B. Roberts, R. S. Still, G. Travis, D. E. Vaughan, R. D. Wylie.

At the beginning of the term, the decorators, still in possession of parts of the School buildings, continued for two or three weeks to inflict minor inconveniences on us, and then departed, having painted every part of the School from floor to ceiling (always excepting the floor itself, which appeared to be overlooked), often in the most inappropriate colours imaginable. A pale-blue door in a cream framework may be a thing of beauty, but only so long as it remains untouched by human hand ; by the time thirty hurrying young boys have passed through it, perhaps half-a-dozen times a day for a few weeks, there are inevitably some traces of human handling upon it.

So we are not surprised to find that in places the greens and blues and pinks have lost some of their original freshness.

Who but a ninny would have thought of painting central heating pipes cream or light green ? And who was the genius who decreed that the "pre-fab" slow-combustion stoves and their smoke-pipes be adorned with silver ? Two days was sufficient for the heat to take effect !

With decorators dodging here and there, erecting scaffolding in front of classroom doors, putting electric bulbs out of action with dollops of paint, and generally making their presence felt ; with budding Oliviers holding rehearsals at all sorts of times and in all kinds of places ; with "election" agents, candidates and supporters bustling round and airing their views at meetings, the School was in a buzz of activity until the end of the first week of March.

After that, so great was the contrast that we became acutely aware of the hush which had fallen upon our world. It was like a kind of perpetual Sunday morning, or the peace which seems to fall suddenly over woods and fields at the first moment of a solar eclipse.

And you, no doubt, noticed also the speed with which the "Engineers" who assisted Mr. Charnley demolished the complicated trappings of the stage, erected for the first time since 1939, and apparently none the worse for their eleven years in hiding.

Evidently these stage-hands, as well as the cast of *The Rivals*, enjoyed their labours. At any rate, they were enterprising enough to celebrate the occasion by holding a dinner-party in a local cafe, and enlivening proceedings with some witty speeches. The "election" staffs followed their example ; or did they think of it first ?

Mr. Charlton, who so recently went from here to Australia, has already, we hear, forsaken the attractions of Melbourne for the simpler pleasures of life in Tasmania. It would almost appear that conditions for the emigrant are not quite so rosy as one is sometimes apt to think. Still, there is plenty of scope for the young out there, if only they are willing to take the risks.

Mrs. Waring, who has been a stalwart of the dining-room for many years, has been away from School for the last five or six weeks. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Mr. Croswell, who has had two water-colours accepted for the Annual Spring Exhibition of pictures by Lancashire artists in the Harris Art Gallery, Preston. To have had two pictures accepted in a special silver jubilee celebration year, when space is very limited, is a great honour.

Here are one or two things we should like to know. Who was it who :—

(1) Said "Some boys have gone to Universities and others to work?"

(2) Said "Persil was a famous seventeenth century composer?"

(3) Tried to arrest the fall of the Winter Gardens Pavilion curtain with his head?

(4) Was so amazed by Mr. Charnley's demonstration of a process in the Engineering shop that he could not find words to describe it (for homework)?

(5) Said "However small the rations are—and I must admit they aren't really enough—you must admit that you are bound to get them?"

(6) Associated schoolmasters with sanitary inspectors?

(7) Defined a transversal as "a line between two parallel lines between both the lines at different points or in one case the same places?"

A hearty welcome to Mr. Scupholme and Mr. Green, who have taken charge of their respective departments this term. Mr. Johnston came along again to assist in the work of the School until half-term, when he left to take up a post near Manchester.

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