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**The Editor wishes to thank all committee members, past and present, for their indispensable help and friendly co-operation over the last four years.**

**He also thanks contributors, and congratulates them on the high standard of their work; he regrets that it has not been possible to include in this term's magazine everything that has been submitted.**

## **SCHOOL NOTES**

### **JAMES WALTER LORD**

It was with a great sense of shock that the school heard on May 25th of the sudden death the previous night of Mr. Lord. He had been a member of the staff for ten years, having previously had 20 years' experience as a Chemist with Bibbys Ltd., of Liverpool. During his ten years here he threw himself wholeheartedly into his work to the benefit of large numbers of boys in the school. His later work as Careers master was only just beginning to bear fruit as it is a job requiring immense detailed knowledge, but the great trouble he took over each individual boy will long be remembered by those who have benefitted by his care. His genial personality will be greatly missed in the staffroom.

### **MR. G. A. MILLWARD**

Mr. Millward, Headmaster of King George V School from 1920 to 1949, died in Oxford on 2nd May. Many parents and Old Boys of the school will remember him with affectionate gratitude. After his retirement in 1949 Mr. & Mrs. Millward moved to Bournemouth. On Mrs. Millward's death three years later Mr. Millward moved to Oxford where he had been living quietly ever since. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. B. A. J. Norman left the school at the end of last term to take up a post as script writer with Granada Television in Manchester. Mr. Norman had been on the staff here for almost six years including his year in California in 1964-65. We wish him every success in his new post.

Mr. D. S. Allen also left the staff last term to become Head of the Modern Languages Department at Hornchurch Grammar School after being on the staff here for nearly four years. He also carries with him our best wishes in his new post.

At the end of May we were sorry to lose the services of Miss J. Tweddell who has been in charge of the School Kitchen for the last two years. She has taken a post as resident cateress at the Ilkley College of Further Education.

We welcome to the staff the Reverend D. F. Batson who was appointed at the beginning of this term temporarily to replace Mr. Norman but who has now accepted a permanent appointment. Mr. Batson was educated at Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, and King's College, London, and has had several years' pastoral and teaching experience.

We also welcome Mr. H. C. Corrin, an Old Boy (W.51-59), who is temporarily taking Mr. D. S. Allen's place for this term.

In a recent article in the Times Educational Supplement the records of various schools for winning Oxford and Cambridge Open Scholarships were discussed. King George V School, with an average for the last five years of 2.75 Open Scholarships per year, came sixteenth out of about 1000 maintained Grammar and Comprehensive schools.

Mr. Wilson and the Choir and Orchestra are much to be congratulated on the high standard achieved at the School Concert on 30th March. Technically this was undoubtedly the best Concert ever produced in this school and was greatly enjoyed both by performers and audience.

### School Notes (continued)

The Rugby Match, 1st XV v Old Boys, was played on 29th March and resulted in a win for the Old Boys' 19-0.

The Rugby Match, 1st XV v Southport Rugby Club, was played on 28th April and resulted in a win for the Rugby Club, 11-6.

After the comparatively poorly supported Careers Convention last year this year's Convention on May 11th proved to be an outstanding success, largely due to the untiring efforts of the late Mr. J. W. Lord. We were fortunate in obtaining the Exhibition 'Technology To-day' organised by the Department of Education and Science. More than 400 boys passed through the Exhibition during the day as well as large numbers of parents in the evening. Film shows of careers subjects were run in the Lecture Theatre morning, afternoon and evening and the following gentlemen very kindly helped by giving advice on Careers to boys and parents:

Mr. D. Garforth, Group Personnel Department, Pilkington Brothers Ltd.

Mr. J. Hanna, Lecturer at the Liverpool College of Building.  
Captain A. D. Baldwin of British European Airways.

Mr. W. Watson, Youth Employment Officer, Southport.

The Annual Parents' Meeting took place on May 18th and this proved to be an important occasion as a Parents' Association was formed under the Chairmanship of Mr. W. B. Turner. A separate article in this issue gives an account of the Parents' Association and its aims and objects. The Association very much hopes for the active support of all parents. At the same meeting Mr. W. Suffolk was re-elected Parents' Representative on the Governing Body.

A meeting of parents of boys in the lower fifth forms took place on 25th May, at which parents had the opportunity of interviewing masters who were in charge of their son's work and the organisation of the upper part of the school was explained.

In a number of previous years the school has been successful in winning European Schools' Day prizes. This year we have been more successful than ever and the following are much to be congratulated on their prize winning efforts:

Stuart W. McPherson has been awarded one of the fifteen prizes for the best essays written by any students in this country. His prize consists of a visit to Brussels for the International Prize Giving and then a fortnight's holiday in Denmark at the expense of the Danish Government.

Ian Day has been awarded the first prize in the 15 to 16 year age group for the best essay submitted in the whole country. He has been awarded a book prize to the value of £4 4 0.

In the Junior Art competition Allan L. Halliday was awarded second prize and has received books to the value of £4 4 0.

We congratulate K. H. Moss, Captain of School, on winning a University Industrial Scholarship awarded by the engineering firm of Babcock and Wilcox Ltd., and I. D. Tinsley who has been awarded an Industrial Scholarship by the Bristol Siddeley Co. Ltd.

The collection this term was in aid of the North West Cancer Research Fund and raised £24 11 6.

The annual school swimming gala which took place on 13th May was another very successful swimming occasion and no less than seven records were broken. Most of these records were broken by juniors and therefore showed great promise for the school's swimming in the future.

The school is most grateful to Mr. Geoffrey Barnes (Ed. 29-36) for the most generous donation of a cricket shield for the new intermediate house cricket competition. Mr. Barnes has been a keen cricketer for many years and has captained the Old Boys against the School team on many occasions. He is a long standing member of the Southport and Birkdale Cricket Club. This new shield is a welcome addition to the school's collection of inter-house trophies.

### SALVETE

P. G. Barlow, S. H. Brownson, P. J. Bullivent, R. P. Iddon,  
R. Y. Merrifield, D. E. Miller, C. E. Morris, N. M. Powl, E.  
Stevenson, M. W. Taylor, P. Weston

### VALETE

OSTICK G. J. 1959-66 Gear's U6ScSch. (GCE. A4.05)  
Senior School Prefect 1965-6.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Colours Hockey 1965.  
Capt. House Crosscountry.  
HOWLEY K. M. 1960-66 Mason's U6ScB (GCE 02)  
GREGSON B. S. 1961-66 Edwards' U5B  
STEWART A. L. 1961-66 Edwards' L6B (GCE 05)  
GRIFFIN R. D. 1962-66 Mason's 4B  
O'ROURKE J. J. 1962-66 Spencer's L5B U15 Rugby Colours  
1966  
PEART M. 1962-66 Grears' 4A  
PORTER S. A. 1962-66 Woodham's L5B  
BLAKE J. N. 1964-66 Edwards' 3M  
ROOSE D. 1964-66 Gear's 4A  
WILLIAMS R. J. 1964-66 Evans' L5Y

### IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn Term begins ... 6th September  
Summer Term ends ... 13th July  
Half Term ... 31st. Oct. & Nov. 1st  
Autumn Term ends ... 21st December

### KING GEORGE V SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND

#### Report on Accounts

This splendid result is all the more creditable as it is due to the efforts of so many people. The Parents' Association have continued their excellent social efforts which have not only proved to be financially successful but also very enjoyable in their own right. A number of Old Boys have contributed most generously to the Fund and efforts have continued at school. Of particular value to the Fund has been the taking out of seven year Covenants. The Fund is now registered as a Charity with the Department of Education and Science and this means that a refund of 14s. 1d can be obtained for every £1 contributed under a Deed of Covenant. We are expecting our first refund from the Income Tax Authorities of between £40 and £50 within the next few weeks. May we appeal once again to parents, Old Boys and others interested in the school to enter into a Covenant in this way. We only ask for a donation of £1 per annum for the seven year period. To date, our annual income from Covenants, including return of Income Tax amounts to about £164 per annum.

#### THE SEARCH FOR HOSTEL

Active search for a hostel continues. The Committee have seen a number of properties and at the moment we have made an offer for a long lease of a farmhouse near Coniston owned by the Forestry Commission. We have not yet heard the result of this offer but we are hoping very much that it will be successful. This farmhouse is ideally situated for our purpose and will enable us to undertake a whole variety of activities in ideal surroundings.

#### Further Efforts.

The next big effort for the Fund occurs at Open Day on July 12th and we are hoping for excellent support not only for the school efforts but also for those of the Parents' Association.

### KING GEORGE V PARENTS ASSOCIATION

In March 1965 a Parents Committee in support of the Headmaster's Golden Jubilee Fund was formed from the few parents present at that first inaugural meeting. This was in itself an entirely new venture but the Committee felt that a useful purpose would be served as not only could the members raise money for the Jubilee Fund, but they could support other School Activities and bring more parents into the School.

Looking back over the past year the venture may not have been outstandingly successful from a financial point of view, but by raising a sum of £330 and helping to bring the balance of the Jubilee Fund to a total of over £900, the Parents Committee has certainly justified its existence and the hard work put in by its members has certainly been worth while. With increasing support the Committee felt that other parents should be given the opportunity to share in its activities and it was decided that a meeting of all parents should be called when, if sufficient support was shown, the Committee should be enlarged into a Parents' Association.

The meeting held on May 18th was well attended and after hearing a full report on the Jubilee Fund from the Headmaster it was decided to launch the Association, the constitution and Officers to be as follows:-

President: The Headmaster

#### Executive Committee

Chairman: Mr. W. B. Turner; Vice-Chairman: Mr. C. B. Sunderland; Secretary: Mrs. J. D. Laws; Treasurer: Mr. B. Everett; Parents Representative on the Board of Governors: Mr. W. Suffolk; Masters' Representative: Mr. L. C. Hargreaves.

In addition to the above, the Executive Committee is to include the Chairman and two representatives from four Sub-Committees, Social, Catering, Estates and Publicity.

#### Sub-Committees

PUBLICITY: Mr. J. F. Hirst, Mr. J. Moore, Mr. R. Norris, Mr. Mrs. A. B. Fletcher.

ESTATES: Mr. H. Seddon, Mr. G. H. Roach, Mr. O. V. A. Fitton D. Caplan, Mr. R. Parkinson, Mr. G. Latham, Mrs. E. Ince, Mr. Paton, Mr. G. E. Whiteley, Mr. L. R. Marshall, Mr. D. T. Hatfield, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Abram.

SOCIAL: Mr. R. W. Gubbins, Mrs. Gubbins, Mr. N. Lumb, Mr. & Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. P. Whiteley, Mrs. N. Paton, Mrs. Norris, Mrs. J. Moore, Mrs. D. Marshall, Mrs. L. McNaught, Mrs. M. A. Slater, Mrs. E. A. Fitton.

CATERING: Mrs. Seddon, Mrs. Roach, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Cahm, Mrs. Mantin, Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. Sunderland, Mrs. Latham, Mrs. Inman, Mrs. Hatfield, Mrs. J. K. Marshall, Mrs. Barraclough, Mrs. Allardice, Mrs. P. C. Boycott, Mrs. M. N. Fowler, Mrs. Dickinson, Mr. Ingham, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. White, Mrs. Aughton, Mrs. Blandford, Mrs. Shaw.

The Social, Catering and Publicity Committees' energies will be directed towards fund-raising social activities. The Estates Committee comes into its own when the school hostel has been found.

With, it is hoped, increasing support the activities of the Association can well be extended when further Sub Committees can be added to those now in being. This extension should have the desired effect of encouraging more and more parents to feel that they belong to the School and can now play some small part in its activities.

# KING GEORGE V SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND

Statement of Account as at 31st May, 1966

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Receipts from donations .....	176	17	0	Amount on Deposit at Westminster			
Receipts from Covenanted sub- scriptions .....	84	13	0	Bank as at 31.5.66 .....	793	14	6
Profit from Prefects Dances:				Petty Cash (see separate statement)	3	12	8
1965 .....	46	8	11				
1966 .....	29	12	8				
Profit from Rugby Match 28.4.65 ...	22	3	9				
From Parents' Committee Coffee Evening held 28.5.65. ....	100	0	0				
From Tea Afternoon held by Mrs. Hardy .....	13	0	0				
Profit from Open Day 1965 .....	267	17	7				
From Parents' Committee. March 1966	50	0	0				
Bank Interest to 31.5.66 .....	6	14	3				
	£797	7	2		797	7	2

## PETTY CASH

From receipts .....	3	12	8	Stamping Covenant Forms .....	19	3
				Purchase of 2d. stamps for Covenant forms .....	6	0
				Cash in hand .....	2	7
						5
	3	12	8		3	12
						8

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### **JAMES WALTER LORD**

The School suffered a tragic loss with the sudden death of J. Walter Lord on Wednesday, May 25th.

After a distinguished career with Bibby's the opportunity arose some ten years ago to join the staff of the School which meant so much to him. It is difficult to find words to describe his work because his range of activities was so wide. An outstanding Chemistry master but strangely enough, on his own admission, happiest when teaching Mathematics to one of the Junior forms. He took a delight also in inventing French idioms which the boys appeared to understand perfectly, although they caused some consternation in the Modern Languages department.

His interests outside the classroom covered the whole range of School activities. He took part in the School concert, acted as a judge in the Junior and Senior Elocution contests, ran the School badminton for some years and took a keen and active interest in the Colloquium. Each year he organised a trip to the Continent and many boys can look back on some very happy times spent in his company.

He took a keen interest in all School games and any team playing at School on a Saturday was guaranteed at least one supporter. The only game he played seriously was golf. Here one's chief recollections of him are his unfailing ability to put his drive into the hills on the fifteenth at the Hesketh accompanied by an exclamation well known to the Sixth formers he taught. He and a colleague were also a regular source of income to two former Senior Prefects on their trips to Pleasington.

It was as Housemaster of Evans' House and Careers master that he did his finest work. Here he was able to give full rein to his interest in boys as individuals and many parents as well as boys can testify to the amount of time and effort he put in to help them. One thing he could not abide, however, was a waste of ability and boys guilty of this felt the sharp edge of his tongue in no uncertain manner.

He will be missed by many people in many ways for a long long time and we tender our deepest sympathy to his family in their great loss.

R.A.

### **MR. G. A. MILLWARD, M.A.**

**(Headmaster from 1920-1949)**

The news of the death of Mr. G. A. Millward M.A. was received in Southport with great regret for he was known and respected by hundreds of boys who passed through

the school from its inception at the "Woodlands," Lord Street (the site now occupied by the Headquarters of the Police and Fire Service) and at its present premises in Scarisbrick New Road, until his retirement in 1949.

Mr. Millward was educated at Nottingham High School whence he gained a scholarship to Queens' College, Cambridge. He had a distinguished academic career and was a Wrangler in Mathematics. He held a commission in the Army during the First World War and after a period as Headmaster of Sir George Monoux School, Walthamstow, he was appointed Headmaster of a new school to be established in Southport.

He was fortunate in being supported on his appointment by two masters who had worked with him at Walthamstow—Mr. G. C. D. Mason and Mr. J. Edwards, men of character and vision, and around them he gathered a staff dedicated to the building of a school with new ideas and a fresh approach.

Gone were the ideas of repression and barrack-square discipline. The aim was to train boys to discipline themselves, to be self-reliant, courteous and considerate in behaviour, and in their Houses to contribute service for the good of their fellow pupils and of the school. There were to be no individual prizes, but competition for the side or the team was to be encouraged. And these ideas were successful and the school became a happy place for masters and boys.

Mr. Millward was a born schoolmaster with a gift for lucid explanation. He was sympathetic to boys struggling with intricate problems, and he could inspire those with a will to learn. Many a boy could look back with satisfaction and gratitude for foundations of education and character laid with care and devotion under his guidance.

The School has grown greatly in size since 1949. Its activities have widened and more boys can now participate in these activities, but the high aims and ideals set by Mr. Millward have not been forgotten. Fresh vigour has been instilled into them and he would have been proud of his old school. King George V School owes him a deep debt of gratitude for his leadership, devotion and example at a most important epoch of its history.

H.E.

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## RUGBY

1st XV 1965-1966

Played 20	Won 9	Lost 9	Drawn 2
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The first thing that should be said is that the rugby played this last season was not of a high standard. We lost a number of games that we should have won and those that we did win we failed to win convincingly.

The pack, however, strove valiantly and obtained for the three-quarters more than their fair share of the ball. The scrummaging both in the tight and the loose was always first-rate, the line-out work reasonable despite the lack of any great height. With the clean possession thus gained from the pack the backs should have done a lot more scoring than they did.

The ball never moved smoothly in the back division; they were always too intent on kicking ahead and when the ball did go along the threequarter line, it usually meant that the forwards had to undertake a sideways retreat to win the ball in the loose only to have to repeat the process. This is not to say that the backs never tried hard. They did. But their general lack of real speed and handling skill let them down.

They can look back with satisfaction at only three games:- the return match against Cowley G.S., when the forwards controlled the game and the backs played far more tenaciously than before; the match against a good and experienced Old Boys' XV; and the hard game against Southport Rugby Club when the school forwards gave a lesson in forward play to their opponents. If they had played like this throughout the whole season they would have done a lot better.

The pack stayed more or less the same the whole season. Any changes that did take place were either due to trying to improve the efficiency of the backs or to injury. The front-row of Sixsmith, N. Thompson and Alexander always played well. Alexander, besides leaving the side quite well, nearly always got the better of his opponents in the scrummages. N. Thompson's hooking was fast and skilful even if he was inclined to 'swing' occasionally! Sixsmith fully earned his place and learned a great deal. In future seasons he should do well. Allardice and Done were a fast second-row pair who showed more skill and vigour as the season progressed. Behind them Oldroyd, Saunders and Bird all played vigorously and got through a lot of good work.



Richards at scrum-half started the season quite badly, but after Christmas he was timing his breaks quite effectively and his passing improved. A. Thompson at stand-off half kicked the ball great distances but his passing was often faulty. Smith in the centre had a shaky start to the season, though great improvement was noted towards the end. Pike, also at centre, only came into the side after Christmas and he played with fair determination. Of the wingers, Jackson had a good first half and Moss a good second half to the season. Jackson seemed to lose confidence and pace after a shoulder injury early on and Moss made up for lack of real speed with some clever anticipation and very direct running. Tabron always played well at full-back. His tackling was most resolute and there were signs that his kicking was improving by the end of the season.

The following also played a few games for the first team: Eckersall, Mayor, Cunliffe, Abram, Keeley, Riddlesworth and Walton. The last five of these should be able to put this experience to good use next season, provided that more of next year's team attend practice sessions more conscientiously than was done this year.

## 2nd XV

Played 18, Won 13, Lost 5, Points for 189, Points Against 91

This was one of the best 2nd XV performances for some considerable time. The honours must go to the forwards who played consistently well with great enthusiasm and purpose: indeed, on many occasions they were able to control a game to their liking.

The backs, however, failed to match the polish of the forwards in spite of an abundance of talent. It is unfortunate that recently the school has had difficulty in producing good threequarters who can handle a ball confidently and run strongly when given a chance.

Three of the defeats came at the beginning of the season before the team had had a chance to settle down; after this came a series of thirteen consecutive wins, all of which were thoroughly deserved. The only really disappointing performance was against Upholland G.S.; on this occasion the backs lost the game by making stupid handling errors which resulted in opposition tries.

Laws led his side extremely well from the difficult position of full-back. He played extremely well at all times and his coolness and experience proved a valuable asset on more than one occasion.

## UNDER 15 XV

This team had the misfortune of being a very unsuccessful U 14 XV, but fortunately one or two boys new to school rugby helped to add strength to it and the results show that there was a considerable increase in confidence during the season.

The forwards always played well and in particular the front row showed great perseverance and determination plus no little skill. Ashton, Snape and Rooke proved more than equal to all opposing front rows: they got through a tremendous amount of work and several times turned defeats into wins. Day was extremely useful in the line-outs and used his strength and height to advantage—he, also proved himself a very reliable place kicker. The wing-forwards, Stewart and Lucas, were always dangerous: defensively they were extremely useful, and they tackled relentlessly.

The half backs, Stubington and Cumbley, tried hard. Stubington must develop a longer pass, but his touch finding was useful. Cumbley was the outstanding player, and set a firm example to the rest of the team with his ferocious tackling. He will move into senior rugby with ease. K. Lawson and Clarke show considerable potential in the centre; while Shiel came into the team at full-back and tackled well, but must learn to kick with greater accuracy. Ingram and Patterson played well on occasions on the wings, but need to learn to pass more accurately.

The team was well captained by Clarke and later by Cumbley who both did a lot to instil a sense of purpose into the team. The following also played:—Biffin, Miles, Rodd.

### Results

Defeated:- Arnold School, Hutton G.S. Kirkham G.S. St. Mary's Crosby, Barrow G.S., Balshaws G.S.

Lost to:- John Rigby's School, Cowley G.S. twice, Stonyhurst Coll., Ormskirk G.S. twice.

Drew with:- K. E. VII S. Lytham

## UNDER 14 XV

This year the U.14 XV had an indifferent start to the season losing most of their opening games. This, however, was mostly due to their lack of experience and the fact that the team had not been playing together a long time. However, as the season progressed, with more match practice and experience they developed into a very capable and hard working team.

The turning point of the season came with a good win over King Edward VII; with this behind them, they never looked back and scored five more wins in succession. Their improvement as time went on was shown in the way they shaped against Cowley and Calday Grange in the Lent Term, after losing heavily to both earlier in the season.

At first the pack was very ragged, being slow-moving and slow-thinking. This again was in large measure due to their lack of experience. They improved as the season went on and by the second half of the season had developed into a quite workmanlike pack. The pack when roused was good, but on many occasions in the loose they lost ground or missed opportunities through the failure of all eight members to get to the ball quickly. Olsen, Baker, Langfeld and Gritten were always prominent amongst the forwards. Gritten developed markedly as pack leader. He was ferocious in attack and tireless in defence with intelligent appreciation of the game, and obviously enjoyed his Rugby. He and Langfeld jumped particularly well in the lineouts, even against bigger boys. The tight scrummaging was generally good and the hooking of Suffolk and Snape was of a high standard all season.

Buckley and Ingham, the wing-forwards, always played intelligently and with great determination. Connolly played fearlessly all year and was quick both in the loose and in covering up. The strong tackling of all three was a particularly noteworthy feature.

The backs at the start of the season were shaky and had little possession to show their worth. However, the transfer of Gritten from full-back to the second row of the scrum paid dividends. The forwards became more prominent, supplying the backs with much more of the ball.

The arrival of McEwan as scrum-half proved a great asset to the team; his long passing and quick eye for an opening enabled the other backs to realise their potential in attack. In Pimlott, "the Artful Dodger" at stand-off, the team had both comedian and fine Rugby player combined in one. His ability to make a break and his good cross-kicking were always a danger to opposing defences.

In the centre, Mantin and McAlister proved to be the best combination. Mantin was a powerful tackler and a strong runner, but was inclined to be a little slow off the mark. McAlister, the Captain, was an outstanding member of the team with a good positional sense, tremendous courage in defence and a strong belief in the virtue of attack. As a Captain he was quick-thinking, with the ability to adapt his tactics rapidly to changing circumstances. The excellent team spirit which was such a feature of this year owed much to his quiet leadership.

The wing three-quarters, Kirkman and Stanley, played well once they gained confidence. Stanley, in particular, made remarkable progress over the season and scored some noteworthy tries.

Turner, with his long kicking, filled the difficult full-back position adequately, but must learn not to take the ball on the bounce and to be less hesitant in defence.

Last, but not least, we should like to thank Mr. Hodnett and Mr. Johnson for the time and wholehearted effort they dedicated to the team.

### Results

John Rigby G.S. (H) Lost 0-15; Birkenhead S. (H) Lost 0-20  
Cowley G.S. (H) Lost 0-38; Blackpool G.S. (H) Lost 0-25  
Hutton G.S. (A) Lost 6-27; Ormskirk (H) Lost 6-11; Lytham G.S. (H) Won 13-8; Preston G.S. (A) Won 12-5; Ormskirk G.S. (A) Won 30-0; St Mary's College (H) Won 11-0; Wallasey G.S. (H) Won 11-0; Stoneyhurst (H) Won 38-0; Cowley G.S. (A) Lost 3-16; Calday Grange (A) Lost 14-21  
Speke Comprehensive (H) Won 26-5

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## BADMINTON

The 1965-66 season has been extremely successful for the school, and interest in the sport has been stimulated.

In the Under 16 Lancashire Schools "Red Rose" competition, the school team must be congratulated on beating Stanley Secondary School 5-2 and Wigan G.S. 4-3 in the first two rounds. We were beaten 1-6 in the third round by Stand G.S., who are likely to win the competition.

This season has been particularly successful for the senior team. Well captained by A. W. Thompson, the team were defeated only twice, once by a very strong Old Boys' side. Hepworth and Newton combined extremely well to win nearly all their matches, and they were well supported by Thompson and Howard. Harkness also enjoyed much success, playing with Stocker, Miley or Moss. Harkness must be congratulated on being captain of the Lancashire Under 16 team, and being selected for the Northern Counties Under 16 team. In the Southport tournament he won the Under 18 singles title; whilst in the Lancashire Schools tournament he won the Boys' Under 16 title, and the doubles title (with T. Rimmer). Stocker and Howard were runners-up in the Southport Under 18 doubles.

Edwards' won the House badminton competition for the second successive year by beating Gear's 3-0 in the final. Mason's were third. Harkness won the Senior School singles competition, and Thompson and Howard the doubles. Leonard (G) beat Martin (Ev) in the final of the Junior School singles, and Masters and Ashton (Ed) beat Turner and Day (R) in the doubles final.

### Results

The first team beat Waterloo G.S. four times (by 6-3, 9-0 and 8-1; Hutton G.S. twice (7-2 and 6-3); Q.E.G.S. Blackburn (8-1); Merchant Taylors' School (8-1); Wallasey G.S. (7-2); and a Staff team (8-1).

Its only losses were to Wallasey G.S. (2-7), and the Old Boys (2-7).

The second team beat Waterloo G.S. (8-1), and also lost to them by a similar margin. The Under 16 team beat Crosby C.S.S. (5-4); but lost twice to Hutton G.S. (3-6 each time), and three times to Crosby C.S.S. (by 4-5, 4-5, and 2-7).

## CROSSCOUNTRY

Captain: L. J. Haslam Secretary: B. R. Howard

The performance of the crosscountry teams this year has been somewhat disappointing, mainly owing to lack of support for the better runners in each age-group. Cross-country can be the loneliest and most individualistic of sports but at the same time the first SIX members of each team to finish count towards the result, and one or two good

placings are not enough. It is to be hoped that more solid support will be given to next year's captain, Bayliss.

The only times that this year's seniors could muster a full team were when they were helped out by the Under 16's. Several boys who had run with some success for the school before either preferred other sports this year or were just too lazy to exert themselves. Consequently Haslam's efforts were often unsupported except by one or two Under 16's and the senior 'team' lost eleven out of fourteen matches. Bayliss and Robinson came into the team part way through the season, and gave it some backbone, showing much promise for next year—but, apart from Tinsley, Halliwell and the above mentioned, I cannot name one senior boy who was willing to train or run for the team as a regular member. Howard deserves thanks for his efficient secretarial work.

The Under 16's could probably have beaten their seniors with ease—Marsh and Cooke were, with Haslam, the best runners in the school this year, on performance. Even so, fine individual achievements were not properly backed up, and the team did not quite gain the success it could have done, though it won five matches. Cooke made up for his small size by keenness and fitness, and has improved greatly—his two first places in Senior races, (one of them triangular), and his 77th position out of 650 runners in the Northern Schools' U. 16 Championships, were his best moments in a most consistent season. After a rather poor start, Marsh ran into form, and at times his relaxed but powerful style made him look very good indeed (as when he won the Senior Inter-House race in a tight finish with Haslam). Faraday made an excellent joint-captain of the Under 16's, and always gave of his best, but his results were sometimes below his potential—I am sure this is only temporary. Crimmins was another enigma—only late in the season did his hard running bring the results it deserved. Grimes showed great promise for next year. Box and Wood ran hard with some success; Lucas, a real trier, was a great asset when available; but Wilson and Wright, both promising, seemed to lose interest.

The same pattern could be seen in Under 14 and Under 12 races. The Under 14 team was handicapped because the best runners were often selected for the rugby team, and fixtures unfortunately clashed. Stanley, though not showing the improvement he would have done if he had trained and run regularly, had some impressive races, as did Kirkman. McEwan also did well when available. Most encouraging, however, were the success and perseverance

of Butler and Carson, who should both dominate Under 14 races next year. Goodall and Rimmer did fairly well, but could have done better with consistent effort. In the Under 12's, Haddock was outstandingly promising, already well up to Under 14 standard—he won two races, and could go far with continued effort. Baynes ran very well, and notched one victory (against Bolton). Greaves, Fletcher and Holt also gave promising performances.

School half-colours were awarded to Cooke, Haslam and Marsh. Under 16 colours were re-awarded to Box, Crimmins and Faraday; and Under 14 colours were re-awarded to Stanley, and awarded to Butler.

## SWIMMING

### Swimming Team

Captain: R. S. Blackburn Secretary: K. H. Sach

Since the last report, the Team have swum in a further eight matches, remaining undefeated apart from the return match against Manchester. Although under strength and with the diving events eliminated, this was a close match, and the School eventually lost by 24 points. Our first fixture of the Lent Term was against Hutton G.S., away, and in spite of their strong Senior team we managed to score a comfortable victory. This was again the case in the Calday match by an even larger margin of 60 points. Our next match was looked forward to as the highlight of the season but unfortunately Edge Hill College did not supply us with the usual three-course meal after the event. We did have some consolation, however, for both High School and King George V teams won by some 40 points. This particular fixture was an innovation that we hope will continue.

With only a Senior and an Intermediate team (and an eventful, but much appreciated trip in the Scout van) we beat a strong Bolton side by six points in the first match of the Summer Term. Our second match, another innovation, was a triangular fixture at home, against Bolton and Hutton. Having already swum against both these schools, we anticipated several close races. We emerged the winners with 63 points, Hutton and Bolton gaining respectively 56 and 55. An easy win over Wallasey G.S. was followed by our closest match of the season. This was against Rossall School, and the warmth of the Victoria Baths, as opposed to their own open-air pool on the Fleetwood foreshore, proved too much for them and we won by three points.

It remains for the retiring captain to thank the team for their support throughout a very successful season, in which team spirit was excellent, and for me to express the team's thanks to the members of staff who have assisted us.

Mr. Bell has proved a tower of strength to the team, ever ready with advice and encouragement. We have also had the help this term of the Rev. D. F. Batson, who took over from Mr. D. S. Allen, and he has impressed us all with his enthusiasm. Our thanks also go to Messrs. Gale, Abram and Longhurst.

To leave one word in the minds of next year's team, together with our hopes for their success . . . Training.

### Results Summary

Matches:	Swum 15	Won 13	Lost 2
Points:	For 1897½	Against 1536½	

### Swimming Gala

This was held in the Victoria Baths on the 13th May, the heats having been swum on the previous two Fridays. The organization was, once again, in the hands of Mr. Bell and the willing helpers from the Staff, to whom we are most grateful. Marshalling of competitors was improved by the introduction of House Marshals, two for each House. The disappointing feature of the Gala was the apparent lack of support from the Senior part of the School. Entries were smaller than in other sections, and even when entered, some Seniors failed to arrive on the starting blocks. This apathy may perhaps be eliminated by the extension of swimming qualifications from the U5ths and below to include the sixth form.

The standard of swimming was good and congratulations go to C. H. Hale (2), J. S. Banks, V. O. Calland, Spencer's U16 Medley Team and Woodham's O16 Medley Team, who set new records. The highlight of the evening was the lowering of the U14 Squadron Relay record by 16 seconds. This was accomplished by Edwards, who also completed the evening's entertainment when two of their swimmers swam a four-leg relay (with much running from one end of the bath to the other!)

The presentation of the trophies at the conclusion of the Gala, was made by Mrs. H. Evans, who was presented with a bouquet by M. Tinsley. In his introduction, the Headmaster praised the swimmers that had taken part, remarking on the number of records broken. He said that the foundations of the considerable achievements of the School in swimming and lifesaving were laid by Mr. Evans, to whom we are most grateful.

### Inter-House Competition Winners:

Swimming Gala (Ross Cup): Edwards' (136)  
 Lifesaving (Lancashire Cup): Rogers' (161)  
 Swimming Qualifications (Ingham Cup): Masons' (199)  
 Overall competition (Bradbourne Cup): Rogers' (411)

### Lifesaving

Secretary: K. H. Sach

Reference was made in last term's report to the award to the School of the Leverhulme Shield. This was presented in June at a special dinner to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Royal Lifesaving Society, by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

The figures showing awards gained this year (below), represent an increase of over 50% on the figures for 1965. We are therefore in an extremely good position to retain this Shield for a second year.

For the first time the Artificial Respiration awards of the Society have been gained. These do not involve any swimming and it has been suggested that, to achieve the Society's aim of giving instruction in resuscitation to ALL school-children, in future all first year boys should take these awards.

### Awards gained 1966

Lifesaving:	194
Safety:	72
Artificial Respiration:	56
Total:	322 awards

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## HOCKEY

Although the results show only one victory out of seven matches for the school team, the season has been by no means disappointing. Considering that the school has no pitch and that practice has been restricted to the rough turf of the rugby pitches, the members of the team performed, on the whole, admirably against sides with greater experience. A pitch is to be marked out next season.

Up to now, hockey has been purely an activity for senior boys, and at the opening of the season we were faced with the problem of re-forming a team with only three of last year's players still at school. However, as younger players began to emerge, hope grew. Notable amongst the new additions to the side were Thomas and Williams who, through continued lunch-time games, developed considerable skill, and of whom great things are to be expected in subsequent seasons. They are to be congratulated on gaining Under Sixteen colours.

We were hampered to a large extent by weather and transport difficulties at the beginning of the season, and could play only two of our first seven fixtures.

Our first official school fixture took place against Prescot Grammar School. This match served to give the team a good idea of the kind of hockey it would have to play, and considering that only four members of that team had previous match experience, to lose by two goals to nil was quite satisfactory. After a few 'friendly' matches, we took two teams to Birkenhead on February 2nd. With three of our first team players absent (including our captain, Ostick) we did well to hold the experienced Birkenhead side to five-one on a very difficult pitch. This match marked the debut of Holgate (in goal) who performed admirably. He took very well to playing in goal and was consistently reliable. One only hopes that on leaving school he continues to play and does not neglect this considerable talent. On this occasion the Colts XI of Birkenhead convincingly beat our second team.

Our two matches against Merchant Taylors' resulted in a 2-0 win, and a 0-0 draw against a strengthened side. In the matches against Preston Catholic College we lost 2-0 at Southport with only ten men, and drew 0-0 away. We were most unlucky, as in all these four matches we dominated the play with superior skill and speed.

The final matches of the season took place at Tarleton where an under 16 team beat Tarleton Co. Secondary School, 3-1, and at Waterloo Road, where the 1st XI encountered Maghull in what was the roughest match of the season. We did very well to go down by only four goals.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Ostick on his able captaincy of the side. He is a skilful and tireless player, and he set an example worth following.

## CHESS CLUB

Captain: I. Davidson

Secretary: E. Robinson

This year the performance of the team has fluctuated considerably. In the Wright Shield we came 4th, one place up on last year, while our tally of points decreased from  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 4. We started the competition in excellent form by defeating Cowley by 7-0. However, our defeat by Rock Ferry shook our hopes of winning and our poor display against Calday Grange ended any chance we had. Although we lost to Wallasey we put up a very reasonable performance against a team which went on to gain first place.

Our run in the Sunday Times was short-lived when, in the 2nd round, we unfortunately were drawn against Burnley who are one of the strongest teams in our zone. Despite all our efforts we lost the match by the narrowest possible margin,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ . However, although we failed in the two competitions which we entered, in our Annual Friendly Match we defeated Southport Chess Club for the first time by  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ .

This year, half-colours were awarded to Davidson M. and Robinson and re-awarded to Davidson I., Tinsley and Hepworth. Other first team members were Gilchrist, Rapaport and Barnett.

As usual, the two internal competitions were fiercely contested. The Rimmer Cup was shared for the third year running, this time by Grear's and Edwards', both gaining  $6\frac{1}{2}$  points out of a possible 7. The Junior House Chess was won by Mason's.

The end of this season also witnesses, unfortunately, the departure of Mr. M. A. Thurlow. During his short stay he has worked tirelessly in improving the standard of chess, not only of the team but also of the club as a whole, and especially amongst the Juniors. The result of his efforts shows itself in the popularity of the Chess Club and the hard core of competent players we now possess, and for this our gratitude must go to Mr. Thurlow. He has not confined himself to the day-to-day problems of the club but has often undertaken the unenviable tasks of adjudicating, umpiring and travelling with the team. We thank him again for his hard work and wish him success in his new appointment. We are also sorry to lose this year our captain, Davidson I., and second board, Tinsley. Davidson has performed his difficult task ably and has the distinction of having lost only two games in his last year.

## HOUSE REPORTS

### EDWARDS'

House Master: Mr. A. J. NORRIS  
House Captain: R. D. JOHNSTONE  
Almoner: R. SOWERBUTTS

It seems a great pity to have to say that whatever position the house has reached in the Jubilee Cup this year, with a little more co-operation from those individuals who consistently refuse to make any contribution to the house effort, we could have reached at least one place higher in the competition. However, we must not decry the efforts of those who have contributed.

In the Lent term the junior and intermediate rugby competitions were held. Each team did well but seemed to fail with a lack of hard tackling and enterprising movement. The juniors reached the final but were overwhelmed by a far heavier team. The seven-a-side competition, held at the end of last term, was quite a success for the house. All teams performed well, especially the seniors who unexpectedly reached the final. The house basketball team lost its first two matches by very narrow margins but won the third in grand style, the referee and opposition virtually giving up!

The form of the house cricket competition this year has been altered to a senior intermediate and junior knock-out competition. At the time of writing the junior and intermediate teams have not played but the seniors despite a good performance, were knocked out by Rogers' who beat them after a draw in the semi-final last year.

In preparation for the swimming gala, practices were held every day from the beginning of May: however the turn-out of people in the upper fifth forms and below was such that the house could only reach seventh place in the qualifications competition. One cannot help but think how this reflects the general attitude in the house. I would like to congratulate all those people who won life-saving awards. This year the house won forty-nine awards including two Distinction Awards and yet we were beaten in the competition, by sixteen points, by Rogers' who had forty-eight awards! If some more of the people who volunteered for life-saving had turned up to the practices . . . ! The House swimming team is very strong, especially in the junior and intermediate sections and, despite the unforeseen absence of two swimmers, we took the trophy

for the greatest number of points gained in swimming events and I expect this trophy to be ours for several years to come. The junior medley team deserve special mention. They beat the existing school record by sixteen seconds!

I would like to thank P. Miley for his able management of the greater part of the house games. I would have liked to have seen greater co-operation to justify his efforts.

One final word about the house charity collections: in the last two collections for the Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies and the North West Cancer Research Fund we raised an average of just over fourpence per head!

Edwards', we can do better!

R.D.J.

### EVANS'

Housemaster: Mr. H. H. LONG  
House Tutor: Mr. T. B. JOHNSON

House Captain: K. H. MOSS      Vice Captain: J. LAWS  
Secretary: J. L. SILVERTON      Almoner: M. A. FLEMMING

The considerable success enjoyed by the House during the present school year must surely provide the most apt reward for the devotion and enthusiasm with which Mr. Long and Mr. Johnson have consistently striven in their new posts as Housemaster and House Tutor respectively, and moreover, they have overwhelmingly proved the success of the new system of "dual housemastership."

At this point it would be unjust not to mention the enthusiasm and energy which certain members of the House, particularly seniors, have shown in the various activities, and we are proud to record that nine members of the House were awarded colours for participation in school teams. Moss, our exemplary House Captain who has persistently provided guidance and encouragement, was awarded Full Colours for Rugby, and so was G. Done who has been of inestimable value on the Rugby field. J. Laws, our worthy vice-captain, who has enabled the House to score numerous successes at Rugby and other sporting activities, received half colours for his captaincy of the 2nd XV. Congratulations are also extended to Keeley, Wright, C. McEwan, Mantin, Butler and P. Hepworth for having been awarded half or junior colours.

In the Choir competition, under the able leadership of Hepworth, the House achieved second place only a few marks behind the winners. The senior Rugby team captained by Laws won two out of its three games, being ultimately defeated by a more experienced team. The House defeated Spencers 11-0 and Edwards 15-0 but lost to Rogers' 15-5.

In the Lent Term, the crosscountry team was awarded an overall position of third in the inter-house competition. The Intermediate and Junior Rugby teams achieved marked success and particular reference should be made to C. McEwan, Shepherd, Horner, P. McEwan and Martin. Success was generally due to these individual efforts rather than to solid team work. The Junior Chess Team won four out of its seven games, and much of the credit for its success is attributed to the guidance of P. Hepworth.

In the present term the House looks forward to success in the cricket fixtures and athletics competition. In the swimming Gala the House achieved an overall position of third, though the Life Saving award was missed by a considerable margin of points. Special mention should be made of T. Marshall who strove very hard to achieve success for the House.

Congratulations are extended to K. H. Moss for having won an industrial scholarship with the firm of Babcock & Wilcox, and to M. A. Flemming on having gained a place at New College, Oxford. We wish both of them, and all other leavers from the House, every success for the future.

The House deeply regrets the passing of Mr. J. W. Lord, our late Housemaster, who served the House conscientiously and energetically for a period of five years. J.L.S.

#### GREAR'S

Housemaster: Mr. H. EVANS

Captain: M. G. PEARSON Vice-Captain: D. M. SAUNDERS  
Almoner: S. J. McPHERSON Secretary: A. M. COCKHILL

The year, as a whole, has not quite been as successful as was first hoped. However, the Senior Chess Team, under the Captaincy of I. Davidson, who is also Captain of the School Chess Team, tied for first place. The Junior team also did well, and should provide a good team in the future. Basketball and Badminton under K. Eckersall and B. R. Howard respectively, also ended up with a fair amount of success.

Unfortunately, the Cricket team, who have been successful for many previous years, were knocked out in the first round. At this stage I feel we must congratulate M. G. Pearson on his appointment as School Cricket Captain. I hope the Intermediate and Junior teams will have more success. Last term's Rugby was rewarded with a fair amount of success, but the swimming unfortunately was a dismal failure.

Let us hope that next year will prove to be more successful than the past year, and this can only be achieved with an increase in the interest of members of the house.

#### LEECH'S

• Housemaster: Mr. C. F. FLEMMING

House Captain: C. J. MICHAELS

Vice-Captain: I. D. TINSLEY

Secretary: I. R. ECKERSLEY

Almoner: N. A. KENYON

Since the last House report there have been many inter-House competitions. Leech's was victorious in the Junior Rugby and the Basketball, and produced several other encouraging performances.

The success of the Juniors on the rugby field was thoroughly deserved, for they were an excellent all-round team as well as having several outstanding players and a capable captain in Booth. Leech's should be a strong force in rugby for several years to come. It is a pity that our Intermediate team did not meet with similar success.

In both the Choir and Cross-Country competitions we were placed sixth. The latter result was disappointing, for only a slightly better effort would have been required to improve our position considerably.

The House has two excellent junior badminton players in Jackson and Russell, but the support they were given by the senior players was not good enough to win this competition.

In the seven-a-side rugby competition the Juniors reached the final, whilst the seniors were narrowly beaten in the semi-final. This resulted in the House being placed fourth. The Junior Chess team was similarly placed.

Over the past few years the House has not met with the same success in work and swimming as it has in other events. This year the trend has, unfortunately, continued, although Michaels worked hard to encourage our swimmers, and produced some measure of success in the Life-Saving and Qualifications. An improvement must be made in these directions next year if we are going to challenge strongly for the Jubilee Cup.

Our hopes of some success in the remaining events of this school year are high. The Senior Cricket XI has already convincingly won the first match, and, with three School 1st XI and two 2nd XI players in the side, we could end the year on a triumphant note. The Intermediate and Junior Cricket teams have yet to play a match, but they too are not without hope.

Athletics practices, organized by Tinsley, have been encouragingly well attended and Qualifications are going well. We could also be challenging for cups in the Sports.

Finally, our thanks to Mr. Flemming and our House Captain, Michaels, for their efforts to make this a successful year for Leech's.

I.R.E.

### MASON'S

Housemaster: Mr. P. G. LONGHURST  
Joint House Captains: J. RICHARDS, A. THOMPSON  
Secretary: B. R. SAMUELS      Assistant Sec.: D. TABRON

#### "Optimum Faciemus"

In the last Mason's House report it was predicted that a bright year was ahead for the House. This has indeed been proved true. Last term we finished joint top of the Honours List, having gained more points in academic work than ever before. We are all optimistic about our final position at the end of the Summer term being high (if not the highest).

In sport, this year, we have done extremely well considering our shortage of U.6th's. It was not expected that Mason's would do so well this time, but with the inspiration of Richards and Thompson the House has achieved a number of notable successes.

As usual the House team was in the final of the Senior Rugby competition, and played Rogers'. However, we lost 3-0 to a much stronger side (on paper). But we were by no means disgraced and congratulations must go to all the team for their fighting spirit. Despite losing in the final, the senior team had no tries scored against them. (There was also a suggestion in one camp that the Rogers' penalty was scored out of time!). Unfortunately the junior and intermediate rugby teams met with little success in both the XV's and 7's competitions; but the senior 7-a-side team won the final. I am certain that the junior teams can and will do much better in the future.

Some of the surprises of the year were the winning of the Junior Chess cup, the Crosscountry competition and the Swimming qualifications. The latter was due to the keen work of G. Davies who is to be congratulated on his work. The House basketball, badminton and swimming team also met with some success.

This term saw the advent of the Cricket Knock-Out competition in which we met with no success whatsoever. This was not due to lack of effort, but a genuinely weak team. (It was not a competition in which we really expected to do well).

Finally, the house report would not be complete without extending our thanks to our devoted house-master, Mr. Longhurst. Even the smell of dried herbs can work wonders at times!

Well done all, and good luck to all who are leaving. We wish them success in the future. Remember, it's moral fibre that counts!

D.T.

### ROGERS'

Housemaster: Mr. J. CLOUGH  
House Captains: L. J. HASLAM; M. R. ALEXANDER  
Secretary: L. R. HARDMAN      Almoner: A. G. BIRD

A good year for the House altogether. In Rugby we won the Senior Final, and shared the Intermediate Shield with Spencer's. We also had 5 regular members of the 1st XV, including the captain, Alexander; and have two members in the 1st XI, Haslam and Newton.

In the inter-house crosscountry match earlier this year we came a creditable second to Mason's and in the Junior Chess Competition we gained second place to Mason's.

More recently we have pulled off a double triumph by winning the Lifesaving Competition with 161 points, from Edwards' with 145; also we won the overall swimming cup from Edwards' by 411 points to 393. Our thanks go to Sach who has put in a great deal of time both at the baths and in school to make this possible.

However, amidst the general rejoicing there is one warning note which must be struck; the Jubilee Cup, however desirable, is not won by sport alone; no matter how well we do in the athletics it will be no good if we are let down by the, as yet, still poor academic performance of the Juniors!

L.R.H.

### SPENCER'S

Housemaster: Mr. J. HODNETT  
Captain: J. F. STOCKER      Vice-captain: R. A. CLARKE  
Secretary: D. M. SUFFOLK      Almoner: M. D. CASEY

This year has been one of average success for Spencer's and our thanks go to all those who have contributed to it.

In rugby the House met with mixed fortunes; the comparatively youthful Senior team captained by P. Walton won one match but lost two, whilst success also eluded the Junior fifteen led by A. Beynsberger. The Intermediates, however, under R. Billington, won their three matches and drew in the final, and also emerged victorious from their section of the seven-a-side competition. Several members of the House played in School rugby teams and the following boys gained their colours: D. Oldroyd (full colours), P. Walton, D. Ogden and A. Cunliffe (half colours), I. McAlister and R. Suffolk (under 14 colours). I. McAlister captained the under 14 team. Junior Hockey colours were awarded to M. Williams.

The second half of the concert began somewhat ambitiously with the overture to "The Secret Marriage" by Cimarosa. This was followed by the Madrigal Group's singing of "Yarmouth Fair" by Peter Warlock, which, although they began uncertainly, showed how they could capture the mood of the piece. The "Trumpet Tune" by Purcell was played very well by M. J. Pearce, although the tempo seemed rather slow.

The Senior Choir gave a good rendering of two negro spirituals, "Deep River" and "I got A Robe", arranged by Mr. Wilson. The rich voice of L. R. Hardman penetrated through the large ranks of tenors and basses to the audience most admirably. The concert ended with the orchestra's lively performance of "The Dance of the Tumblers" by Rimsky-Korsakov.

### SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP

(Queen's Scouts: J. E. Roberts, C. D. Mitchell, J. L. C. Geddes)

During the Easter Holiday three patrols took part in a short camping holiday. Two of the patrols were based at Meols Hall and the third patrol ventured out to the wilds of Yorkshire. Despite atrocious weather, all the scouts had an enjoyable time and the credit for this must go to the Patrol Leaders. During the course of these ventures P.L's. Roberts, Baldwin and Martin gained their camper's badge and they are now well on the way to gaining their Scout Cord.

On the successful completion of their 1st Class Journey the following scouts have gained their 1st Class Badge: D. Hunt, S. Baldwin and M. Roberts (L.5.X.), R. Suffolk (4Y) and H. Jubb (3X).

Preparations are now well advanced for the Summer Camps. The Junior Troop will be camping near Brotherswater, and we hope to include sailing and canoeing in the camp programme.

The Senior Troop is breaking from tradition and we will be camping in Switzerland for three weeks during August.

Finally, the Troop would like to congratulate Senior Scouts J. L. C. Geddes and C. D. Mitchell on gaining their Queen's Scout badges.

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Under the guidance of our Research Manager, we conducted two Independent Opinion Polls at King George V School, Southport, on Tuesday, March 22nd, 1966 and Monday, March 28th, 1966.

Boys were chosen from the Fourth forms upwards to take part in the survey. The school was then split into two sections, the sixth form and the Fourths to lower Fifts. Boys were chosen from one boy in three in the latter category and every other boy in the former. Reports from all of the questioners showed that every boy gave very serious thought before answering the questions and we thank the boys for giving their co-operation.

#### Results

I.O.P. forecast	Local swing 3% to Labour.
Result for Lanc.	2:84 to Labour.
National Swing	2:66 to Labour.
Amount of vote polled for Labour (I.O.P.)	= 60%
Actual result	= 51%
Amount of vote polled for Conservatives (I.O.P.)	= 40%
Actual Result	= 41%
	R.A.B.

### EASTER WATERWAYS CRUISE

During the Easter holidays, members of the school undertook a 400 mile cruise over the canals and rivers of the North and Midlands. The weather was most disappointing, as it seemed to include all the worse conditions of winter, but the voyage was most successful.

Starting from Long Eaton, near Nottingham, the crew navigated the entire length of this river to its confluence with the Humber. During the whole of this stage, much large traffic was encountered, but with no disastrous results. From Trent Falls 'Lister Lady' made her way to Leeds and then via the Leeds-Liverpool canal to Skipton and Wigan. The Wigan locks will long be remembered as an extremely difficult section of the trip.



From Wigan to Manchester, the scenery is most depressing. Because of coal-mining subsidence the canal is heavily embanked, and it was a relief to enter the Cheshire section of the Bridgewater Canal. After fitting a new exhaust-pipe at Sale, the crew made up for lost time and sailed on into the night. Upon joining the Trent and Mersey Canal, it was again necessary to cross the Pennines, which meant 46 ascending locks and a tunnel nearly two miles long. The locks were certainly a tight fit and the tunnel allowed three inches of headroom. However, this was part of the adventure, even if all were relieved to pass into daylight again.

The final stage was from Stoke-on-Trent to Nottingham and was fairly easily accomplished, despite a heavy blizzard and freezing weather. In 102 cruising hours, the crew had manoeuvred the ten-ton 'Lister Lady' over 400 miles of waterway, through 197 locks and 7 tunnels. It was another good trip.

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We are grateful, for the gift of books, to Messrs R. Abram, E. S. Gale, B. A. J. Norman, C. G. Parsons and D. Siegel; to K. H. Sach, and to the School Scout Troop.

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### SCHOOL SOCIETIES

**Astronomical Society** (Chairman: J. A. Laws, Secretary M. G. Pearson)

This year an effort has been made to stimulate interest in active participation in this society. Two meetings were held in the observatory for boys from the Lower Fifth forms on Friday evenings. We succeeded in explaining the principles of the telescope and its maintenance, but unfortunately on both occasions fog and cloud prevented any worthwhile stargazing. Two visits to the observatory were made on consecutive mornings at 5-30 a.m. in an effort to observe the comet Tiko Seki, but early morning fog made the observing impossible. The recent partial eclipse of the Sun was observed with reasonable success by projection from the telescope onto a screen. The main project of the year was to modernise the observatory but we were unfortunate in losing D. M. Hodge who had plans for developing a transistorised drive for the telescope (an automatic device for allowing the telescope to follow the path of the stars over a period of time). It is sincerely hoped that younger members of the school will continue to support the society.

**CEWC. & Literary Society** (Chairman: B. R. Samuels; Secretary: C. J. Michaels)

The past year has seen a substantial growth in the attendance of this society (possibly because of the number of meetings that have been held jointly with the High School!). The C.E.W.C. has now escaped from the doldrums and has become one of the most progressive of all the school societies. The subjects chosen have been not only varied but also controversial and the society has been able to call upon several outside speakers to address the members: Councillor Fearn, for example, discussed the future of Southport, while one of the most popular attractions proved to be the visit to the local courts where Mr. B. Hartwell acted as guide. The committee wishes to express its gratitude to Mr. Gray for his indispensable guidance during the past year.

**Debating Society** (Chairmen: I. D. Tinsley, L. J. Haslam; Secretary: B. R. Samuels)

During the 1965-66 sessions, the Debating Society has flourished as one of the most successful of all school societies. The debates have varied from criticism of Mr. Harold Wilson to the controversy of the colour problem; from a dispute between the two television channels to the whole question of the value of tradition. The Public Speaking competition and the Mock Trial proved to be popular. The

committee wishes to thank all those that have given their services in the past year.

**Economics Society** (Chairman: L. J. Haslam, Secretary: J. C. Richards)

Last October, the Schools' Conference at Liverpool University was attended by some of our members. The Liverpool Extension Society lectures in Southport on the Stock Exchange were also attended. These ten lectures proved to be extremely interesting and informative.

A lecture on 'Modern Banking' was given by Mr. McDonald manager of the Birkdale branch of Williams Deacon's. Two talks on computers were given, the first by Mr. P. Rogers and the second by Mr. P. Batcheller from I.B.M. The latter proved to be a brilliant talk on the uses of computers in industry.

**Europa** (Chairman: L. J. Sawyer, Secretary: J. L. Silverton.)

Meetings this year have included a French debate, talks on the French Social Revolution and on linguistics, a playreading, films and a record-session. Considering the large number of linguists and modernist 'fellow travellers' in the sixth Form, the attendance has been poor despite the loyal support we have had from the modern language staff. The committee wishes to thank Mr. Howgego for his help and support and the High School for their enthusiasm in their support of joint meetings.

#### **Joint Sixth-Form Film Society**

After an unsure start with *Vertigo* and an unfortunate similarity in the two following films (*A Bout de Souffle* and *Cleo de 5 h. a 8 h.*), the society extended its field of activity in the Lent term with *I'm all right Jack* and *The Two Way Stretch*. Our last presentation of the school year was the Russian *Hamlet*, which proved very impressive. Next term's programme includes *The Quare Fellow*, *La Traversee de Paris*, *The Battleship Potemkin*, and *The Running, Jumping and Standing Still Film*. An evening of short films is also planned and we hope for good support from next year's new sixth-forms at our meeting held in the hall of the Girls' High School.

**History Society** (Chairman: L. J. Haslam: Secretary: J. L. Silverton)

This year the society has departed from its traditional system of meetings by holding separate meetings for juniors and seniors. The success of this system has been quite marked by the increase in the size of audiences, particularly at the junior meetings. Mr. Honeybone spoke at one

meeting when he expressed his views on history in general to a gathering of seniors: Mr. Chapman (from Cambridge) lectured on post-war elections, while Mr. Tinsley delivered a comprehensive study of Elizabeth and her Parliaments. Mr. Ford gave an outstanding talk on Heraldry to the Juniors. This term, an expedition has been arranged and has aroused considerable interest. The committee would like to give sincere thanks to Mr. Gray for his help and guidance at all times.

**Rambling Club** (Chairman: K. H. Moss, Secretary: J. A. Laws)

Two rambles have been held to date. The first was to the Langdale Valley in the Lake District, when a record number of over sixty boys went in two coaches. The second was an excursion to the Peak District in February. A third ramble in Snowdon was arranged for the holidays at Whit but a lack of support from the seniors meant that the rambles had to be postponed: it is hoped to hold this ramble at the end of term.

**Scientific Society** (Chairman: C. J. Michaels; Secretary M. A. Flemming)

During the last school year the society has held nine meetings, of which eight took the form of lectures and the ninth was a film show. The lectures chosen were on a wide range of subjects varying from 'Science and the Fire Fighter' by Mr. A. F. S. Perks to 'Electrons in Solids—The New Electronics' by Professor Rhodenck of the Manchester College. In addition to the lectures an afternoon visit was made, during the Christmas holiday, to Mullards at Crossens and this was followed at Easter by a full day's tour of the Shell Oil Refinery at Stanlow, Ellesmere Port.

**Thornley Society** (President: The Headmaster; Joint Chairman/Secretary: Laws and Dodworth.)

In spite of the lack of transport several varied and interesting meets have been arranged. These included a meet in Wasdale in Summer, 1965, and a 'novices' meet at the R.L.H. as a result of which we welcome Mitchell, Wright and Marshall to our number. At a potholing meet the president led a very interesting expedition down Lancaster Hole (and back up again). Lack of transport caused the society to split up at Easter, one party going to Snowdonia and the other to the Cullin of Skye. The '14 Peaks' are again to be attempted at the end of this term, when the society hopes for greater success than was met with on the previous attempt.

**Transport Society** (Chairman: D. Suffolk; Secretary: M. B. Johnson)

Despite various difficulties and the lack of support given by all but a few conscientious members of the school, the Society has succeeded in putting on a fairly full and varied programme this year. Members of the Society have given talks on subjects ranging from Narrow-Gauge Railways to the London Underground, and two film shows and a Brains Trust have been held. In addition, excursions to Crewe Works and Crich Tramway Museum have taken place: both of these were very successful, though the British climate did not exactly help! We hope that all our members will continue to support our activities in the coming year.

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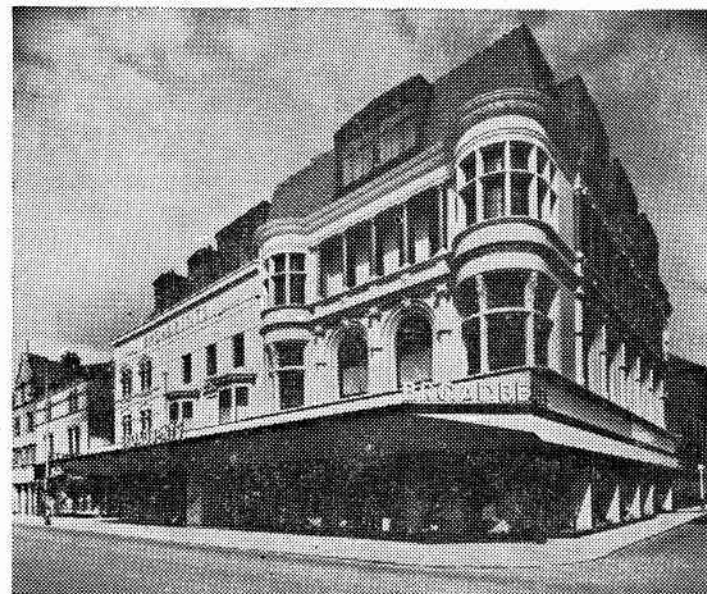
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### SIXTH FORM OPINION

It has been said that a grammar school Sixth Form is a mirror of contemporary adult society. Even when I was comparatively high up in the school I had the impression, perhaps mendacious, that the sixth-form was the intellectual power house of the school. Well, our Sixth-Form is decadent, indolent, and nonchalant.

There was a time when sixth-formers used to submit to a particularly traumatic experience called work. (An Anglo-Saxon word meaning 'to expend energy to some purpose') And this work was directed, not simply into scraping through examinations, or producing essays for long-suffering masters not less than a fortnight after they were due, but towards the sixth-former's education. (A decadent Latin word having no ostensible significance in modern English.)

There was a time when sixth-formers used to attend society meetings. (Do you remember those meetings which were sometimes held, the Sporting Calendar and God permitting?) Many sixth-form meetings are still held in the library and well attended by the respective committees. Perhaps some day you might like to attend one of these. (The library is not visible from the rugby field, but you'll see it from the top corridor.)

I am absolutely sick of the childishness, the apathy and the stupidity exhibited by both the lower and the upper sixth forms. I am getting tired of the necessity of providing (metaphorically speaking) 'Coca-Cola and dancing girls' at society meetings. Many of the lower school are a good deal more mature and alert than the sixth form.

If you wish the grammar school to continue you must show by your attitudes that it is worth continuing. If you don't like the sixth-form get out and earn an 'honest' living, for lingering on at the State's expense is downright dishonest.

Well, what are you going to do? L. J. SAWYER, U.6.M.A.

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### MAN AND THE ANIMALS

Perhaps one of the best criteria that can be applied to a man's character is his treatment of animals. For a man worthy of the name has respect for all animals regardless of their size or appearance. One might even say that his treatment of animals gives a better indication of his character than his treatment of human beings, since a man may appear very pleasant and helpful towards his friends, when in fact he is only being so in order that he may receive the same treatment in return. In the case of animals, however, a man helps them from the goodness of his heart, since an animal can offer him very little or even nothing at all in return.

One should not forget that man owes his life to the animals, as he could not have survived without them. At the present time, however, this fact is often overlooked. Even in the Stone Age there would have been men who respected animals for themselves, not killing them more than was absolutely necessary. Yet today there exist people, who in this respect cannot be said to be as civilised as their ancestors.

When such people indulge in blood-sports like fox-hunting, they can hardly have much respect for animal life. To track down a fox and see it torn to pieces by hounds is the mark of a savage and not a civilised human being.

It is to be hoped that the day will not be long in coming when men realise that genuine humanity is marked by a sincere concern not only for other human beings, but also for all animals, in whose debt the human race will always stand.

J. BERRY, 4Y

### "POPPING" THE QUESTION (i)

#### **SHEEP-FARMING IN SOUTHPORT**

Contrary to the belief of Geography masters, there is a thriving sheep-farming industry in the town of Southport. The evidence is to be seen most evenings and at week-ends in the sheep-pens of Nevill Street. The sheep to which I refer are not members of that renowned family of quadrupeds, (although at first sight may be mistaken for them), but are in fact physically akin to human beings.

These sheep labour under the impression that following the herd is clever. But there is no individuality or originality in being a sheep, for they all think and act in the same way. The proof of this is apparent on Saturday afternoons in the vicinity of Lord Street, where great numbers of sheep are on view, dressed in their smartest overalls.



(You know the sort of thing—tight, well creased jeans; dirty, unpolished shoes and an open-necked shirt.)

Of course, just as there are various types of four-legged sheep, so two-legged sheep differ. Some pause in front of every pane of glass to tend their precious mediaeval crop, while others stand enraptured by their own long, greasy growth as it curls round their shoulders. And again, while four-legged sheep scratch for fleas with their back legs, so two-legged sheep dig amongst their hair with combs, and I hate to imagine the object of their search.

There is now a slight difference between male and female sheep. The males usually carry guitars (not that the guitars are ever played; they are just carried to impress the ewes) and the females themselves carry transistor radios, on which the 'OFF' control no longer works, no doubt to inform all guitar-carrying males of the presence of a 'switched-on' ewe.

The average male sheep trots along, its pointed shoes causing it to trip at every stone, so much so that by the end of its promenading it has to visit a shoe shop in order to purchase the latest in cheap, thin, non-waterproof, Hong Kong footwear, which if the sheep is lucky, will just last it for the week. As it struggles on from coffee-bar to juke-box to record shop to amusement arcade to spend its excess pocket money, it chews gum in the manner of all its associates, and, after fifteen seconds have elapsed, when all the sugar has settled on the stomach and lies there in a sickly mess and the remaining lump of rubber has been discarded, the teeth must be cleaned before another packet of gum can be disposed of with as much relish and nourishment as the first. Out comes the box of matches, a match is selected and the dead end is used to deftly clean away from the fast decaying teeth all the waste gum that threatens to lock the jaw together in a grip of iron.

Once the match has been used for teeth-cleaning it can be replaced for later use as the makers originally intended, for lighting a cigarette. All the best people smoke, and so the sheep must follow. But little do these long-haired smokers realise that the fire risk is tremendous, and it is a source of wonder to me that there are not more bush fires upon the heads of English sheep.

However, looking at the better side of sheep-farming, there are many ways in which sheep help the community, albeit at their own expense. For example, since the intro-

duction of long hair the number of hearing-aids sold has increased considerably, while at the same time manufacturers of dark glasses report that business is booming. (Psychologists suggest that this latter case is because sheep are trying to disguise the fact that they have to squint from beneath their great mops of hair before they can see anything.)

These are just a few of the worries and trials that the average sheep has to face in the course of a week, and considering that life is so hazardous it is not surprising that these animals have banded together and now roam the face of the earth in great flocks; undecided, cautious and ignorant, and prey to any manufacturer who wishes to, become rich quickly at the expense of wealthy teenagers.

P. P. GUBBINS, U.S.W.

## "POPPING" THE QUESTION (ii)

### IN SUPPORT OF POP

A lot of rubbish is talked about pop-music and its surrounding culture. This has always been so but now that it is the intellectually "in" thing to do, the critics are having a glorious time. Climbing into their pulpits, they shout loud but sadly empty words about how pop-music is weakening the stiff upper lip of the British youth.

"There is no individualism left!" they cry. "They all look alike and act alike! They're no better than sheep!" and so on.

One cannot help being reminded of the West Indian who, having witnessed a London bank robbery, was asked to point out the suspect in an identification line-up. He looked along the line, then turned to the police-officer and said "I'm sorry Sir, but they all look the same to me."

Which shows that to distinguish between members of a group is near impossible to the outsider who has only the most superficial of characteristics to go by, clothes and hair style for instance. Certainly, the impression that I get of those people who used to be called "squares" is one of flannel and tweed, bicycle-clips and a library book under each arm. But do the "with it" teenagers complain about those who are "without it"? Very seldom, although it would seem that they do have a case.

Why then should the Mods and Rockers receive such a slamming? Do I detect a note of jealousy? Or is it just coincidence that the critics are usually those people who are physically incapable of wearing hipster trousers? But as Frankie Howerd might say, we mustn't mock, for if some of us are destined to wear figure-hiding clothes



then it is not surprising that they should grow rather embittered towards the more fortunate.

However, as they shout so loudly we are compelled to listen to them. It is interesting to notice that their arguments consist mainly of lies and laboured jokes. I have always thought this to be a poor way of covering up a weak argument. Evidently some people disagree.

The critics nearly always portray teenagers as sluggish, apathetic creatures. This is wrong. Pop culture has a vitality and vigour that is present in no other culture; how else could it be when all the surplus energy of the teenager is channelled into it? Sadly, some people have got hold of the idea that it is clever and sophisticated to sit in an armchair twitching a pencil in time to Beethoven's fifth symphony.

I must admit, though, I am pleased to see that the anti-popsters worry about the way in which teenagers spend their money on shoddy articles that barely last to the next change in fashion. This is in some ways true, but the value of such goods is measured by the amount of enjoyment that they give, and it is obvious that the modern youth enjoys dressing the way he does. Here we arrive at the 'raison d'être' of pop culture: to give pleasure. Nobody can deny that the modern youth is happy in the way he passes his leisure time. And, whatever anybody says, teenagers, apart from a very small minority, are not harming the outside world; indeed they are injecting into it a necessary dose of energy.

The teenagers are the driving force behind society for they are, to use a well-worn phrase, the citizens of tomorrow and I would much rather be surrounded by people who move forward than by those who prefer to live in a stagnant world which could do more harm than pop-culture (even if it were as decadent as it is made to be), by bringing the progress of society to a creaking halt.

J. POOLE, L.6.M.

#### **"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED . . ."**

Unfortunately it has become a terribly common thing these days to make fun of these poor unfortunates who have had the disadvantage being born handicapped.. The polio-stricken people and spastics in this world are born into this position, through no fault of their own. They lead lives that are not as full and not as lively as those of the people who scorn them. If the people and there are so many, too many, who laugh at the sight of a handicapped person, would only think how fortunate they themselves are to have been

born perfect and consider all the advantages, they would definitely feel sorry for, and stop ridiculing, the countless thousands of permanent invalids that are forced to live uncomfortably all their lives.

When questioned on their views about such handicapped people, the scorners say that they feel sorry for them. How hypocritical can one be! If they were really sorry for them, the scorners would not be scorners but would be doing something constructive to help the handicapped.

We are all presently looking forward to the summer holidays: a time when we can go swimming every day, dancing every night, playing cricket, football etc. on the beach. A handicapped child cannot have such a future. Many are forced to live in wheelchairs; others have to wear restrictive braces on their limbs, all the time, not just sometimes, but every minute, every second of their lives on this earth. The majority would do anything to have perfect limbs, and yet there are many who take their own perfect limbs for granted and laugh at those who are not as lucky as themselves.

It is a very fortunate thing that such handicapped people have no self-consciousness at all, but enjoy life as much as they are able. So, on behalf of the many thousands of polio-stricken people, spastics and all other such handicapped citizens of this world, I plead earnestly to all those who laugh at, who scorn, who mock the afflicted, to think before they do so. To think of the radically different way of life that invalids are forced to endure through no fault of their own. To think of all the pleasures they themselves can pursue which are totally impossible for the permanent invalid to enjoy.

It is sympathy they need. Not sympathy purely from the mouth, but sympathy from the heart. Sympathy, not scorn; love, not laughter. After all, it is a reflection on the person who scorns, not on the person who is scorned! "A man is not defiled by what goes into his mouth but by what comes out of it."

G. A. WILLIAMS, L.6.Sp.

#### **PUBLIC SCHOOLS—"YES or NO?"**

Now that the Labour Party has been returned to power, the whole question of secondary education, and the public schools in particular, will be surveyed very closely. But what is the fundamental "raison d'être" of the modern public school?

The present English independent boarding school exists solely because for some parents it meets a deeply felt need for their children. Like anything else in a free world it should stand or fall by its ability to supply that need. Any normal parent has ambition for his son's future and wants to feel that he will eventually set out on his adult life with a pleasant childhood behind him and having been given the best possible chance to develop into an integrated individual, one who has had brought out and encouraged in him all his latent abilities and talents. In short, he wants him educated as a full man and as a worthy citizen.

Ideally a parent should inspire, instruct and guide his own children but in this modern world he seldom has the time and the variety of abilities required, nor available the physical facilities needed to perform this function himself. He must therefore delegate much of it. The better day schools can, of course, provide this function perfectly well on the academic side, but they can only scratch the surface of the wider side of education as compared with a good boarding school. A great number of parents do not wish to be separated, however, from their children. This, of course, is their absolute right.

Others, however, choose a boarding school because they are equally strongly convinced that overcrowding and boredom are two of the main causes of delinquency and other troubles. To them a sixth floor flat in an urban area is no place to bring up a family. They want them to grow up where they can get into the fresh air with companions and plenty of space around them, where they can have daily exercise on grass, where there is plenty to do in their spare time and where there is both good supervision and encouragement.

The better independent boarding schools set out to meet those parental requirements and there is no doubt that, in addition to their recognised good teaching and small classes, they can enjoy very considerable physical and geographic advantages. Moreover, there exists in the public schools a much closer bond between the pupils and their masters, and that feeling of apathy which stagnates the majority of boys and masters in an ordinary day school is completely brushed aside in a boarding school by the healthy interest which is always manifest in the societies or on the games field of any public school. In fact, the main reason why so many old 'Etonians' enter politics is that they have already experienced years of public speaking and political training at the Debating Society or some such institution.

It is true that day schools do their best to emulate all these provisions but they are limited to the working part of the day, or the odd hour immediately following it. After 4-10 p.m., and throughout the week-end, many of their pupils and some of their staff are too distant to recall. In addition, such new schools of 2,000 pupils as are now to be provided are most unlikely to be able to provide playing fields or other amenities for the majority of pupils daily as happens in the public school.

Boarding schools exist, therefore, because for some parents they are a necessity and for others they meet a need for the environment and wider education of their children. There are other 'peripheral desiderata', but this is the bulk and main weight of the demand, the real *raison d'être*. For this, these parents are willing to pay through taxes for others' children to be educated by the state as well as the full fees for their own. To seek to bring out the best in one's children is not to seek privilege; to aim for them to become fuller human beings and first-rate citizens is not to be a snob.

Therefore, far from contemplating the dissolution of the Public Schools, the Government should encourage more parents to send their children to one of these institutions by increasing the number of scholarships and size of grants. I denounce the social snobbery and the class barrier which exists in most boarding schools, but surely this is no excuse for their complete dissolution. Parents should be able to have their children educated in the manner which they think most suitable, and no Government in any free country should dictate a system of education which is not acceptable to all.

J. SILVERTON, U.6.M.A.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of boys of all ages in this school who believe that our school amenities would be greatly increased by having a swimming-bath within the grounds. There would be many advantages in this, the main one being that no boy need travel all the way into town for half-an-hour to an hour's swim and pay for it but instead could just walk a few yards, get changed and be swimming in the bath within a few minutes of the end of school periods.

Six full-size rugby pitches have been provided for the school, surrounding the building—surely one of these could be sacrificed for a swimming-bath and adequate

changing facilities, if only for the sake of the swimming community—which, might I add, is somewhat larger than the rugby community.

Many well-known grammar schools in the country have swimming baths, one of the best being at Calday Grange Grammar School. King George V being one of the leading grammar schools in the North of England, it seems a great pity that we cannot support a swimming-bath for the numerous matches, life-saving events, and the annual Gala held by the school.

Every Thursday, half of the fourth form (of which I am a member) race down to the Victoria Baths on the Promenade for a good swim. Surely it is rather insulting that the better swimmers have to 'play about' (I say play about because there is not much room to do anything else) in the 'Birdie' which is the smallest bath out of three: in fact measuring only about half the size of the Premier, the largest bath. A bath could be built in no more space than a rugby pitch, the same size as the Premier (which, incidentally, is the standard length).

In the past there have been frantic pleas by house swimming captains of "Meet me at the Baths at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning or meet me after school tonight for life saving practice." Frantic pleas because this is usually about a week before the exam. Needless to say, either the swimming captain or candidate fails to turn up; this would all be solved if we could walk from our form-rooms on a one minute journey to a swimming-bath in the grounds.

I hope I have made a case for a school swimming-bath but I realise, of course, that the main problem is money—how could enough be raised? A successful scheme has been launched to acquire a school hut in Yorkshire; why couldn't a similar scheme be started for a swimming-bath?

Yours faithfully,  
M. P. PETTITT (4Y)

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### IGNORANCE

The numbered days are shorter  
than their space in time.  
The measured road is shorter  
than the walking emptiness.  
But I am far too near the earth  
to measure its significance.  
I am far too near the madman  
to explain his twisted agony.  
I am far too near the murderer  
to forgive his odious infamy.  
I can see the stars, the sun, the moon,  
and argue, factuate, explain, and denounce them;  
But I am far too near the maimed and deformed  
child

to give him sympathy.  
Yes! I can see the eye of God and worship,  
disbelieve, believe at will,  
But I am far too near the pauper's windswept grave  
to give him charity.  
I am far too near the unnumbered, needless dead  
to give them memory.  
So measure time and distance for me  
For I am far too near this mortal flesh  
to see eternity.

E. CRIMMINS, L.6.S.

### THE DISCRIMINATOR

"Hey! You over there!"

"This is a white man's club and you can't come in here!"

"This is my country's tradition and you can't share it!"

A plaintive word followed.

"This is my money and your children can starve!"

A shifting foot scraped through the asphalt jungle.

"This is my neighbourhood. Get back to your side of town!"

An Eastern Power drops a bomb.

"Hey! Come back! This is my war, but maybe you'd better  
fight it for me anyway!"

E. T. STRID, U.5.S.

### HISTORY FOR IDIOTS

I have used this phrase before. My friends, (God bless 'em—all five of them) will have heard it several times before, for once I arrive at what I consider a neat turn of phrase, I turn it until I, and my friends, are blue in the face. But I must apologise to the reader, I still haven't explained what I mean by it. "History for Idiots" is a new method of thinking, by means of which the ignorant can affect a perfect understanding of the things others know—in this case, the facts of History.

First step in attaining apparent omniscience: get a few facts under your hat. Not, mark you, the real facts of History such as one would learn for an Advanced Level exam. No, the facts I mean are the kind useless for all but padding in examination answers. These are the anecdotal facts of non or idiot-history; viz:—

"Richard II invented the handkerchief"

or:—

"Kutuzov had one eye" (or even better, add "but Tolstoy thought he had two")

Second step: learn by rote some cliches about history. However obvious to the specialist, these always seem very clever at a party (unless you go to a different sort of party—those where people enjoy themselves). Examples (both true) are—

"George III was not as mad as he seemed" and

"Richard III wasn't all that bad, really."

You see that these are both repudiations of "pop" (often Shakespearean) history: tell uncle Fred that L. Olivier overdid Dick the Third, and watch him vomit in the ash-tray.

Better still, and a third step in your Pedant's Progress, are twisted-cliche facts. That is, unorthodox views you cannot substantiate for yourself. Always introduce these with an "I'm no expert, but I remember reading somewhere that . . ." My favourite is this, which I remember reading somewhere—

"Queen Elizabeth was a man."

—Refine this with its follow-up:

"Essex was executed to prevent him revealing his real relationship with Queen Elizabeth."

Got all that? Good, now you are ready to join combat with anyone, and to amaze your friends. These are a few opening conversational gambits—

"I often wish I did History—but of course I do read some stuff on it. I have to, as background to my English, French, Woodwork, Domestic Science, Seamanship, Navigation, and Rules of the Road. D'you know, I read somewhere that. . ."



More subtle is:

"Well, I don't know about that. Of course, it's as if you were to come and tell me that Vercingetorix was really a negro, Hitler was a woman, Jack Cade wrote Chaucer . . . or that . . ."

Better still:

"I suppose so. What fascinates me are the tiny facts that make history come alive. (Caesar's chilblains, Joan of Arc not really a virgin, N. Chamberlain was right all along.)"

Even more useful is the "vague approach" where you don't even learn **any** facts, but just waffle intelligently and concur with all the other chap says. I have not space to consider this method fully, but its advantages as conversational capital should be obvious. Amaze your enemies by writing essays using both methods, to show exactly how clever you are.

R. B. JACKSON, L.6.S.

### THE MAN FROM A.U.N.T.I.E.

Northpolean Polo, chief agent of the Automated Union for the Nationalisation of Toenail Insertion into Elephants, was taking off his anti-radioactive inter-stellar waistcoat when his wonderlastic explosive braces snapped, allowing his T.V. camera trousers to fall down. So he dived into the sewer after Wilya Quityaking.

Willya, after being drawn irresistibly through the sewer, finally landed exhausted on a beach. He put up his cleverly disguised 15-foot-high homing-device pen, and grabbed hold. After six hours, he noticed the pen wasn't switched on so he decided to swim for it (for what?). After living on dehydrated tomato soup and turkey-with-trimmings tablets for two weeks he was washed up on a large beach called the Sahara Desert where he met Mr. Polo who had flown there by hot-air balloon Mark XVIII.

They hailed a passing camel, put sixpence in the slot and were taken to the Pyramids. They then carried the pyramid to the sea and sailed to England. Here they went to a tailor's shop cleverly disguised as an A.U.N.T.I.E. base and had the pyramid filled with raspberry juice. They are now trying to sell pyramids of raspberry juice outside K.G.V. school!

V. O. CALLAND, 3B.

### STING

I lie and watch the laze-late day  
Of summer; feel its whisper-silken blur.  
A game at distance whangs an unseen ball  
To nowhere, whence it is retrieved; again play:  
Again a delayed shot's sound falls  
Sag-slow through skylike lingering myrrh  
Scent.

The sun is bent  
With sweep-rays, fastidious brushing the great stair  
Of the air.

A bird flies at the canopy's blue pane,  
And searches for a flaw through which to seep  
Into the bliss-seamed heaven, but to no avail.  
A tree winds the day around its boughs; and lanes  
Of warmth coil through the bleary leaves, Drowse trails  
My flash-sunned eyes with haze-gauze and a sleep  
Hint.

The dewy lint  
Of sinking grass absorbs me; urges my day-mind  
From its gawking rind.

A glint, greed-silver speck, a plane—distant  
From me as I from me—trails flaking sutures,  
Vanishing white, into the blue. My eyes,  
In hard squint gaze, pursue this dainty hand  
That webs a rib-lace stitching in the skies;  
This gleaming, flimsy winging dangerous lures  
My sight  
To the sun-bound flight.  
But in propitious omen for its safety, I release  
A sun-sent sneeze.

"Tomorrow, I must—"  
I see a cloudy dust  
Of time progressing settle  
On my soul's sighing  
Away, and feel a nettle  
Of reality sting.

C. S. FABER, U.6.M.A.

### REALITY DIMS

Sun—peach-fuzz rays soft as security  
Warm as the morn bed where I like to wake,  
And turn again to pink and drowse-eyed tousled peace—  
Sun—sinking slow rays of fairy  
Petal parachutes of ease through a crease  
In subdued houses—evening rakes



The ember of the sky—  
Day-busy noises peacefully die.

Skies—chameleon-puzzled at the fire-lipped sun  
That licks them into many blush-bloom colours—light  
Grows weighty in this rich-sagging gauze of air—  
Skies—stroking their blood-fired thoughtful chin  
With the patient palm of roof-tops—a plush snare  
Of web-fine hues that shawl the smooth-arched nape of  
night—

Tree fingers expertly play  
Lull-lilted notes on the withdrawing day.

Breeze—gusting playful stirs the gossamer pride  
Of Beauty's hair—unconscious Beauty conscious skims  
Back truant locks with dainty hand, drop-lidded innocence—  
Breeze—nudging shimmer-shadows into corners, where  
they hide

In groups, like formless fears in nooks of ignorance—  
Evening swells its gushing mane—

reality dims.

C. S. F. FABER, U.6.M.A.

### THE PEACEFUL USE OF ATOMIC POWER

The wind howled, the seas roared, on the Isle of Coll, fifty miles from the Outer Hebrides, a wind and sea-lashed rock in the North Atlantic. Here, gaunt against the slate-grey sky, stood a monstrosity of a building. A huge dome formed the centre-piece, and it was surrounded by lesser domes and spheres. Yet this was the building that finally ended the "cold war". Strange how long ago it seemed. On this building were cemented the final bonds of friendship for the whole world—for this building provided the power for the whole world, every single unit. This was the World Atomic Power Station (written in two tongues on the side of the entrance hall) and the whole world depended on it, from lunar rockets to an electric fire.

So mused Captain Peter Denton as he leant weakly against the fibre-glass wall. Strange that it should come to this . . . at the official opening the very point each speaker had stressed was that this peaceful use of Atomic power had helped to stop the wrong use of it and so destroy the world . . . That had been quite an opening . . . the Russians with the Americans . . . the end of all suspicion . . . all war . . . all death. And now look! He eased himself into a more comfortable position with difficulty. Already the fibre-glass wall was melting in places and sweat was pouring off everyone. There had been rejoicing everywhere in the world . . . people thought of their enemies with love. All the best scientists had got to-

gether to achieve this. This! This!! Denton felt his control going. He took a conscious hold on himself and rolled drunkenly down the corridor to the assembly hall.

Here five weeks ago had hung the flag of every nation and everywhere was happiness. Now it was filled with dead and dying men . . . men dead of radiation. Denton pushed these thoughts to one side and stumbled down another corridor. The heat grew more oppressive. He pushed open the door to the central control room. The heat hit him like a blast furnace. The place was a shambles. There were the commanders, bent and haggard, but still on their feet. Denton pulled himself to the control board and gasped to the assistant.

"Any luck?" He shook his head and Denton knew. Now, he knew for certain, there would be no escape, no escape for anyone. He watched the red mark climbing slowly up the dial. When it reached the top . . . the prospect was terrifying . . . why should so much evil come out of so much goodwill? Why didn't the graphite rods slam down into the heart of the nuclear reactor when he'd pulled the switch?

It was only a matter of seconds now . . . one of the commanders, the African one, rolled over and knocked over a guard—neither got up. A few seconds and no more world. . . the prospect didn't worry Dalton. He just couldn't imagine it.

Then, just before the moment of oblivion, Dalton said something he had never said for years since his childhood, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

J. McMANNERS, U.5.S.

### IN THE MIRROR

You, of the modern mood,  
You, broad of the mind, liberal of thought,  
You, who have against convention fought:  
only to be the prime example of it,  
You, of the sick joke trend, the deformity mockers,  
You of the anti-apartheid and yet hater of the immi-  
grant,

You, the C.N.D. pacifist in the street brawl,  
You, the consistently fickle indecisive,  
You, the plagiarist,  
You, the adult with the child's mind,  
You, who through non-conformity self-righteousness  
have attained,

You, with the cataracts on the eyes of your reason,  
You, the counterfeit human,

You, of the stylish mood, are my reflection.

E. T. STRID, U.5.S.

### IN TRIBUTE

He was young in body, about twenty years of age, but his mind was old, very old. He had come from a bad home but had worked hard for his place in university. Now he had got his degree. The news had reached him in his flat. All the others had gone out to a celebration party. They would be laughing, drinking, enjoying themselves, but he had decided to stay in the flat. He was in no mood for a noisy party, and besides, his girlfriend, Niki, had promised to come and see him. He sat at the table, his head resting on his folded arms, watching a bottle of wine and waiting for the creaking of the stairs, the light tread of her feet and the soft knocking on his door. He waited, and waited, and as he waited he thought. He thought what he was going to do now he had his degree. He watched the bottle of wine on the table. It was a warm red wine. It reminded him of a sea at sunset. Before, he had been able to hear the landlady's family downstairs but now his attention was wholly focussed on the bottle of wine. The surface of the wine in the half-empty bottle seemed to stretch for miles back, back to the further reaches of his consciousness. He saw Niki at the far side, calling to him. He was swimming towards her but she was receding faster than he could struggle on. She disappeared, and he began to sink into the wine.

He wanted to grasp the bottle. His mind willed his hand to reach out and grab the bottle by the neck but his hand would not, could not move. He was sinking.

Voices on the stairs. Niki, her arm round her friend, knocked loudly on the door and burst into his room. He was still at the table. The wine bottle fell, its neck broken, wine running across the table and dripping onto the bare floor. He was dead.

Niki laughed and went downstairs to tell the landlady.  
P. DAVIES, U.5.S

### TIMER

The staccato drip-dropping of the lifeless face

The to-ing and fro-ing of the pendulum

The onward journey of wanderers two

Pointing at nebulous horizons

Far beyond the range of man

Perpetual Motion

Endless

It drags like life.

Unknown forces push and push

Till the time has come to an end,

And Death waits patiently not far ahead

But no! No Death is this, but a glorious birth

And the clock rewinds, the timer overturns again.

J. POOLE, L.6.M.

### "AND MAN BEGAT MAN . . ."

1645

The scythe hit a stone for the third time that afternoon and no amount of curses from the old man could change its bluntness. It was an opportune moment to straighten his back, wipe his weather-beaten forehead and savour the Northamptonshire smells of a mid-Autumn day when summer seemed to be coming, not going. He turned to avoid the sun's glare, and at that same moment low thunder broke out behind the ridge in front of him, the ridge marking the furthest extent of his land.

Not thunder but cannon fire, old man. That black dot which appears, and presently becomes a rider and horse, comes not from friends, but from death and carnage. He draws near looks arrogantly down from his mount—"Naseby for Cromwell!" A flash of steel helmet his horse rears, swivels, and is off in a cloud of heat-laden dust.

Bewildered the old man looked after for a moment, then comforting the scythe on his shoulder, slowly turned and trudged homewards.

1940

The western sunset looked like layers of pink tissue as the farmer slowly mounted the steps to the door. Hand and door-handle were just three inches apart when the first rumblings could be heard. The hand was lowered, its owner stopped to watch and listen. The noise grew louder and as the first distant black shapes flitted across the sky, impressing shadowy epitaphs on still-discernible cloud, the battery on the ridge opened fire. Pencil-slim, yellow tracer parted the dusk and, chance of glory gone, fell harmlessly to the earth. Within thirty seconds, all was evening-quiet.

"A good harvest this year," thought the farmer, "despite those Land Army girls they have given me to work with. But God! if some stray bomb was to hit those haystacks in the lower meadow. . . ." Gritting his teeth at the thought, he warily opened the door.

The young chestnut mare made hard work of the last few yards, but, the top reached, the young man quickly dismounted, and turned to survey his land. Two hundred acres, he thought with pride, all visible from this ridge—and a good harvest. The new combine harvester at work lower down became the centre of his stare—no financial worries this year. But did he have the right to feel so secure?

Dark thoughts of the rapidly worsening international situation crossed his mind. Frowning, he remounted, and slowly made his way down, making for the distant farmhouse. Not fifty yards away, and his wife, yellow-aproned, suddenly appeared at the front door, yelling, panic-stricken. "John, John! They've given the four-minute warning! It'll be on us any min . . ." A flashing, blinding, cataclysmic explosion—the split-second bursting of the damwalls of hell.

Two hundred acres of blackened ash.  
Who was going to take in the harvest now?—

I. D. TINSLEY, U.6.M.A.

### HE MOURNS PAST FRIENDSHIPS

I have turned my face  
To sing of what is gone.  
Lost in the wealth of days,  
Mimic of young men's shapelessness,  
I mourn that place  
My youth and friendship still possess.

*And O, the summer winds are sighing  
Far in the grasses of Avalon.*

Dead at my hands,  
The muted seas are won.  
And silent as the sleeping eyes  
Of herons watching there,  
My friends lie in the ageless lands,  
Caught in the mountain horsemen's stare.

*And O, the summer winds are sighing  
Far in the grasses of Avalon*

Remember the spinning wind, my friends,  
That circled all our heads,  
And all that pulsing intellect  
Hid deep in fleshy beds,  
When we in youthful madness,  
Some called us bitter crop,  
Climbed into the Summer thunder  
That filled the mountain top.

*Remember the spinning wind, my friends,  
And mourn for what is gone.*

P. J. TAYLOR, U.6.M.B.

### TO THIS FAVOUR . . . ?

I've seen the sun die—on each rosy-closing day!—  
With gambol-tremble haring, leap  
Into the ichor-azure rich horizon snare,  
And crimson crying seep  
Its gushing grains of splendour in the far-away  
Horizon maws, laid fear-gape open with despair  
At eating such majestic fare.

I've seen a sprinkle-sinking raindrop die,  
On a window cold as indifference; then surge  
Heart-broken, down, sad, slow, to its weep-end,  
Leaving a memory mourn train on the pane's glass eye,  
I've seen sap-sorrow-full trees ooze out a dirge  
In sympathy, and moist dew-drenched barks send  
Out sweetened solace to their water friend.

I've seen man die, nature's crown prince,  
And yet could find no moist cathartic tears  
To rinse  
Away my loss and wonder-fears.

C. S. F. FABER, U.6.M.A.

### ALARUMS AND INCURSIONS

And so, to bed.  
This being so fine an evening,  
Such an evening when April tunes its finger for the first crash  
On May's virginals, whose tinny, skimmy cadence lilts its way  
Through August, July, June to die in russet-red expiring heaps  
of Autumn leaves.  
An evening when the birds sing scratchily till night decides  
to dawn  
When the very darkness is sunny, hotted by the cooler day's  
warm.  
—A day before a zweilicht bevor a nighte—when coolness  
warmed the torrents of the Sun.  
And all this skips me mentally down the gilded paving-flags  
in a casually evening waste of  
Time . . . back to my lair above the sunny sea of  
silvery slate  
Alliterated for alliteration's sake and stretching to the house  
of my dear love.  
Back to the virginal-lesson in an old Dutch print—another  
German hunting in the painted cloth  
—Back to this elegant slim volume spacing of the type  
Back to my dreams and back . . . to a back-stud  
and a little loose change on the cabinet.  
Sixpence . . . Shilling . . . A Penny or Two . . .  
And so, too bad.  
R. B. JACKSON, L.6.S.

### REMARKABLENESSITUDE IN FIVE EASY LESSONS

It is remarkable how one driving idea can scratch  
its way to the back of the skull, and there  
Can direct feet, eyes, nose, mouth, hands as it listeth

. . . . . *Take Love*

—Oh let's take love. . . . Take it where you will,  
You end up anywhere but there.

. . . . . *Take lack of it*

—Indeed, take that. . . . For it will lead  
Anyeverypossibleway—but where you would go.  
Until your vague research stops, halted by its vagueness.

. . . . . *Take who you will*

—Indeed?—You'll find you can't:  
You'll find you can't take anyone,  
But someone. . .

. . . . . *Which is another history?*

—Indeed it is another.  
Now isn't it remarkable, how this idea can  
Burrow in our minds, and crouched there in its lair,  
Directs us to that some one thing where place time. . .

. . . . . *Which is another altogether*

—Precisely

R. B. JACKSON, L.6.S.

### MONOLOGUE ON PASSING

They go to their deaths  
As we sit, silently, by.  
Their lives were just like threads  
And now they will leave us.  
Go serenely and calmly,  
Because with one thrust  
You will have gone.  
Then you will be really free;  
To harm you, there'll be none.  
Ah, your heads are higher,  
I seem to have put some spirit in you,  
For although your need is dire  
For help, you must be brave  
And stand in the arena.  
I know your throats must crave  
For a last drink of wine,  
But soon you will not need it.  
You'll be among friends, yours and mine,  
And for me, it is only a matter of time.

S. J. CHARMAK, U.5.B.

### PREFECTS' REPORT

The title of "Champion Light Bulb Breaker ('65-'66)" was graciously bestowed upon Mr. Eckersall for devoted duty during the academic year. His sparring partner, Mr. Thompson, to whom Mr. Eckersall referred as "The Little Fat Round Thing With Glasses," usually effected a complete stoppage of work in the P.R. when he was in attendance.

A motion by Mr. Hardman to have another foot put on the height of the door was defeated by little Mr. Richards who thought it entirely unnecessary. The former, however, used his height to great advantage when the ceiling was spring-cleaned in October.

One alien, Mr. Roberts, found it difficult to comprehend why a window shattered when he hit it with a No. 2 wood. Mr. Jackson, known affectionately as the "Wild Man From Glossop," joined Mr. Roberts in the glazing lesson, after one of his darts went rather wide of the target.

In the transport department Mr. Smith almost refrained from giving Mr. Roberts lifts to school on his scooter, unless the latter had his hair cut—he claimed the wind-resistance was too great. Mr. Davidson enjoyed numerous scooter rides until one escapade in which he took flight and nearly lost his cap. Mr. Cockhill, after having retired as a professional musician, turned to driving a go-kart along Ainsdale beach.

Amphibious transport, under the capable guidance of Mr. Blackburn, assisted by Mr. Sach, floated along steadily throughout the year, although Mr. Blackburn wishes to drown all rumours that he is to swim the Atlantic during the summer. Mr. Sach, on his rather late arrival in the P.R., moved that all lockers be devoted to his use to facilitate the operation of his super-efficient filing system; the board understandably rejected this request. Mr. Stocker keeps asking "Why?"

Mr. Saunders eventually settled down to a modicum of work, but he seems to have developed an intense dislike of Scotsmen, which did not help him breed an amicable relationship with Mr. Tinsley, whose time was expended in perfecting a kilt to keep his Aberdonian nose warm. Mr. Stocker wants to know "What for?"

Mr. Michaels, who moved that cutlery ought to be discarded, had an irritation during the early part of spring, but he resorted to licking his sticky fingers until the discomfort passed away. His friend, Mr. Samuels, seemed to be the only prefect who attempted to do something constructive; his incessant insistences that a certain prefect should speak in at least one debate were, alas, in vain.



Mr. Alexander will soon be learning the boring drill from a renowned oil company, whilst another of this year's scholars, Mr. Lloyd, seemed to have a lot of difficulty with his atomic-powered watch—he has not been seen since Christmas. Another of the early leavers, Mr. Ostick, is now earning a royal sum from a large insurance company. Mr. Stocker says "How much?"

Mr. Laws is thought to be the only senior prefect to have bivouacked for a night half-way up a mountain in Skye. His climbing companion, Mr. Marshall, is now ascending the ladder of success after having started some serious study. In order to help Mr. Howard to start work at exam. time, an operation for the removal of a pack of cards from his hands was necessary; a golf club soon grew instead of the cards, however. Work was the main topic in Mr. Haslam's life. He confessed he could not study before break because he was tired, after break he was too full of buns, and after lunch it was not worth starting because it was nearly time to go home—most prefects think he was just making excuses.

Two of our friends from the hockey team, Messrs Clarke and Eckersley, were most noticeable in the P.R. by the noise which they didn't make. Not a word was uttered by them all year; naturally, Mr. Stocker wanted to know the reason.

The board has decided to appoint Mr. Stocker to the research department.

Mr. Lewis, a junior partner in the company, has a particular liking for fruit—which perhaps explains why he jumps up and down on golf-balls on the putting green.

Mr. Bird usually amused himself in quoting the great Bard to us all—that is, until the day when he donned his specs, and saw what 4B really looked like. He was last heard exclaiming "You jest"

The prefect who has been acting in an advisory capacity is Mr. Johnstone. He has a profound knowledge of all subjects, including photography, folk music, body-building, cabin cruisers, life-saving, fishing, radio batteries, etc., etc. Amongst his more valuable assets are a track suit composed entirely of badges, and his ability to give 'impeccable' impersonations of the Goon Show—his most famous quotation being that which he claims to have said to Alanbrooke.

Mr. Pearson, the general manager, who is now completing his second year in the P.R., seemed to manage well generally. After innumerable battles on a local golf course

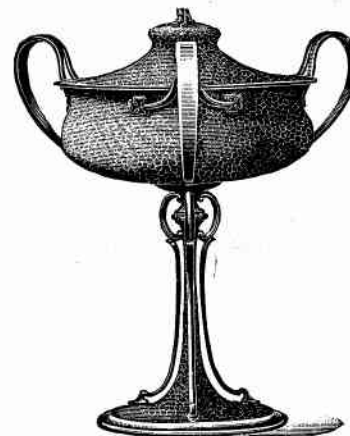
with two of last year's corner-fillers he thought he would be the best player, by far, on the putting-green this year, but he had not accounted for the up-and-coming 'amateur' who defeated him in the first round of the knock-out putting competition.

At the end of the meeting, the general manager gave his impressions of the managing director, Mr. Moss. Mose, as he is more commonly known, has in keeping with those who have gone before him, done his best to maintain law and order in the P.R. For the past two years he has propounded his theory that 'A bucket of coffee a day keeps the quack at bay,—indeed, woebetide the prefect who refused to go for some hot water for him. His theory may, in fact, bear a limited degree of truth, since he claims never to have had a day away from school through illness since the dark and mysterious days in L5X. This lack of illness, however, could be attributed to his daily keep-fit classes out on the running-track.

K.H.M., M.G.P.

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## OLD GEORGIANS' SECTION

- A. DAVIDSON (S.41-44) has been elected M.P. for Accrington.
- J. DELANEY (G.51-56) has been appointed postmaster of a town two miles from Umtali, Africa.
- S. GORDON (G.52-60) is a statistician at the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen.
- M. IRVING (Ev.45-53) is to spend about two years in Australia doing research work for his Ch.M at Sydney University. He has recently been on the staff at the Newcastle General Hospital and is interested in the St. John Ambulance Brigade.
- W. K. JEWELL (Ed.53-61) passed out of Mons Officer Cadet School on 4th June 1966, and was commissioned into the Royal Corps of Transport.
- A. J. LAWSON (S.56-67) and E. R. NEWTON (W.48-53) both members of the Borough Treasurer's staff, have passed the Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers.
- B. MAYER (M.43-48) is commercial representative for Shell Mex and B.P.
- J. L. PAISLEY (G.21-27) has been appointed chief highway engineer in the Ministry of Transport.
- J. M. PENDLEBURY (G.48-56) has been a Lecturer in Experimental Physics at the University of Sussex since October 1964.
- D. L. ROWELL (S.41-48) has been appointed assistant divisional civil engineer (planning) to British Railways in Liverpool.
- C. B. SMITH (Ed.27-32) has taken over as managing director of Haworth & Son (Southport) Ltd.
- G. A. STOCKER (S.55-62) is at present with U.K.A.E.A. on a two-year Graduate Apprenticeship at Sellafield, Cumberland.

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