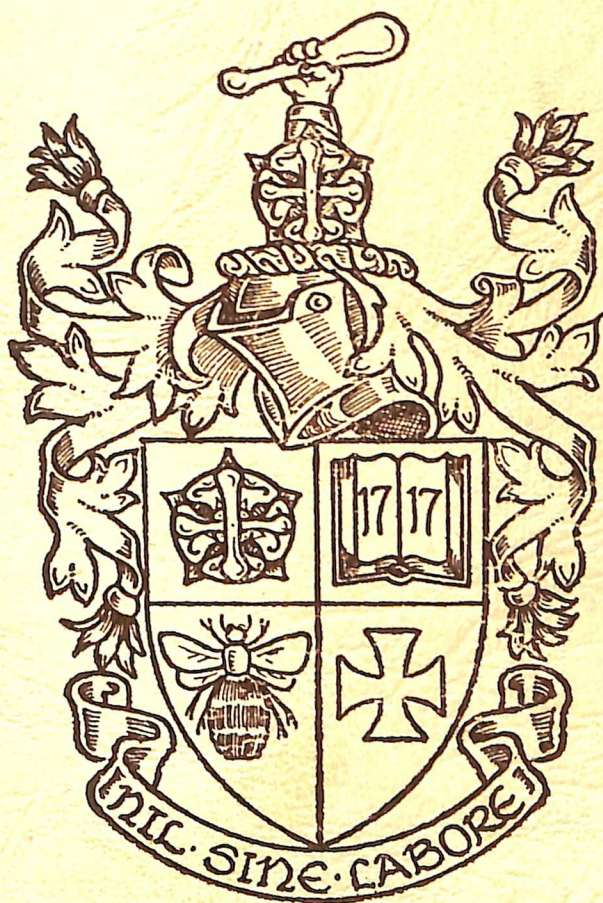
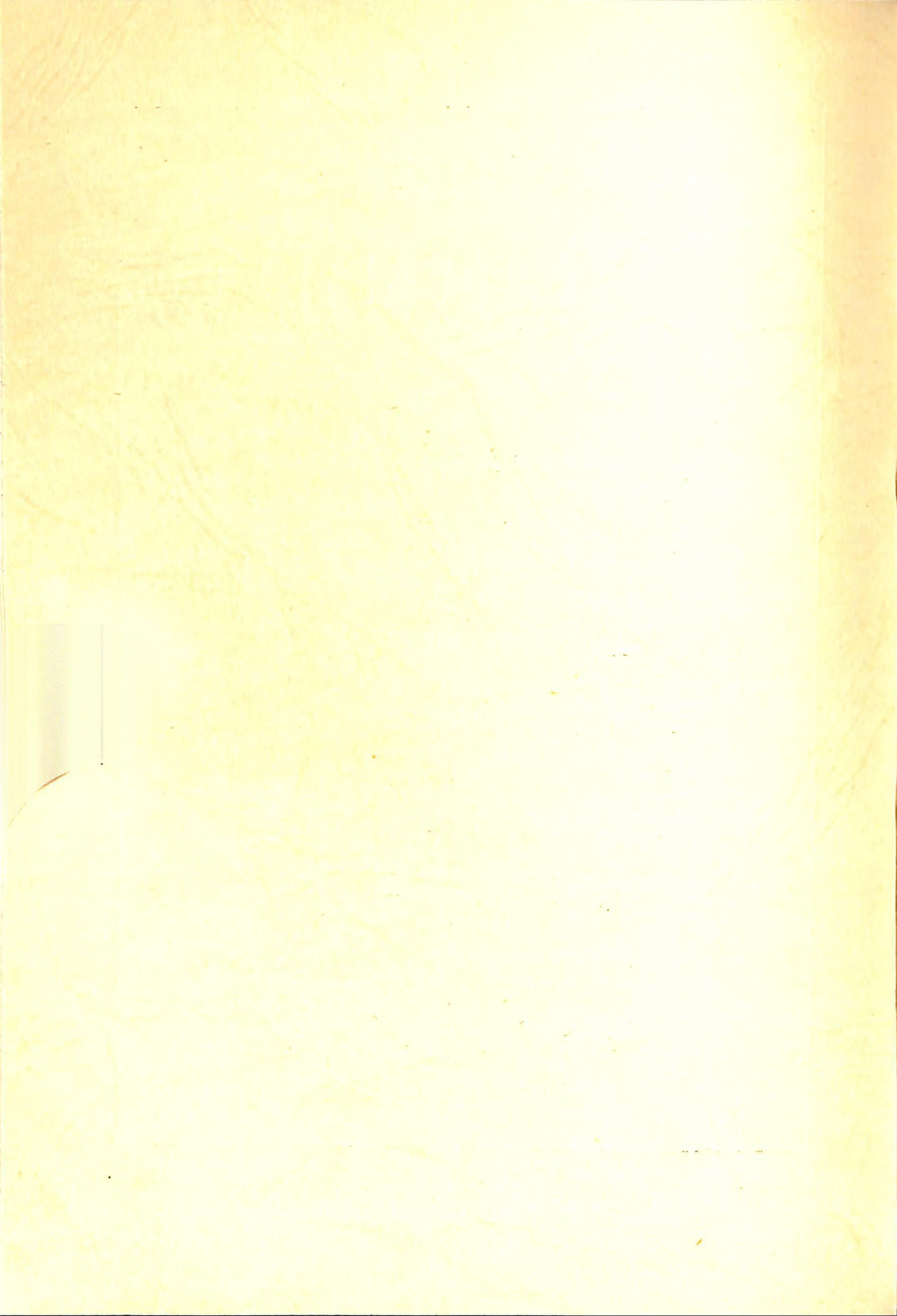


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EDITORIAL NOTES

WE have to announce that a minor financial crisis has brought about two important changes in the production of *The Poultonian*. The first is a change of printer, to which some reference is made elsewhere, and the reason for which needs no explanation. The second has been made in order to ease the burden on the resources of the Old Boys' Association, which takes (and pays for) over half the copies we print; in future we shall publish only two issues each year instead of three. The second issue of the current year will, we hope, appear in March or April. These changes are regrettable. It will, however, be clear to all that they are none the less inevitable in view of rising costs.

Already, last term, the School has congratulated Mr. Stafford (and expressed its delight in no uncertain terms) upon his appointment as a Justice of the Peace. We wish to express here in print the great pleasure of all—staff and boys alike—that this honour has been conferred upon our Headmaster, and our hope that he may continue for many years to adorn the Bench, and to bring to its decisions that wisdom and knowledge of human nature which he possesses so abundantly.

To Mr. Pickett, the School and Old Boys extend their deep sympathy in the bereavement which he suffered early last term, and in his subsequent breakdown in health. Before the death of Mrs. Pickett, Mr. Pickett had announced his intention of retiring from work, and his retirement dated in effect from the end of August, but in actual fact his enforced absence from School since early in May made it impossible for us to bid him a formal farewell. We hope, however, to see him sufficiently restored to health to visit the School in the near future. We are glad to print an appreciation of Mr. Pickett written by an Old Boy who has known him for thirty-seven years.

We include in this issue four poems which were entered for the Charlton Prize. The winning one was written by C. D. Ashworth of Form VI, and those written by P. Ogden and D. S. Philip of the same Form were highly commended.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, 1950-51

AUTUMN MID-TERM: Friday, October 27th, and Monday, October 30th.

CHRISTMAS: Wednesday (noon), December 20th, to Tuesday, January 9th.

SPRING MID-TERM: Friday, February 23rd, and Monday, February 26th.

EASTER: Thursday (noon), March 22nd, to Tuesday, April 10th.

WHITSUNTIDE: Friday, May 11th, to Monday, May 21st.

SUMMER: Wednesday (noon), July 25th, to Tuesday, September 11th.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

PREFECTS (September, 1950)

Senior Prefect: LEACH, R.

Deputy Senior Prefect: McCLELLAND, P.

Full Prefects: THACKERAY, J.; STEAD, B. R. (left October, 1950).

Sub-Prefects: BOOTH, M.; LEDGER, P. F.; GRUNDY, D. N.; SMITH, P. D.; THORP, T. P.; WIENER, P. B.; BARCROFT, I. S.; JACKSON, E. C.; RIDEHALGH, K.; ROBINSON, P. B. A.; WOLSTENHOLME, J. F. R.; BLUNDELL, H. E.; SEAR, D. W. J.

HOUSE OFFICIALS (September, 1950):

FOUNDER'S HOUSE—

House Masters: Messrs. RAWES, PATERSON, TOMLINSON and SIMMS.

House Captain: N. WOLSTENCROFT.

Secretary: B. MORRIS.

Football Captains: Senior, R. BIRCH; Middle School, T. R. COTTAM;
Junior, T. HIGHAM.

HIBBERT HOUSE—

House Masters: Messrs. HARRIS, CROSWELL, HORNER and CHARNLEY.

House Captain: D. N. GRUNDY.

Secretary: D. B. WRAITH.

Football Captains: Senior, J. R. EDGE; Middle School, G. E. PARKINSON;
Junior, J. B. SHEPHERD.

HODGSON HOUSE—

House Masters: Messrs. WADDINGTON, OKELL, ASTELL and MARSH.

House Captain: J. THACKERAY.

Secretary: P. D. SMITH.

Football Captains: Senior, H. E. BLUNDELL; Middle School, B. J. LAWTON; Junior, V. BLACKBURN.

WHITTINGTON HOUSE—

House Masters: Messrs. HOOD, MOULDING, HICK and THOMPSON.

House Captain: Vacant.

Secretary: J. F. R. WOLSTENHOLME.

Football Captains: Senior, A. WINCHESTER; Middle School, R. HALE;
Junior, F. PEARSON.

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FIRST ELEVEN. *Captain:* H. E. BLUNDELL. *Vice-Captain:* D. B. WRAITH.

SECOND ELEVEN. *Captain:* R. HODSON. *Vice-Captain:* Vacant.

"UNDER FOURTEEN" ELEVEN. *Captain:* D. BREWER.

SCHOOL SOCIETY

President: Mr. PEEL.

Secretary: E. CUMBERBATCH. *Treasurer:* P. B. WIENER.

SCOUT TROOPS

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

Boy Scout Troop: T./L. J. H. MARQUIS. *A.T./L.* J. HOPKINSON.

SCOUT NOTES

Summer Term, 1950

For the first part of this term the Troop ran under the leadership of J. H. Marquis, the Assistant Troop Leader, with the help of Senior Scout Graham. Unfortunately, I am not therefore in a position to report on the doings of the Troop during the first half of this term.

The Easter Camp, as usual at Great Tower, was a success, despite (again as usual) the weather. (Do you remember Easter week-end?) Apart from the fact that one P.L. contracted some curious malady, occasioned, it was rumoured, by washing up in hailstones, these truly toughened campers defied the Arctic conditions very well. The Beaver Patrol won the Michaelson Camping Trophy at this camp.

The Court of Honour, as is commonly done in the Summer Term, has specialised in seeing that the Troop has once again dealt in SCOUTing. Several wide games and at least one highly successful (as well as some not so successful) Adventure Journey Competitions have been run.

A Whitsun Camp of a composite Owl Patrol, under P.L. Kirkman, was run and arranged by him at Singleton—an effort on which he is to be congratulated.

A three-day hike over the Bowland Fells was carried out by T.L. Flenley, P.L.'s Hopkinson and Richardson. Their grateful thanks must be recorded to Mr. Richardson for a lift to Caton, near Lancaster. The

hike included such incidents as the sharing of a camp site with a bull. Fortunately, the owner of the animal allayed their qualms by the information, "He's quiet now"; also the ascent of Wardstone, the highest point in the Bowland Forest; and finally, the discovery of the "ideal" hike camp-site—to become a Troop secret.

Patrol Leaders Hopkinson and Richardson have also done some one-day hikes over the Bowland Fells. One, of 25 miles' walking in a day, plus travel from Blackpool and back, was a very fine effort. I sincerely hope that this interest in Hike Camping in mountainous country will be richly developed by the Senior Scouts next year.

I finally close this report—the last I shall ever write—by wishing all Scouts the greatest joy in their Scouting under their new Troop Leaders.
T.L. D. C. FLENLEY.

Senior Scout Troop

Two members, Edge and Hesketh, accompanied the G.S.M. at Easter on a cycle camping tour of Wicklow and found the Avoca Camp site for Summer Camp. Apart from this, and some camping at Whitsuntide, most Senior Scouts concentrated their attentions on School examinations during the Summer term.

T.L.'s Flenley and Halsall, A.T.L. Wilkinson, G. B. Shaw, M. Hope, T. Gerrard and F. Davies have now left, and our best wishes go with them. J. R. Edge, who, together with J. Marquis and R. Hardman, has recently won his First Class Badge, has been appointed Senior Troop Leader, with A. Hesketh and C. Graham his Patrol Leaders.

For the first part of the Autumn term a programme of Scouting and of visits has been planned. A number of Seniors will probably visit "Great Tower" at half-term to continue a forestry course which they started some time ago. Our main target for this term—as many First Class Badges as possible. For the first time for many years we have no King's Scouts in either Troop. What about it, Seniors?

AVOCA—1950

(Leaves from our Scribes' Logs)

THE JOURNEY.

On packed "B. & I." ship convivial character clings to S.M. In Dublin, Scouts soon sample unrationed sweets and Scouters inhale freely (tobacco half-price). Amused to find that Harcourt Street terminus resembles a country siding.

IN CAMP.

First few days, mercifully, reasonably fine. Sites are chosen and Patrols and Seniors settle in. "Palace," George's store tent and camp

flagstaff—minus our old Union Flag as Eire does not approve—are set upon crest of sloping ground overlooking river and valley, with village some half-mile away. Usual crop of gadgets, altar-fires, camp ovens and the like begins to appear and balls of sisal diminish rapidly. "Eagowls" make short work of hidden treasure (six bottles of 'pop') after strenuous hunt. Junior scribe writes, "Camp visited by mysterious strangers, calling themselves Leprechauns, at night which was accompanied by fireworks"—a description impossible to improve upon. March (?) on Sunday morning to service at Church of Ireland, and that same evening Seniors become "Barbarians," leaving camp with fearsome yells to establish themselves elsewhere. This becomes wide game which is to last two days. In camp 'Caesar' is invested with imperial purple and goes about brandishing a whip and wearing a drunken-looking crown of laurel. Camp pennant is run down and in its place is nailed the Flenley house-flag, an imperial eagle. Pretorian guards keep watch, and during the first night "Barbarians" content themselves with gentle skirmishes, whilst Caesar sleeps on his 'Safari' in the "Palace." On the morrow our four "legions" move out, too, though some are quickly seized by barbarians, who also carry out a raid on the imperial cutlery. Next night much less peaceful; barbarians leave no tent unturned in endeavour to capture Caesar; barricade is stormed, guards overwhelmed and standard captured, but barbarian rejoicings turn to rage when this proves to be a mere patrol flag. Still, great Caesar sleeps, having deserted "Palace" for the cramped interior of a bivouac. Finally, a hungry, weary horde of barbarians makes a thorough search and with only a few minutes to go captures both Caesar and his standard. After a post-mortem (on game, not Caesar, for he has had by far the best of it!) campers agree that such wide games are a good thing taken in small doses. Barbarians have not yet finished, however. After a night's rest they are off in pairs taking Emperor's greetings to officials in the four corners of Eire, with instructions to return within two and a half days. Only two cover the whole course of over four hundred miles' hitch-hiking, but all do well.

Rest of campers, now recovered from game and from shock of hearing H.S.C. results, return to clean up Patrol sites. Before long, T.L. and A.T.L. are off again, this time with all P.L.'s, whilst each Patrol, under its Second, is told to do as best it can. The challenge is accepted, and P.L.'s return some hours later to find meals ready, Patrols working well under new management.

Most memorable camp-fire is that visited by the D.C. and by our guide and friend, the County Secretary, Mr. Woodworth, who brings his wife and children despite heavy rain. After tour of inspection they join our camp-fire, a mountainous blaze which all but sets fire to the great ash tree above. Everything goes well; rain ceases; "stunts" and cocoa are appreciated; and even George becomes suddenly liberal and is seen flinging caution and biscuits to the winds.

Other memories, to be brief:—

Visits to the nearby seaport of ARKLOW, of which Scribe says: "Many bought cider and some suffered as a result." Our two young supporters who come up daily and seem particularly interested in M—head; S.M. throws pledges to the wind and smokes with great abandon—he and his retinue are often to be seen puffing away as they return from village *via* railway track, solemnly replacing wedges in "chairs"; game of soccer with Irish Troop camping nearby (lost 1—2) and introduction to the primitive Gaelic football; helpfulness at all times of our Old Scouts or Scouters Bill Hope, Colin Dagnall, Vincent Leach and Mr. Lloyd; visit to sheds of handweavers of AVOCA, then tour of Co. Wicklow by coach, which included a bathe at BRITTAS BAY; village rector's interest in camp and in camp sports which are going on when he arrives.

THAT LAST DAY.

Again, our scribe has it: "Dull for short time, then unceasing torrential rain for rest of day." Sodden tents are uprooted and slapped into soggy interiors of Patrol boxes which spout rivers of muddy water when lifted. Rain pours through roofs of railway carriages so that those who attempt to change into dry clothes are almost as wet after changing as before. Last minute shopping in Dublin, then back to "B. & I." dock to find steerage accommodation even more cramped than on outward journey. Sing choruses as we move down the Liffey, but the Irish Sea, beaten by a stiff Sou'wester, soon puts a stop to all singing; a night we shall long remember. Then Liverpool and the last lap. By some miracle all gear arrives safely in Poulton. Final brief ceremony is handing of camp pennant to Hopkinson, Stags' P.L.

Next year's camp? No reasonable suggestion refused, but we stipulate some place with a warm, dry climate—and no crossing of angry oceans! "T."

B. A. PICKETT, B.A.

An Appreciation.

"When I think of Mr. Pickett, memory takes me back to my first days at Baines's. It was the Spring of 1914. During that time I first had the privilege of meeting him, and he was my Form Master. I know that, in common with the other boys, I soon came to admire and respect him; I looked forward with pleasure to his cheerful presence in the Form room. So spontaneous were his gems of thought and exposition that we boys were soon brought under his spell.

"But his interest in our welfare far transcended formal teaching. It was a sad day, therefore, when he left us to serve his country in that first World War. Then came the happy day of his return and all the hope it symbolised. I think he found us much more mature in the rapidly-developing life of the Baines's of those days. I can simply say (in company

with many others) that we felt that a friend had returned to enrich our world.

"He has, indeed, been my friend ever since. It has become a sort of tradition for us to sit together at the Old Boys' Annual Dinner. I enjoyed recalling with him many happy incidents of school life over the years. I knew that he rejoiced in the happiness of his own married life and the delight of his home, but I realised, too, that his 'family' was essentially all the 'old boys' of Baines's School.

"And so his teaching days are over. I gladly take this opportunity to record our deep sense of gratitude for his zealous services to the School. I am sure that all will join with me in wishing him the health, rest and happiness that he so richly deserves in his well-merited retirement."

J.H.S.

HONOURS LIST, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

- A. H. Beckett (left 1938): Ph.D. (London University).
- E. Butler (left 1946): LL.B. (2nd Class Hons.) (London University).
- M. P. H. Clarkson (left 1946): Elected to Lytham St. Annes Town Council).
- G. W. D. Dishman (left 1942): Bachelor of Architecture (Liverpool University).
- J. R. Eccles (left 1943): B.Sc. (Agric.) (University of Wales).
- G. England (left 1942): M.A. (Edinburgh University).
- J. A. C. Heyes (left 1947): B.Sc. Tech. (2nd Class Hons. in Municipal and Civil Engineering) (Manchester University).
- C. W. Jones (left 1946): B.Sc. Tech. (1st Class Hons.) (Manchester University).
- L. Proudfoot (left 1939): B.A. (1st Class Hons. in English), Manchester University; awarded Graham Research Scholarship and Conway Memorial Prize; appointed Staff Tutor for Adult Education, Queen's University, Belfast.
- F. Roberts, B.A. (left 1941): Teacher's Diploma (Liverpool University).
- J. L. Towler, B.A. (left 1942): Teacher's Diploma (Leeds University).
- M. S. Williams (left 1947): Loughborough College Diploma, First Class; B.Sc. (2nd Class Hons. Civil Engineering), London University.
- F. S. Williamson, B.A. (left 1942): Part II, Natural Science Tripos., Class 3 (Clare College, Cambridge).

NATIONAL SAVINGS BRANCH

The fact that the Magazine is being published this term enables us for the first time to record the summary of a complete term. In the next publication we hope to include our statistics covering the Winter and the Spring terms

SUMMARY FOR THE SUMMER TERM, 1950:

Number of occasions on which the branch was open	12
Average number of subscribers per week	190
Average School percentage	44%
Amount subscribed	£189 19s. 6d.

The Forms with the best record last term were: IIm, 100% ; Is, 99% ; and Vm, 87%.

The special National Savings Badges which are awarded termly to Form Secretaries for particularly good work were gained by P. Penwarden, IIm ; P. A. Coward, Is ; and M. I. Smith, Vm. The first two of these Secretaries held their badges for the whole year, and M. I. Smith retained his from the previous term. A.C.O.

A.T.C.

The examinations interfered considerably with parades in the Summer term, but the progress of the Junior Cadets was good. It is hoped that some of the more senior Cadets will pass the proficiency examination. Congratulations to Cadets Grundy, Edmondson, Johnston and Riley who passed their proficiency last term.

Once again the Squadron won the Wing Trophy in the Athletic Sports held at Bailey Modern School, Flectwood. This year, the Baines half of the Squadron entered competitors for the senior events, and Blackpool Grammar School the junior competition. The results of the individual events are as follows:—

100 yds.: Derek Hull (1st); 220 yds.: Shaw (1st); 440 yds.: David Hull (1st); Hurdles: David Hull (2nd); 1 mile: Grundy (2nd); Long Jump: Derek Hull (1st); High Jump: David Hull (1st); Relay (4 x 440): Derek Hull, David Hull, Shaw, Grundy (1st).

Summer Camp was held in the second week of August at St. Eval, Cornwall. About twenty-five Cadets from Baines attended. The programme was very interesting but it was marred by bad weather.

The Air Ministry is providing a hut for the use of the Squadron. This will include classrooms, a store-room and an office. It should be in use shortly.

As a lot of Senior Cadets left last term it is essential that more boys in the Fourth Forms should join the Squadron so as to keep it at full strength.

PROMOTIONS.

GEOFFREY B. SHAW to be Flt./Sgt.
DAVID HULL to be Sgt.
RODNEY LEACH to be Cpl.
NORMAN GRUNDY to be Cpl.

Extract from a letter received by O.C. from Wing Commander Dodd:—

Will you please take the first opportunity to thank all the members of the P.T. team who represented Wing for the Training Day at Group Headquarters. Having regard to the extremely short notice you and they had, to gain 71% of marks was a remarkable achievement.

I mentioned the matter to the Air Officer Commanding and he asked me to send his congratulations to you all.

The team, in charge of Mr. Yates, was: Cadets Edmondson, A. S. Carr, Crowther, Buckley, Sharrock, Lord, Parkinson, Robinson.

Corporal Grundy and Cadet Sear represented the Wing in Engineering.

DEREK HULL.

SCHOOL SOCIETY

General Report

Although activities in the various sections were seriously curtailed last term because of the examinations, a very great impulse was given for a rebirth in the shape of the Exhibition.

Only two sections—Philatelic and Model Engineering—had been meeting regularly, but on hearing about the forthcoming exhibition the Photographers and Aero-modellers began working hard.

Another piece of good news is that the Dramatics Section, encouraged by its previous success, has chosen, read and adopted one of Bernard Shaw's plays. We wish our amateur actors every success in their new venture. The dates of production are to be December 13th, 14th and 15th, when Bernard Shaw's "The Devil's Disciple" will be produced.

PETER D. SMITH, General Secretary.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION

No meetings of this section were held during the Summer term, but members used the dark-room regularly. During the last week of the Summer term the dark-room was transferred to the Advanced Physics Laboratory.

A photographic competition and exhibition was held at the end of the term. All the photographs entered were of a very high standard, though it was surprising how few were processed by the competitor, considering the facilities offered by the section for this important branch of photography.

The results of the competition were as follows:—

Class "A" (over $3\frac{1}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{4}$ "):

1st Prize: "STILL WATERS" D. C. Flenley, VIa.

2nd Prize: "CONISTON" F. C. Williams, VIa.

Class "B" (under $3\frac{1}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{4}$ "):

1st Prize: "A GLADE" D. C. E. Holford, VIa.

Special Prizes:

For print processed by competitor F. C. Williams, VIa.

"LAKELAND WINTER."

Junior Prize G. Horan, Im.

The competition was judged by Mr. Stuttard.

The photographic exhibition was included in the exhibition of out-of-school activities on Thursday, July 13th.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Flenley for making the curtains for the new dark-room, to Mr. Stuttard for judging the competition, and to Mr. Scupholme for the use of the Advanced Physics Laboratory.

F. T. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

SCHOOL SKETCHING CLUB

A few faithful members have attended meetings regularly throughout the term.

Subjects for pencil and brush have been distant views of Poulton from the School fields, picturesque corners in Oldfield Carr, a farmyard and landscape in Carleton. J.C.

FOUNDER'S HOUSE

The Summer term is one of great activity both in field and class-room, for to senior boys especially it is a time for study as well as for sports; inter-House cricket, swimming, athletics and gym competitions, together with H.S.C. and S.C. examinations, make the term a very busy one. All our members who spent many sunny hours in examination rooms did so with our good wishes.

Our gym teams put in some good work, and their efforts were crowned with success. Our hopes of high achievement in the swimming sports were fulfilled, and we had a reasonable measure of success in House cricket. Last year, Founder's was "Cock" House; this year, we at least died fighting.

This time of the year is one for saying farewells. We have, unfortunately, lost our stalwart captain, P. D. Gaskell. Not only did he

distinguish himself as the School Swimming Captain, but he was also a tower of strength to our House in many ways, by his six feet and thirteen stone, and (just as important) by his fine example of leadership. We thank him for his splendid services to Founder's House and wish him every success in the future. T. Lawrenson captained our football for some considerable time, and he did fine service for our House. So also did D. Halsall, our efficient secretary, and a useful batsman on occasions; G. B. Shaw, who served us well in most branches of sport; D. S. Philip, our athletics captain, who, although he once tried to kill himself on the road, now proves sound in wind and limb. To all these members our thanks and good wishes. Many others, perhaps not so distinguished or conspicuous, but, nevertheless, good fellows, have also left. Good luck to them all!

We have been well served by our leaders in the past, and this coming year must be no exception. There is plenty of good material in the House, and every member can play his part. Up, Founder's!

F.R.

HIBBERT HOUSE

Hibbert won the Cock House Championship.

Here is a brief summary of the inter-House events and how we fared in them:—

FOOTBALL.—Hibbert won the Football Cup, as was reported in the *Christmas Poultonian*.

CROSS-COUNTRY.—The following boys gained positions in this event for their House: Junior: B. Howarth (1st); Middle School: R. Hodson (1st), J. H. Winstanley (2nd), D. Warren (5th); Senior: S. Bannister (1st), D. N. Grundy (3rd). All these boys are to be congratulated on their fine running, as it was mainly due to them, and not a large field entry, that the House won the event for the third time in succession.

GYMNASTICS.—In the Gym Competition we were badly placed owing mainly to insufficient practice. The points difference between first and last, however, was small compared with the total number awarded, so it did not seriously affect the House positions.

SWIMMING.—The House swimming team finished a close second in the inter-House swimming competition. Well done! Congratulations go to Denis Holford on becoming the Senior Swimming Champion; he gained the maximum number of points. Denis must also be congratulated on his excellent swimming in the inter-School swimming sports which gained for him three of the coveted inter-School medals.

CRICKET.—Interest in the inter-House cricket competition did not seem as great as usual. This may be due to the fact that most of the

matches had to be played hurriedly at the end of term or that the later matches did not affect the final House positions. We were placed third.

ATHLETICS.—Hibbert won the Athletics Shield. For this, special thanks go to our Middle School athletes who ran very well indeed ; in some events they gained the first three places. Congratulations go to R. Hodson on winning the Middle School Championship, and S. Bannister on winning the Senior Championship. Both gained the maximum number of points.

That, I think, completes a very successful year for the House, and it remains only to wish those boys who have left equal success in their chosen careers and sports. To those who are remaining to carry on the House tradition, the best of luck ; and to Wraith, Vice-Captain of School Football, and Thorp, Sports Secretary, congratulations.

DAVID HULL.

HODGSON HOUSE

This report sets a precedent as, for the first time, we are able to review a full term's activity instead of having to "leave over" many items.

For example, we are able to note the "external examination" results. Of the School's 21 Higher Certificates, Hodgson gained eight, as well as 13 of the School's 48 School Certificates.

We have not done as well on the sporting side as we might have hoped, and are, in fact, placed fourth, but the enthusiasm shown by several members, particularly in the lower part of the School, helps to compensate.

As usual, we have won the Cricket Cup, although this year we have to share it with Founder's.

After leading all through the School Swimming Sports were were beaten into third place at the last. P. A. Varley and J. Eccles were Senior and Junior runners-up respectively. Derek Hull was runner-up in the School Athletic Sports. In the Inter-School Sports he won the long jump and the 100 yards, and Raymond Brown the javelin event.

We offer our congratulations to Brian Taberner and David Hotchkin on gaining their Cricket Colours, Raymond Brown and Jack Thackeray on their Athletic Colours, and Derek Brand, who returned the best batting figures in the Under Fourteen Eleven, and last but not least to H. E. Blundell on his election as School Football Captain.

We also wish "leavers" success in their new calling, and newcomers the same in their School activities, and hope that they will do their best to help return the Cock House Cup to our shelf, pointing out in particular that non-swimmers can gain a point by learning, and others points for gaining Life-Saving awards.

WHITTINGTON HOUSE

This year has been very successful for Whittington House. Our final position in the Inter-House Competition was second. I hope that the good work will continue and that next year Whittington House will once again be Cock House.

At the end of the Spring term the cross-country run was held, and we gained second place. This position was only made possible by the large number of qualifying runs, especially by the juniors.

In the Inter-House Cricket Competition our position was again second.

In the Gym Competition our junior team took first place, and the senior team came in fourth, making our final position second. Our swimming teams were unsuccessful and we finished fourth in the Inter-House Swimming Competition. In contrast to this, at the Athletic Sports we gained second place.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Pickett, and also of Mr. Pickett's illness which caused him to retire in the middle of the Summer term. We wish him a speedy return to good health.

Finally, before I close, I must mention the great interest Mr. Hick has taken in the House and the way in which he has contributed to our successes; and welcome Mr. Thompson to the list of House Masters.

F. T. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

RESULTS OF INTER-HOUSE CRICKET COMPETITION, 1950

FOUNDER'S v. HIBBERT.

Senior: Hibbert; *Middle School*: Founder's; *Junior*: Founder's.

FOUNDER'S v. HODGSON.

Senior: Hodgson; *Middle School*: Founder's; *Junior*: Hodgson.

FOUNDER'S v. WHITTINGTON.

Senior: Founder's; *Middle School*: Whittington; *Junior*: Founder's.

HIBBERT v. HODGSON.

Senior: Hodgson; *Middle School*: Hodgson; *Junior*: Hibbert.

HIBBERT v. WHITTINGTON.

Senior: Whittington; *Middle School*: Hibbert; *Junior*: Hibbert.

HODGSON v. WHITTINGTON.

Senior: Hodgson; *Middle School*: Whittington; *Junior*: Whittington.

Points towards Cock House Competition: 1, Founder's and Hodgson, 100; 3, Hibbert and Whittington, 80.

COCK HOUSE COMPETITION, 1949-50

	Football	Gym	Swimming	Athletics	Cricket	Total
Hibbert	100	22	49	100	80	351
Whittington ...	92	24	38	86	80	320
Founder's	62	25	50	80	100	317
Hodgson	23	24	41	64	100	252

FOUNDER'S DAY

The Founder's Day service was held for the second time in the Poulton-Le-Fylde Parish Church on Friday, May 26th, before a large congregation of boys, parents, old boys and friends of the School.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Poulton, the Rev. N. H. Fogg, B.A., and the Headmaster. The preacher was the Rev. Gordon A. Maland, minister of the Raikes Parade Methodist Church, Blackpool.

The School choir sang the "Te Deum Laudamus" to a setting by Hopkins in G, the anthem "Praise the Lord, O my soul" by John Cross, and "God be in my head" by Walford Davies.

The lessons were read by T. P. Thorp and C. A. Powell. The organist was Mr. F. Rawes.

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OLD BOYS' EDITORIAL

Now that the initial shock of not receiving a Magazine in July has, we hope, been counteracted, members will possibly find more satisfactory the arrangement whereby the O.B.A. activities and news are concentrated into two reports. This time, for example, we are able to report the O.B. Sports instead of having to wait until Christmas, when the very suggestion of field events might well strike a chill into most readers—not that the weather is noticeably more clement now than at Christmas.

Members will have received the new booklet with the list of O.B.A. names and addresses, which will be of great value. May we thank Mr. Okell once more for his thoroughness and industry in preparing this list—not forgetting the pioneer work of Mr. Rawes in compiling the war-time list from which this has evolved.

Certain information is required and changes are to be noted in connection with this list. Please see the list of new members for these notes. May we again urge all Old Boys, whether members of the Association or not, to keep us posted with their "personalia."

OLD BOYS' SPORTS

The most successful post-war sports event was held on Friday evening, July 21st. The fact that the occasion immediately followed the School Sports in the afternoon undoubtedly helped to swell the attendance. The championship was won by Roger Hopson (now at Loughborough College) with 23 points; Eric Butler gained nine, George Curwen seven, and Harry Eddleston five. W. Rowlinson, J. McN. Dodgson, D. Hardwick, G. H. Brimelow, R. I. Henry, T. S. Winder and J. Croft also competed.

RESULTS.

100 yds. open: 1, Hopson; 2, Butler; 3, Eddleston.
Long Jump: 1, Hopson; 2, Butler; 3, Curwen.
220 yds. open: 1, Hopson; 2, Butler; 3, Eddleston.
Cricket Ball: 1, Hopson; 2, Eddleston; 3, Curwen.
Mile: 1, Curwen; 2, Hopson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hollingworth were welcome visitors, Mrs. Hollingworth presenting the prizes. Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Horner, R. Pye, C. Elliott, K. Stock, C. G. Seeling, T. Walton, R. Taylor, W. T. Dewhurst, H. Dennison, H. Ardron, Messrs. Paterson, Peel, Rawes and Shaw were also present. Officials were: Starter, Mr. J. T. T. Yates; Judges, Messrs. Horner, Okell and Tomlinson. Useful help was given by schoolboys Geoffrey Shaw, Colin Powell and Jack Ganley.

We are sorry to report that the proposed Summer Excursion to the Yorkshire Dales had to be cancelled for lack of support, and that the cricket match had to be abandoned for lack of decent weather. (When will they realise that football should be played from the end of June till the middle of March each season in order to fit cricket into the only possible climatic period?—Ed).

We are glad to include last season's report and complete results table for the Football Club, and we must also record the Club's appreciation of the President's gift of new jerseys bearing the School arms.

OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB

President: COUN. F. WALTON.

REVIEW OF SEASON 1949-50

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Subscriptions have been received from the following O.B.'s: F. Williams (£1/1/0), E. A. Horner, J. M. Bibby, K. Brearley, H. Ardron, R. A. Kerr, T. J. Walton, H. R. Dennison, H. E. Tomlinson, R. Clayton, A. M. Hutchinson, G. Shaw, A. C. Okell, W. T. Dewhurst, D. D. Airey, G. F. Brimelow, F. J. Stafford, E. Hollingworth, G. G. Copley. (19).

NON-PLAYING MEMBERS.

The following subscribed: R. Forsyth, W. V. Bolton, R. Stuttard, J. Flood, D. H. Bamber, L. A. Haworth, E. Eaves. (7).

DONATIONS.

E. Wilkinson, R. Pye, H. J. Roscoe. (3).

PLAYING MEMBERS.

The following played: D. Parsons (30), L. Horner (27), H. Copley (19), H. Eddleston (15), T. Winder (15), W. Darbyshire (13), G. Edmundson (12), J. Curtis (11), J. Griffiths (8), D. Butterfield (6), J. Fairburn (5), E. Butler (5), A. Taylor (5), A. Stuart (4), J. Greenhalgh (4), R. Wylie (4), J. Croft (2), J. K. Rigby (2), J. Lightbown (2), G. Thompson (2), D. Wraith (2), J. Leech (2), P. Martin (1), G. Lowe (1), W. Rowlinson (1), J. Porter, B. Sixsmith, B. Lloyd, J. Yates, R. Brown, W. Bracewell, J. Cooke, D. Copeman, G. Sykes, R. Solomon, R. Childs,

N. Nelson, T. Lawrenson, S. Bannister, B. Taberner, F. Banter, R. Edmunds, J. Uttley, A. Cockshoot, H. Waddington, H. E. Tomlinson; Messrs. Hick, Johnston, Paterson, Thompson (Staff).

(Figures in brackets denote goals scored during the season).

RECORD.

Two teams have been fielded this season, one in the Blackpool and District Amateur League (Northern Section), and the other in the Fylde District League (2nd Division).

At the close of the season, both teams were placed sixth in their respective leagues.

The Fylde League team reached the quarter-final of the Ramsden Shield Competition, and the Amateur League team were also in the last eight in the Rawling Shield Competition. Apart from this, we enjoyed little success in any other competitions. We were unable to repeat our performance of the previous season in the I.C.I. Medal Competition, and were defeated in the first round after a keen struggle.

Two teams were fielded on two occasions in games against the School.

Our record for the season is as follows:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
Amateur League	24	13	2	9	81	53
Blackwell Cup	1	0	0	1	2	3
Rawling Shield	3	2	0	1	9	7
Fylde League	25	13	3	9	72	44
Ramsden Shield	2	1	0	1	9	5
Fylde Cup	2	1	0	1	7	13
Friendly Games	5	3	0	2	19	11
I.C.I. Medals	1	0	0	1	0	1
	63	33	5	25	199	137

CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTES

An interesting letter came in May from C. H. Preston Robinson, Pharmacist at the Mansfield and District General Hospital. Those who read of the Mock Election at School will remember that the Liberal "candidate" was P. B. A. Robinson, son of the Liberal candidate for the North Fylde Division at the General Election. The name must carry some irresistible talismanic value for the Party, for Preston Robinson tells us that he also put up as Liberal candidate for Mansfield, and he did very well to poll over 5,000 votes in an acknowledged Labour stronghold. "It would certainly be helpful if *all* the Robinsons were Liberals," he plaintively writes. Certainly there might be fewer forfeited deposits—unless all the Smiths and Taylors logically declared for Labour!

We must congratulate Vice-President W. S. Slater, deputy superintendent of H.M. Stationery Office, on being awarded the M.B.E. in the Birthday Honours List. Slater recently went to live in Arnside.

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Congratulations are extended to M. P. H. Clarkson, who has been elected a member of the Lytham St. Annes Borough Council.

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When the Blackpool Swimming Club free-style team won the free-style championship of England at Lancaster recently, there were two well-known B.G.S. swimming personalities in the team—W. B. Tillotson and H. J. Hull—who both made invaluable contributions towards the victory, and have since been selected for representative honours at Belfast.

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Another O.B. who may well make a name for himself in sport is Tom Lucas, now playing well in one of Blackpool's junior teams at full-back. Incidentally, we recall trying him in this position in the Under 14 team in his very early days at school, and though this idea did not "come off" at the time it might have sown a seed! He settled down, actually, as a very good wing-half, and has played centre-half at the Technical College.

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We have heard from Trevor Holden, who has now recovered from his serious illness when in the R.A.F., that he has been admitted to Borough Road College, and we wish him success and good health.

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We were glad to see Bill Roskell on leave from M.V. "Trewellard," in which he is now Junior Engineer. He tells us that Les Edwards is Second Mate, so we suggest they re-christen the vessel M.V. "Hibbert." Bill has recently acquired a Higher National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering.

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Double congratulations to "Tich" Rossall on gaining his Radio National Certificate and on his recovery from a very serious cardiac operation.

WEDDINGS

COOPE—WHITESIDE.—John Tonge Coope to Patricia Whiteside, of Blackpool, at St. John's, Blackpool, 19th April, 1950.

CRYER—BAXTER.—Roy Alwin Cryer to Mavis Baxter, of Blackpool, at St. John's Blackpool, 26th April, 1950.

SCOTT—SMITH.—William Norris Scott, of Poulton, to Pauline Smith, of Newport, Mon., at St. Chad's, Poulton, 22nd May, 1950.

GARDNER—HOYLE.—Derek Gardner, of Layton, to Brenda Hoyle, of Layton; in Rhodesia.

WILKINSON—WAUGH.—Tom Dawson Wilkinson to Nancy Clough, at St. Chad's, Poulton, 31st July, 1950.

ENGLAND—BOSOMWORTH. — George England, of Blackpool, to Mavis Bosomworth, of Marton, at St. John's, Blackpool, 13th September, 1950.

WIGGINTON—DICKINSON. — Peter Wigginton, of Poulton, to Muriel Dickinson, of Poulton, at St. Chad's, Poulton, 2nd September, 1950.

SCOWCROFT—PHILLIPS.—John Alfred Scowcroft, of Cleveleys, to Pauline Glenice Phillips, of Poulton, at St. Chad's, Poulton, 30th September, 1950.

ENGAGEMENT

SCHOFIELD—TAYLOR. — Timothy Parkinson Schofield, of Coppull, to Shirley Ann Taylor, of Cleethorpes.

NEW MEMBERS

(Since publication of Booklet)

- 1950 E. F. Wilkinson, 47 Larkholme Lane, Fleetwood.
- 1950 P. A. Varley, 50 Warbreck Drive, Blackpool.
- 1950 M. J. Mellelieu, 264 Newton Drive, Blackpool.
- 1950 C. D. Ashworth, 79 Rossall Road, Cleveleys, Blackpool.
- 1950 D. Halsall, "Willow Grove," Gt. Eccleston, Nr. Preston.
- 1950 David Hull, 1 Low Moor Road, Bispham, Blackpool.
- 1950 Derek Hull, 1 Low Moor Road, Bispham, Blackpool.
- 1950 D. W. Turner, 47 Carr Gate, Cleveleys, Blackpool.
- 1950 D. C. E. Holford, 14 Riversleigh Avenue, Blackpool, N.S.
- 1950 R. Williamson, 110 Rossall Road, Cleveleys, Blackpool.
- 1950 B. Holt, 150 Victoria Road, Cleveleys, Blackpool.
- 1950 D. S. Philip, 1 Bispham Road, Layton, Blackpool.
- 1950 J. Penwarden, 55 Westfield Avenue, Fleetwood.
- 1950 R. F. Brown, 1 Rington Avenue, Carleton, Blackpool.
- 1950 S. Bannister, "Shard House," Hambleton, Nr. Blackpool.
- 1949 K. Bentley, 13 Lytham Road, Blackpool.
- 1950 P. Ogden, "Casa Mia," Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde.
- 1950 F. T. Williams, 35 Greenwood Avenue, Marton, Blackpool.
- 1950 J. D. D. Wylie, 98 Victoria Road East, Thornton-le-Fylde.
- 1950 A. K. J. Pickup, 2a Carr Lane, Hambleton. Nr. Blackpool.
- 1947 Wm. Lawrenson, "Domus," Argyle Road, Poulton-le-Fylde.
- 1948 J. R. Barker, 11 Caledonian Avenue, Blackpool.
- 1950 D. C. Flenley, 9 High Cross Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde.
- 1950 C. A. Powell, 2 Goldsboro' Avenue, Marton, Blackpool.

Please note the following changes of address since publication of of booklet:—

J. M. Bibby, "Fairview," Dinting Road, Glossop, Derbyshire.

G. K. G. Heath, 33 Roseacre, South Shore, Blackpool.

J. J. Holland, 14 Byrom Street, Fleetwood.

S. C. Jeffreys, Central Mechanical Equipment Dept., Umtali, S. Rhodesia.

Frank Lord—Delete the Hove address.

Correspondence addressed to the following Old Boys has been returned "Gone away—address not known." Can any O.B. please inform us of the new address?:—

R. M. Barnes, 23 Richmond Avenue, Cleveleys.

H. Hewitt, 4 Chalfont Drive, Western Boulevard, Nottingham.

T. C. Miller, 20 Victoria Park Avenue, Lea, Nr. Preston.

N. Ramsbottom, 8 Greenlands Avenue, Standish. Nr. Wigan.

W. H. Riley, 27 Brodie Avenue, Bispham.

D. G. Shaw, "Vine Lodge," 15 Vineyard, Richmond, Surrey.

R. H. Thorpe, 2 Windsor Terrace, Fleetwood.

P. C. Palin, 21 Blackpool Road, Lea, Nr. Preston.

J. C. Mann, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.

THE SWIMMING TEAM

Captain: P. D. GASKELL. Vice-Captain and Sec.: D. C. E. HOLFORD.

At last we've done it again; the Inter-School Cup is ours for a whole year, and are we proud! It has taken quite a time, in fact all of four years, but it wasn't through having a better team than in the past few years. We have always had a very strong team but luck just didn't come our way. By luck, I don't mean the luck of our competitor in winning his particular event, but the way in which other positions were distributed among the other teams.

Here is a summary of the results of the Inter-School Swimming Sports over the past six years, and individual performances for 1950:—

1945—Winners. Lancaster (38 points); Second, B.G.S. (33 points).

1946—Winners, B.G.S. (50 points); Second, Blackpool (27 points).

1947—Winners, Blackpool (36 points); Second, B.G.S. (34 points).

1948—Winners, Southport (34 points); Second, B.G.S. (30 points).

1949—Winners, Southport (36 points); Second, B.G.S. (35 points).

1950—Winners, B.G.S. (32½ points); Second, Southport (25 points).

What a record!

Individual performances for 1950:—

SENIOR:

50 metres Breast Stroke: Morley, unplaced.
50 metres Back Stroke: Holford, 1st in 34 secs.
50 metres Free-Style: Gaskell, 2nd.
Neat Dive: Varley tied for 3rd.
200 metres Free-Style: Grundy, 2nd.
Medley Relay: Willock, Morley, Ramsden, Rogers, 4th.
100 metres Free-Style: Holford, 1st with record of 68 secs.
Long Plunge: Gaskell, 2nd.
Free-Style Relay: Gaskell, Grundy, Varley, Holford, 1st in 2 mins.
9 secs.

A great team effort!

JUNIOR:

50 metres Back Stroke: Heney, 2nd.
50 metres Free-Style: Willock, 2nd.
Philip, Winstanley, Bligh and Sidebottom were the other members of the team.

It can be seen from a 1948 Inter-School Swimming programme that after the 1947 gala, B.G.S. held every record on the programme. Considering that there are nine senior events, this is a very fine feat which might never be equalled.

This year, we have gained the "double crown" in Inter-School Athletics and Swimming. This has been accomplished at least once before, namely, by Lancaster in 1945.

In the Easter Magazine we announced that we had a swimming fixture with Manchester Grammar School on April 1st. It turned out to be one of the closest matches that the team has ever had. We lost by one point, 48—47 points.

RESULTS (First places only).

SENIOR:

100 yards Free-Style: Grundy.
50 yards Free-Style: Gaskell.
50 yards Back Stroke: Holford.
50 yards Breast Stroke: Holford.
Neat Dive: Varley (tie).
Long Plunge: Gaskell (tie).
Free-Style Relay: Holford, Varley, Grundy, Gaskell.

The Seniors won by 30—13 points.

JUNIOR:

50 yards Free-Style: Willock.

The Juniors lost by 17—35 points.

To conclude this gala there was an informal water-polo match which lasted five minutes each way, and resulted in a win for Manchester by 3 goals to 2.

In the return match with Manchester, our team lost by 38 points to 57. The B.G.S. team was two men short owing to illness.

RESULTS (First places only).

SENIOR:

50 metres Free-Style: Gaskell.
Long Plunge: Williams.
Neat Dive: Varley.

JUNIOR:

50 metres Free-Style: Willock.
Free-Style Squadron: Willock, Ramsden, Bligh, Winstanley.

The Seniors lost by 23 to 28 points; the Juniors lost by 15 to 19 points.

A special word of thanks must be expressed to Mr. Yates, who has attended practices regularly and has shown a very keen interest in the team.

Just because two or three of the senior members of the team happen to have left, do not think that the swimming prestige of Baines will disappear. There is no reason at all why B.G.S. should not hold its position in School swimming for at least the next five years. I say this because I know we have some extremely promising boys further down the School, who, I hope in three or four years, time, will be breaking inter-school records themselves.

P.D.G.

Editor's Note.—The final placings in the Inter-School Competition were:—

1. Baines G.S.—32½ points.
2. King George V G.S., Southport—25 points.
3. Lancaster R.G.S.—23½ points.
4. Blackpool G.S.—17 points.
5. Rossall School—16 points.
6. Arnold School—7 points.

Hutton G.S. and Kirkham G.S. also competed.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS, 1950

The Swimming Gala at Kirkham Baths saw the House championship won by one point by Founder's, the runners-up being Hibbert with 59 points. Third place was gained by Hodgson with 49 points, and Whittington were fourth, three points behind.

In the senior individual championship, Holford (Hibbert) won easily with 20 points, eight points ahead of Varley (Hodgson), and third place went to Gaskell (Founder's) 9 points.

The junior champion was Philip (Founders) 15 points, with Eccles (Hodgson) runner-up, 10 points, and Sidebottom (Whittington) third, 7 points. Other results:—

JUNIOR:

25 yards Crawl (style): Eccles (Ho), Sidebottom (W), Brewer (F), Parker (W).
Breast Stroke: Philip (F), Higham (F), Parker (W), Sidebottom (W).
Back Stroke: Brown (F), Sidebottom (W), Jackson (W), White (Hi).
150 yards Free-Style: Eccles (Ho), Abram (W), Parker (W), Sumner (W).

Dive: Philip (F), Parker (W), Sidebottom (W), Howarth (Hi), Collum (Ho).

Long Plunge: Philip (F), Abram (W) and Laugharne (Hi), Whelan (F).

Squadron: Founder's, Whittington, Hodgson, Hibbert.

SENIOR:

50 yards Breast Stroke: Holford (Hi), Grundy (Hi), Morley (W), Riley (W).

Back stroke: Holford (Hi), Grundy (Hi), Rogers (Hi).

Free-Style: Holford (Hi), Varley (Ho), Gaskell (F), Grundy (Hi).

110 yards Free-Style: Holford (Hi), Varley (Ho) and Grundy (Hi), Willock (F).

Dive: Varley (Ho), Gaskell (F), Heney (W), Willock (F).

Long Plunge: Gaskell (F), Williams (Ho), Pamely (Ho), Riley (W).

Life Saving: Hodgson, Hibbert and Whittington, Founder's.

Squadron: Hibbert, Whittington, Founder's, Hodgson.

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

The Inter-School Sports were held at the Blackpool Cricket Ground on Wednesday, 10th May. The Baines team did very well, beating Lancaster Royal Grammar School by four points to win comfortably. The individual results are given below. The team would like to thank Mr. Yates and Mr. Hick for all the time they spent in training them, but for which these fine results would not have been possible.

RESULTS:

High Jump: Bannister, 1st.

440 yards: David Hull, 4th.

Long Jump: Derek Hull, 1st.

One Mile: Thackeray, 3rd.

Discus: Gaskell, 3rd.

Javelin: R. Brown, 1st (record).

220 yards: Shaw, 2nd.

Half-Mile: Bannister, 3rd.

100 yards: Derek Hull, 1st (equalled record).

Putting the Weight: Gaskell, 3rd.

Relay (4 x 220): Derek Hull, David Hull, Brown, Holford, 3rd.

Team: Bannister, Derek Hull, Brown, Shaw, David Hull, Gaskell, Thackeray, Holford, Whiteside. Reserves: Taberner, Wolstencroft, Hotchkin, Sherrocks).

FINAL POSITIONS AND POINTS:

1, Baines (34); 2, Lancaster (30); 3, Arnold (22); 4, Blackpool (18); 5, Kirkham (10); 6, St. Joseph's (8); 7, Hutton (5); 8, Fleetwood (0).

In the junior events Hodson was third in the half-mile, and D. Brown was fourth in the 100 yards.

Team: Hodson, Brown, D., Blundell. Reserves: Rushworth, Ardron, Brewer.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1950

The Sports were held on Friday, 21st July, and the prizes were distributed by Mrs. E. Hollingworth, wife of the Old Boys' President.

OPEN EVENTS.

CROSS COUNTRY:

Junior: 1, B. Howarth (Hi.); 2, D. Brewer (Fo.); 3, R. Midgley (Fo.);
4, P. Penwarden (Wh.); 5, D. Wilde (Wh.)
Middle School: 1, R. Hodson (Hi.); 2, J. Winstanley (Hi.); 3, J. B. Mason (Fo.); 4, J. Stansfield (Fo.); 5, D. Warren (Hi.)
Senior: 1, S. Bannister (Hi.); 2, J. Thackeray (Ho.); 3, D. N. Grundy (Hi.); 4, D. Brown (Wh.); 5, D. S. Philip (Fo.)

LONG JUMP:

Junior: 1, D. Brewer (Fo.); 2, J. Schofield (Ho.); 3, I. Cross (Fo.);
4, Tittle (Wh.); 5, R. Whatmough (Wh.)
Middle School: 1, P. Heney (Wh.); 2, D. McBain (Ho.); 3, P. Ramsden (Wh.); 4, R. Rushworth (Hi.); 5, D. Gregson (Fo.)
Senior: 1, R. F. Brown (Ho.); 2, N. Wolstencroft (Fo.); 3, Derek Hull (Ho.); 4, B. Taberner (Ho.); 5, B. F. Fowler (Ho.)

HALF-MILE:

Middle School: 1, R. Hodson (Hi.); 2, Don Turner (Wh.); 3, J. B. Mason (Fo.); 4, R. Rushworth (Hi.); 5, P. Ramsden (Wh.)
Senior: 1, S. Bannister (Hi.); 2, J. Thackeray (Ho.); 3, G. B. Shaw (Fo.); 4, D. Brown (Wh.); 5, H. E. Blundell (Ho.)

120 YDS. HURDLES:

Senior: 1, G. B. Shaw (Fo.); 2, David Hull (Hi.); 3, P. D. Gaskell (Fo.)

100 YARDS:

Junior: 1, D. Brewer (Fo.); 2, R. Wright (Wh.); 3, H. Gray (Hi.);
4, G. E. Parkinson (Hi.); 5, W. Penny (Hi.)
Middle School: 1, R. Hodson (Hi.); 2, R. M. Ardrone (Hi.); 3, R. Rushworth (Hi.); 4, P. Heney (Wh.); 5, J. B. Stansfield (Fo.)
Senior: 1, Derek Hull (Ho.); 2, David Hull (Hi.); 3, D. H. Newsome (Hi.); 4, R. F. Brown (Ho.); 5, J. F. R. Wolstenholme (Wh.)

HIGH JUMP:

Junior: 1, D. Langhorne (Fo.); 2, D. Ethell (Ho.) and J. Ganley (Hi.);
4, H. Gray (Hi.); 5, L. Collum (Ho.)
Middle School: 1, P. Heney (Wh.); 2, D. Gregson (Fo.); 3, Don Turner (Wh.); 4, J. B. Mason (Fo.); 5, W. Johnson (Hi.)
Senior: 1, S. Bannister (Hi.); 2, D. F. Hotchkin (Ho.); 3, D. Riley (Wh.); 4, T. Gerrard (Hi.); 5, J. U. Ashton (Hi.)

220 YARDS:

Junior: 1, D. Brewer (Fo.); 2, J. Rainford (Wh.); 3, R. Wright (Wh.);
4, G. E. Parkinson (Hi.); 5, G. Parker (Wh.)
Middle School: 1, R. Hodson (Hi.); 2, R. M. Ardrone (Hi.); 3, R. Rushworth (Hi.); 4, P. Heney (Wh.); 5, J. Stansfield (Fo.)
Senior: 1, Derek Hull (Ho.); 2, G. B. Shaw (Fo.); 3, R. F. Brown (Ho.); 4, B. Knowles (Fo.); 5, B. Taberner (Ho.)

THROWING THE DISCUS:

Senior: 1, J. Morley (Wh.); 2, Derek Hull (Ho.); 3, D. Riley (Wh.);
4, R. W. Roughley (Fo.); 5, David Hull (Hi.)

440 YARDS:

Junior: 1, R. Midgley (Fo.); 2, J. Rainford (Wh.); 3, P. Eastwood (Wh.);
4, G. E. Parkinson (Hi.); 5, D. White (Hi.)
Middle School: 1, R. M. Ardron (Hi.); 2, J. Winstanley (Hi.); 3, R.
Rushworth (Hi.); 4, P. Ramsden (Wh.); 5, P. Heney (Wh.)
Senior: 1, S. Bannister (Hi.); 2, G. B. Shaw (Fo.); 3, David Hull (Hi.);
4, J. Thackeray (Ho.); 5, N. Wolstencroft (Fo.)

THROWING THE JAVELIN:

1, R. F. Brown (Ho.); 2, N. Wolstencroft (Fo.); 3, D. F. Hotchkin (Ho.);
4, B. Taberner (Ho.)

PUTTING THE WEIGHT:

Senior: 1, B. A. Kirkman (Ho.); 2, D. H. Newsome (Hi.)

ONE MILE:

Middle School: 1, R. Hodson (Hi.); 2, Don Turner (Wh.); 3, J. Winstanley
4, D. Warren (Hi.); 5, J. Shuttleworth (Wh.)
Senior: 1, J. Thackeray (Ho.); 2, D. N. Grundy (Hi.); 3, H. E. Blundell
(Ho.); 4, D. Brown (Wh.); 5, M. B. Sherrocks (Ho.)

RELAY RACE:

Junior: 1, Whittington; 2, Founder's; 3, Hibbert.
Middle School: 1, Hibbert; 2, Whittington; 3, Founder's.
Senior: 1, Hodgson; 2, Hibbert; 3, Founder's.

HANDICAP EVENTS.

100 YARDS:

Junior: 1, D. Brewer (Fo.); 2, R. Wright (Wh.); 3, J. Rainford (Wh.);
4, F. Pearson (Wh.)
Middle School: 1, R. M. Ardron (Hi.); 2, J. Stansfield (Fo.); 3, R. Hale
(Wh.); 4, R. Schofield (Fo.)
Senior: 1, D. Brown (Wh.); 2, D. N. B. Brewer (Ho.); 3, B. F. Fowler
(Ho.); 4, B. J. Thompson (Fo.)

220 YARDS:

Junior: 1, D. Laugharne (Hi.); 2, R. Wright (Wh.); 3, F. Pearson (Wh.);
4, I. V. Blackburn (Ho.)
Middle School: 1, D. McBain (Ho.); 2, T. D. Birtles (Wh.); 3, J. Robin-
son (Wh.); 4, F. Davies (Ho.)
Senior: 1, B. J. Thompson (Fo.); 2, A. S. Carr (Fo.); 3, D. N. B.
Brewer (Ho.); 4, B. Whiting (Fo.)

440 YARDS:

Junior: 1, D. Laugharne (Hi.); 2, R. Midgley (Fo.) and A. Thomason
(Wh.); 4, D. Wilde (Wh.)
Middle School: 1, R. M. Ardron (Hi.); 2, R. Hale (Wh.); 3, D. Warren
(Hi.); 4, T. R. Cottam (Fo.)

440 YARDS:

Senior: 1, H. E. Blundell (Ho.); 2, B. J. Thompson (Fo.); 3, M. B.
Sherrocks (Ho.)

OTHER EVENTS.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL:

Junior: 1, R. Midgley (Fo.); 2, T. Corcoran (Hi.); 3, G. Bradshaw (Wh.)
Middle School: 1, L. Murray (Fo.); 2, B. Sylvester (Hi.); 3, R. Lumb
(Wh.)
Senior: 1, N. Wolstencroft (Fo.); 2, M. I. Smith (Ho.); 3, R. Tittle
(Wh.)

SLOW BICYCLE RACE:

Junior: 1, M. Gooder (Fo.); 2, D. W. Johnson (Ho.); 3, J. Rainford (Wh.)
Middle School: 1, J. Edwards (Fo.); 2, J. Hadfield (Hi.); 3, H. Webb (Fo.) and P. Robinson (Fo.)
Senior: 1, M. Pysden (Fo.); 2, J. Lawrenson (Fo.); 3, A. Williams (Ho.)

OBSTACLE RACE:

Junior: 1, J. Shepherd (Hi.); 2, R. Whatmough (Wh.); 3, K. Newton (Ho.)
Middle School: 1, M. Williamson (Fo.); 2, T. R. Cottam (Fo.); 3, G. Barrow (Fo.)
Senior: 1, J. J. D. Wylie (Wh.); 2, P. A. Varley (Ho.); 3, D. A. Bligh (Hi.)

FINAL POINTS.

1, Hibbert, 392; 2, Whittington, 337; 3, Founder's, 315½; 4, Hodgson, 250½.

THE EXHIBITION, SUMMER TERM, 1950

It is a fact well known in biological circles that any metamorphosis produces varying degrees of violence. Nature announces her life-changes with gusto. Now when the quiescent pupa of the human species decides on the change in its method of life, the results are equally remarkable. So it was with the young body-corporate at Baines.

After an incredibly noisy but mercifully brief period of transition, it propagated an exhibition, or rather many exhibitions. The cause of this was not what is loosely termed "conation" but—have done with biological metaphor—an attempt to enable parents to be a little more *au fait* with their children's interests, and at the same time to raise money for a home-made television set.

The Headmaster dubbed the exhibition "comprehensive." It was more than that. To have seen everything on view and to have heard the dissertations of the demonstrators would have been the pleasure of a week, not, as it was, of the "crowded hour." There was the recently-classified David Chave Collection, a valuable little museum, set out in the centre of the Hall, and surrounding this, in neat array, a photographic display, stamp and cigarette card exhibits and specimens of boys' work in handicraft and model engineering. To beguile those visiting the Library there was the Sixth Form display with its engaging French, Latin and Mathematical sections. On the first floor the Chemists and Physicists tried to outdo the Biologists in presenting bizarre exhibits ranging from hot-water systems and frogs' insides to invisible taps and exploding syrup-tins. At the far end of the corridor, suitably divorced from noise and spectacle, beckoned quiet Art with her sister Heraldry. Then there was the Scouts' display, so necessarily but so unfortunately open to the elements. This comprised a complete camping layout for a patrol, the different types of camp-fire (dash that prevailing wind!) and an aerial runway for the staff's amusement—and very good it was! Finally, in the Old School buildings

was the engineers' machine-shop, spruce and workmanlike, certain to have sent all our visitors home convinced that they had seen something to remember.

Did they by any chance hear a senior boy rhapsodising on the beauties of Hadrian's Wall to one who, by his disbelieving expression, must have been Hadrian himself? Or did they hear another's Malapropiate eloquence flowing unimpressively over the stony tracery of his listener's features? Were they innocent victims of a Senior Scout who swept his parties around with the briskness of the broom in "Sorcerer's Apprentice"? Perhaps not; perhaps they remained too long in one section and saw little of the others.

But let us hope that among the hundreds, young and old, who came to look at this exhibition, there were many who appreciated its scope and variety, and the vast amount of work involved in organising it. They, as "outsiders," will not be able to single out any particular boys for special thanks, simply because too many took part. And that is how it should be: thanks to no one but to all, not only because they raised over £35 for a good cause but because they enlightened us by their efforts and proved that great oaks can be grown from little acorns—and quickly if need be!
L.H.

TELEVISION COMES TO BAINES

Secretary: P. D. GASKELL.

Treasurer: DEREK HULL.

After the first meeting of the Television Society with its twenty members, we started work on the television set "Viewmaster." The chassis was constructed and the first consignment of parts soon soldered into place within a very few days of their arrival. Operations then ceased on the set and the television aerial began to take shape. The aerial turned out to be a far bigger job than was at first thought, but with the excellent guidance of Mr. Charnley, the final result was never in much doubt. The 43 feet erection can be seen above the library roof, and we hope that it will not have to be taken down for a long time.

After each consignment of components had been soldered into place, the chief tester, Mr. Scupholme, took over and checked every joint and every component for the correct value and position. We didn't envy him that job, what with approximately 70 condensers, over 50 resistances, 13 valve bases, about 20 coils, seven potentiometers, three transformers, five metal rectifiers, cathode-ray tube, loudspeaker, etc.

At this stage I must mention two trips, one by Leach and McClelland who scoured all Blackpool for special valves necessary for the set, and the other by Mellelieu, who travelled to Ormskirk and back for other valves. This trip took him just over four hours, and I feel sure that both Mellelieu and his 98 c.c. "Corgi" will remember the trip for the rest of their days.

The results that we have obtained to the present date are as follows:—

Monday, July 3rd, 14.15 hrs. G.M.T. Obtained first "raster."

Thursday, July 6th, 14.54 hrs. G.M.T. First sound received.

Both the above results can be produced when reception is either good or bad, but a picture has not yet been seen, even though a good imagination is very helpful.

Finally, we would all like to thank very much Messrs. Charnley, Mitchell, Okell and Scupholme for their very valuable work towards, I feel sure, the ultimate success of the television set. P.D.G.

AGRICULTURAL CAMP, 1950

A motley collection of about forty boys under Mr. Charnley's supervision boarded the London train at Central Station one morning last July. A minute before the train's departure, Messrs. Jackson, Bannister and Bennett stumbled in, complete with sun-hats and portable gramophone.

This was the start of the B.G.S. agricultural camp held on the same site as last year, at Weeford, near Lichfield.

The first snag encountered was the antique stove thoughtfully provided by the Agricultural Committee. For the first few days it stubbornly refused to emit anything but clouds of soot and smoke until late afternoon, and would then glow red-hot, with inward satisfaction over its misdeeds, far into the night.

Not to be outdone, the bread machine then claimed its annual victim. This year it was my turn. For the benefit of future users of this machine we point out that it takes about a month to grow a new finger!

A few days after our arrival the H.S.C. results came through, and to the amazement of all Stan Bannister had passed. This called for a cake from home and a celebration. The inmates of the end tents were old hands at celebrating, in fact they became quite well known at a certain local *café*. Eddie Jackson regaled us with tales of his "safaris" with a twelve-bore into neighbouring territory, and we serenaded Mr. Marsh and Mr. Charnley in traditional fashion.

Very little work was done on the land, as we had apparently arrived too late for the corn and too early for potatoes. Every morning, however, slave labour was herded to the cookhouse by Eddie and his henchmen to spend an hour or more huddled over buckets, peeling a mountainous pile of "spuds" for the evening meal.

As a consequence of the lack of agricultural work, the coffers of the camp bank were quickly drained by numerous excursions to Lichfield, Tamworth, the speedway at Perry Barr, and Edgbaston.

A camp team played a football match against the Ukanians at Shenstone and won 3—0. The game ended abruptly after ten minutes of the second half, when a downpour began and the referee decided he didn't want to get wet.

We also entered a swimming team in the local gala at Tamworth and won several prizes.

After a grand carousal on the last night, which a certain Mr. V. and Billy Underwood will long remember, we left Weeford a fortnight after we arrived. It was generally agreed that in organisation and spirit, the Agricultural Camp 1950 was "the best ever." P.McC.

TO THE FOUNDER

Founder, my wandering thoughts are turned to thee,
As I sit here and gaze across the fields
Towards this school, which proudly bears thy name,
Though thou hast never seen through earthly eyes
These walls, which foster still that ancient heart,
That spirit rooted in eternity,
That ever-restless seeking after truth.
Thine is the hand that holds close to the page
Of learning's open book one little flame,
One light which adds a colour all its own
To this great world of ordinary things.
But are these walls thine only monument?
Hast thou, then, lived to be now but a name
And doth thy memory linger but in bricks?
A school is shrouded with fond memories
Of exploits and achievements of the past,
And, looking back, we're tempted to forget,
Lost in a fragrant haze, the things beyond
Mere pleasure, all the things thou sought'st, James Baines.
But, while one heart is mindful of the worth
Of knowing how to think and how to live,
There is the finest monument to thee,
Finer than anything bricks can devise.
While thou hast helped one mind to think as thee,
Thou hast not lived and worked in vain, James Baines.
C. D. ASHWORTH (Form VI).

THIS ENGLAND

Romans, Saxons, Normans came,
And men who here found fame
On history's page.
Agincourt and Waterloo,
The young and gallant "few,"
Our heritage.

Farmers toil in pastures green,
A miner blasts a seam
For England's wealth.
Fishers cast in early light;
And doctors still must fight
For England's health.

Northern towns boast mill-bred folk,
The Midlands steely smoke
Which fills our pores.
Country lads feed England's lips,
While "Geordies" build the ships
That ply our shores.

Devonshire, fine apples yields,
In Lincoln's shiny fields
The wheat ear fills.
Border Pennines' rugged scene
Breeds lambs on slopes unseen,
High in the hills.

Furrowed fields and pine trees tall,
The sea—a liquid wall,
A guardian hand.
Misty crags and golden plains,
The wooded roads and lanes
Of this our land.

D. PHILIP (Form VI).

SONNET ON DAYBREAK

(Switzerland, 1949)

The air was cool and fresh that Alpine morn,
Spring flowers were peeping from the dew-soaked grass;
A long lake swathed in mists awaiting dawn,
A humble, wooden chalet, with a mass
Of bloom in its small orchard, then a ring
Of snow-capped mountains and Jungfrau; all this
I saw and marvelled at the view, looking
Towards the glowing east whence came my bliss.
For there behind those jagged peaks the sun
Resplendent in his morning glory rose
Majestically, flooding rocks, once dun,
With golden light, incarnadining snows,
Which basked in radiant light. The song of birds
Swelled from the woods, bells clanged from distant herds.

P. OGDEN (Form VI).

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 storm-toss'd fields,
Farmers wond'ring what harvest yields ;
Birds all sleeping snug in their nests,
Sailors safe from their perilous quests.

DAVID JOHNSON (Is.)

SWISS TRIP, 1950

We left Blackpool on Easter Monday night, and despite the efforts of some of the Third Formers to lose themselves in London, we arrived in Newhaven in time for the three-and-a-half hour crossing to Dieppe, which was very rough—you will remember Easter was very stormy.

On Wednesday we arrived at Montreux in time for breakfast at our hotel in Clarens. Whilst in Switzerland we had few excursions ; most of the time we spent walking around Montreux, so our activities were curtailed by the continuous rain on Friday and Saturday, although a wireless in the lounge enabled us to hear the Scotland—England Soccer International. In the evening I understand Mr. Horner's room was "disarranged."

The weather cleared on Sunday and four of us went to an Anglican Church in the morning, and in the afternoon the party climbed one of the neighbouring mountains, where the only mishap of the tour occurred—Keith Woodworth fell and broke his ankle. A passing car agreed to take him to hospital, and we returned to the hotel rather subdued.

A party of Public Schoolboys staying in the same hotel had a guide who was very musical. He gave a gramophone recital on the Sunday evening. The programme, consisting of requests, varied from Wagner and Beethoven to the Andrews Sisters.

On Monday afternoon we went to Champéry and up a cable railway to Planachaux. The remaining two days were spent in having a last look round and buying presents. We said good-bye to Montreux on Wednesday night, and after a three hours early morning stay in Paris, arrived at Dieppe to note that the sea was calmer than on the outward journey, but whether it was due to lack of breakfast or not, some of us who had "behaved ourselves" on the first crossing were seasick. Most of us returned by the night train to Blackpool where we arrived at 5 o'clock and went straight home to bed.

The holiday was organised by Messrs. Horner and Thompson, and

the party consisted of David Turner and Sear of VI; Emery, Hardman and Stock of Vm; Keirby and R. Williamson of Vs; Gregson, Hodson, Pameley and Schofield of IVm; Raffles of IVs; Ardron, Bligh, Donald Turner, Whiting and J. B. Wright of IVx; Brayshaw, Fretwell and Woodworth of IIIm; Houlcroft, Lumb and M. Powell of IIIs; Birtles, Harrop, Holden, Hume and Wells of IIIx.

BOOK REVIEW

By "The Critic on the Tiles"

AN EXERCISE BOOK.—At first this book leaves a blank impression on the mind, but as time passes, one is able to read more and more between the lines. It is attractively bound in a wide range of colours and no school-boy can afford to be without it.

THE P. S. BOOK.—Compiled after the style of "Who's Who," this will be found monotonous on a through reading owing to frequent repetition, but masters find it invaluable for reference.

A MARK BOOK.—The work contains a whole host of interesting statistics, and the School will always know where to turn for a text-book in mathematics.

THE CRICKET SCORE BOOK.—Writing in a "clean, bowled" style, the author keeps to the "point" and makes few "slips." He is never "stumped" for words in his eloquent "delivery."

THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE.—The School Magazine will be found lacking in several respects, especially illustrations. Surely, a full-colour reproduction of our much-talked-of decorations would not be out of place, nor a photograph of the staff headed "These You Have Loved." However, amid this forest of gloom there will be one bright spot—the Book Review.
C.D.A. (Form 6).

"DOWN THE HATCH!"

Well, here I am again—the Fourth Fate. Remember? You don't? Pity! I had fun and games at Easter at the expense of five stalwarts who attempted a navigation of the Rivers Severn and Avon in a thirty-foot cabin cruiser.

By going at Easter when the weather of this little isle is least dependable, they tempted Fate—and I just couldn't resist the temptation. The weather wasn't too bad, I suppose, but it put them off swimming—at least all but one of them, but more of him hereafter.

Arriving at Tewkesbury and the boating station, they found themselves among a crowd of aristocratic-looking boaters and felt very out of place. Soon, the "Flying Swift," her motor chugging steadily, was nosing

her way out of a melée of similar craft and then upstream on the "placid" Avon.

Apart from the motor and the gurgling of the bow-wave there was no sound, until a terrific clatter up for'ard announced the fact that somebody had fallen down the hatch. This member of the crew was singularly unfortunate over the whole trip. He always seemed to be on hand when I was getting up a "trick of fate." Before he crawled into his bunk that night he had also been persuaded to try out the rubber dinghy, imprudently brought by one of his companions. Unfortunately, on stepping into it he had sat down the wrong way round. The dinghy, not relishing such treatment, promptly went down by the stern, to the accompaniment of startled yells from the occupant and laughter from the onlookers. During this operation I also managed to drop the gang-plank and boathook overboard. They were fished out with difficulty.

Next day a couple of locks were encountered ; great fun—for me. When the party arrived those locks were near to falling to pieces ; when the party left they were nearer. Apart from the many scratches collected from the lock-sides, the unfortunate of the day before managed, with a gentle push from me, to ram the upper gates. There were very ominous creakings and groanings, and the water, flowing through the cracks and holes worn by age and misuse, increased alarmingly in volume.

Apart from a typhoon on Easter Monday and the loss of the paddle of the dinghy—I dropped that overboard—all went well until the Severn was entered.

By Tuesday, Worcester hove into view, and after passing through a large lock they tied up to the bank in the shadow of the great Cathedral. Here, I went into action again. While waiting for his tea, one of the crew had managed to get some sailing practice in the dinghy provided by the owners. On coming in he left the mast upright. In order to wash out a teapot one of the four stepped down on to the dinghy. Feeling a little insecure he caught hold of the mast, which was promptly pulled over by the unusual weight. He felt much more insecure then and let go, and next instant was waist deep in water, hanging on to the gunwale of the dinghy which rocked with the weight, while I rocked with amusement.

Next day the water level dropped, and it dropped during the time when, anchored inshore, they ate a dinner of some far-from-tender steak. As each barge or river steamer passed it caused a heavy swell and the boat rocked from side to side at an alarming, and in one case almost fatal, angle. Finally, they all had to wade into the water and push it off by brute-force.

The results of that escapade of mine were many and varied. I'd managed to catch the dinghy underneath when the boat heeled over, and it was half-full of water. The boathook and a camera were recovered from the water with difficulty, but one fishing-line was never seen again.

Up till then I had left their engine alone, but I caught them napping on the last day when it refused to start as they drifted perilously close to a weir. But for a very long rope there would have been four empty places in school after Easter, and the Old Boys would have been a man short.

But apart from that, a good time was had by all.

R. G. BUCKINGHAM (VIa).

CRICKET

School First XI

Captain: R. F. Brown.

Vice-Captain: B. Taberner.

Scorer: R. Birch.

Secretary: C. A. Powell.

BLACKPOOL G.S. v. BAINES G.S. At Blackpool, May 6th.

Match abandoned because of rain.

Team: R. F. Brown, B. Taberner, D. H. Newsome, R. Williamson, D. W. Turner, J. Penwarden, D. F. Hotchkin, P. McClelland, I. B. Holland, J. B. Mason and J. D. I'Anson.

BAINES G.S. v. MORECAMBE G.S. At Poulton, May 13th.

Morecambe G.S. won by 4 wickets.

Baines G.S.: D. H. Newsome 1, R. Williamson 5, D. W. Turner 0, R. F. Brown 10, B. Taberner 0, J. Penwarden 3, D. F. Hotchkin 0, P. McClelland 0, I. B. Holland 3, J. B. Mason 2, J. D. I'Anson 4 not out; Byes 1; Total 29. (Fletcher 7 for 5).

Morecambe G.S. 35 (for 7). (Taberner 0 for 5, Hotchkin 3 for 22, I'Anson 2 for 8, Mason 1 for 0).

BAINES G.S. v. FLEETWOOD G.S. At Poulton, May 20th.

Fleetwood G.S. won by 1 run.

Fleetwood G. S. 53 (T. Barnes 22; Taberner 1 for 13, Hotchkin 2 for 20, I'Anson 0 for 5, Mason 3 for 7, Penwarden 4 for 4).

Baines G.S.: D. H. Newsome 0, R. Williamson 11, E. Cumberbatch 18, R. F. Brown 0, D. F. Hotchkin 3, J. Penwarden 3, B. Taberner 0, J. R. Edge 4, I. B. Holland 1 not out, J. B. Mason 1, J. D. I'Anson 7; Byes 4; Total 52.

KIRKHAM G.S. v. BAINES G.S. At Kirkham, June 10th.

Match Drawn.

Kirkham G.S. 78 (Taberner 1 for 25, Hotchkin 7 for 21, I'Anson 2 for 8, Holland 0 for 13, Mason 0 for 4). Hotchkin bowled unchanged for 21 overs and 5 balls, including 7 maidens.

Baines G.S.: D. H. Newsome 0, R. Williamson 3, E. Cumberbatch 3, R. F. Brown 4, D. F. Hotchkin 26, J. Penwarden 0, B. Taberner 12, J. R. Edge 2, J. D. I'Anson 2, I. B. Holland not out 2, J. B. Mason not out 0; Byes 2, leg-byes 2; Total (for 9) 56.

BAINES G.S. v. BLACKPOOL TECHNICAL COLLEGE

At Poulton, June 13th.

Baines G.S. won by 10 runs.

Baines G.S.: R. Williamson 9, E. Cumberbatch 2, Mr. Curwen 18, Mr. Paterson 12, Mr. Thompson 24, R. F. Brown 0, D. F. Hotchkin 2, B. Taberner 6, D. H. Newsome 0, J. R. Edge 4, J. D. l'Anson not out 0; Leg-bye 1; Total 72.

Blackpool Technical College 62 (B. Taberner 5 for 18, Hotchkin 0 for 21, Mr. Paterson 0 for 19, Mr. Curwen 1 for 3, l'Anson 5 for 0 in 4 balls).

BAINES G.S. v. ARNOLD SCHOOL. At Poulton, June 17th.

Baines G.S. won by 5 runs).

Baines G.S.: D. H. Newsome 8, R. Williamson 38, E. Cumberbatch 2, R. F. Brown 1, D. F. Hotchkin 7, J. Penwarden 3, B. Taberner 5, J. R. Edge 0, J. D. l'Anson 2, I. B. Holland not out 1, J. B. Mason 3; Byes 6, leg-bye 1; Total 77.

Arnold School 72 (Taberner 6 for 34, Hotchkin 2 for 20, l'Anson 1 for 11, Mason 1 for 3).

BAINES G.S. v. BAINES OLD BOYS. At Poulton, June 24th.

Match Drawn. Rain prevented play after tea.

Baines G.S.: D. H. Newsome 5, R. Williamson 0, E. Cumberbatch 6, R. F. Brown 4, D. F. Hotchkin not out 12, B. Taberner 16, P. McClelland not out 0; Byes 2; Total (for 5) 45. J. R. Edge, I. B. Holland, J. B. Mason and J. D. l'Anson did not bat. Copeman took 3 for 15, G. H. Brown 1 for 12, Fairburn 1 for 16.

Baines Old Boys: J. H. T. Copley, G. H. Brown, J. Leach, G. D. Copeman, J. Fairburn, H. Eddleston, W. Rowlinson, R. W. Hopson, W. B. C. Lister, G. H. Brimelow and J. Flood.

BAINES G.S. v. BLACKPOOL TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

At Poulton, July 3rd.

Match Drawn.

Baines G.S.: D. H. Newsome 11, R. Williamson 7, Mr. Curwen 20, Mr. Paterson 7, Mr. Thompson 2, E. Cumberbatch 0, R. F. Brown 6, D. F. Hotchkin 18, B. Taberner 10, J. D. l'Anson not out 1, P. McClelland not out 0, Byes 9, leg-bye 1, wide 1; Total (for 9 dec.) 93 (Hayes 7 for 28).

Blackpool Technical College 64 (for 4). (N. Langfield 32 not out; Taberner 0 for 13, Hotchkin 0 for 13, Mr. Thompson 2 for 14, Mr. Curwen 1 for 14, Mr. Paterson 1 for 5).

MORECAMBE G.S. v. BAINES G.S. At Morecambe, July 8th.

Baines G.S. won by 38 runs.

Baines G.S.: D. H. Newsome 4, R. Williamson 11, E. Cumberbatch 9, R. F. Brown 9, D. F. Hotchkin 0, B. Taberner 30, P. McClelland 2, J. R. Edge not out 21, J. D. l'Anson 0, J. B. Mason not out 0; Byes 11, leg-byes 2, no-ball 1; Total (for 8 dec.) 100.

Morecambe G.S. 62 (l'Anson 6 for 30, Hotchkin 0 for 17, Taberner 4 for 13).

BLACKPOOL G.S. v. BAINES G.S. At Blackpool, July 11th, 1950.

Blackpool won by 25 runs (85 minutes batting each).

Baines G.S.: D. H. Newsome 1, J. R. Edge 21, R. F. Brown 1, R. Williamson 1, E. Cumberbatch 16, D. F. Hotchkin not out 11, B. Taberner not out 5; Bye 1; Total (for 5) 57.

Blackpool G.S. 82 (for 2). (Taberner 0 for 15, Hotchkin 1 for 34, Penwarden 0 for 16, Edge 0 for 10, Mason 0 for 5).

FLEETWOOD G.S. v. BAINES G.S. At Fleetwood, July 19th.

Fleetwood G.S. won by 29 runs).

Fleetwood G.S. 82 (D. Towne 24; Taberner 2 for 27, Hotchkin 1 for 22, Penwarden 1 for 14, Mason 5 for 14).

Baines G.S.: D. H. Newsome 1, R. Williamson 3, E. Cumberbatch 5, R. F. Brown 12, D. F. Hotchkin 0, B. Taberner 0, J. R. Edge 14, P. McClelland 0, J. Penwarden not out 13, I. B. Holland 0, J. B. Mason 2; Byes 2, leg-bye 1; Total 53. (Barnes 6 for 17).

SCHOOL v. STAFF. On July 20th.

Staff won by 3 wickets.

School: D. H. Newsome b Curwen 16, R. Williamson b Curwen 3, J. R. Edge b Curwen 5, R. F. Brown c Curwen b Paterson 1, D. F. Hotchkin c Horner b Paterson 0, B. Taberner run out 2, M. I. Smith st Marsh b Paterson 0, J. Penwarden b Curwen 0, I. B. Holland c Curwen b Paterson 0, J. B. Mason b Paterson 1, N. Wolstencroft not out 1; Byes 2, leg-byes 2, no-balls 2; Total 35. Bowling: Mr. Thompson 3-0-11-0, Mr. Curwen 11-4-12-4, Mr. Paterson 8.3-4-6-5.

Staff: Mr. J. A. Paterson b Taberner 7, Mr. E. Hood c Edge b Hotchkin 0, Mr. G. Curwen c Penwarden b Taberner 7, Mr. J. L. Thompson lbw b Hotchkin 9, Mr. L. Horner c Hotchkin b Taberner 0, Mr. D. G. Marsh lbw b Taberner 0, Mr. H. N. Moulding b Hotchkin 9, Mr. H. Brittain c Smith b Taberner 2, Mr. W. Hick c Newsome b Taberner 1, Mr. G. K. Mitchell c Hotchkin b Mason 2, Mr. J. C. H. Simms not out 3; Bye 1; Total 43. Bowling: Taberner 11-2-22-6, Hotchkin 9-0-18-3, Mason 2-1-2-1.

FYLDE C.C. v. BAINES G.S. At Moorland Road, July 25th.

Baines G.S. won by 11 runs.

Baines G.S.: D. H. Newsome 5, J. R. Edge 14, Mr. Curwen 29, Mr. Paterson 2, R. Williamson 0, E. Cumberbatch 0, R. F. Brown not out 9, D. F. Hotchkin 0, B. Taberner 0, J. Penwarden 1, J. B. Mason 1; Byes 7; Total 68.

Fylde 57 (Taberner 3 for 10, Hotchkin 1 for 18, Mr. Paterson 6 for 16, Mr. Curwen 0 for 4).

SUMMARY OF THE SEASON'S RESULTS.

Inter-School Games:

Match Conditions: Played 6, Won 2, Lost 3, Drawn 1.

Runs in given time: Played 1, Lost 1.

Other Matches: Played 5, Won 2, Lost 1, Drawn 2.

School Second XI

Captain: P. Ogden.

Scorer: W. B. Johnson.

BLACKPOOL G.S. SECOND XI v. BAINES G.S. SECOND XI.

At Blackpool, May 6th.

Match abandoned because of rain.

Team: P. Ogden, K. M. Johnston, H. E. Blundell, K. E. Bodenham, D. Brown, E. Cumberbatch, J. R. Edge, D. Halsall, Derek Hull, D. W. J. Sear and R. Winchester.

ARNOLD SCHOOL SECOND XI v. BAINES G.S. SECOND XI

At Blackpool, June 17th.

Match drawn.

Arnold School 109 (for 5 dec.) (Derek Hull 2 for 25, Ogden 1 for 30, Turner 0 for 18, Gregson 1 for 9, McClelland 1 for 6, Pamely 0 for 5).

Baines G.S.: R. Winchester 14, P. Ogden 5, P. McClelland 9, D. W. Turner 5, K. E. Bodenham 0, Derek Hull 0, D. S. Gregson 0, D. W. J. Sear 0, T. Pamely not out 2, D. Brown 5, B. A. Martin not out 2; Byes 12, leg-bye 1; Total (for 9) 55.

BAINES G.S. SECOND XI v. ARNOLD SCHOOL SECOND XI.

At Poulton, June 24th.

Match drawn. Rain prevented any play after tea.

Baines G.S.: R. Winchester 4, P. Ogden 6, D. W. Turner 5, J. Penwarden 1, K. M. Johnston 13, H. E. Blundell 0, D. S. Gregson 2, Derek Hull 2, T. Pamely not out 0, D. W. J. Sear not out 0; Byes 15; Total (for 8) 48. D. Brown did not bat.

BAINES G.S. SECOND XI v. BLACKPOOL G.S. SECOND XI.

At Poulton, July 11th, 1950.

Baines G.S. won by 11 runs (24 overs each).

Baines G.S.: A. Winchester 0, D. W. Turner 30, H. E. Blundell 10, K. M. Johnston 5, P. Ogden 0, D. S. Gregson 5, T. Pamely 2, N. Wolstencroft 0, K. E. Bodenham not out 0; Byes 7, leg-bye 1; Total (for 8) 60.

Blackpool G.S. 49 (for 6). (Grimley 35 not out; Ogden 4 for 20, Wolstencroft 0 for 14, Gregson 1 for 10, Pamely 1 for 3).

"Under 15"

13th May—B.G.S. 18 v. Morecambe Grammar School 61 (Richardson 4 for 15)
—Home.

8th July—B.G.S. 37 v. Morecambe Grammar School 113—Away.

"Under 14"

13th May—B.G.S. 32 v. St. Joseph's College 87 (for 5)—Away.

20th May—B.G.S. 84 (for 6) (Brewer 25, Brand 22) v. St. Joseph's College 72
(Ganley 4 for 13)—Home.

10th June—B.G.S. 38 v. Blackpool Grammar School 41 (Ganley 4 for 6)
—Home.

17th June—B.G.S. 34 v. Arnold School 98 (Ganley 5 for 29)—Home.

24th June—B.G.S. 77 (Brewer 20) v. Arnold School (Rain stopped play)
—Away.
1st July—B.G.S. 51 v. Thornton Modern Secondary School 36 (Ganley
6 for 23)—Home.
11th July—B.G.S. 49 (for 6) (Williamson 20 not out) v. Blackpool Grammar
School 75 (for 5). In this game each side batted for 16 overs.—Home.
15th July—B.G.S. v. Kirkham Grammar School—Home. Abandoned owing
to rain.
22nd July—B.G.S. 40 v. Blackpool Grammar School 61 (Cottam 4 for 6)—Home.

The regular team has been: Hale, Cottam, Williamson, Parkinson,
Harper, Ganley, Roskell, Gray, Brand, Brewer and Blundell. Smith and
Watts have also played occasionally. For the second year, Bucke has proved
a most efficient scorer.

Staff Cricket, 1950

Captain: Mr. Paterson.

Scorer: G. Loy.

ARNOLD SCHOOL STAFF v. BAINES G.S. STAFF.

At Blackpool, July 6th.

Baines G.S. won by 19 runs.

Baines Staff: Mr. Hood 4, Mr. Curwen 3, Mr. Paterson 4, Mr. Thompson
44, Mr. Horner 4, Mr. Marsh 3, Mr. Green 8, Mr. Yates 11, Mr. Hick not
out 3, Mr. Moulding 1, Mr. Mitchell 0; Byes 7, leg-byes 4, no-ball 1;
Total 97.

Arnold Staff 78 (Mr. Lofthouse 21, Mr. Liston not out 17; Mr. Thompson
2 for 15, Mr. Curwen 6 for 26, Mr. Paterson 2 for 31).

BY THE WAY

Salvete

FORM SHELL.—B. Birket (Ho.), D. A. Blenkinship (Ho.), K. E. G. Brand
(Ho.), A. Cooper (Ho.), A. Devine (Ho.), H. Downes (Hi.), C. D. Fowler
(Fo.), J. G. Goodfellow (Hi.), M. F. Harmer (Fo.), I. Harrison (Hi.),
J. Hartley (Hi.), W. D. Haslam (Ho.), D. E. Heaney (Hi.), P. E. Holt
(Ho.), M. R. G. Leeming (Ho.), P. Midgley (Fo.), T. G. Mills (Ho.),
A. J. Murgatroyd (Wh.), P. B. Parkinson (Fo.), R. Robinson (Wh.),
P. Sherdley (Ho.), L. C. Taylor (Ho.), G. Tolson (Wh.), B. Tufnell
(Ho.), J. Wheildon (Hi.), A. Woof (Wh.)

FORM Is.—F. B. Ashworth (Ho.), E. Atkinson (Ho.), I. D. Braithwaite
(Ho.), R. Croft (Wh.), W. H. Davies (Fo.), P. K. Davis (Hi.), P. Ethell
(Ho.), J. O. Foulds (Hi.), J. W. Greaves (Ho.), W. M. Harper (Fo.),
R. S. Hetherington (Fo.), G. Hindle (Hi.), L. W. Jenkinson (Wh.), E.
Johnston (Wh.), R. B. King (Fo.), G. B. Lee (Wh.), G. J. May (Hi.),
G. B. Oxspring (Ho.), D. Potter (Fo.), K. F. Rippengal (Ho.), J.
Rushworth (Fo.), R. L. Shaw (Hi.), C. V. Stafford (Wh.), C. D.
Stubbing (Hi.), K. H. Swadkins (Fo.), L. M. Tate (Hi.), N. Thomas
(Wh.), K. Whitehead (Ho.), J. Yeeles (Ho.)

FORM Im.—I. S. Bond (Ho.), D. M. Broadbent (Hi.), W. J. Carter (Hi.),
P. Clayton (Hi.), M. R. Dean (Fo.), A. J. Denton (Ho.), P. Edwards
(Fo.), C. Fish (Ho.), R. Frith (Fo.), N. R. Harrison (Wh.), J. H.
Heathcote (Fo.), H. K. Hogg (Ho.), G. D. Holstead (Ho.), J. F. Johnson
(Hi.), J. Knight (Fo.), D. C. Langhorne (Hi.), A. Masheder (Wh.), J.
Parkinson (Hi.), H. Rawcliffe (Hi.), D. J. Robins (Wh.), B. Rodgers

(Hi.), G. Salisbury (Fo.), C. R. Stead (Wh.), J. Sutter (Fo.), I. D. Sylvester (Hi.), R. Weston (Fo.), T. R. Whalley (Fo.), C. J. Woodhouse (Wh.)

FORM 2x.—S. R. H. Blackmore (Ho.), C. A. Brand (Ho.), W. P. Chattington (Fo.), R. W. Eagles (Fo.), E. B. Halsall (Hi.), A. H. W. Lawrence (Ho.), D. Lawson (Wh.), K. L. Mayoh (Fo.), H. C. Roby (Ho.)

FORM 2s.—C. Cowperthwaite (Ho.), L. Firth (Hi.), T. F. Greenwood (Ho.), W. S. Stahel (Ho.)

FORM IIIx.—D. E. Vaughan (Hi.)

FORM IIIIm.—S. L. Howard (Fo.)

FORM IVx.—T. F. Sharples (Fo.)

FORM VIa.—A. R. Mills (Hi.)

Valete

LEFT SPRING TERM.—T. Broome, W. Clinning, A. Drury, L. J. Friston, B. W. Mayman, I. D. McNaught, W. D. Morris-Barker, P. B. Picthall, E. Spencer, N. Whewell, J. Wolstenholme (IIIx).

LEFT DURING SUMMER TERM.—S. L. Howard, J. E. Chapman, J. J. K. Boulton, K. Codling, F. A. Bennett, J. D. l'Anson, N. A. Eaves, E. F. Wilkinson, D. C. E. Holford.

LEFT IN JULY. — J. U. Ashton, C. D. Ashworth, P. Balshaw, D. L. Banks, S. Bannister, F. G. Baxter, W. J. Bennett, M. Brandt, R. F. Brown, R. G. Buckingham, J. W. Buckley, T. N. Burrows, P. Connolly, F. A. Davies, R. W. Dean, A. D. Dungate, K. E. Emery, D. C. Flenley, P. D. Gaskell, T. Gerrard, G. Hallas, D. Halsall, R. C. Hodgkinson, B. Holt (VIa), M. D. Hope, R. Hornby, R. W. Hornby, David Hull, Derek Hull, B. Knowles, J. Lawrenson, T. Lawrenson, D. O. Longbottom, A. Marsden, M. J. Mellelieu, D. G. Moore, J. Morley, D. H. Newsome, P. Ogden, J. Penwarden, D. S. Philip, A. K. J. Pickup, C. J. Pinder, B. Pinkney, W. B. Pinney, C. A. Powell, D. Riley, R. J. Schofield, G. B. Shaw, M. I. Smith, D. Stewart, M. W. Stewart, H. I. Swain, B. J. Thompson, D. W. Turner, P. A. Varley, R. Walmsley, J. Wardingley, F. Whitehead, K. Whiteside, D. A. Wilcox, F. T. Williams, R. Williamson, J. Woodruff, J. J. D. Wylie.

On the last day of any term during the last thirty-eight years or so, once the desks have been tidied and the accumulation of used pad-paper, old exercise-books, comic papers, apple-cores and other rubbish has been transferred to the waste-paper basket, the arrival of *The Poultonian* has been doubly welcome. Its distribution meant that "break-up" was close at hand, which is always a welcome thought; and it provided reading matter for half-an-hour or so to command the attention of those who might otherwise have succumbed to the temptations of boredom.

Henceforth, however, this traditional few minutes of magazine-reading will not take place. A mildly-phrased, but still urgent protest against rising costs, was quite rightly made by the Old Boys' Association, which finances *The Poultonian* with a large termly contribution from a by no means inexhaustible treasury; and so the Magazine will appear only twice a year, and it will be printed thirty or forty miles away instead of in a local works. We take this opportunity to commend the

local firm which has printed the Magazine for close on forty years, and to express our regret that so long an association has had to be severed merely on financial grounds. We have had courtesy, great efficiency and whole-hearted co-operation from the "Blackpool Gazette," and we thank them for it, and trust that we may still be as efficiently served, although at so great a distance, and, we believe, at less cost.

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A few present boys and many Old Boys remember the Reverend Dr. W. Duncan Pennington, M.A., who helped in the teaching of Mathematics and Biology during most of the war years (September, 1940, to April, 1946), and who died on August 16th, in his eighty-third year. Our sympathy is extended to his widow and his brothers.

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Mr. B. A. Pickett, B.A., who retired last term, had been a member of the teaching staff for thirty-seven years. Present boys will be astonished to hear that he had taught, at one time or another, and more especially in his early days in the School, practically every subject in the curriculum, including Music, History, and French! He also commanded the School Cadet Corps for more than ten years. For the most part, however, he has concentrated on the teaching of Geography and Latin, and during the last twenty years the teaching of Geography only. On this last subject he is a mine of information, and he evolved his own highly-successful technique in the teaching of Geography to candidates for School Certificate. A Housemaster in the days when boarders were catered for, he has taken part in all kinds of out-of-school activities. He was, until about six years ago, a regular member of the School Choir; he took part in dramatic performances and eventually gravitated to the position of stage-manager; he took charge of seating arrangements at all kinds of School functions; he interested himself in sport of all kinds; he was Senior Housemaster of Whittington House from its inception; he was, for many years, official starter at the Athletic Sports; in fact, he has been the complete schoolmaster, taking a willing and enthusiastic hand in everything. Last, but not least, he evolved a highly-efficient messenger service in Blackpool during the recent war, and was responsible for the training of many lads in their 'teens to act as messengers, and for the establishing and running of a club for them. This he was unfortunately obliged to give up towards the end of the war when he underwent a serious operation on one of his eyes, but his messenger system had attracted the attention of various municipal authorities, who came to use it as a model.

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Baines School, as we are supposed to call it now, or Baines's, as Mr. Pickett (in common with most of us) has been accustomed to call it, has received much service from him; he carries with him into retirement the best wishes of us all.

We welcome as members of the Staff Mr. H. Brittain, B.A. (Honours in Geography) of Liverpool University, and Mr. A. C. Smith, B.Sc. (Honours in Physics), a graduate of Manchester University. Mr. Brittain has served overseas during and after the war with the Northumberland Fusiliers, in which regiment he held the rank of Captain; and Mr. Smith, who was commissioned in the R.A.F. during the war, comes to us after a number of years as Lecturer in the Freckleton Emergency Training College.

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Last term, an Old Boy, Mr. Ronald Swift, helped the School for a few weeks during the absence of Mr. Pickett by taking a number of classes.

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We shall remember the summer of 1950 for a number of different reasons, according to age, temperament and enthusiasms. To some it will be the summer when School and Higher School Certificates were gained for the last time; others will associate it with the twin triumphs of the Inter-School Athletics and Swimming teams; some will forget the dry spells (there must have been some!) and remember only the persistent rain which marred so much of the summer holidays; there will be memories of a pleasant first (or last) camp, recollections of the first acquaintance with some beauty-spot, and a hundred other relevant associations.

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For us, as a School, the achievement of winning the Duckworth Shield and the Wilkinson Cup in the same year will be quite outstanding, and we offer a word of congratulation to those members of the Athletics and Swimming teams who trained so diligently and performed with such great success in the Inter-School events. This was our first win in the Athletic Sports; we had won the Swimming Sports once before, in 1946. The two events have been won in the same year once before, by Lancaster R.G.S. in 1945.

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We are glad to record that a new main switchboard for the new buildings has been installed to replace the old one which was fast disintegrating in the boiler-house, where it had been subject to fumes and erosion for eighteen years. The new board "adorns" the east common-room, where it has every chance of a longer life than its predecessor had in the mephitic atmosphere below.

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Petrol rationing ended on May 26th. Evidently this fact, which everybody seemed to know on the afternoon of the preceding day, escaped the notice of some Government departments; on June 9th the School received coupons for petrol for the motor-mower—they were marked "invalid after June 30th." We record this piece of official nonsense which throws a revealing light upon the working of the official mind.

The photograph of a certain Mr. Sc—ph—e, seen gazing thoughtfully at his calculations, with the School television set in the background, was one of the ornaments of the Exhibition held last term. The caption underneath—"It ought to work"—was terse and significant. Unfortunately, despite the enthusiastic work of all concerned, the set has not yet quite come "up to scratch." We await the day of the first successful viewing with confidence.

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We received a staggering list of "howlers" immediately after the July examinations. Here are some of them:—

"The Romans came to England to live. At first they were unsuccessful."

"The Habeas Corpus Act said that one could not be condemned unless one could produce the body."

"Demetrius, the chief of the silversmith's union, called a meeting."

"Millstone grit is found in hilly districts and is used for feeding to hens so as to make the eggs have hard shells." (Poultry-keepers please note!)

"In South America there are equilateral forests." (Full of plane trees?)

Here is stark tragedy revealed by the pen of a First Former: "I have a nineteen forty-four catalouge (*sic*) which says that a stamp I have was worth £1,100—but now I cannot find the stamp."

And here is something to make our Scouts think: "We came upon a party of Scouts erecting a camp. It took them about two minutes to erect the tents."

One boy has discovered a new route from Liverpool to the South East: "The train drew in at Liverpool and then we had to catch a ferry-boat over to Southend."

We could go on, but we must refrain. No doubt a fresh crop will be forthcoming in December.

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Congratulations, a little late perhaps, to Bannister, Blundell, Edge, Shaw, Taberner and Wraith who were awarded Football Colours for the season 1949-50; also to B. Holt (Form VI) for a very excellent lecture on "The development of the cinema," which he gave at School on July 20th; to M. P. H. Clarkson on his election, at a very early age, to the Lytham St. Annes Town Council; to all our successful candidates in S.C. and H.S.C. examinations; and, finally, to our quartette of Scholarship winners, Flenley, Hull (David), Stead and Williams.

In the current Exhibition of Heraldry and Seals at the Archives Nationales in Paris is a group of paintings by Mr. Tomlinson, illustrating the incidence of the French fleurs-de-lys in English and Welsh civic heraldry, the main exhibit being the full coat of arms of the City of Lancaster. The Exhibition has been organized by the Société Française d' Héraldique et de Sigillographie, of which Mr. Tomlinson is a member.

FOOTBALL

Under 14 XI, 1949-50

Here are the details of results which were not available for the last Magazine:—

Mar. 25—v. Manchester Grammar School (a). Won 4—2.

Apr. 1—v. Preston Catholic College (h). Won 1—0.

Results for the season: Played 13, Won 9, Lost 4; Goals for 47, against 25.

Scorers: Brewer 14, Cottam 12, Haworth 7, Parkinson 3, Sylvester 3,

Gregson 2, Penwarden 2, Barley 2, Brunton 1, Eastwood 1.

Regular team: Hale; Stansfield, Woodworth; Gregson, Brunton, Underwood; Haworth, Richardson, Cottam, Brewer, Penwarden. Also played: G. Wilson, Barley, Sylvester, Gray, Eastwood, Parkinson, Blundell.

Under 14 XI, 1950-51

Regular team: Thompson; Eastwood, Zeltner; Underwood, Blundell, Gray; Alder, Brewer, Parkinson, Penwarden, Brand. We are lucky to have Underwood, Brewer and Penwarden still available from last year's regular team, and are glad to see Parkinson fit again. He missed most of last season's games, owing to a long illness, after a promising start. (Brewer and Parkinson, it is said, are going to see which of them can break the present individual scoring record of 82 goals in one season. We hope they both succeed!)

Under 13 XI, 1950-51

One dramatic match has been played, against Hodgson Modern School, on September 19th. Our three-goal lead having been suddenly transformed into a 3—4 deficit, we were lucky when Pearson fired in an equaliser just on time. (Vote of thanks to O.B. Mr. Eddleston for refereeing). Do we need to say the team is not yet finally settled?

Last term's return match at Lancaster was won 4—0.

Under 15 XI

Sept. 16—v. Thornton Modern School (a). Won 3—1.

Under 12 XI

New boys are vying grimly for a place in the "New Boys XI" as this team is popularly called, for matches against Thornton and Hodgson Schools. Two trials have been held and further ones will be arranged.
H.E.T.

Football Fixtures, 1950-51

Saturdays—

1950.

- Sept. 23—Wigan G.S. 1st and 2nd XI (h).
" 30—Preston G.S. 1st and Under 14 XI (h).
Oct. 7—Old Boys. 1st and 2nd XI (h).
" 14—Burnley G.S. 1st, 2nd and Under 14 XI (h).
" 21—Palatine School. 1st and 2nd XI (h).
" 28—Half-Term.
Nov. 4—Manchester G.S. 1st and Under 14 XI (h).
" 11—
" 18—Clitheroe R.G.S. 1st, 2nd and Under 14 XI (h).
" 25—Preston Catholic College. 1st, 2nd and Under 14 XI (a).
Dec. 2—
" 9—Palatine School. Under 14 XI (a).
" 16—Bolton School. 1st and 2nd XI (a).

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- Jan. 13—Morecambe G.S. 1st and 2nd XI (h).
" 20—Preston G.S. 1st and Under 14 XI (a).
" 27—Burnley G.S. 1st, 2nd and Under 14 XI (a).
Feb. 3—Wigan G.S. 1st and Under 14 XI (a).
" 10—Clitheroe R.G.S. 1st, 2nd and Under 14 XI (a).
" 17—Preston Catholic College. 1st, 2nd and Under 14 XI (h).
" 24—Half-Term.
Mar. 3—Palatine School. Under 14 XI (h).
" 10—Old Boys. 1st and 2nd XI (h).
" 17—Morecambe G.S. 1st and 2nd XI (a).

SCHOOL AND HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RESULTS JULY, 1950

School Certificates

Buckley, J. W. ; Connolly, P. (1) ; Edmondson, G. R. ; Fowler, B. F. ; Higson, K. J. ; Lawrenson, J. ; Roughley, R. W. ; Spencer, A. I. G. ; Walmsley, R. ; Wilcox, D. A. ; Winchester, A.

Ashton, J. U. ; Bennett, W. J. ; Blundell, H. E. (3) ; Brown, R. F. ; Carter, P. S. (2) ; Cumberbatch, E. (2) ; Davies, F. A. ; Hodgkinson, R. C. (1) ; Hornby, R. ; Hornby, R. W. ; I'Anson, J. D. ; Johnston, K. M. (7) ; Knowles, B. ; Marquis, J. H. (2) ; Moore, D. G. ; Morris, B. (1) ; Penwarden, J. ; Pysden, M. A. (1) ; Taberner, B. ; Tittle, R. W. (2) ; Whitehead, F. ; Williams, A. (2) ; Williamson, R.

Balshaw, P. ; Brandt, M. ; Dean, R. W. ; Edge, J. R. ; Emery, K. E. ; Graham, C. H. ; Hallas, G. (1) ; Hotchkin, D. F. (2) ; Mitchell, J. W. (1) ; Pinder, C. J. ; Robinson, D. H. ; Rutter, R. A. ; Whiteside, K. ; Wolstencroft, N.

In the S.C. examination in Separate Subjects for members of the Sixth Form, Credit Standard in Latin was attained by G. B. Shaw and J. Thackeray, and H. I. Swain, E. F. Wilkinson and J. J. W. Wylie reached the Pass Standard in French.

(Figures in brackets after names indicate the number of "Very Good" marks obtained).

Higher School Certificates

Ashworth, C. D. ; Banks, D. L. (*F.) ; Bannister, S. ; Flenley, D. C. (**P., *C., **N.), also "Very Good" in Scholarship Chemistry and "Excellent" in Scholarship Biology ; Gaskell, P. D. (*P.) ; Halsall, D. ; Holford, D. C. E. ; Holt, B. (*F.) ; Hull, David (*P., *C., **N.), also "Very Good" in Scholarship Biology ; Hull, Derek (*P.), also "Excellent" in Scholarship Physics ; Lawrenson, T. (*T.) ; Leach, R. (*P.) ; McClelland, P. (*P.) ; Ogden, P. (*F.) ; Philip, D. S. ; Pickup, A. K. J. (*T., *G.) ; Powell, C. A. (*T.), also "Very Good" in Scholarship History ; Stead, B. R. (**N.), also "Excellent" in Biology Scholarship ; Turner, D. W. (*M., *A., **P.), also "Very Good" in Physics Scholarship ; Wilkinson, E. F. ; Williams, F. T. (*M., *A., *P.).

The following boys in VIIb obtained three or more passes at subsidiary standard : Booth, M. (m., p., c.) ; Grundy, D. N. (t., m., p., c.) ; Jackson, E. C. (el., e., l., f.) ; Kagan, M. (e., h., f.) ; Ridehalgh, K. (m., a., p., c.) ; Robinson, P. B. A. (m., p., c.) ; Smith, P. D. (el., e., t., f.) ; Thorp, T. P. (e., h., l., f.) ; Wiener, P. B. (el., e., t., f., g.) ; Williams, P. R. (m., a., p., c.) ; Wolstenholme, J. F. R. (t., m., c.).

Letters of Success were gained by : Barcroft, I. S. (F., T., h.) ; Buckingham, R. G. (*F., T., h.) ; Burrows, T. N. (P.) ; Dungate, A. D. (p.) ; Ledger, P. F. (t., g.) ; Mellelieu, M. J. (t., *W., P.) ; Pinney, W. B. (t.) ; Riley, D. (W., p.) ; Thackeray, J. (T., g.) ; Varley, P. A. (m., p., n.) ; Wild, S. (t.) ; Willis, R. H. (l.).

(Capital letters denote Principal Subjects, small letters Subsidiary Subjects ; ** denotes "Distinction" mark, * denotes "Good" mark, in Principal Subjects. A., Applied Mathematics ; C., Chemistry, E., English Literature ; el., English Language ; F., French ; G., German ; H., History ; L., Latin ; M., Mathematics ; N., Biology ; P., Physics ; T., Geography ; W., Pure and Applied Mathematics).

The following have been awarded Scholarships on the H.S.C. results : D. C. Flenley (County Major Scholarship and State Scholarship) ; David Hull, B. R. Stead, F. T. Williams (Blackpool Major Exhibitions).

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS, 1950

The following members of last year's Sixth Form have been admitted to University Courses: C. D. Ashworth, Manchester (Law); D. L. Banks, Manchester (Law); D. C. Flenley, Edinburgh (Medicine); P. D. Gaskell, Durham (Physics); D. Halsall, Leeds (Pharmacy); B. Holt, Liverpool (English); David Hull, Liverpool (Medicine); Derek Hull, Cardiff, University of Wales (Metallurgy or Applied Science); T. Lawrenson, Sheffield (Geography); P. Ogden, Sheffield (French); D. S. Philip, Liverpool (Architecture); A. K. J. Pickup, Bristol (Geography); C. A. Powell, Durham (History); D. W. Turner, London (Mathematics); F. T. Williams, Liverpool (Civil Engineering); D. C. E. Holford, Loughborough College.

In addition to the above, J. R. Barker, who left in 1947, is taking Dentistry at Sheffield University, P. Rudman is at Loughborough, and J. Sobee has gone to Durham University.

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