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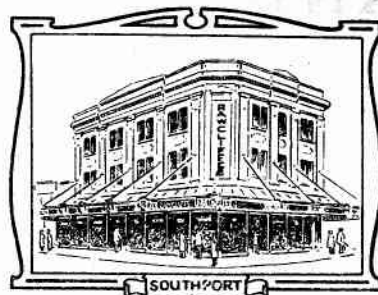
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## Editorial

Half way through each term there appears in the junior and senior corridors a request for contributions to the "Red Rose" and a final date. You have seen it? Of course, and a few of you have responded. The conscientious secretaries of school societies, the house secretaries, and, very rarely, an ebullient young poet or humorist come unprompted and cast their mites into the Editor's treasury. Usually, however, the Editor must go round for weeks reminding, prompting, stimulating. Then, on the last day of term, you receive your sedative at the beginning of form meetings. You look eagerly for your name in any place where it is likely to occur. And then, you forget the "Red Rose" for three months?

We hope not, for it is your magazine, and should be a true reflection of the life of the School of which you are the most important part. You did not know that? Sitting inkily on the back row of I.Z form-room, trying to escape the questions of an insatiable master, you feel insignificant? Collectively you may be prepared to admit that the School exists for you, but individually, you think you do not count. You are wrong; the School exists for you as an individual, with your virtues and your shortcomings, your talents and your defects.

When you arrive we bid you welcome in the "Salvete" column; when you depart we bid you "Godspeed" under "Valete". We hope that will be by no means the only occasions when your name and achievements will appear in our pages. And, especially, we hope that you will at some time feel moved to let us have the offspring of your mind; not just the essays creamed from the English class (welcome though these are) but your poems, essays, stories, articles, even your opinions and experiences.

On another page you will find particulars of some competitions which are intended to encourage you to contribute. We shall await February 7th, the closing date, with eager expectancy. Please do not disappoint us.

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The Editor wishes to place on record his thanks to H. C. Corrin and J. K. Wintersgill for their invaluable help with the advertisements of this issue.

## Important Dates

Lent Term begins.....7th January

Half-Term.....17th, 18th February

Term ends.....28th March.

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## School Notes

The number on the roll at the beginning of this term was 655, including 161 in the Sixth Form. This compares with a total of 630 at this time last year.

This term sees two extra members of the staff. Mr. A. C. Wynne who is an old boy (S) (1942-50) joins us from Liverpool University to take French and other subjects, mainly with junior forms, and Mr. I. P. Moss who was at Chorley Grammar School and Manchester University, joins the Science staff to take Physics and some Mathematics. Other new masters this term are—Mr. G. Benson of Manchester Grammar School and Merton College, Oxford, who is teaching Mathematics. Mr. J. M. C. Davidson (W) (1943-51) an old boy who was Captain of the School 1950-51, joins us from Caius College, Cambridge, also to take Mathematics. Mr. J. Graham of Glasgow University who has been teaching at Clayebank High School, Dunbartonshire, joins the French staff in place of Mr. Garnett, and Mr. T. B. Johnson of Stockport Grammar School and Leeds and Oxford Universities, joins the English staff in place of Mr. Beckwith.

During the present academic year Mr. H. Smith has leave of absence to attend a Ministry of Education course and his place is being taken by Mr. E. S. Gale who has joined us from Thomas Linacre School, Wigan.

At the end of this term Mr. T. Duncan leaves us for a post in the Education Department of Liverpool University. During his four and a half years here Mr. Duncan has impressed everyone by his distinguished Physics teaching and leadership of the Physics Department. An appreciation appears elsewhere in this issue, and we wish him every success in his new post.

After months of feverish activity in the rear of the Dining Room the new Class-room block was still not ready when term began. After a week or two we were able to take over progressively as the builders finished in each room. The large room, No. 22, is being turned into a Geography Room and the other two rooms are being used for Sixth Form work. This block provides and excellent addition to the amenities of the school, and is a most pleasant place to work in.

### RECENT EVENTS

9th-11th July—a record number of school expeditions took place. In all nearly half the school took part and an account of some of these undertakings will be found elsewhere.

12th July—Annual School Swimming Gala took place and formed the culmination of a most successful year in school swimming.

17th July—Open Day, and this was also the occasion for the opening ceremony of the Memorial Pavilion. Unfortunately the weather was wet during the afternoon so the main ceremony took place in the Assembly Hall. Many parents and friends were present and it was also possible to squeeze in a good many members of the school as well. Alderman W. Tattersall was in the Chair. He introduced the ceremony with a short speech and was followed by the Headmaster and Mrs. Tattersall who formally declared the pavilion open. Later the platform party went into the Pavilion where Mrs. Tattersall unveiled the Memorial Plaque designed by Mr. N. Harrison and executed in oak by Mr. H. H. Long. Dedicatory prayers were then said by Mr. T. T. Williams, parents' representative on the Governing Body.

Before and after the opening ceremony of the Pavilion the usual school exhibitions were held in the Laboratories and the Art Room. The exhibitions were again open during the evening. Many more parents, who were unable to be present in the afternoon were enabled to go round the school.

The last event of the Summer term was a Six-sided Athletics match on the 18th July. In this we were not quite so successful as in previous years and were placed 6th, though only 4 points separated the last 4 teams.

On 27th September the Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys' Association was held and Dr. K. Rostron (G) (1926-33) was elected Chairman for the Forthcoming year.

24th October—meeting for parents of boys in the Second Forms.

12th November—a party of Sixth form boys visited Liverpool to see the play 'Le Tartuffe' at the Royal Court Theatre.

The collection this term was for the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association and realised £13-18s-4d.

8th Nov. The annual Poppy-day collection amounted to £11/8/6 and the School Captain has handed to the Mayor a cheque for that amount.

16th July. Annual Cricket Match v. Old Boys' team resulted in a draw with the School in commanding position. Scores. School 102, Old Boys 68 for 8.

### VALETE

Ashworth, C. N. 1947-57.—Evans', U6ScSch., G.C.E. (A3,04) 1954-57, Southport Major Scholarship 1957, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion 1954.

Jones, T. M. 1949-57.—Woodham's, U6ScSch., G. C. E. (A3,04) 1954-57, Southport Major Exhibition 1957, R.L.S.S. Award of Merit 1955.

Rodwell, A., 1949-57.—Spencer's U6M.Sch., G.C.E. (A3,05) 1954-57, Southport Major Exhibition 1957, School Prefect 1956-57, House Captain 1956-57, Chairman Photographic Society 1956-57, Treasurer Music Society 1957, Senior Librarian 1956-57, R.L.S.S. Bronze Cross and Award of Merit 1957.

Thompson, J. J., 1949-57.—Woodham's, U6ScSch., G.C.E. (A3,04) 1954-57, Southport Major Scholarship 1957, School Prefect 1955-6-7, School Captain 1956-7, House Captain 1955-6-7, Full Colours Rugby 1955-6-7, Captain 1956-7, Full Colours Cricket 1955-6-7, Captain 1957.

Wilson, C. F., 1949-57.—Evans', U6ScA, G.C.E. (A3,03) 1954-57 Southport Major Exhibition 1957, School Prefect 1956-7, House Captain 1956-7 Rugby Captain 1st XV 1955-56, Full Colours 1956; Athletics Colours 1954-56.

Allen, J. T. H., 1950-57.—Woodham's, U6M.Sch., G.C.E. (A3,06) 1954-57, Southport Major Exhibition 1957, School Prefect 1956-7, House Secretary 1956-7, Half Colours Cricket 1957, House Almoner 1956-7, Librarian 1956-7, Secretary Thornley Society 1956-7.

Baker, R. T. K., 1950-57.—Evans', U6ScB, G.C.E. (03) 1955-57, Half Colours Cricket 1955-57, Colts Colours Rugby 1952-53.

Barton, D. M., 1950-57.—Evans', U6ScA, G.C.E. (A3,03) 1955-57, Southport Major Exhibition 1957.

Bennett, E. M. 1950-57.—Woodham's, U6ScB, G.C.E. (A2.03) 1954-57, School Prefect 1956-57, Half Colours Rugby 1955-6-7, R.L.S.S. Award of Merit 1955.

Brookfield, W.E., 1950-57.—Rogers', U6ScSch., G.C.E. (A3.05) 1954-56, School Prefect House Co-Captain 1956-7, R.L.S.S. Bronze Cross 1955.

Chapman, R. F., 1950-57.—Spencer's, U6M, G.C.E. (A1.03) 1955-57, House Secretary 1956-7, R.L.S.S. Bronze Cross and Award of Merit 1957.

Coley, S. T., 1950-57.—Edwards', U6M, G.C.E. (A1.05) 1955-57.

Cookson, B. D., 1950-57.—Edwards', U6M.Sch., G.C.E. (A3.06) 1954-57, State Scholarship 1957, School Prefect 1956-57, Senior Librarian 1956-7, School Almoner 1956-7, Half Colours Cricket 1957.

Dixson, D. R., 1950-57.—Edwards', U6M, G.C.E. (A1.05) 1954-57, School Prefect 1956-57.

Downs, D., 1950-57.—Edwards', U6ScSch., G.C.E. (A3.02) 1954-57, Southport Major Exhibition 1957.

Ellis, J. M., 1950-57.—Woodham's, U6M, G.C.E. (A3.04) 1954-57, School prefect 1956-7, Full Colours Rugby 1955-6-7, R.L.S.S. Award of Merit 1955.

Furness, R. B., 1950-57.—Mason's, U6M, G.C.E. (A2.02) 1955-57, Secretary Art Society 1956-7, Patrol Leader School Scouts 1955-6-7.

Hornby, A., 1950-57.—Edwards', U6ScB, G.C.E. (04) 1955, Half Colours Rugby 1956-7, Half Colours Cricket 1957, Half Colours Athletics 1957.

Jones, G. F., 1950-57.—Evans', U6ScSch., G.C.E. (A3.03) 1954-57, Open Scholarship Manchester University 1957, State Scholarship 1957.

Kent, A. A., 1950-57.—Mason's, U6M, G.C.E. (A1.06) 1955-57, House Almoner 1956-7.

Kissenisky, J. O., 1950-57.—Mason's, U6ScA, G.C.E. (A3.02) 1955-57, Southport Major Exhibition 1957, School Prefect 1956-7, House Captain 1956-7, Athletics Colours 1956-7, Half Colours Rugby 1955-6-7, Captain Athletics and Boxing 1956-7, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion 1954 with Bar 1956.

Large, B. M., 1950-57.—Evans', U6ScB, G.C.E. (A1.04) 1954-57, School Prefect 1956-57, Full Colours Rugby 1956-57, R.L.S.S. Bar to Bronze Medallion 1957.

Lewin, J. D., 1950-57.—Evans', U6ScSch., G.C.E. (A3.04) 1954-57, State Scholarship 1956, Open Exhibition Queens' College, Cambridge 1956, School Prefect 1956-57, House Secretary 1956-57, Chairman Scientific Society 1956-57.

Mansfield, L. M., 1950-57.—Rogers', U6M, G.C.E. (04) 1955-56, House Almoner 1956-57.

Rigby, P. E., 1950-57.—Leech's, U6ScA, G.C.E. (A3.04) 1954-57, School Prefect 1956-57, House Secretary 1956-57.

Roberts, A., 1950-57.—Leech's, U6ScSch., G.C.E. (A3.04) 1954-56, State Scholarship 1956, School Prefect 1956-57, Secretary Athletics Club 1955-56, Captain Chess Club 1956-57, Under 16 Athletics Colours 1954-55, R.L.S.S. Bronze Cross 1954-55.

Smith, J. E. R., 1950-57.—Gear's, U6M.Sch., G.C.E. (A3.05) 1954-57, School Prefect 1956-57, House Captain 1956-57, Under 15 XV Colours 1954.

Vickers, P. C. P., 1950-57.—Gear's, U6ScA, G.C.E. (A2.04) 1955-57.

Whitehead, C. A., 1950-57.—Leech's, U6ScSch., G.C.E. (A4.03) 1954-57, Southport Major Exhibition 1957, School Prefect 1955-57, House Captain 1956-57, Half Colours Rugby 1956-57, Half Colours Athletics 1956-57, Chairman Thornley Society 1956-57.

Whittingham, R. B., 1950-57.—Woodham's, U6ScB, G.C.E. (06) 1955.

Wilkinson, S. J., 1950-57.—Woodham's, U6M, G.C.E. (A2.04) 1954-57, Librarian 1956-57.

Wright, K., 1950-57.—Woodham's, U6ScSch., G.C.E. (A3.04) 1954-57, Southport Major Exhibition 1957, School Prefect 1956-57, Half Colours Rugby 1956-57.

Bowyer, F. G., 1951-57.—Mason's, U6M, G.C.E. (04) 1955-57.

Carr, H. J., 1951-57.—Edwards', U6ScA, G.C.E. (A3.03) 1955-57.

Herbert, C., 1951-57.—Leech's, U6M, G.C.E. (A2.03) 1955-57.

Mentha, R. M., 1951-57.—Mason's, U5a, G.C.E. (04) 1957, Under 15 Cricket Colours 1954-55, Under 16 Rugby Colours 1956-57.

Riding, J. C., 1951-57.—Spencer's, U5b, G.C.E. (02) 1956.

Whiteley, R. M., 1951-57.—Gear's, L6M, G.C.E. (02) 1956, Half Colours Rugby 1956-57.

Wilson, K. F., 1951-57.—Leech's U6M, G.C.E. (A1.05) 1955-57 Chairman Model Club 1956-57, R.L.S.S. Intermediate Certificate 1956-57.

Anderson, B. G., 1952-57.—Woodham's U5TrM, Colts XV Colours 1955-56.

Bradbury, R. B., 1952-57.—Gear's, U5a, G.C.E. (05) 1957.

Ditchfield, R. A., 1952-57.—Evans', U5TrM, G.C.E. (04) 1957, R.L.S.S. Intermediate Certificate 1953-54.

Gatiss, R., 1952-57.—Woodham's, U5TrSc, G.C.E. (02) 1957, Colts XV Colours 1955-56, R.L.S.S. Elementary Certificate 1954.

Green, D., 1952-57.—Evans', U5a, G.C.E. (03) 1957, Half Colours Rugby 1956-57.

Hamilton, I. L., 1952-57.—Edwards', U5b, G.C.E. (03) 1957, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion 1956.

Harrison, D., 1952-57.—Gear's, U5a, G.C.E. (01) 1957, Under 16 XV Colours 1956-57, Under 14 Athletics Colours 1955.

Hext, J., 1952-57.—Woodham's, U5a, G.C.E. (03) 1957.

Hill, J. C., 1952-57.—Spencer's, U5a, G.C.E. (04) 1957.

Hollinrake, M. N., 1952-57.—Gear's, U5b.

Pond, J. C., 1952-57.—Rogers', U6ScSch., G.C.E. (A3.03) 1954-57, State Scholarship 1957, School Prefect 1956-57, House Co-Captain 1956-57, Half Colours Rugby 1956-57.

Rimmer, W. T., 1952-57.—Evans', U5a, G.C.E. (03) 1957, Under 14 Rugby Colours 1954-55, R.L.S.S. Intermediate Certificate 1952-53.

Tyson, L. R., 1952-57.—Rogers', U5a G.C.E. (04) 1957, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion 1956.

Waring, N. K., 1952-57.—Woodham's, U5b, G.C.E. (03) 1957.

Watkinson, D., 1952-57.—Mason's, U5b, G.C.E. (01) 1957.

Whitehead, E., 1952-57.—Leech's, U5a, G.C.E. (02) 1957, Under 16 XV Colours 1956-57, Under 15 XI Colours 1954-55.

Wroe, J. A., 1952-57.—Evans', U5b, G.C.E. (03) 1957.

Cousins, N. W., 1953-57.—Mason's, U5Tr.Sc., G.C.E. (02) 1957.

Heeley, M. D., 1953-57.—Evans', U6ScB, G.C.E. (A2.05) 1954-57, School Prefect 1956-57, Full Colours Cricket 1955-57 Vice-Captain 1957, Half Colours Rugby 1954-57, House Vice-Captain 1956-57.

Johnston, P. M., 1953-57.—Spencer's, L6ScB, G.C.E. (05) 1956-57.

Booth, P. S. L., 1954-57.—Leech's, U6ScA, G.C.E. (A3.04) 1955-57, State Scholarship 1957, Secretary Scientific Society 1956-57.

Lewis, M. W., 1954-57.—Leech's, 4a.

Milne, B. E., 1954-57.—Edwards', U6ScB, G.C.E. (A3.04) 1955-57.

Taylor, D., 1954-57.—Leech's, G.C.E. (04) 1957.

Counce, J., 1955-57.—Edwards', 3b.

Dargan, A. S., 1955-57.—Gear's, 3b.

Davies, P. R., 1955-57.—Edwards', U6ScB, G.C.E. (A2,04) 1955-57, Half Colours Athletics 1957.  
 Miller, A. D., 1955-57.—Rogers', L.5X.  
 Porter, A., 1955-57.—Mason's, 3b.  
 Worsley, D.R., 1955-57.—Woodham's, U6M, G.C.E. (A1,05) 1957, Half Colours Cricket 1957.  
 Arman, G. R., 1956-57.—Rogers', 3b.  
 Murray, R. I., 1956-57.—Spencer's, U5b G.C.E. (01) 1957.  
 Perkins, J. A., 1956-57.—Grears, U6M, G.C.E. (A1,01) 1956-57.

### SALVETE

M. J. Abbiss, J. R. Andrews, K. W. Ascroft, D. Aspinwall, A. W. Ayres, D. C. Baldwin, J. R. Ball, W. D. Basson, T. G. Bateman, P. N. Berman, G. H. Blundell, P. H. Briscoe, K. Brown, R. L. Burgess, R. F. Burns, C. Butterworth, G. R. Carwardine, R. N. Carver, A. M. Cassell, R. V. Casselson, I. P. Chadwick, J. Cooper, A. J. Corbett, J. S. Corrigan, M. A. Cowen, J. F. Cox, J. M. Davies, F. Derbyshire, D. J. Dolman, P. L. Edwards, R. J. Elias, G. P. Elliott, P. J. Farrer, D. P. Fellows, P. K. Fellows, P. W. Francis, J. Green, I. D. Grisdale, R. H. Gritten, E. R. Haberland, R. Halsall, W. N. Harrison, M. E. Higson, J. Hill, C. W. Hodgson, J. A. Holland, R. M. Holt, J. Hunt, P. D. Hyde, G. Jacobs, I. P. Johnson, K. R. Jones, M. K. Jones, I. P. Judge, R. S. Kirkham, J. M. L. Labelle, G. F. Lawrence, R. Q. Laws, R. J. Lindsay, J. D. Longmire, D. K. McDonnell, A. J. McMath, M. K. A. Maloney, T. L. Marriott, J. L. Meakin, D. Morgan, P. M. Moulson, R. T. Pearce, A. C. Plumb, C. J. Presburgh, M. J. Rigby, I. Robinson, D. W. Robinson-Todd, Q. G. Rowbottom, J. C. Russell, R. A. Russell-Clark, R. Scales, J. F. Sell, M. W. Sharpling, P. Sherrington, E. D. Sinclair, I. Smith-Crallan, C. R. Stubington, H. N. Sudgen, B. Tattler, B. M. Thompson, D. S. Tierney, G. J. B. Toms, H. C. Tunnicliffe, J. R. Uttley, J. B. Waldron, P. Walton, J. Watson, P. H. Watson, N. T. Westby, R. B. White, F. B. Wilkinson, J. H. Williams, B. R. Wilson, C. J. Wilson, F. R. Wilson, M. J. S. Wilson, N. R. Winder, B. P. Wood, A. H. Woodcock, J. R. Wright, J. Young.

### LEAVERS 1956-57.

The analysis below shows all those boys who left between September 1956 and July 1957, excluding those who were transferred to other schools owing to their parents leaving the district.

University .....	24	
Training College .....	1	
Further Education .....	2	
The Services .....	12	
Student Apprentices .....	6	Cambridge 3, Durham 1, Hull 2
Accountancy .....	1	Leeds 1, Liverpool 6, London 2,
Banking .....	11	Manchester 6, Nottingham 1, Ox-
Insurance .....	2	ford 2.
Engineering .....	2	
Civil Service .....	7	
Local Government .....	1	
Other Clerical Posts .....	3	Agriculture 1, Architecture 1, Chem-
Wholesale Trades .....	4	istry 5, Classics 2, Dentistry 1,
Retail Trades .....	2	Economics 1, Engineering 3,
	—	Mathematics 2, Medicine 2, Mod-
	78	ern Languages 1, Physics 5.

### SCHOOL PREFECTS

P. G. Davies, M. K. Davies, A. K. Jones, A. D. Redman, R. W. Rothwell, J. K. Stuart, G. A. Wade, P. Aughton, D. Bailey, D. W. Baines, H. Brooks, J. Dewhurst, R. A. French, F. Halsall, P. N. Heyes, B. King, P. T. Knight, M. R. Little, R. F. Mould, P. D. Pond, H. D. Renshaw, J. E. Rowntree, D. Shaw, P. J. Travis, G. T. Watkinson, R. Williams,  
 The following boys have gone on to Universities or are accepted after National Service:—S. M. Green, J. D. Lewin, J. J. Thompson (Cambridge); D. Downs (Durham); D. M. Barton, J. O. Kissenisky (Hull); K. Wright (Leeds); C. N. Ashworth, P. S. L. Booth, W. E. Brookfield, J. M. Ellis, T. M. Jones, C. F. Wilson (Liverpool); J. T. H. Allen, B. E. Milne (London); B. D. Cookson, G. F. Jones, P. E. Rigby, A. Rodwell, P. C. P. Vickers, C. A. Whitehead (Manchester); J. C. Pond (Nottingham); J. E. R. Smith, A. Roberts (Oxford);  
 Training College: D. R. Dixon (Chester).  
 State Scholarships have been awarded to: P. Aughton, P. S. L. Booth, B. D. Cookson, P. G. Davies, G. F. Jones, J. C. Pond, J. K. Stuart.  
 Southport Major Scholarships were awarded to: C. N. Ashworth, J. E. Aughton, P. Aughton, P. S. L. Booth, B. D. Cookson, P. G. Davies, J. K. Stuart, J. J. Thompson.  
 Southport Major Exhibitions were awarded to: J. T. Allen, D. M. Barton, D. Downs, J. M. Ellis, T. M. Jones, J. O. Kissenisky, B. E. Milne, R. F. Mould, A. Rodwell, P. J. Travis, C. A. Wade, C. A. Whitehead C. F. Wilson, K. Wright.

## Mr. T. Duncan

Regretfully, we shall shortly be saying farewell to Mr. Duncan who, coming from the Sir John Leman School, Beccles, joined the staff as Senior Physics Master, in September, 1953.

Four years is not a lengthy period in the career of a school-master, and yet Mr. Duncan in this brief space of time has endeared himself to colleagues and pupils alike.

His unostentatious nature is but a cloak to the indefatigable energy and enthusiasm he possesses for promoting and furthering the work of the Physics Department. He is indeed a poor student who has not benefited from Mr. Duncan's outstanding teaching ability.

The thoroughness with which the Scientific Society Meetings have been planned and the organisation behind the Annual Physics Exhibition each bear the mark of Mr. Duncan's influence.

In less academic ways, he has acted with undiminished success as Lighting Manager to the School Plays, and has at times continued to throw light (at least physically) on to some of the music rendered by the School orchestra. He has also found time to assist the Staff Cricket Team in its Annual Match with the School 1st XI.



We shall miss Mr. Duncan greatly, and are sorry indeed that he is leaving.

In his new post in the Department of Education of Liverpool University, we wish him every success. He takes with him our grateful thanks and best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.

C.F.F.

## Obituary

### W. T. M.

William Tumbrill Marsden joined the Staff, as Senior History Master and Housemaster of Spencer's House, in September, 1930. He came to us from Preston Grammar School, where he had been for the greater part of his life up to then, first as a schoolboy and, after his career at Oxford, as History Master. Few of us who were at the School at that time, whether as members of the Staff or as boys, will fail to remember the impact of his coming. He was of country stock and upbringing, a ruddy, rotund, dynamic man, who swept through the corridors, hands clasped firmly behind his back, his strong legs shooting out vigorously as he strode purposefully to the History Room—that room which, for the next 27 years, was to be his kingdom.

As his kingdom, it was soon to reflect his views and his personality. For, to W.T.M., History was the sum of all studies: the subject best able to provide that synthesis of ideas and knowledge upon which educationists now lay stress: the subject best fitted to bring into clear focus and proper proportion and perspective the progress, or the regression, of mankind in all spheres of activity. With W.T.M. therefore, there came for us a change of emphasis. In addition to the old-established political history, there was increased emphasis on men's social and economic development, upon the influence of geography, the history of ideas, of religion and religious thought, of architecture, of art, of science and its application. With all this came, too, the opportunity for all and sundry to labour at the maps, models, sketches and plans, which soon filled the History Room and gave it its special atmosphere. The study of Economics was introduced, and a new syllabus for Religious Instruction was outlined.

Out of school, he was partly responsible for the Historical and Architectural Expeditions, with their visits to Cathedrals, churches, castles and houses, and for the Economics Trips to Cotton Mills, Factories and Mines. Admittedly he only managed to make one

or two visits to the coal-face, and there were stories of the narrow gap through which "Bill" had to be pushed vigorously, and of the spot in the "return airway" where he seemed so overcome that it took the combined strength of four boys to heave him up the final stretch to the fan-house and the light of day. Such visits were all first-class education, and they explain why, thanks to W.T.M., so many Old Boys discovered, on leaving school, that they were equipped with a wider range of experience than most of their contemporaries.

W.T.M. was a strongly religious man, and it is probably, the members of Spencer's House who know best the importance which he attached, and which so many of them learned to attach, to those first few minutes of the day devoted to prayer, meditation and dedication.

In his teaching, particularly in the Upper School, he preferred that there should be plenty of question and answer, and the cut-and-thrust of vigorous discussion. He took with him to the Staff-Room his love of conversation, and the most vivid memories of him, which so many of us will retain, are of W.T.M. at the centre of enthusiastic argument. It was probably this characteristic that led him to consume more of matches than of tobacco. A couple of matches would serve to light his pipe; immediately the discussion would involve him, and, in the spark of words, his pipe would go out again; several more matches would get his pipe going once more, but again and again the discussion would see it extinguished.

Of recent years, W.T.M. had been less active in discussion, and the old rotundity had gone. We sometimes chaffed him a little about dieting, but he made no mention of his illness. The greater was the shock therefore when he died on Friday, 15th November, 1957, and the greater the sense of his absence and of the School's loss.

H.B.

## G.C.E. Results

**English Literature**—Passes at Ordinary Level: Uu6M.Sch., J. E. R. Smith; U6M, M. K. Davies.

**History**—Passes: U6M.Sch., A. Rodwell; U6M G. A. Wade, Passes at Ordinary Level; U6M, A. A. Kent, S. J. Wilkinson.

**Ancient History and Literature**—Passes: U6M.Sch., J. T. H. Allen, B. D. Cookson; U6M, P. G. Davies, J. K. Stuart.

**Geography**—Passes: U6M, R. F. Chapman, J. M. Ellis, R. B. W. Furness, C. G. Herbert, A. A. Kent, J. A. Perkins, A. D. Redman, S. J. Wilkinson, Pass at Ordinary level; D. R. Worsley.

**Economics.**—Passes: U6M, A. D. Redman, K. F. Wilson, D. R. Worsley, Passes at Ordinary level: U6M, Cch., J. E. R. Smith; U6M, M. K. Davies, A. A. Kent.

**Art.**—Passes: U6M, S. T. Coley, J. M. Ellis, R. B. W. Furness, C. G. Herbert.

**Greek.**—Passes: U6M, Sch., J. T. H. Allen, B. D. Cookson, U6M, P. G. Davies, J. K. Stuart.

**Latin.**—Distinction: U6M, P. G. Davies, J. K. Stuart, Passes: U6M, Sch., J. T. H. Allen, B. D. Cookson, Passes: at Ordinary Level D. R. Dixon.

**French.**—Distinction: U6M, G. A. Wade, Passes: U6M, Sch., A. Rodwell, J. E. R. Smith; U6M, D. R. Dixon, J. M. Ellis, N. Rimmer, D. J. G. Salmon. Pass at Ordinary Level: U6M, S. J. Wilkinson.

**German.**—Passes: U6M, Sch., A. Rodwell; U6M, G. A. Wade.

**Mathematics.**—Distinction: U6ScA, J. E. Aughton, P. Aughton, P. S. L. Booth, Passes: U6ScSch., C. N. Ashworth, D. Downs, G. F. Jones, T. M. Jones, J. C. Pond, J. J. Thompson; U6ScA., D. Bailey, D. M. Barton, H. J. Carr, L. Dewhurst, P. N. Heyes, J. O. Kissenisky, M. R. Little, R. F. Mould, P. E. Rigby, I. W. Rimmer, C. R. Timperley, P. J. Travis, U6ScB., P. R. Davies, Pass at Ordinary Level: J. H. Wright.

**Maths and Theor. Mechanics.**—Passes: U6ScSch., C. A. Whitehead. K. Wright; U6ScB., R. W. Rothwell.

**Physics.**—Distinction: U6ScSch., G. F. Jones, J. J. Thompson; U6ScA., P. S. L. Booth, R. F. Mould. Passes: U6ScSch., C. N. Ashworth, D. Downs, T. M. Jones, J. C. Pond, C. A. Whitehead, K. Wright; U6ScA., J. E. Aughton, P. Aughton, D. Bailey, D. M. Barton, H. J. Carr, J. Dewhurst, P. N. Heyes, J. O. Kissenisky, M. R. Little, P. E. Rigby, I. W. Rimmer, C. R. Timperley, P. J. Travis, P. C. P. Vickers, C. F. Wilson, U6ScB., E. M. Bennett, P. R. Davies, L. H. Emery, M. D. Heeley, M. S. Lyons, B. E. Milne, H. D. Renshaw, R. W. Rothwell. Passes at Ordinary Level: U6ScB., B. M. Large.

**Chemistry.**—Distinction: U6ScSch., C. N. Ashworth; U6ScA., P. S. L. Booth. Passes: U6ScSch., D. Downs, G. F. Jones, T. M. Jones, J. C. Pond, J. J. Thompson; U6ScA., J. E. Aughton, P. Aughton, D. Bailey, D. M. Barton, H. J. Carr, P. N. Heyes, J. O. Kissenisky, M. R. Little, R. F. Mould, P. E. Rigby, P. J. Travis, P. C. P. Vickers, C. F. Wilson; U6ScB., E. M. Bennett, L. H. Emery, G. M. Hand, M. D. Heeley, M. S. Lyons, B. E. Milne, H. D. Renshaw, R. B. Whittingham, J. H. Wright, Passes at ordinary Level: U6ScSch., W. E. Brookfield; U6 ScA., J. Dewhurst; U6ScB., R. T. K. Baker, C. J. Gillett.

**Biology.**—Passes: U6ScSch., W. E. Brookfield; U6ScA., C. F. Wilson, U6ScB., L. H. Emery, J. M. Gaskin, B. E. Milne. Pass at Ordinary Level: U6ScB., M. S. Lyons.

**General Paper.**—U6ScSch., J. C. Pond, J. J. Thompson, U6M: F. G. Bowyer, R. F. Chapman, S. T. Coley, P. G. Davies, D. R. Dixon, C. G. Herbert, A. A. Kent, N. Rimmer, J. K. Stuart, G. A. Wade, S. J. Wilkinson, D. R. Worsley, U6ScA: J. E. Aughton, D. Bailey, D. M. Barton, P. S. L. Booth, M. R. Little, R. F. Mould, P. J. Travis, P. C. P. Vickers, U6ScB: P. R. Davies, L. H. Emery, J. M. Gaskin, M. D. Heeley, B. M. Large, M. S. Lyons, B. E. Milne, H. D. Renshaw, R. B. Whittingham.

**English Language.**—L6ScA: D. Shaw, W. E. Swindlehurst, L6ScB: A. N. Beattie, B. Karakusevic, M. J. Whiteley. U5TrM: C. R. C. Beddows, G. F. Burgess, R. A. Ditchfield, R. W. Ellis, D. Gerrard, R. M. Greenhalgh, S. B. Kersh, J. H. Knowles, M. J. Meadowcroft, A. Moister, B. Murphy, D. M. Raynor, D. C. Thomson, L6M: R. Armstrong, G. T. Watkinson, U5TrC.: S. Adler, J. M. Bibby, M. D. Blundell, A. Bradley, G. D. Bradshaw, D. Brown, D. J. Cameron, N. W. M. Cousins, R. J. Elliott, R. Gatiss, T. R. Hesketh, I. H. Maxwell, M. J. D. Milton, D. Palmer, J. M. Rawlinson, J. A. Sage, J. E. Sephton, M. A. Stott, C. W. Wattleworth, U5a: M. R. Billing, P. Blower, R. B. Bradbury, J. A. Carey, J. C. Hill, R. M. Menha, D. N. Town, L. R. Tyson, B. T. Wright, F. A. Wright, U5b: I. L. Hamilton, D. Lowe, D. Taylor, B. W. Thomas, N. K. Waring, D. C. Weldon, J. A. Wroe.

**English Literature.**—U5TrM: C. R. C. Beddows, G. F. Burgess, R. W. Ellis, D. Geldard, R. M. Greenhalgh, A. D. Grundy, J. Hulm, C. W. Jtram, M. J. Meadowcroft, B. Murphy, D. M. Raynor, D. C. Thomson, U5a: R. B. Bradbury, D. N. Town, E. Whitehead.

**History.**—U5TrM: C. R. C. Beddows, R. L. Bowen, G. F. Burgess, R. M. Greenhalgh, C. W. Jerram, S. B. Kersh, D. M. Raynor, D. C. Thomson, U5a: J. Ball, R. B. Bradbury, U5b: I. L. Hamilton, R. I. Murray, D. C. Weldon.

**Geography.**—U5TrM: C. R. C. Beddows, G. F. Burgess, R. A. Ditchfield, R. W. Ellis, D. Geldard, R. M. Greenhalgh, J. Hulm, U5TrSc: M. D. Blundell, G. D. Bradshaw, D. Brown, D. J. Cameron, R. Gatiss, A. Halsall, B. S. Henshaw, T. R. Hesketh, D. B. Izatt, M. J. D. Milton, L. J. E. Pinches, J. B. Pogson, J. M. Rawlinson, D. G. E. Ripley, J. A. Sage, G. Z. Szymanski, R. J. Wood, U5a: R. B. Bradbury, W. T. Dyson, D. Green, J. Hext, K. A. Perkins, A. H. Sutton, D. N. Town, U5b: I. L. Hamilton, D. E. Morris.

**Art.**—U5TrM: G. F. Burgess, D. Geldard U5TrSc: M. J. D. Milton, U5a: J. Ball, W. T. Dyson, J. Hext, J. C. Hill, K. A. Perkins, D. N. Town, B. T. Wright, U5b: D. Lowe, J. A. Wroe.

**Greek.**—U5TrM: D. M. Raynor.

**Latin.**—L6ScA: J. D. Adams, J. A. Belcher, B. King, J. E. Rowntree, U5TrM: R. M. Greenhalgh, M. J. Meadowcroft, D. M. Raynor, D. C. Thomson, L6M: R. T. K. Symington, U5TrSc: A. Bradley, P. Dickinson, I. H. Maxwell, J. E. Sephton, C. W. Wattleworth.

**French.**—L6ScB: F. Schober, L5ScX: C. C. Ashley, U5TrM: C. R. C. Beddows, R. L. Bowen, G. F. Burgess, R. A. Ditchfield, D. Geldard, R. M. Greenhalgh, A. Hardman, J. Hulm, C. W. Jerram, S. B. Kersh, J. H. Knowles, M. J. Meadowcroft, A. Moister, B. Murphy, D. M. Raynor, D. C. Thomson, L6M: J. A. Fleetwood, U5TrCc: S. Adler, A. Bradley, G. D. Bradshaw, N. W. M. Cousins, P. Dickinson, R. J. Elliott, B. S. Henshaw, D. R. Izatt, R. M. Knapman, I. H. Maxwell, M. J. D. Milton, D. Palmer, J. M. Rawlinson, J. E. Sephton, M. A. Stott, G. Z. Szymanski, C. W. Wattleworth, U5a: R. B. Bradbury, J. C. Hill, M. J. Riley, F. A. Wright.

**German.**—U5TrM: A. Hardman, C. W. Jerram, B. Murphy, D. C. Thomson.



**Mathematics.**—Ord. Alt. U6ScB: R. T. K. Baker, M. D. Heeley, H. D. Renshaw, L6ScB: P. M. Johnston. L6ScX: J. W. Eaton. Ord. Level U5TrM: R. A. Ditchfield, D. Geldard, R. M. Greenhalgh, M. J. Meadowcroft, A. Moister, D. M. Raynor, D. C. Thomson. L6M: J. T. Fox, P. H. S. Hadfield, G. S. Sunderland, U5a: A. S. Bailey, J. Ball, M. R. Billing, A. N. Buckels, W. T. Dyson, D. Green, D. Harrison, J. Hext, J. C. Hill, R. M. Mentha, W. B. Milsom, K. A. Perkins, W. T. Rimmer, L. R. Tyson, E. Whitehead, B. T. Wright, F. A. Wright. U5b: M. L. Burrill, J. Steadman, D. Taylor, N. K. Waring, D. C. Weldon.

**Physics.**—L6ScB: P. M. Johnston, B. Karakusovic, U5a: A. N. Buckels, R. M. Mentha, K. A. Perkins, W. T. Rimmer, D. N. Town, L. R. Tyson, B. T. Wright, F. A. Wright, U5b: M. L. Burrill, J. M. Parkinson, J. Steadman, D. Taylor, N. K. Waring, D. Watkinson, J. A. Wroe.

**Chemistry.**—L6ScB: P. M. Johnston, U5a: R. M. Mentha, B. T. Wright, F. A. Wright. U5b: J. M. Parkinson, B. W. Thomas.

**Woodwork.**—U5a: M. R. Billing, P. Blower, A. N. Buckels, D. Green, W. T. Rimmer, L. R. Tyson, F. A. Wright. U5b: J. M. Parkinson, J. Steadman, D. Taylor.

## Red Rose Competitions

In order to encourage members of the School to write the "Red Rose" will offer prizes in the next term's issue for the following competitions:—

**Group I.** Competitors over 16 years of age on 31.12.57., are invited to compose a speech in not more than twenty lines of blank verse such as Shakespeare might have put into the mouth of either (a) the captain of the first XV exhorting his men before the Old Boys' Match.

(b) the Mayor of Southport opening a charity bazaar.

**Group II.** Competitors between 14 and 16 years of age on 31.12.57 are invited to write a short story of not more than 500 words beginning or ending with the sentence "There were dark stains on the cloth."

**Group III.** Competitors under 14 years of age on 31.12.57., are invited to compose twelve lines of verse under the title "Streamlines."

**Rules.** Write neatly on one side of the paper only. Literary excellence counts for more than spelling but there are dictionaries. Entries must reach the Editor (Mr. Drake) by Friday, February 7th.

## House Reports

### EDWARDS'

*Captain:* J. K. Stuart

*Almoner:* R. Williams

*Captain of Games:* P. G. Davies.

*Prefects:* D. Bailey, R. A. French, D. Renshaw, G. T. Watkinson.

The School Captaincy has not graced the house for some considerable time; and we therefore extend our heartiest congratulations to P. G. Davies on his appointment thereto. We are also represented in the supreme hierarchy by an unusually large contingent of school prefects, comprising D. Bailey, R. A. French, D. Renshaw, J. K. Stuart, G. T. Watkinson, and R. Williams.

P. G. Davies is also to be congratulated on his leadership of a strong and cohesive senior cricket team which won the final—and retained the shield—at the end of last term.

The Senior Rugby team appears to have put itself well on the way to success with comparative ease, having won its first two matches, by 11 points—3, against Spencer's, and 28 points—3, against Grear's. These successes have been made possible by the superhuman energy of the Captain who has been in the habit of holding mysterious 'important meetings' at odd times and places; and by the fact that many members of the house have performed in School teams, G. T. Watkinson (Capt.), P. G. Davies, D. N. Town, and R. Williams have played for the 1st team; Aldred, Anderton, S. Bailey, R. A. French, and A. Hardman for the 2nd; Derbyshire for the under 16 team; Tasker and Mercer for the Under 15; and Hodges and Banbroffe for the under 14.

To turn to what is a little less energetic, and to some minds, a little more civilized, we are again proving our cultural talents by a formidable representation in the School play: R. Williams has again won the arduous but honourable privilege of playing the leading lady; and in addition, R. Armstrong, the Brothers French, N. H. Freeman, and T. Hesketh all have important parts.

The chess team, comprising R. Williams (captain) D. Bailey, and Anderton, have met with varying, but reasonably encouraging fortunes, having won two matches and lost the other.

All this sounds very impressive; but two important qualifications must be made. Firstly we have no reason to be proud of the lamentably and unusually meagre sum realized in this term's charity collection. Let us hope that this was due, at least in part, to the absence of the Almoner, R. Williams; and that next term will witness some improvement.

Secondly, we must remember (painful though the recollection may be) that every member of the house is also a member of the school, where it is intended that we receive our education. This is, of course, a truism. But it is also a truth; a truth moreover, of which not a few members of the house seem to be blissfully unaware. We would therefore urge upon them the necessity of a rather better scholastic effort than of late, so as to rescue the honour of the house from its miserable position near the bottom of the inter-house academic competition. It is not enough that we win this cup, or that shield; we must also know our Ohm's law, and Julius Caesar.

J.K.S.

### EVANS'

*"Disce Prodesse"*

House Captain: P. N. Heyes

Vice-Captain: W. T. Keeley

Secretary: P. J. Travis

Almoner: M. R. Little

Prefects: P. Aughton, (Capt. of Rugby) C. J. Gillett; J. R. Peet.

M. J. Whiteley

The House wishes firstly to extend a warm welcome to all its new members this term.

We congratulate the House Junior cricket team which, under the captaincy of D. G. Keeley was successful in winning the Junior Cricket Shield, last term. This, together with the momentos of our successes in the athletic sports last term, makes the House-room cupboard this term look much more colourful.

P. N. Heyes has been appointed House captain for this year, and all will wish to congratulate him on this achievement.

The following boys have represented the House in School Rugby teams; P. Aughton, (1st XV); W. T. Keeley (2nd XV); D. G. Keeley and J. M. Rawlinson, (U. 16 XV); P. K. M. Rostron, in the 'under fifteens' and J. Rostron and Carter in the Junior teams. Despite this apparently good nucleus of experienced players, the House Senior rugby team under the leadership of Aughton P., has so far this term met with little success. Against Leech's we lost by 24 points, and suffered a worse defeat against Woodham's. The team, however, are reputed to have shown a good, cheerful spirit throughout both games. One match remains to be played, against Mason's

To offset these defeats, our chess team, under J. R. Peet has been successful in all its games but one, a noteworthy achievement. We hope that they will be as successful in the remaining matches.

Several boys are being prepared this term for the R.L.S.S. examinations in December; we wish them every success.

Thanks to the fervent speeches of our Almoner, M. R. Little, the charity raised the goodly sum of £1/14/4½, which is considerably above our average amount.

The House would like to see all its junior members exerting themselves to the utmost academically, as our ultimate position in the Jubilee Cup Competition depends greatly on their form standings.

Lastly, we shall always be pleased to see any old boy members of the House who may come to visit us.

P.J.T.

### GREAR'S

*"Labore atque ludo"*

Captain: G. A. Wade

Secretary: G. D. Bradshaw

Almoner: N. Rimmer

We extend a warm welcome to all our new members and hope that they will take a lively interest in House and School activities.

We congratulate Wade, Rowntree and King, on being appointed School Prefects. Rowntree, who has distinguished himself in the School swimming team, must also be commended for his efforts in continuing the House Life-Saving Classes.

The Badminton team, of Wilson (Capt) and Thomson., has met with surprisingly good success in winning all three matches and it is hoped that they will recapture the Badminton cup in the final.

On the Rugby field we are represented this year by King and Wilson, 1st XV; Crabtree, Adams and Spencer, 2nd XV; Lloyd, Under 16 XV; Jump, Ostick, Under 15 XV; Wright, Sutcliffe, Davies, Holmes, Under 14 XV; The senior Rugby team, under the captaincy of King, has played two matches, both of which were lost to superior opposition.

The Chess team, however, of King, Wilson, and Adams, has met with excellent success by winning all three matches up to date. King and Wilson have also played for the School team.

The House Almoner hopes for a good response to the future Charity appeals. The spirit of this is to give freely and not to count the cost.

Finally, we wish to congratulate all those who are successful in their G.C.E. Examinations last term, not forgetting to wish luck to this term's November candidates.

G.D.B.

## LEECH'S

*"Ad unum omnes"*

*Captain:* M. K. Davies  
*Secretary:* J. Dewhurst

*Vice-Captain:* R. W. Rothwell  
*Almoner:* J. S. Gadd

We extend a cordial welcome to the new members of the House and trust that they will have an enjoyable and successful transit through the school.

The highlight of the previous term, which we cannot allow to pass without mention, was our winning of the Jubilee Cup. We are naturally very proud of this achievement and hope that by a further effort of a similar nature, we may produce the same result at the end of the year.

In the Senior section of the House, the Rugby XV, under the Captaincy of M. K. Davies, has started the season in an excellent manner by winning the first two matches, 24—0 against Evans' and 37—3 against Mason's. Dare we hope for the Championship this year?

The following boys have played for School Teams this term. M. K. Davies, R. W. Rothwell and R. Whitehead for the 1st XV; J. Ashcroft for the 2nd XV; R. J. Elliott for the Under 16's; J. G. Turner, J. F. Rennie-Kermode and R. W. Bateman for the Under 15's; F. G. Curtis, P. Biggins, P. D. Moore, for the Under 14's; P. K. Thompson and M. D. Carr for the Under 13's.

The Chess Team, lead by J. D. Cohen, has met with little success, to date. The team this year, is an exceptionally young one and it is hoped that when its enthusiasm is equalled by its experience, we shall again see the cup in our possession.

J. A. Ashcroft, the Swimming Captain, has held Life-saving practices throughout the term. He reports a much increased interest in this important activity.

The House is again well represented in the School Play, six members having parts in it.

The House Almoner, J. S. Gadd, wishes to thank all members for their generous support in the Charity Collections which, this term, realised 33/-.

We are pleased to note that H. Brooks and J. Dewhurst have been appointed School Prefects, together with M. K. Davies and R. W. Rothwell who are now in their second year of office.

We are also very pleased to have visits from F. Entwistle and G. Topping, two of Leech's old Boys.

Finally, we send our best wishes to D. M. Parker, and A. C. Grimley and hope they make speedy recoveries from their illness.  
J.D.

## MASON'S

*Prefects:* Rimmer, F., Baines, D., Jackson, P., Burgess, G.,  
Parkinson, J.

We extend our greetings to all new-comers to the house and hope they will soon be taking part in the friendly strife of inter-house competition. In school rugby, our house is well represented by Rimmer and Martin, both regular players in the 1st XV. However the house team is, up to the time of writing without success. The chess team on the other hand had a much better start, winning twice before falling to Grear's.

Last term Parkinson mustered all boys together and we were runners-up in the qualification cup, a good sign for future house swimming events.

The Almoner wishes to thank all boys who helped in raising a sum of over £2, a worthy totale for a worthy cause.

Finally we wish all boys luck in the Novemehr G.C.E. examinations, though when this is published our wishes will be rather belated.  
P.J.

## ROGERS'

*Captain:* A. D. Redman  
*Secretary:* P. D. Pond  
*Prefects:* W. E. Swindlehurst, J. A. Fleetwood, K. S. Milne, D. G. Moore

*Vice-Captain:* D. Shaw  
*Almoner:* G. M. Hand

Unfortunately our housemaster, Mr. T. H. Evans has been ill for several weeks this term, but luckily Mr. Hodnett has enthusiastically accepted the task of leadership.

We would like to extend our congratulations to J. C. Pond, on gaining a State Scholarship. Twelve new boys, spread evenly through the second forms, have joined us and very soon adapted themselves to their new school life.

Last term the swimming team did exceptionally well and won the Bradburne Cup, the Ross Cup and the Lancashire Cup for life-saving. Those of outstanding merit were A. D. Redman, the captain, D. W. Moore and R. Shaw.

The Senior Rugby XV, although it is composed of many school players, has been at first rather disorganised. However, we have beaten Grear's 11—5, lost to Spencer's 6—0 and beaten a weakened Edwards' team, 18—0.

This means that we will play Edwards' again, for a place in the final, when we hope to repeat our victory.

The members of the team who have played for school teams are:—

1st XV; A. N. Buckels and W. E. Swindlehurst.

2nd XV; P. Blower, and P. D. Pond.

U 16; J. Hulme, B. A. Rowlinson, B. Sutton.

U 15; O. W. Moore and U 14 R. Shaw.

The Chess Team consisting of D. G. Moore, D. Shaw, and P. Kennedy have so far won two and lost one match. Moore and Shaw are members of the School Team.

W. E. Swindlehurst and D. M. Raynor hope to retain the Badminton Cup, which they won last year; they will be playing Woodham's, Leech's and Evans' in the near future.

G. M. Hand, the Almoner, collected the record sum of £2/10/11½ this term in aid of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association. P.D.P.

### SPENCER'S

*"Virtute ac Diligentia"*

Captain: A. K. Jones

Vice-Captain: F. Schober

Secretary: J. T. Fox

Almoner: E. P. Hall

House Prefects: J. A. Belcher, F. Halsall, P. T. Knight, D. Palmer, G. Smith

We extend a warm welcome to all new members of the House, and it is hoped that they will distinguish themselves in both work and games, to be worthy of themselves and the House.

The House is fortunate in that few of last year's House officials have left. We congratulate A. K. Jones, F. Halsall and P. T. Knight on their appointment as School Prefects. At the end of the summer term, the House succeeded in winning the Senior Gym Cup.

We are generously represented in School Rugby teams by F. Halsall, A. K. Jones, D. Palmer and K. Perkins in the 1st XV; by F. Schober in the 2nd XV by C. Turner in the Under 16's, by D. Pedder in the Under 15's, J. Entwistle and G. A. Stocker are in the Under 14's, and B. Barfield and D. R. Bibby are in the Under 13's. Under the able leadership of F. Halsall, the Senior House Rugby team has shown great promise and determination in beating Rogers', and losing narrowly to Edwards'.

Life-saving classes are progressing satisfactorily under G. Smith, assisted by J. G. Procter and D. Gregson, who both repre-

sent the House in the School Swimming team. The Badminton team under the captaincy of D. Palmer succeeded in winning one of its matches. There has also been a marked enthusiasm for chess among most members of the House this term.

The response to the School Charity Appeal has been very disappointing, and we hope the House will consider its responsibilities more seriously next term, and give more generously.

J.T.F.

### WOODHAM'S

Captain: R. F. Mould

Secretary: D. J. G. Salmon

Almoner: R. T. K. Symington

Rugby Captain: A. N. Beattie

House Prefects: I. W. Rimmer and G. C. Lawson

May we extend a warm welcome to all the new boys and hope that they will be taking a full part in House and School affairs?

After having failed by half a point to bring home the Jubilee cup the house has set to again this year, in another effort to bring success.

The House rugby team under the leadership of A. N. Beattie has succeeded in winning its first two matches comfortably by beating Mason's 24—0 and Evans' by 31—0. At the time of going to press there is one match against Leech's to be played. The team though younger than in previous years, shows the same characteristics as last year's successful team and shows promise for the future. Prominent in the team is E. Pinch. Though still in the Junior limits he plays a stirring game at scrum-half for the Seniors.

In the field of chess we have won one game and lost one game, but the prospects seem bright enough. So far Symington Sage and Blank have represented the house.

Life-saving classes are progressing under the supervision of A. J. Hyde, but it is hoped that more boys will show interest in the activity.

The charity collection this term was for the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association Fund. Our Almoner, Symington succeeding in realising the sum of £2/3/0 for this cause.

Finally may we encourage all boys taking G.C.E. examinations next June, to work diligently before the advent of the trials early next year.

D.J.G.S.

# Sports News

## UNDER 15 CRICKET XI

This team had a most successful season. Of nine matches played they won 6 drew 2 and lost 1.

Many of the games were won by convincing margins—three of over 100 runs. The most encouraging feature of the season's play was the attacking spirit of both bowling and batting, whilst the fielding was above that of normal junior standards.

Thomson led the team very capably both by personal example and precept. He had an excellent season as a bowler and at least one large score as a number six batsman. Marsh who was vice-captain improved his bowling considerably and learnt to swing the ball either way and to vary the length of his deliveries skillfully.

Thomson and Marsh presented an impressive opening bowling partnership and, on three occasions were jointly responsible for dismissing the whole of the opposing team.

Two boys played regularly in the team who had not represented the school at cricket, Hind and Pedder. Both were hopeful additions to the side and played well. Hind was really an outstanding fieldsman. Rennie-Kermode played a number of stalwart innings as an opening batsman and gave his side (with Pedder) an encouraging start almost every match. He made the season's highest score—65, and also kept wicket well. Jump did some fine hitting but really must control his impulse to hit every ball for six! Keeley bowled well when he was called upon to do so and he and Tasker (who also batted competently) were the regular charge bowlers. Raynor had some very good innings and played especially well in awkward situations.

Basford and Martin who gave of his best, the latter being a particularly smart fielder.

## RUGBY RESULTS

### 1st XV:

Wed. Oct. 2nd v. Wigan G.S. (a) Lost 0—6.  
Wed. Oct. 9th v. Wallasey G.S. (a) Lost 3—18.  
Sat. Oct. 12 v. Balshaws G.S. (h) Drew 12—12.  
Wed. Oct. 16th v. Upholland G.S. (h) Lost 5—16.  
Sat. Oct. 19th v. Manchester G.S. (h) Lost 3—13.  
Wed. Oct. 23rd v. Cowley G.S. (a) Lost 8—38.  
Sat. Oct. 26th v. Kirkham G.S. Won 11—3.  
Sat. Nov. 9th v. Ormskirk G.S. (a) Lost 0—14.  
Sat. Nov. 16 v. Arnold S. (h) Won 32—0.

### 2nd XV:

Wed. Oct. 2nd v. Wigan G.S. (h) Lost 3—34.  
Wed. Oct. 9th v. Wallasey G.S. (h) Lost 6—12.  
Sat. Oct. 12 v. Balshaw G.S. (a) Lost 3—24.  
Wed. Oct. 16th v. Upholland G.S. (h) Lost 3—15.  
Sat. Oct. 19th v. Manchester G.S. (h) Won 8—3.  
Wed. Oct. 23rd v. Cowley G.S. (h) Lost 5—31.  
Sat. Oct. 26th v. Kirkham G.S. (a) Lost 3—9.  
Sat. Nov. 9th v. Ormskirk (h) Won 11—0.

### U 16 XV:

Wed. Oct. 9th v. Wallasey G.S. (a) Lost 3—6.  
Sat. Oct. 26th v. Kirkham G.S. (h) Lost 3—6.

### U 15 XV:

Wed. Oct. 2nd v. Wigan G.S. (a) Lost 0—34.  
Sat. Oct. 12th v. Balshaws G.S. (h) Won 14—11.  
Wed. Oct. 16th v. Liverpool College (a) Lost 3—37.  
Wed. Oct. 23rd v. Cowley G.S. (a) Lost 0—38.  
Sat. Nov. 8th v. Ormskirk (a) Lost 15—22.  
Sat. Nov. 16th v. Arnold (h) Won 27—0.

### U 14 XV:

Wigan G.S.	.....	H	3	6	Lost
Wallasey G.S.	.....	H	3	9	Lost
Liverpool College	.....	A	3	24	Lost
Cowley G.S.	.....	H	10	13	Lost
Kirkham G.S.	.....	A	15	8	Won

### U 13 XV:

Balshaw's G.S.	.....	A	0	14	Lost
Ormskirk G.S.	.....	H	3	3	Drawn

## SWIMMING

Captain: A. D. Redman

Secretary: S. J. Gordon

The results of five matches played toward the end of last term are as follows:—

June 12th A v. Calday Grange G.S.	Won 8—47
June 19th A v. Rossall S.	Lost 23—49
June 22nd H v. Wallasey G.S.	Won 78—36
June 29th H v. Lancaster R.G.S.	Won 59½—48½
Junl 6th A v. Manchester G.S.	Lost 28—54

Once again examinations clashed with the date for the Fylde Gala, so we had to send a weakened team which, however, performed creditably. Rowntree, Burgess and Parkinson succeeded in being placed in the individual events; the Senior Free Style

Relay team came third, after a grand effort by Rowntree on the last length which reduced our opponents' lead by many yards. Burgess did well to win the diving event outright.

The swimming team won seven of its eleven matches last season, and a very heavy fixture list is being prepared for the summer term. We hope that the boys in the team, especially the juniors, will train regularly so that this season will be as successful as the previous one.

This term we took part in the Merseyside Grammar Schools Gala. The Seniors were placed first and the Juniors second in their respective events, and once again we were first on aggregate. Redman, Rowntree and R. Shaw gained places in the individual events, but our success was mainly due to the relay teams which came second once and first three times.

The results of the various swimming and life saving activities are given below.:

#### ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA

1. 200 yards Freestyle Open.—1, J. E. Rowntree (G); 2, A. D. Redman (R); 3, J. M. Parkinson (M). Time: 2 mins. 18.9 secs.
2. 100 yards Freestyle Senior.—1, A. D. Redman (R); 2, J. E. Rowntree (G); 3, A. B. Johnston (Ev). Time: 1 min. 0.1 secs.
3. 50 yards Breaststroke Junior.—1, R. Shaw (R); 2, J. C. Proctor (S); 3, R. T. Jump (G). Time 40.3 secs.
4. Senior Dive.—1, G. F. Burgess (M); 2, J. E. Rowntree (G); 3, A. B. Johnston (Ev).
5. 50 yards Breaststroke Senior.—1, G. F. Burgess (M); 2, P. M. Ashton (Ev.); 3, A. J. Hyde (W). Time: 38.0 secs.
6. 50 yards Backstroke Junior.—1, R. Shaw (R); 2, B. D. Dixon (Ed.); 3, P. G. Foster (G). Time: 36.0 secs.
7. 50 yards Butterfly Breaststroke Senior.—1, J. E. Rowntree (G); 2, J. M. Parkinson (M); 3, R. H. Dickinson (Ev). Time 32.7 secs.
8. Long Plunge Senior.—1, E. M. Bennett (W); 2, A. D. Redman (R); 3, A. Hardman (Ed). Distance: 56' 4½".
9. 50 yards Freestyle Junior.—1, D. Gregson (S); 2, D. G. Keeley (Ev); 3, D. W. Moore (R). Time: 30.2 secs (Record).
10. 50 yards Backstroke Senior.—1, A. D. Redman (R); 2, J. E. Rowntree (G); 3, J. M. Parkinson (M). Time 32.8 secs.
11. Junior Dive.—1 D. Gregson (S); 2, R. Shaw (R); 3, A. McLean (L).
12. 25 yards Freestyle. (Tr. x, IIa, IIb).—1, J. H. Gall (M); 2, J. N. Rostron (E); 3, C. R. Rees (M). Time 17.2 secs.
13. 50 yards Freestyle Senior.—1, J. E. Rowntree (G); 2, J. M. Parkinson (M); 3, A. B. Johnston (Ev). Time: 28.1 secs.
14. Style Competition.—1, A. D. Redman (R); 2, J. E. Rowntree (G); 3, J. M. Parkinson (M).

15. Junior Relay (4 x 25 yards).—1, Gear's; 2, Spencer's; 3, Rogers'. Time: 1 min. 4.5 secs.
16. Senior Relay (4 x 50 yards).—1, Rogers'; 2, Evans'; 3, Spencer's. Time: 2 min 5.0 secs.

#### Ross Cup for the Gala

1. Rogers'	47 points
2. Gear's	39 points
3. Mason's	25 points

#### Lancashire Cup for Lifesaving

1. Rogers'	117 points
2. Gear's	109 points
3. Spencer's	99 points

#### Ingham Cup for Qualifications

1. Gear's	20
2. Mason's	16
3. Woodham's	15

#### Bradburne Cup for the Highest aggregate in all competitions

1. Rogers'	57
2. Gear's	55
3. Mason's	31

S.J.G.

## Society Reports

### THE C.E.W.C. and LITERARY SOCIETY

Chairman: J. K. Stuart

Secretary: G. A. Wade

Librarian: R. Williams

Foreign Corr: K. Hulme

Committee: P. Pond, R. Greenhalgh.

This term has seen the formation of the Literary Society which is to work in conjunction with the C.E.W.C. Its aim is to deal with topics beyond the scope of any other society—such as modern movements in philosophy, art, music and literature. The first meeting was held on October 15th in the quiet seclusion and comparative comfort of the Upper Staff Room. After a welcome cup of tea and a few words of introduction from Mr. Lewis, the driving force behind it all, we settled down to listen to a brief, but stimulating talk on "Modern Movements in Art," by Mr. Harrison. The company then split up to small groups to discuss the pictures which were being passed round.

The first meeting seems to have been a great success and we are very grateful to Mr. Harrison for having given the society such impetus. On November 19th, Mr. Bowker is to speak on "Extensalism in France and Germany."

With all this talk in the air about inflation, it was decided that our first C.E.W.C. meeting should be devoted to the economic problems facing this country. A triumvirate consisting of Mr. Longhurst, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Stuart, our chairman, tended to monopolize the conversation, owing to the reticence of the other members who listened in mute admiration.



As always, there will be a contingent going to the Christmas Lectures in London, and a full report of their adventures will appear in our next note.

### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

**Chairman :** P. Aughton                      **Vice-Chairman :** J. Aughton  
**Secretary :** J. E. Rowntree              **Projectionist :** D. Renshaw  
**Committee :** R. Mould, P. N. Heyes

The meetings this term have been well attended and it is encouraging to note that there have been a number of new boys present.

The first meeting of the session on October 8th, was a lecture on "The Pressure Vessel at Calder Hall" given by Mr. D. G. Daforn on behalf of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority. His talk concerned mainly with civil engineering problems, was followed by a film on the pressure vessel construction.

On October 22nd, Mr. J. O. Clark, an Old Boy of the School of the Radar Research Establishment, Malvern, gave a well informed lecture on "Guided Missiles" and the basic principles of their guiding systems.

The last meeting to date, on November 5th, took the form of lecturettes and demonstrations given by members of the science Scholarship form.

Two more meetings are due to be held this term, one a film show, and the other a lecture on surgery. J.E.R.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

**Chairman :** D. J. G. Salmon              **Secretary :** P. Kennedy  
**Treasurer :** J. A. Belcher              **Librarian :** H. C. Corrin  
**Committee :** C. J. Gillett, J. W. Eaton, J. Dewhurst, I. W. Rimmer.

On open day at the end of last term the annual Photographic Exhibition was held. The Exhibition was judged by Mr. R. Pegg and the Headmaster. The society offers its thanks to Mr. Sheldon and the Headmaster for the prizes which were awarded as follows:

#### General Section

1st Prize: D. J. G. SALMON.  
2nd Prize: P. KENNEDY.  
3rd Prize: A. K. JONES

"Events of the Year" section—

1st Prize: D. J. G. SALMON.

### Junior Section

1st Prize: J. G. PROCTOR.

The two meetings held up to the time of writing took the form of lectures given by Mr. Davies and D. J. G. Salmon. The subjects of the two lectures were film development and enlarging respectively. Lectures for the rest of the term, included D. Shaw on 'the chemistry of photography' and P. Kennedy on "the principles of colour photography."

J. W. Eaton has taken over the making up of chemicals, and H. C. Corrin invites members to make more use of the society library. The membership this year is again very high and we should like to stress that new members will be very welcome. The membership fee of 5/-, covers the use of the darkroom, chemicals, apparatus and library books for the rest of the year. P.K.

### ART SOCIETY

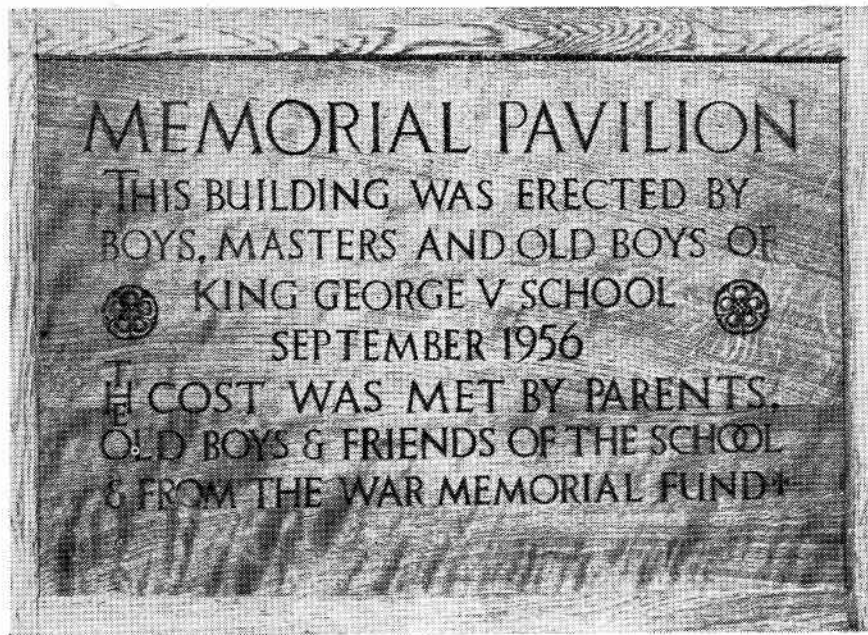
The art society is a prospering concern. Each Wednesday evening a multitude of eager small boys descend on, or rather ascend to, the art rooms. Many perhaps are not geniuses in embryo, but all are very keen, so keen indeed that Mr. Harrison says it usually takes him until Friday to get straightened out, but he affirms that he is prepared to suffer this so long as youthful ardour is not dampened.

It is strange that in every school society the most junior forms are the most ardent supporters. I only hope along with other society secretaries that they will infect the seniors with their enthusiasm.

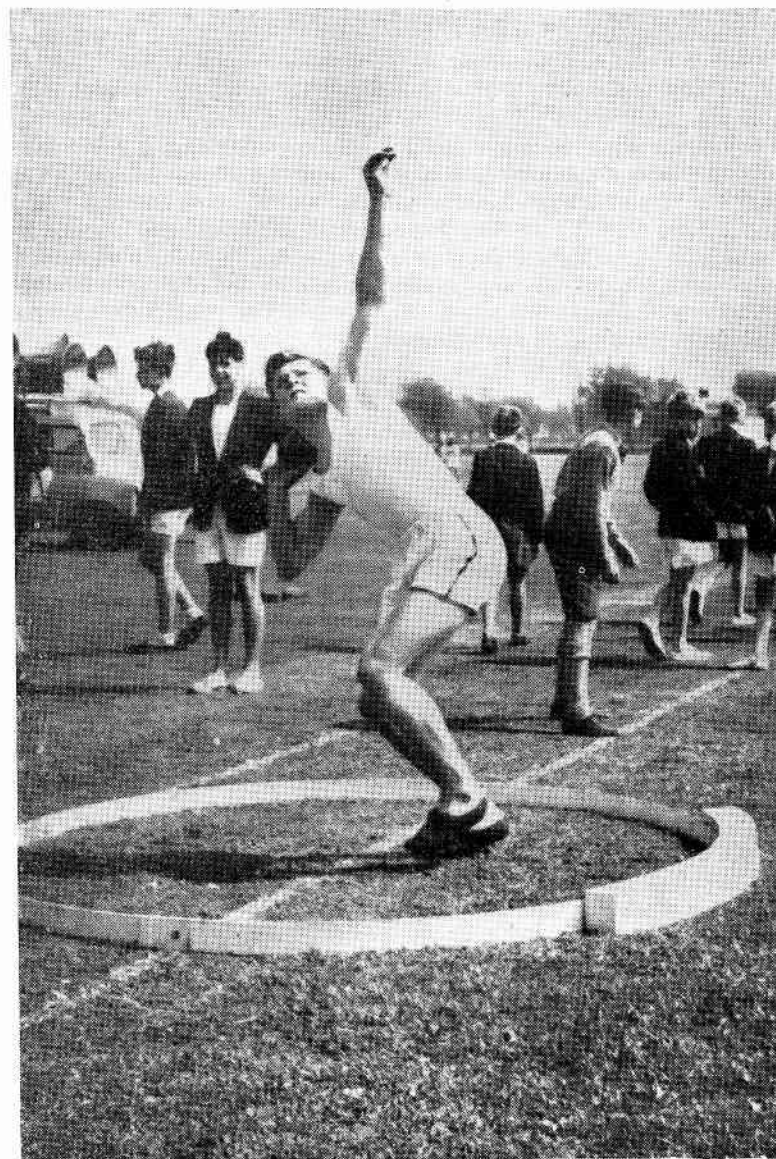
The committee was recently surprised at the skill shown by these boys and the eager avidity with which they thumbed through recent additions to our small library which even we had not pursued.

We only hope their enthusiasm will not give way to the cynicism displayed by many seniors.

H. Brooks, secretary.



OAK MEMORIAL PLAQUE, DESIGNED BY MR. N. HARRISON AND MADE BY MR. H. H. LONG. IT WAS UNVEILED BY MRS. TATTERSALL, WIFE OF ALDERMAN W. TATTERSALL, ON 17th JULY, 1957.



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## THE BEE CLUB

**Chairman:** J. C. French      **Treasurer:** Mr. G. F. Drake  
**Secretary:** W. K. Jewell  
**Committee:** A. E. Taylor, R. Kissick, R. Trevit, R. M. Jones

Last term there was cause for jubilation because for the first time for a long time the Club had a sum of money in hand. This was due to the sale of 21½ lbs. of honey which was extracted late last term and exhibited at the school exhibitions. This honey proved to be very popular as there was only 1lb. unordered before the exhibition but this was bought by about the fifth person who visited our stand in the senior art room. This was the centre of attraction because of the observation hive and honey extractor kindly loaned by Mr. Reilly and Mr. Kissick respectively. The committee ask that all honey jars should be returned to Mr. Drake or a club officer as soon as they are empty.

The meetings late last term were fairly lively. At the first a member of the press was present and she gave us a good write-up in the Southport Journal.

The day before the exhibitions the stock swarmed and the committee had a lively morning smoking the swarm out from under the tiles on the roof of a school. After being driven from here they settled on a tree near Scarisbrick New Road, they were eventually housed in a nucleus hive. W.K.J.

## THE CHRISTIAN UNION

**Chairman:** P. H. Middleton      **Publicity Agent:** T. R. Peet  
**Secretary:** J. T. Winpenny

From the meetings already held, it can be stated, without too much optimism that the Union is slowly emerging from the period of difficulty encountered last year. We have at last succeeded in establishing a solid nucleus of reliable Sixth-Formers, with whom all our hopes for a successful future must rest.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, September 16th, when new officers were elected and future policy briefly discussed. Later in the same week on Thursday, September 19th, we were fortunate in having a visit from Frank Entwistle and Brian Sourbut, two old boys, who outlined their plans for the Christmas Holidays. It appears that they are members of a group of University students attempting to bring together and encourage Christians in the various schools of the Southport Area. We wish them every success on their work.

On Monday, September 30th we staged a Brains Trust. The "Brains" in this case were Messrs. Berry, Lord and Stuart who discussed religious problems posed by the audience, including among many other topics, the Christian attitude towards Sunday Observance, the Second Coming of Christ and even the controversial suggestion by one distinguished member that "religion is bunk".

The Travelling Secretary of the Inter-School Christian Fellowship, the Reverend G. W. Hart, M.A., visited us on Tuesday, October 15th, to assess our progress and to suggest improvements, where necessary. Our immeasurable profit from this meeting will be reflected in a slightly revised future policy. Our heartfelt thanks are due to Rev. Hart and also to Mr. Drake, who placed his house at our disposal for the evening.

A prayer-meeting was fixed for Tuesday, the 22nd October, which, in view of the long period which has elapsed since the last venture of this kind took place, was highly successful. We acknowledge with gratitude the efforts of all who contributed.

On Tuesday, November 5th, the divine inspiration of the Bible provided a subject for discussion before an audience whose size confirmed the noticeable upward trend in attendance recently. The subject was apparently well-chosen, for it sparked off a series of vigorous arguments on this and related topics.

Before the end of term we hope to arrange several more meetings, including a showing of one of the popular "Fact and Faith" films and the annual Christmas service.

We appreciate the work of J. R. Peet, and D. Partington in connection with the posters publicizing the meetings.

We are aware that several members of the upper school are beginning to ponder seriously the challenge of Christianity. It is to these especially, but also to all others, interested or not, that we extend a hearty invitation to join our members. J.T.W.

## DEBATING SOCIETY

**Chairman:** P. G. Davies      **Vice-Chairman:** J. K. Stuart  
**Secretary:** R. Armstrong  
**Committee:** A. Bradley, G. A. Wade, R. A. French, N. H. M. Freeman

This year we are fortunate in having two old stalwarts, last years Chairman and Secretary, namely, G. A. Wade and J. K. Stuart, still with us, backed up by a new but by no means unenthusiastic committee. As a result we expect the standard

of debating this year to be very high and it is therefore with high hopes that we look forward to the forthcoming meetings.

In the first debate of the new session which took the form of extempore speeches, we were able to sample the humour of many seasoned, as well as that of many new members. A large appreciative audience attended this first meeting and we hope to receive this support at further debates, as it must be remembered too, that audience plays a leading role in a successful society.

At the moment the junior members of the Society are rehearsing, under the expert guidance of their producer N.H.M. Freeman for the junior play reading which takes place on 15th November. I should like to take this opportunity of wishing them every success which I am convinced they will achieve.

Perhaps the Society's greatest achievement this year is that from its ranks are drawn a larger number of actors for the school play than in previous years and for once I think it can be said that the play is presented by the Debating Society. "The Duenna" a comic opera by R. B. Sheridan is likely to be one of the School's most ambitious ventures in the dramatic field.

R.A.

### CHESS CLUB

This term has seen a period of great activity in school Chess circles.

For the first time the school has entered for the Wright Shield which is a league competition for schools in the Merseyside Area. Playing in the second division we have so far won our two games against Wade Deacon's School, Widnes, and Liverpool College by margins of 7-0 and 6-1 respectively. On the strength of which unbeaten record while other school teams have met with varying fortunes we have at last obtained new chess sets, which will apparently lie in the depths of Mr. Clough's locker until suitably important occasions arise.

Two games have also been played with Ormskirk G.S., both of which resulted in defeats for the school. The first was suffered at Ormskirk by a much weakened side and in the other all members of the team played well.

Four members of the Chess team, Anderton, Jackson, Moore and Shaw, also entered the Lancashire Junior Knock-out Competition. All successfully cleared their first hurdle and since then Moore has beaten Anderton in a "derby" match to reach the third round whilst the other two await more opponents.

Four rounds of the annual House Competition have been completed, Grear's are now the only undefeated side and have already established a commanding lead.

R.W.

### COLLOQUIUM

At the end of last term, a meeting was held in the Evening, when the speaker was Col. Roger Hesketh, M.P. The subject for discussion was at that time very topical; namely, "The Hydrogen Bomb".

The discussion, however, was preceded by a dinner and our thanks are due to Miss Ingleston and her staff for its preparation. Later the members returned to the library for discussion. Col. Hesketh opened the meeting and spoke of the uses, good and bad of the Hydrogen Bomb. This seemed to leave quite a few loopholes for, discussion, since vigorous arguments followed and "Pacifism" seemed to be a notable topic of some members' contributions. This meeting was a very enjoyable evening and it is hoped to hold more meetings of this nature this year.

Early this term a committee meeting was held and new members were elected. It was decided that the next subject should be Trade Unionism and the chairman agreed to contact Mr. Corcoran an official of the N.U.R.

The first full meeting of the Society this term was held on the 24th October at 4-0 p.m. when all new members were present. The speaker was Mr. Corcoran and he illustrated the principles behind Trades Unionism, with examples which had come to his notice. The highlights of the discussion was, however, a vigorous argument which ensued between J.B. Rimmer and Mr. Corcoran on the one hand and the remainder of the members on the other. Finally the argument was brought to a close by G. A. Wade, the Chairman who closed the meeting. It is hoped to hold another meeting this term but at the time of writing no dates have yet been fixed.

P.N.H.

### THORNLEY SOCIETY

**President:** The Headmaster

**Chairman:** P. N. Heyes

**Secretary:** A. N. Buckels

**Committee:** G. F. Burgess

At the end of last term, the Society decided to take a School Expedition to Wales, and attempt to complete the fourteen 3,000ft. peaks. The route to be taken was exactly the same as that of the previous year, starting from the Pen-y-pass hotel. The party arrived here close on 11-0 p.m. one Wednesday evening and proceeded to climb the first summit, Crib Goch. It was a cold but moonlit night and torches were found quite unnecessary. The party

made good progress until 2-0 p.m. the following afternoon, when the weather changed and the rains descended. This however did not disturb the party, and they started to climb the last five peaks, which were situated along one long ridge. Three of the five peaks were completed in what may have been called "Everest" conditions, but this was the point at which the party had to abandon their fourteen peaks expedition. It was pleasing to find, however, that the party had completed eleven of the fourteen peaks, walking a total distance of thirty-eight miles, which compared favourably with the last years expedition, which had completed forty miles.

During the summer holidays, a Pot-Holing meet was arranged near Kirkby Lonsdale. It was unfortunate that several members of the Society were unable to attend this meeting, owing to pre-arranged holidays. The expedition however was a success, especially from the point of view of photographs. It was the first occasion on which photographs of pot-holes had been taken and several good results were obtained. It is hoped to complete more pot-holing in future terms this year.

The Society's first meeting this term was held at the Robertson Lamb Hut in Great Langdale. The meeting was held especially for beginners and several climbs were completed. The first day, Dow Crag was the objective and several routes were completed including two parties on Gordon and Craig's. The second day, Scafell was the target, but rain prevented any rock climbing.

The party however managed to climb Scafell Pike and Scafell via Broad Stand. The conditions were exceptionally severe and this climb was completed without ropes. The last day, the party covered several routes on Scout Crag in Langdale. This meeting was most enjoyable and we hope several beginners gained valuable experience from it.

It is hoped to take an expedition to the Isle of Skye for rock climbing next Easter, but more details will be available next term.  
P.N.H.

### THE LIBRARY

**Librarians:** M. K. Davies, P. G. Davies, J. K. Stuart, G. A. Wade.

The unusually large influx of new books this term has kept a small band of librarians extremely busy. Among the more notable additions may be mentioned: four books on English literary history, covering the Seventeenth, Eighteenth, and Nineteenth

Centuries, by Basil Willey; 'The Atom' by Sir George Thomson: a whole host of books dealing with religious subjects, including two by R. C. Bouquet—'Comparative Religion' and 'The Sacred books of the World': some new Penguin books on diverse technical subjects: a few much needed literary criticisms—'on Molière,' by W. G. More; 'On the Poetry of Keats' by E. C. Perrin; 'Edward Gibbon' by Michael Joyce.

The new Fiction include 'Guys and Dolls' by Damon Runyon; and the Short Novels of John Steinbeck.

For some considerable time the Library, especially in the Non-fiction section, has been suffering from acute over-crowding; and this term's large-scale inflow is not calculated to alleviate this already difficult situation. Plans are therefore well under way for the extension of the shelving, which, it is hoped, will go some of the way to relieve the congestion.  
J.K.S.

### SCOUTS

While losing many stalwarts of the troop at the end of the summer term, especially Chapman and Furness, we have gained several new recruits from among the new boys whom we have no doubt will play an equally important part in the life of the troop.

Perhaps our most severe loss, however, was that of Mr. Garnett whose vigour and enthusiasm were infections. He enjoys the open-air life and past and present members of the Troop will remember the interesting hikes which he organised and the enjoyable times spent at Hammarbank in the Lake District. His leaving the school and the Troop does not mean, however, that he has left scouting, for he has taken up a similar position at his own old school—Barrow Grammar School—and we wish him every success.

In his place we welcome Mr. Johnson as a new master to the school this term and also as Assistant Scoutmaster. He joined us for a few days at our summer camp and, although a newcomer to scouting, is enjoying the new experience.

It is also very pleasant to welcome back Chadderton in his new role as an Assistant Scoutmaster. As a boy at the school he was one of the Troop's most faithful supporters, and has remained so since he left.

The number of boys in the Troop has decreased slightly and it has been necessary to reduce the number of patrols to three—Curlews, Otters, Eagles—but we have no doubt that it will not be long before the Lions are roaring as loudly as ever.



The annual camp was held last summer at Hathersage, in Derbyshire, and despite the somewhat damp tricks of Nature, all enjoyed the new, or at least unusual experience of life under canvas. The site in the lee of a hill necessitated a considerable amount of wafting to cook the stew and by the time the water had been carried from the spring it was not unusual for the bucket to be only half-full. These difficulties, caused by the bus-strikes not allowing us to travel further afield were, however, easily borne with, and we all look forward with enthusiasm to the next camp.

## Visits and Reviews

### THE STRATFORD REPORT

The weather seemed none too promising as we left Southport on the Tuesday morning: but we all hoped that the sun whose joyous laughter had made our last trips so enjoyable would dispel the ugly, threatening rain-clouds. Unfortunately, this was not to be. The sky remained overcast and there were intermitted showers. Not that the K.G.V. boys were ever daunted by the weather. As usual they took like ducks to the water and the River Avon echoed to their cries. Despite the cold, some of the more reckless, or perhaps, more hardy ones changed into their bathing costumes, earning looks of "What will the youngsters of today get up to, next?" from the adult passers-by. Yet we were afforded one consolation, in that the theatre never became too hot and stuffy; and we could sit back comfortably and really enjoy the plays.

The first of these was "Cymbeline." Although not as widely known as many of Shakespear's other works, it was so well produced that it never failed to hold the attention. The scenery and costumes, designed by Lila de Nobili, stand out particularly in the memory, and combined with a high standard of acting, served to give this play an unexpected charm and dignity. Indeed, it is almost impossible to single out for praise any one actor or actress from such a star-studded cast. Robert Harris gave us a sustained portrayal of Cymbeline as did Peggy Ashcroft of Imogen. But their performances were somewhat overshadowed by superb acting of Joan Miller who, as the Queen, seemed to be evil incarnate and of Geoffrey Keen whose suave, cunning Iachimo delighted the audience and was perhaps the highlight of the play.

On the Wednesday afternoon "King John" proved to be an excellent production. The actors succeeded in bringing out to the full the tragic element; and yet the play never became too heavy (as often happens with tragedies) owing to the bold, striking personality of Philip Faulconbridge brilliantly drawn by Alec Clewes who swept through it like a refreshing breeze of good humour. Robert Harris was again in the title role and his John outshone his Cymbeline. Nevertheless, taken as a whole, this play did not quite reach the heights of "Cymbeline".

Judging by the remarks I have heard subsequently, everybody greatly enjoyed this holiday. Thanks are due to Youth Hostel Association for accommodating us once again. G.A.W.

### THE FILM—"SAINT JOAN"

At last it's been done! Hollywood has got its hands on Shaws "Saint Joan" and under the guiding hand of Otto Preminger a brand new version of "Saint Joan" has been unloaded on the poor, unsuspecting public.

I don't wish to be misunderstood; as a piece of entertainment, "St. Joan" is well worth your two bob, but if we are to accept the rule that the two prime responsibilities of a film are to entertain and to instruct, then this latest version falls down miserably as instruction.

From all historical evidence available we know that Joan was in reality a strong, lefty, self-determined wench whose only desire was to fight. Unfortunately Mr. Preminger has let his sentiments run away with him, and he has cast Joan as a thoughtful, puzzled, uncertain waif, namely Joan Seberg, the flaxen-haired farmer's daughter from Wisconsin. During her stay in Europe, Miss Seberg has not managed to lose her Middle West accent, and although the accent in itself is not displeasing, when it is mingled with Cockney accents and the cultured tones of Sir John Gielgud then the result is irritating.

When seeing this film, one should remember that Preminger was responsible for "Carmen Jones", another great piece of entertainment, but the resetting from the original "Carmen" must have made Bizet turn in his grave.

It would be only fair to add that throughout the film various pieces of quite brilliant acting shine through the fog. Richard Widmark plays the Dauphin so excellently that one leaves the cinema with fears for his sanity. Another actor who in my opinion



acquitted himself well was Finlay Currie, playing the part of the Archbishop who crowned the Dauphin. He was the typical stiff, unyielding churchman of the Middle Ages, unwilling to acknowledge the march of progress and resentful of change. Good though the performances were, they were not of sufficient brilliance to rescue this film from mediocrity.

It was also evident throughout the film and especially during the trial scene that much of the argument of Shaw's play had been sacrificed either to make room for spectacle or for fear of boring the average audience.

C. R. C. Beddows (Lower VI Mod.)

### TARTUFFE AT LIVERPOOL

As always in the winter term a large contingent from the Modern Sixth travelled to Liverpool to the performance in French of a Molière play. After nearly being crushed in the mad stampede of students fleeing from the cold of that murky November day into the warmer atmosphere of the Royal Court Theatre, we took our places at the back of the stalls.

This year the play was "Le Tartuffe"—the story of an imposter who insinuates himself into the favours of a rich bourgeois whom he tries to ruin. Like all Molière works it is exceedingly amusing when well acted: and the plays we have seen hitherto have always been well acted. But there was something lacking in this particular performance. When the audience broke out into hearty laughter (which happened very rarely), they did so not because of anything which had occurred on the stage, but rather because of some raucous guffaw or coarse remark which rose from the depths of the stalls to fill the whole auditorium. All the actors tended to gabble their lines and Marianne spoke so softly that we could not hear her at all, Mme. Perrelle's fury in the first set was rather tiresome whilst, as someone aptly remarked, Damis looked like Tommy Steele of the seventeenth century. Dorine the maid, whose object is to keep the plot moving swiftly, failed miserably: never once did she appear funny or coquettish, and when she was supposed to speak to the spectators, she merely stood at the end of the stage mumbling to herself like a broody old hen. As for Valère his insipidity leaves a critic nothing to say about him. To cap it all, the play was cut badly in certain places and the intervals were strikingly long.

It possessed however a few redeeming features—the characters of Elmire, Orgen and "Le Tartuffe" were well portrayed. The

scene in which the three of them appear together delighted anyone who had not in the meantime fallen asleep. Elmire's attempts to prod her husband, hiding under the table, and Tartuffe's lovemaking succeeded in provoking general merriment.

In the past, this company has put on some excellent productions and their performance of "Le Tartuffe" cannot therefore be regarded as a representative of their capabilities. We only hope that this is not the beginning of a decline and that future outings to Liverpool will prove more valuable.

G.A.W.

## Prose and Verse

### SPRING

Upper V.Trs.Sc.

I. E. Milne.

It was a chilly morning. The frost stung like a bed of nettles, the wind tore at my throat behind the woollen bars of a tartan scarf; the earth was as springy as concrete. Again and again I remonstrated with myself; I was a fool, an utter fool, to venture out of my warm repose at such an unearthly hour.

It was the twenty-first day in March, the official opening of Spring: "The blushing season, when the lighter hues do cloak the trees as blossom and as leaves", as one famous poet has described it. I had decided that I should be awake and ready to greet its arrival; this was the reason for my being out at the third hour on a cold Wednesday morning.

Around me, all was silent. Silence; a word that is nothing, but speaks of the universe. The obmutescent trees harboured the noiseless sleeping birds; only I, a trespasser, made any noise, and this was the continuous clump, clump of my boots on the solid ground, a sound which shattered the peace throughout the district. The shocked beetles crawled back under their stones; the fairies were whispering one to another: "What mortal dare desecrate God's dominion at this hour, who shall punish him?" but I disregarded these and similar warnings; I was much too engrossed in my bodily considerations. And it was icy!

I stared not from right to left, my eyes were fixed on the top of a hill, not half a mile away, a low cloud, rearing itself alongside the moon, which bathed it in a pale watery light. Another half-hour would see me at its summit. From there I would have a

ringside view of the fight, the struggle between the old and the new; the bent, haggard, cringing Winter and the strong, youthful and supple figure of Spring. For days now they had been battling, and the continual pressure was now telling on Winter's already weakened frame. Today was the day for the knockout! Birds lined the stands, cheering Spring in, in their own language, the beautiful dawn chorus. Back and forth slunk Frost, too feeble now, himself to produce any words of encouragement for his master.

Soon I reached the top of the hill. As I made my way to a suitable position, the moon went down, plunging all into inky blackness. I stood for fully thirty minutes, thoroughly awed with what I saw. I was alone with God; a minion, so near to his Master and Creator; so near and yet, through walls of sin, so far away the darkness was the Valley of the shadow of Death. Oh for a light, to guide my path! But I was a sinner and unfit to ask for anything. I knew I was about to be cast into everlasting damnation; about to be rowed across the Styx by Charon into the Infernal Regions of no return. Too late to repent now, and the oil in my lamp was spent. Oh for a light to guide me!

I wake, to find myself bathed in an orange light. The fires of Hell? No, the sun had risen, the ruler of the darkness and light. It was Spring! The birds were shouting louder than ever, the grass had a vivid green colour; everywhere was as though an artist had tried painting, wiped it out and had painted something infinitely more beautiful, more real, and much more pleasant.

This was my vocation. I was, at that time, a man of twenty-three, with future unended. Up to that time, my soul had been religiously weak. But my vision of things to come, on the top of that hill decided my future for me; my mission in this world was to become a minister and save my Creator's flock from the perils shown to me; and from this path I have never faltered, I have God's power behind me and the world before me.

Spring has emerged from the Winter of my life.

### A DARK HORSE

by R. Stewart-Forshaw, LVB.

After a successful day at the races, Mr. Marjoriebanks was speeding back to London, his wallet rather full. Suddenly, without any warnings, a decrepit figure stepped into the road waving his arms wildly. Mr. Marjoriebanks practically stood on

the brake-pedal. When he stopped, he opened his eyes and saw an evil-looking face peering through the wind-screen at him. At first Mr. Marjoriebanks was furious, then a little afraid. The tramp, (as he appeared to be) shuffled round to the door.

"Give us a lift, guv'nor," he said.

"Good Lord, no! And what do you mean by stepping out into the road like that; you might have been killed."

"Well, I wasn't testing your brakes, mate; give us a lift," he said impatiently.

"Ohhh—very well, but sit in front. "Mr. Marjoriebanks did not want to be coshed with all his winnings in his pocket. The tramp seemed to understand this, for he said, "I couldn't pick yer pocket anyway—where's my titfer?"

Mr. Marjoriebanks started off once again a little nervously, eyeing the tramp who was exploring the car and its contents with critical glances.

"Er-where do you want to be dropped?" said Mr. Marjoriebanks.

"Eh? Oh, er-'Amstead 'eath 'll do fer t'night."

Very well, I'll be passing there, but it's late."

They travelled on for a few miles in silence, until a bell was heard behind them and a police-car was signalling them to stop.

Mr. Marjoriebanks pulled up. The police inspector got out of his car and came over.

"I suppose you know your sidelights aren't working properly."

"Surely not! They were in working order last night."

"Well, they're not now, which is what I'm interested in; and your number plates are obscured by mud, which is an offence. Where's your licence?"

"Oh dear, I haven't got it with me," said the now totally exasperated Mr. Marjoriebanks.

"No sidelights, obscured number plate, and no license. You'll be summoned for this."

All this time the tramp had been standing by watching with great interest.

The Inspector put away his note-book.

"You'll be hearing from us shortly". The police car drove off.

"Oh dear, oh dear, this is awful," said Mr. Marjoriebanks.

"I shouldn't worry too much, guv, " said the tramp. "'Ere's 'is bloomin' note-book. Thanks for the lift."

## IN SEARCH OF A NEW LAND

by M. Barnes and E. Cunliffe.  
(built upon the opening lines of Arthur Hugh Clough)

Where lies the land to which the ship would go?  
Far, far ahead is all her seamen know,  
O'er the glad waters of the dark blue sea,  
Our thoughts as boundless as our souls are free  
Across the mighty ocean we must speed  
To find the land that suits our every need.

Through storms and tempest on we go,  
The sea rolls on in endless flow.  
We sail along the Spanish Main,  
But now we fear 'tis all in vain.  
We sail to Westward and to East,  
To find the land where strife has ceased.

But then one fine and happy day,  
When porpoises are all at play.  
The land we've sought for comes in sight,  
We'll reach the land while 'tis still light,  
There lies the land for which we all have sought,  
There lies the land to which our hopes we've brought.

## TRAIN SPOTTING

by D. H. Bennison, 3X.

My cousin was staying at our house during the holidays. He was a keen train-spotter. I was not. So, when at breakfast one morning he suggested that we should go to Preston and train-spot, I was very terse. However I agreed to go eventually.

We had to go by train to Preston as my father could not take us by car. We therefore waited on the platform of Churchtown Station, my cousin getting more impatient every minute. We had sandwiches with us for lunch, as we were staying all day. My cousin was very disappointed at the engine that was pulling our train, but I pointed out that it was the usual one. As soon as we were settled in the coach, my cousin began pouring out details of every engine of British Railways. I could not get a word in edgeways.

On arrival at Preston, we made our way to the most important platforms. On the way my cousin noted the numbers and details of every engine we saw, and there must have been nigh-on forty. I do not know why he does not learn shorthand for these occasions it would be most useful to him. We ate our lunch by a platform where, as my cousin informed me, an important express was due at any moment. Even though he lives at St. Austell, Cornwall, he knew the time of every train that goes through Preston Station. The express came and went, and so, less swiftly did the hours.

The homeward train was pulled by the same scruffy engine that had brought us out, but that day had taught me a lot. It had taught me that a good train-spotter is not a dull little boy with a pencil and note-book; he is a very busy one with a great knowledge of his subject.

## BIG-GAME HUNTING

by M. A. Gaskell, 3X.

Bill, was scared, so were the boys; for they were hunting big game. He thought an elephant was very big game, especially a rogue, or mad one. This particular elephant had eaten or destroyed several fields of the natives' crops, so Bill and his father had set out to kill him.

At last, after a long hunt, they had him cornered, with cliffs and river on three sides and themselves on the fourth. But Bill was scared, for instead of a trumpeted challenge there was silence, —heavy over-brooding silence, enough to scare even his father.

"Bill," came an urgent whisper from where his father crouched  
"I don't like this."

"Neither do the boys, Dad."

No, nobody liked it, but what could they do? Nothing, except wait and listen. For three hours they waited, Bill fingering his gun, the boys muttering to each other. Then with a squealed challenge, the tusker came charging at them. Bill's father shot but missed and Bill found several thousand pounds of angry elephant looming up on him. He fired, the heavy gun jerking into his shoulder. The animal halted, then came on. Crack! Crack! One more shot left, but he did not fire it, for he was snatched up by the elephant's trunk, swung up, swung down.

"This is it," he thought. But no, he was swung up level with the elephant's mouth, then thrown, not at the ground but at a tree, whirling high above the ground until he hit the branches. He crashed down, twigs ripping at his face and hands until, with a bump that drove the breath out of his body, he hit the biggest branch. Gasping, he hung on with one hand, the other clutching his rifle.

The something touched his leg and, looking down, he saw the elephant reaching up at him. He swung out on the branch lifted his rifle to his shoulder, took careful aim and—crack! Slowly the great beast fell, then rose and struggled to its feet for the last time. A mighty call, a challenge to all that heard it, frightening the monkeys and birds to quietness, rang out over the jungle as he fell into his last long sleep. Bill, feeling rather sad, dropped to the ground and—

"Sorry, mate, but I had to do it."

## Old Boys' Section

### NEWS OF OLD GEORGIANS

- D. N. Allen (G) (1946-50) and J. K. Drake (S) (1945-51) have passed the qualifying examination held by the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.
- F. Bass (Ev) (1927-32) is now teaching at a High School on Vancouver Island.
- C. M. Drake (W) (1946-54) has gained his LL.B. London University with Hons. (2nd class). He is an executive officer in the Civil Service working as an examiner in the Estate Duty Office in London.
- T. Dutton (M) (1931-36) has been appointed Senior Assistant on the establishment staff, Liverpool of M.A.N.W.E.B.
- J. P. Griffiths (Ev) (1944-49) is an architect on the building of a teachers' Training College in Nigeria.
- D. J. Hartwell (M) (1921-24), clerk to Southport Magistrates, attended the Central Committee of the Worlds Council of Churches for the 4th year in succession. The meetings this year were held at Yale Divinity School, Newhaven, Connecticut.

- A. J. Leadbetter (Ed) (1945-51) has gained the degree of Ph.D., at Liverpool University.
- P. J. Owens (Ev) (1935-44) is a lecturer at Battersea Polytechnic.
- J. B. Perry (L) (1935-43) has been appointed a Housemaster at the Bluecoat School, Liverpool.
- E. Pendlebury (Ev) (1935-42) went to Washington in November as a representative of the Ministry of Defence with the British Joint Services Mission.
- D. Ross (L) (1942-49) has taken up a business post in Canada and has sent some information about Ontario which has been very useful to the Geography Department.
- R. S. Rubins (L) (1947-54) has been recommended by the Physics Department, Oxford University, for a Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Studentship. He will do 3 years research in nuclear resonance experiments for the degree of Ph.D. at the Clarendon Laboratory, Oxford.
- E. P. G. Warburton (Ed) (1942-48) is Probation Officer for Gateshead.
- J. B. Wright (W) (-1942-48) was ordained at Newark, Nottingham, in July, and has taken up duties at Croston as Methodist Minister.
- E. Buckley (R) (1925-32) now minister of the Union Chapel, Fallowfield, Manchester, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Bunyan Baptist Church, Kingston-on-Thames.
- J. Jarvis (G) (1937-42) Master Mariner. Cargo Supervisor with the Esso Petroleum Co., Hull.

### Marriages

- J. R. Gornett to Shiela Peet at St. John's Church, Birkdale, on 6th July,
- M. Summersgill to Margaret Wray at St. Teresa's Church on 6th July.
- R. Stopforth to Constance Aughton at Hesketh Bank Methodist Church on 3rd August.
- L. J. Wright to Phyllis Bailey at SS. Simon and Jude's Church, on 3rd August.
- J. Grant to Olive Rimmer at Liverpool Road Methodist Church, on 5th August.
- A. E. Robinson to Clare Burrans at All Saints' Church on 5th August.

- R. H. Cranshaw to Doreen Taylor at St. Paul's Church on 10th August.
- C. D. Usher to Joyce Ellis at Church Street Methodist Church on 10th August.
- M. R. E. Hyde to Patricia Topping at St. Cuthbert's Church on 17th August.
- F. A. Grubb to Edith Jones at SS. Simon and Jude's Church on 9th September.
- B. Hopper to Margaret Nutter at Leyland Road Methodist Church on 14th September.
- D. R. Jones to Doreen Myerscough at St. Faith's Church, Waterloo on 14th September.
- B. Lloyd to Anne Todd at St. Philip's Church on 14th September.
- R. Picton to Norah Marston at St. John's Church, Ainsdale on 14th September.
- A. P. Rimmer to Margaret Clough at SS. Simon and Jude's Church on 14th September.
- A. Roberts to Grace Rimmer in Winnipeg in September.
- J. W. Farr to Joyce Edwards at Emmanuel Church on 21st September.
- G. P. Edwards to Denise Thwaites at Kendal Parish Church on 30th September.
- E. P. G. Warburton to Margaret Lloyd at Marshside Methodist Church on 19th October.

## EXAMINATION SUCCESSES AT UNIVERSITIES

### Birmingham.

- J. E. Belmont (W) (1948-56) 1st yr. B. A. Hons. German.
- C. Hershon (S) (1948-55) 2nd yr. Hons. exam.
- E. P. G. Warburton (Ed) (1942-58 B.Com. (Hons) Cl. II. Div. II.

### Bristol.

- C. Ineson (R) (1947-54) B.Sc. Hons. Physics.
- C. G. Booth (R) (1947-52) (St. John's) B.A. (Hons) Economics, Cl. II, Div. II.
- J. J. S. Davidson (S) (1947-53) (Trinity) B.A., (Ord).
- M. S. Davidson (W) (1945-53) (Selwyn) Hist. Tripos Nt.1. Cl. II. Div. II.

- E. W. Durham (G) (1944-53) (Pembroke) Nat. Sciences Tripos. Pt.1 Cl. II. Div. II.
- L. Lyons (M) (1948-55) (Caius) Nat. Sciences Tripos Pt. 1. Cl. 1.
- P. Rushton (L) (1944-53) (Pembroke) Natural Sciences Tripos Pt.1 Cl. III.

### Edinburgh.

- R. N. Jenkin (M) (1945-54) B.Sc. Forestry 3rd yr.

### Leeds.

- C. M. Griffiths (G) (1948-55) B.Sc. Chem. 2nd yr.
- P. L. Harris (L) (1949-56) B.A. Special Studies Geog. 1st yr.
- P. F. Hopwood (L) (1950-56) B.A. Special Studies Latin 1st yr.

### Liverpool.

- L. A. E. Ashworth (Ev) (1949-56) B.Sc. Part 1.
- K. R. Ball (Ed) (1945-53) final M.B., Ch.B. Part 1.
- S. N. Booth (R) (1947-54) B.Sc. (Hons) Anatomy.
- J. R. S. Eccles (M) (1945-53) B.Sc. (Hons) Chemistry Cl.II. Div.III
- J. R. S. Eccles (M) (1945-53) B.Sc. (Hons) Chemistry Cl.II. Div.II.
- L. Illingworth (w) (1948-55) final B.Eng. Pt. 1.
- M. H. Irving (Ev) (1945-53) final M.B., Ch.B. Pt. 1.
- D. R. Isenberg (Ev) (1947-54) B.A. (Hons) Special Studies Cl. II Div. 1.
- R. Johnson (W) (1949-56) B.Sc. Part 1.
- D. M. Marsh (R) (1944-53) M.B. (Camb) Pharmacology.
- G. A. Noar (Ed) (1944-52) 3rd L.D.S. Parts 1 and II.
- C. Wynne (S) (1943-51) final M.B., Ch.B. Part II.

### London.

- L. R. Harris (W) (1949-51) LL.B. Intermediate.

### Manchester.

- F. W. Ball (M) (1947-54) B.Sc. (Hons) Engineering Cl. II. Div. 1.
- A. Bond (Ed) (1947-54) B.Sc. (Hons) Engineering Cl. II Div. II.
- N. G. Bradford (M) (1949-56) B.Sc. Intermediate.
- D. Dandy (Ev) (1947-54) 3rd Class Hons. Physics finals.
- P. H. Griffiths (S) (1940-48) 3rd Class Hons Textile Chemistry finals.

- I. F. Johns (R) (1945-52) B.Sc. Tech. Part 1.  
 J. B. Knowles (L) (1948-54) B.Sc. (Hons) Technology, first Class.  
 I. J. Milne (Ed) (1954-55) B.Sc. Intermediate.  
 P. F. Norman (R) (1948-55) M.B., Ch.B. Part II Anatomy and Physiology.  
 C. H. Slater (R) (1945-54) B.Sc. (Hons) Physics C1. II. Div. 1.

#### **Manchester College of Technology.**

- P. Griffiths (L) (1947-54) B.Sc. (Hons) Technology C1. III.

#### **Oxford.**

- J. B. A. Hyde (R) (1946-54) (Christ Church) B.Sc. Hons. Physics, Class IV.

#### **Sheffield.**

- T. M. Baker (Ev) (1946-53) 2nd yr. B. Met.  
 F. Dearnley (Ev) (1947- 54) B.Sc. 1st Class Hons.  
 P. D. Forshaw (L) (1949-56) B.Sc. Intermediate Div. 2.

#### **Institute of Park Administration.**

- J. N. Philpott (Ev) (1943-49) Diploma in Park Administration.

#### **Southport School of Arts and Crafts.**

- D. R. Holt (R) (1948-56) 1st yr. Intermediate Course in Art and Crafts.  
 G. Livesey (Ev) (1949-56) N.D.D. 1st yr.

### **WEAK IN LEARNING**

by R. G. Bolton (L) 1949-54.

One didn't study at school, at least, not I. I joined in the general pretence of work and enjoyed myself to the best of my ability. People say that schooldays are the best days of your life, but I beg to differ. No-one can realise the fun of studying and 'trying to learn' until he has studied at sea.

I, as an apprentice deck-officer in the Merchant Navy for over a year now, have a correspondence course with the Nautical Department of the Liverpool College of Technology. As I struggle with my Mathematics I think of the classroom, with Mr. Tristram

trying to drum some knowledge into my thick skull. The murmuring classroom was quiet compared with the continuous buzz of the ship's engines, and the feed pumps rattling into action every time a piece of Mathematical genius starts to bud in my brain. Before it has a chance to flower it is lost in an utterance of curses common only to sailors at sea.

As I try my luck at the Navigation paper and spherical geometry, I begin to wish Mr. Smith was on board with me, so that he could explain some of the elementary geometrical theorems which I should have remembered, but which I have somehow lost in a cloud of spray as the ship pitches and rolls, and pitches again until the whole world is a roaring fury of angry seas, with me in the centre trying my best to concentrate.

The General Science paper comes next, so I think of Mr. Jones and his everlasting source of knowledge which flowed into my right ear and circulated in my mind for the duration of the lesson, and then somehow leaked out of my left ear and was lost for ever. Mr. Fleming, as well, did his best for me in this subject but he too could not find a way to seal within my mind the Principle of Archimedes and the laws of Boyle and Ohm. I try, and try again, but the swaying of the ship is more inclined to lull me to sleep than help me to study.

By the time I come to tackle the Ship Construction paper, we are in port, and having inwardly refreshed myself the night before with the pleasures of life on land, I tackle the questions with renewed vigour. Of course, the dockers are working the steam cargo winch for Number 3 Hold, and this horrible piece of machinery is situated on the deck immediately above my head. The noise is deafening, and the cabin vibrates so much that I feel sure the deck-head will cave in on top of me at any moment. Nevertheless I struggle on, thinking this time, of the members of the staff at K.G.V. who all tried to help me, but who, now I need them most, are beyond reach, and I suffer and struggle, racking my brains trying to remember the simple facts.

To all the masters I pay my respects and express my gratitude for their endeavours on my behalf. Of life at sea I pass no comment, except to say to the lads who are still held within the bonds of school, "work hard, pay attention, learn all you can, and then, come to sea as soon as possible and begin to enjoy life".

R. G. Bolton.



## NEWS FROM THE UNIVEDSITIES

### Oxford University

Once again this season of mists and mellow fruitfulness has brought some old Georgian freshmen up to our lovely city. A Roberts, at Christ Church, complains that "college food is worse than school dinners", D. H. Rimmer, at Exeter, has been banished by his college to digs in the separate township of Headington, and D. R. K. Seddon, at New College, appears to have founded a charitable trust for exiled Chinese.

The old lags are still to be seen in their familiar haunts. M. Blair and M. J. Forbes are camping in the grounds of the Clarendon Laboratories, R. A. Hodgson is still tearing round the city of a Sunday ringing every bell he can lay his hands on, whereas J. Hinds is reputed to have become an assistant librarian in the Bodleian, R. K. Wright has been seen dining in a steamy cavern just off The High, and rumour has it that J. V. Boothman was leading a riot in Hereford after Hallowe'en. A sinister, bearded C. Dyer and a smooth, unshaven B. Sourbut were seen in the bar of the Playhouse, vigorously condemning the modern dress production of "Macbeth", whereas D. J. Farrant, who has been combining the presidencies of his College Athletic Club and the University English Club, is also said to have been at the same performance, muttering incoherently about concepts of jurisprudence.

Some even older lags are reputed to have been seen, but such evidence is purely circumstantial and is not intended to incriminate. Report has it that L. Barton was using his scrummaging prowess at the New Theatre in order to get a ticket for Olivier's performance in "The Entertainer", and in the list of resident members of the University appears the meaningful entry, "R. Rubinsky, St. Cath's". Whether this is our old school friend or an embryo Sputnik scientist, we have been unable to determine. Of the late H. B. Solomon there is not even a trace.

We sincerely hope that many Georgians will be successful in our Scholarship Examinations this year, as we are always delighted to welcome new Oxonians from school. D.J.F.

### Bristol University

To the best of our knowledge it is some time since the Old Georgians of this University, contributed to the pages of the School Magazine. We are forthwith going to do our best to rectify this lapse.

There are three Old Georgians at Bristol, this year; B. E. Howard who is in his final year in the Arts Faculty, and J. A. Forshaw and L. T. Rigby, both in their second year in the superior Science Faculty; superior, that is, in the opinion of its members. C. Ineson left at the end of last year and in him the University Speleological Society (Potholers, etc) lost a keen member. Incidentally, knowing the keen and growing interest in the School in potholing and climbing, we might say, for the benefit of those who are undecided which University to go to, that there is, within the University a very active Mountaineering Club, and an equally good, and even better known, Speleological Society, which includes archaeology in its activities.

The Autumn term here is usually rather slack, summer exams seen a long way off and there is not a great deal of activity within the Union (Life, as in most Universities is centred round the Students' Union which includes all Clubs and Societies).

As far as our own activities are concerned we have all been fully occupied. B.E.H. has been dividing his attention between the Economics department, the committee of the University Labour Club, and the Squash Courts, and is apparently so busy that he has only been seen twice this term by his fellow Old Georgians.

When he has not been scrambling around the Avon Gorge tapping the rocks with a Geological hammer, or plodding over the Mendip Hills with his fellow Geographers, to try and discover why rivers flow in one direction and not another, (with stops for lunch at the Miner's Arms) J. A. F. has been spending most of his time in the Geology Lab. (taking care not to get his beard tangled up in his Microscope). The remainder of his time seems to be taken up by frequent visits to the Refectory for cups of tea, and lamentably few visits to the Geography department, which he assures us is due to the peculiarities of the University timetable, not to lack of keenness. He is also believed to attend coffee parties from time to time at Manor Hall, which is one of the Halls of Residence for Women students,

L. T. R. who is reading honours chemistry, naturally spends a good deal of his time in the Chemistry lab. making horrible smells and generally trying to blow the place up—like all the rest of these queer characters who call themselves chemists. He has however, found time to play for the University badminton team, which has succeeded in reaching the semi-finals of the Universities Athletic Union competition.

Unfortunately work calls and we must close now, but in doing so we would like to add, once again for the benefit of those who are still undecided, that THE University is one of the finest in the country and has a good reputation in English, Drama, Physics, Geology, and Engineering. Moreover it is situated in one of the pleasantest cities in England and the Students Union is housed in very fine buildings with all the usual amenities.

We look forward to seeing some new faces from the Old School next year. J.A.F.

### **Birmingham University**

Birmingham University seems to be something of an unknown quantity in Southport, but it can truthfully be said that its future will probably be more successful than many other seats of learning. At present we are divided into two parts—the Science faculties at Edgbaston and the Law and Arts in the old building in the town centre. Edgbaston has the appearance of a builder's yard, since the enormous construction plans, designed by Sir Hugh Casson are now under way, and they should eventually emerge as a complete University city.

In the midst of this, four bewildered Old Georgians struggle in the milestone of Guild life, crying out to be joined by more of their brethren. But nevertheless, they have made their mark on the place—especially during Carnival when the police persuaded them the rub it off.

Our oldest inhabitant, Cyril Hershon who purports to be studying French, has entered the journalistic fields, being editor of the University "Wall Newspaper," and music critic to "Guild News." As usual, he cannot be kept away from histrionics, and has recently got himself into a French production of "Le Mariage de Figaro." In the company of Jim Belmont, he can be seen marching out of step in the ranks of the Officers' Training Corps. Jim resides in Chancellor's Hall, and therefore considers himself a cut above the common herd. He has played rugger on occasions, but injury and the creeping on of old age have persuaded him to drink coffee better in the Founder's Room. On odd weekends he goes with the German Department to Bewdley, and goodness knows what happens there.

Alan Brookfield, our historian, has settled to a life of listening to jazz on the Founder's Room gramophone, though he has been known to appear at the occasional lecture. On his one night out

this year, he met Dave Ditchfield at the Jazz Band Ball who, suitably attired, was displaying his talents in the field of primitive native dancing. Dave is in the Engineering Department (we never talk about this to our friends) and is much in need of a companion from the old School.

So dear Sixth-Formers, if you are wondering what to do with yourself after this year, why not join us? You will find a fine academic university, which has a great future, and one which you can well share. C.R.H.

### **Liverpool University**

Once again the University Session is in full swing and the early (?) morning trains are full of Old Georgians making their way to the feet of their various professors—some with eagerness and some without! The L.U.O.G.S. is still flourishing, happily reinforced by the presence of a few "freshers" (whom we are as always pleased to welcome to our ranks). It is entertaining (to say nothing of psychologically profitable) to compare the tense and excited behaviour of the new intake with the lethargy of the established, in-a-rut, long-term students. These are the people whose University careers never seem to come to an end. The largest group of these is to be seen in the Medical School, where, among others, P. W. Brunt (elegant as ever, with a walking umbrella no matter what the season) and his boon companions, Messrs. Ball and Edwardson are to be found. R. Pactor, another of this select circle, is still recovering from his recent sojourn (in official capacity) in a Liverpool hospital. H. Nyman, a slightly more recent arrival, speaks of his latest dissecting-room victim with a relish guaranteed to chill the boldest spirit.

The "Non-Scientists", as the others prefer to be termed, are not quite as colourful. D. N. Max is regularly to be viewed emerging unshaven from Exchange Station at about 10-15 for a 9-30 lecture—a trail of blazing dust following him up Bold Street. J. Hughes was last reported entering a coffee-bar and has not been seen since. D. R. Isenberg has exchanged the stark reality of Brownlow Hill for the more idyllic setting of Abercromby Square and the Department of Education. He may be beheld each Thursday afternoon emerging from the gym and wishing he had chosen a less exacting course.

On this note of triumph, we close and remain,  
Sir, Yours, etc., L.U.O.G.S. D.R.I.

It may possibly be thought from the title that the writer of this letter is indeed possessing in great measure the beauty of Bacchus, and so the first task before him is to disabuse the reader of the common misconception of student life as being all beer and skittles. In five weeks residence he has not seen anything remotely resembling a skittle, except possibly one of the waitresses in the refectory.

It has been rumoured abroad that M. R. Baxter has been attending lectures.)

At the College of Technology P. E. Rigby went out a week ago in the fog to look for lodgings.....we never saw him again.

A. Rodwell, in the Modern Languages department, has recently been engrossed in the intricacies of Middle High German, Les Oeuvres de Corneille, Horace's Odes and the slow fox-trot. The fellow is blissfully unaware of the fact that "varium et mutabile semper femina!"

\* But, to end on a slightly serious note, the Old Georgians are true to form in their industry and diligence, and hope the same applies to those they have left behind. We hope a number of you will come up and join us next year. It is well worth the effort.

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