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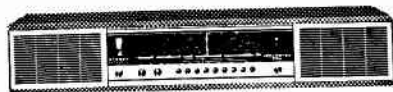
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SCHOOL NOTES

Congratulations

The M. A. Thurlow prize, value £3, for the best contribution to the Red Rose, has been won this year by S. R. H. Millard for his poem published in the Autumn edition entitled "Happy Forever", and the David Hall Memorial Prize, value £10, for the most outstanding contribution to the school's musical activities during the year has been won jointly by A. R. Haslam and N. Howard.

We congratulate these boys on their success.

We congratulate the School Bridge Team on being placed fifth in the final of the Schools' Bridge Competition out of nearly 180 schools entering.

The Joseph Edwards' Memorial Fund

Now that the first year of the Joseph Edwards' Memorial Fund is completed it is pleasing to be able to announce that eight boys have been assisted from this fund. The assistance included help in the purchase of games clothing and help towards travelling at home and abroad for certain approved courses.

The Challenge of Industry

This year in place of the usual careers convention, a day's course on "The Challenge of Industry" was run by Mr. Abram for the lower sixth. We are very much indebted to the following who came to give valuable talks and to lead discussion groups:

Mr. W. R. Aspin, Mr. C. C. Booth, Mr. D. C. Burton, Mr. A. D. Greenhalgh, Mr. D. F. Sutton, Mr. D. E. Langlois, Mr. B. Coxhead, Mr. G. Darley, Mr. R. H. Kinnings, Mr. E. J. Adams, Mr. A. S. Milrow.

The first six of these are Old Boys.

A fuller account of this occasion is given elsewhere in this issue. It was undoubtedly found to be very interesting and stimulating by all those who took part and Mr. Abram is much to be congratulated on his initiative in organising this Conference.

Parents' Association

The A.G.M. of the Parents' Association was held on April 30th. Mr. Harry Seddon was re-elected Chairman and Mrs. E. Ince was re-elected Secretary. Owing to pressure of business Mr. W. Suffolk felt that he had to retire from parents' representative on the Governing Body and Mr. John Blackman was elected in his place.

Once again the school is most grateful to the parents for all their efforts during the past year. The substantial sum of £500 has been handed over to the Jubilee Fund. Without these efforts it would certainly not have been possible for us to purchase the minibus in time for this summer's visits to Long Rigg.

This year's School Concert was based on the theme "Music of the Dance". We should like to congratulate Mr. Wilson and all members of the orchestra on their excellent performance.

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term ends Friday, July 18th, 1969
Autumn Term begins ... Wednesday, September 3rd, 1969
Half Term Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,
October 29th, 30th, 31st, 1969
Autumn Term ends Friday, December 19th, 1969

SALVETE

P. A. Conway, D. Hogg, I. M. Saunders, A. R. Wyman.

JUBILEE FUND

The audited accounts of the Jubilee Fund are given in this issue. Since the audit the minibus has been delivered and as we have not yet paid for most of the alterations done to the hostel by the local plumber, our financial position, is, at the moment, rather difficult. The trustees have felt, however, that they were justified in undertaking considerable expense just now in view of the continued income from covenanted donations. It may be necessary to take out a further small mortgage on the house to tide us over our immediate difficulties and to use part of the income from the seven year Covenants to pay for this mortgage gradually.

The minibus is a Ford Transit, 14-seater Diesel vehicle, fitted with roof rack, and is already proving itself to be invaluable not only for the hostel but also for other school uses as well.

The accommodation at Long Rigg has now been increased to 24 which is as far as we intend to go at the moment. One further need has become apparent as we have started using the hostel, and this is the desirability of providing for a separate games room. We hope, if funds permit, to add this additional room at the back of the building sometime next year. The hostel has been used continuously from after the Whitsun break until the end of June for taking parties of junior boys for an introductory course, and it will be open for the entire summer holiday period for the use of boys either as individuals or as independent organised parties.

The trustees would like once again to express their appreciation to the donors of Covenants and to appeal once more to any parents or other friends of the school who have not yet taken out a Covenant to do so. A Covenant of £1 per annum enables us at no extra expense to the donor, to recover 14s. 1d. from the income tax authorities, making a total donation of £1 14s. 1d. per annum or £11 18s 7d. over the 7 year period.

Some 350 parents and friends of the school visited Long Rigg on the open day held in the Easter Holidays on April 12th. Though the weather was by no means perfect, the day proved to be most enjoyable. The hostel was looking at its best, with the grounds carpeted with wild daffodils and the surrounding countryside and hills looking very beautiful in the sunshine between the showers.

House Reports

EDWARDS' HOUSE

Housemaster: Mr. E. Gale

House Tutor: Mr. Hardwick

House Captain: H. Stubington

House Secretary: C. Kitchen

"So near and yet so far". This has been the story of our House this year, to which some sages reply, jeeringly, "A miss is as good as a mile". Very true, we admit, and our failure to achieve ultimate successes is probably somewhat due to a lack of enthusiasm in the early stages of some of the competitions.

We reached but lost all three Rugby finals, though this was certainly not for lack of effort, and in fact we won the Senior Sevens largely on account of some forceful play by M. Stubington and K. Lawson.

Our Cross-Country teams did not excel, which is quite explicable by certain abstentions. The Swimming team revealed itself to be plagued by similar diseases and it was left to a few individuals to gain our third place. However, we did well to come second in the Life-saving.

For the second successive year we accomplished a convincing victory in the basket ball competition. Our performance in the Badminton was unfortunately not quite so distinguished but we did at least attain third place. Sheer modesty prevents me from recalling our senior Cricket record and the intermediates are doing well. We also look forward to displays of prowess in the Athletics, and expect more exertion from the lower sixth than has so far been in evidence.

Alas, it is time to bid farewell to many members of the Upper Sixth and we wish them all the best for the future.

Finally we should all like to thank Mr. Gale and Mr. Hardwick for their help and encouragement in every sphere of school life throughout the year. D.E.D.



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House Officials:

S. Taylor (captain), G. L. Hosker and T. A. Hopkins (vice captains), M. J. Cooper (secretary), M. A. Roberts (almoner)

Since the school read our last popular contribution to the "Red Rose", a lot has happened but not much has changed. Indeed this eagerly awaited commentary brings not dissimilar tidings from the last.

In between then and now the House Senior Rugby team gained a reputation for being a side of very sporting losers—though to be fair they did very well in the sevens' competition beating a strong side in the first round and making a dignified (if unjust) exit in the semi final. The efforts of the junior and intermediate rugby sides also deserve a mention for perseverance if nothing else.

In the face of all adversity including the accidental loss of some hard won life saving points to another House we finished fifth in the final swimming placings. Thanks must be given to Hosker whose vigorous work helped to overcome the House apathy usually displayed during important events.

In the inter-House tin foil collection we were forth equal. Culshaw put in a great deal of time to make a success of the project. Unfortunately, the main effort came from a small section of the House. Some individual members did exceptionally well but others appear to have been under the impression that such a simple task was beneath their dignity and what could have been an outstanding contribution to a very good cause has been only a partial success because these people failed to make an effort.

Some of the Lower Sixth have been working hard to accumulate points in the athletics qualifications. Again some members of the House are reluctant to attend practices and make the task of the seniors more difficult. The intermediate and junior cricket elevens have had a measure of success, the juniors being still in the competition.

In conclusion the House extends all its best wishes for the future to those members who are leaving this term and thanks Taylor for his capable captaincy throughout the school year.

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House Officials:

W. S. M. Rooke, A. Y. Dow (House captains), J. K. C. Fitton (secretary), C. Pickles (almoner)

Perhaps an ideal phrase with which to sum up House activities during this school year would be, "Defeated, but not disgraced!" as indeed we unfortunately have not won any major honours.

The senior Rugby team's enthusiasm was great but not strong enough to pull them through to the final, winning only one of their three matches. The intermediates started without much conviction of their own qualities but improved steadily in each game, so next year perhaps . . . ? The junior Rugby team played very well but were unfortunate to lose to a strong Leech's team just before the final.

The Basketball team under the able captaincy of A. France did well to reach the final of this competition and though defeated were by no means humiliated in front of their supporters.

The Badminton team . . . well let bygones be bygones (at least they weren't bottom!)

The Swimming Gala perhaps suffered from a shortage of individual champions from Grear's House but the relay teams are all to be commended for their good efforts.

Concerning other activities, the junior Chess team did well to come third considering they were nearly all first year boys, and so we look to them for future success. The senior Chess team (captained by W. Ashton) came first equal with Edwards' and are to be congratulated for doing so well.

Several boys from the House were involved in the School Play (even if our House Tutor was the producer!) and at the time of writing Grears' are leading the race in the collection of milk bottle tops. Three of our Senior Prefects also seem to "Drink a Pinta Milka Day" as they intend to walk the complete seventy miles to Sedbergh in aid of the Cancer Research Fund.

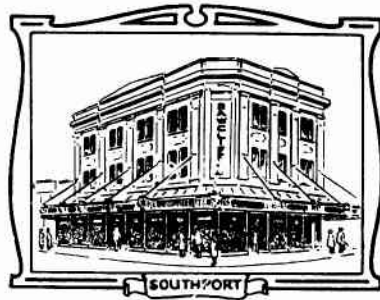
One notable asset of the House is the great amount of enthusiasm that exists towards participation in House activities and so we look forward to success in cricket and athletics this term. After all, enthusiasm and perseverance in all aspects can only lead to success.

Finally our congratulations are offered to W. S. M. Rooke on gaining his Rugby colours and to A. France and A. Dow on gaining their half-colours in Rugby; also to W. Ashton for half-colours in Chess and we wish all those who may be leaving our ranks at the end of term the very best of luck in the future.

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House Officials:

P. A. Lucas and N. W. Cumbley (House Captains), P. N. V. Armitage (House Secretary), D. Lucas (House Almoner)

- 1 And the Leaders of the House of Leech arose and and spoke, saying "Get thee in there and work".
- 2 And they did so; they wrought mighty in the fields of Junior Rugby and Junior Chess, even unto winning.
- 3 "But what of Swimming?" quoth the Leaders.
- 4 So it came to pass that there was great action in that part of the Victoria Baths known as Premier, and this action was practices.
- 5 Thus in the feast of Gala much was achieved; and the Leaders saw it, and saw that it was good.
- 6 In the game of shuttlecocks and racquets they triumphed over all.
- 7 And the Leaders saw it, and saw that it was good.
- 8 "But this is of the body", quoth the Leaders. "What of intellectual progress?"
- 9 And lo! a wonder to behold; for Academic Points had ascended mightily!
- 10 One of the Leaders must now leave; and there will be great sorrow, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth, when the Prophet reveals that this leader is he who is known as Mr. Topping; he will leave with glory.
- 11 So Mr. Campbell riseth into his place, for he knoweth not what he taketh on.

There were heroes of this awakening of the House of Leech:

Mr. Flemming and Mr. Topping; for their leadership.

Cumbley and Lucas; for the same, and Lucas for getting into Cambridge.

Bradshaw; for athletics.

Bent; for chess.

Knowles and D. Lucas; for swimming.

Russell and Jackson; for badminton.

P.N.V.A.; for trying to write this report.

Me; for actually writing it.

P.S.K.

Housemaster: Mr. C. F. Flemming

TOM COULTER

House Officials:

P. A. Lucas and N. W. Lucas (House Captains), P. N. V. Armistage (House Secretary), D. Lucas (House Almoner)

And the Leaders of the House of Leech arose and and spoke, saying "Get thee in there and work."

And they did so; they wrought mightily in the fields of Junior Rugby and Junior Chess every winter winning.

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3 "But what of swimming?" quoth the Leaders.

4 So it came to pass that there was great action in that part of the Victoria Baths known as Premier, and this action was practices.

5 Thus in the least of Gals much was achieved; and the Leaders saw it, and saw that it was good.

6 In the game of shuttlecocks and racquets they triumphed over all.

7 And the Leaders saw it, and saw that it was good.

8 "But this is of no good," quoth the Leaders. "What of intellectual progress?"

9 And lo! a wonder to behold, for Academic Points had ascended mightily!

10 One of the Leaders must now leave; and there will be great sorrow and mourning on the part of the House when the Prophet reveals that this leader is he who is known as Mr. Tom Coulter.

11 So Mr. Coulter leaves to his friends, and his knowledge not what he took on.

There were heroes in the House of Leech.

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MASON'S HOUSE

Housemaster: Mr. H. Smith

House Tutor: Mr. E. T. Johnson

House Officials

P. Gritten (captain), A. S. Fyne (secretary)

After a rather long winter, we are now able to see the fruits of our efforts in this very short term. Unfortunately, the work of the sixth formers for the House has been hindered by their recent A level examinations. But the Lower Sixth has taken over these jobs successfully.

We would like to thank Wright, who this term captained the Senior Cricket team. Unfortunately, we lost the first round of the House matches by thirteen runs, after the fine bowling of Jones, Dickinson and Turner who dismissed Edwards' for fifty runs!

This year, the House Athletics has been put under the supervision of the Lower Sixth, and we look forward to doing well in the sports at the end of term.

Under continuing devoted leadership of Calland, the House Swimming has been efficiently organised, with results yet to come.

We should like to thank Mr. Smith and Mr. Johnson for their encouragement and support to all in the House throughout the year, and would also like to welcome Mr. Radcliffe who will be taking over as House Tutor for the next year.

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A year ago this summer the House report attacked what had become a distinct trend towards apathy within the members of the House; in December, it was still "a gloomy tale". It is a pleasure to announce that the light is beginning to filter through at last.

Certainly, since Christmas there has been an appreciable increase in all round effort, even though it has not always been recorded by the tangible profits of success. A new team spirit seems to have risen even in moments of defeat: notable in displaying this valuable quality were the intermediate Rugby team, who played every match as if fighting for their lives, and the senior Cricket XI who, with a somewhat makeshift side, played extremely well and were unlucky to lose to an immeasurably stronger Grears' side in the first round of the knockout competition.

The senior Rugby sevens side played exceptionally well at the end of the Lent term, only to fall once again to a very strong Edwards' team in the final — an ominous reminder of our defeat by the same house in the XV's competition.

This term apart from Cricket our main occupation has so far been Swimming. A special mention must be made of P. F. Boycott, the school Swimming captain, who continued the House tradition of success in this sport by leading our team to second place overall in the Swimming Gala, sharing first place in the team races cup. Athletics practices are now well under way, and a fair degree of success is probable in both qualification points and on Sports Day.

Looking back on the year as a whole, outright victories are not often to be seen, as was the case last year. However, it is encouraging to see a definite improvement in both effort and spirit within all ranks of the House.

Several years ago it was suggested by a Rogers' House secretary that the success of this House could be seen to adhere to a three year cycle. This prophecy was fulfilled by our gaining the Jubilee Cup in 1966-67 two years ago. Let us hope that next year will confirm once again our cycle of success.

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House Officials: ...

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C. D. Hunt (secretary), R. Horrocks (almoner)

This year although not perhaps as successful as some had hoped, has still provided a modicum of success.

In the Junior and Intermediate Rugby, no tangible results were obtained, though in the case of the Juniors, it was not because of lack of enthusiasm. In the "seven-a-side" competition, the seniors, although having won the "fifteens" the previous term, were eliminated in the semi-final.

The house did very well on taking to the water, obtaining second place in the Swimming Gala and joint first in the "Relays Cup". This success was almost entirely due to the efforts of R. Suffolk who not only coached and organised the team, but won several races himself. It is a pity this success was not reflected in the Life Saving, where an abysmal total of points was obtained. An improvement is definitely needed next year.

Once again the Badminton team under the able captaincy of R. Jubb, finished well up in the league, and won the knock-out cup.

The senior Cricket team has reached the final, which it is confident of winning. The Juniors being eliminated in the semi-final and the Intermediates in the first round. The Athletic qualification points are well in hand, being run by the Lower Sixth, and the prospect for the sports look reasonably bright.

Finally, the thanks of the whole house must go to McAlister for his excellent captaincy and we look forward to a good result in the Jubilee Cup to maintain our high standard of the past few years.



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C. Pimlott (captain), G. P. Southern and T. M. Clark (joint vice captains), K. Moore (secretary)

Another school year is drawing to a close and in reviewing past events the House can see that enthusiasm has not been lacking.

Last term we achieved great success in the Intermediate Rugby competition by getting through to the final and eventually defeating Edwards'. The intermediate seven-a-side team also enjoyed some success. The Junior Rugby however, was rather disappointing, but I am assured that the potential is there. The senior seven-a-side unfortunately lost the first round because of injuries which weakened the side.

This term has seen a keen participation in the Athletics practices which promise much, and in the Swimming Gala we put up a good performance and wish to thank Morris and Holmes in particular. The senior Cricket team has done well, beating Evans' in the first round by nine wickets and Grears' in the second round by forty runs. The intermediate and junior practices, however, have been hit by the weather.

The House wishes to thank all concerned for their efforts and organisation in House affairs and events. We also thank Mr. Johnson and Mr. Stainton for their leadership, and wish all those who will be leaving this term, luck in their future careers.

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Society Reports

FOX SOCIETY

We started the term with a subject on which all members of the school must have had some feelings. I mean the question of Southport and its merits and demerits. (Southport, if you hadn't already noticed, is the town we live in). The motion was phrased thus: "This House appreciates Southport". The loose rules of an informal debate gave everyone present the chance to air their news confidently, which in some cases was rather unfortunate. Nevertheless we managed to maintain a high standard throughout most of the debate, which augured well for the future. Humour found its place in such remarks as: "Southport hasn't any slums because it can't afford them." But the real purpose of the debate was fulfilled when such important topics as the relation between government grants and rate decreases were brought up. As might have been expected. the motion was defeated.

For light relief, the Fox Society next included a balloon debate featuring such diverse characters as Dougal, Hitler, God and a Miss Andress. Following the hysterically serious speeches of the applicants, a secret vote was taken and, partly due to the fact that a Socialist party was then in power, Mr. Hitler won by an outstanding majority. Dougal was put to sleep.

At the time of writing, the subject for the next debate has not yet been decided upon. It is, however, destined to be a formal debate on current affairs.

As the present committee is rather large it was decided to break it up into three groups, each headed by an elected secretary. Each group would be in charge of the preparation of one term's debate. However, the full committee would meet once every term and decide on any changes of policy.

The secretaries will be in order, Robinson, Sellers and Sykes. They will replace the present secretary Stallard who, along with Street, is leaving the society at the end of this term.

THE RAMBLING CLUB

Chairman: M. A. Roberts

Secretary: J. P. Fox

The reader may be surprised to find a Rambling Club report in the Red Rose at this time of year, and his surprise would be justified, for the Club usually lies dormant, some say dead, between Easter and November. This year a trip was arranged at Whitsun, although apathy again reared its head, and a low turn-out was recorded. However, the threat of imminent exams did not deter U6th and U5th forms who were out in force.

The trip was to Patterdale, and resulted in the conquest of Helvellyn by one party, and the pioneering of an adventurous (and surely untrodden!) new route by the Upper 6th.

Finally, the Committee wish to thank Mr. Parsons, whose indefatigable support of these trips, and informed comment on features of interest is greatly appreciated.

J.P.F.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: C. Morris

Secretary P. J. Kay

Owing to examinations, sports, and various other functions, there has not been a great deal of activity within the society this term. The one debate which was arranged was, however, quite well attended; there were sixty-five present. Certain cynics have suggested that this was because of the presence of the High School, but of course we all know better. Don't we?

The motion was "This House believes that the Church has a part to play in modern society". This was proposed by Miss Pamela Waring and Miss Irene Turner, who both spoke very convincingly and held the interest of both factions in the sharply-divided audience. The case for the opposition was put by Messrs. Kennedy and Armitage who were also well on form, but, as it turned out, not quite enough; the voting was thirty-five for, twenty-seven against, and three abstentions.

Our thanks go out to Mr. Halliday for his posters, Mr. Fitton for his excellent liaison work, and to Isetta, without whom nothing would have been possible.

P.J.K.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Due to the pressure imposed on the members of the committee by examinations only one meeting was held this term, when the film "Radio Sky" was shown to a capacity audience. An interesting exhibit on cosmetics and related sciences will be displayed by the society on Open Day and it is hoped this will attract much interest and even participation by visitors to the school at the end of term.

P. Inman, Secretary

THE PREFECTS' REPORT

All is unusually quiet. The P.R. once famous for its noise and activity lies still like some academic "Marie Celeste". Half-empty drinking cups, scattered playing-cards, books open at the first page, the window swaying gently on its broken hinge. The occupants of this vessel have all disappeared too.

Some sit scribbling furiously in the hall below, having exchanged their cards and chess-men for pen and paper, engaged in a new and distinctly trying game. Will a whole year's unstinted endeavour to master the game of bridge finally bring its just rewards?

During the exams, a tranquil calm descends upon the Room, only lifted at three-hourly intervals as its various members prepare themselves for the next vicious struggle with their resisting memories. Was it in 1798 or 1879 that the French Revolution began?

But by now each of the occupants has firmly established his mark, or at least his thumbprints on the Room. This microcosm of society contains its own cliques and idiosyncrasies. Many and varied are the skills possessed by our group.

Mr. Kitchen, our resident pilot, spent his time criticising the belated efforts of others to construct aerodynamically designed paper planes, and caused more than his fair share of amusement with his imitations of certain members of the Room. His foil, Mr. Bartley, made heroic efforts to ignore any references to himself, and found that the projection-box came in useful as a hiding-place. Mr. Kitchen was last seen wandering out of an exam, muttering in broken French about the beauties of Nottingham.

At Easter, the hockey contingent in the Room was diminished by one when Mr. Campbell abandoned our Room for the more lucrative confines of the office. However the Hockey Club was still well represented by Mr. Morris and Mr. Taylor, whose tall frames managed to contract remarkably well each evening in order to fit inside the former's little red bubble-car. Mr. Morris's height did come in very useful, however, during the Room's spring-cleaning session, and earned him the position of P.R.D.J.; our record-player being situated on top of the lockers, he was the only prefect able to adjust it without the aid of a stool.

Mr. Dow and Mr. Rooke seemed to enjoy their rôles as bun-sellers at break—though fourth and fifth periods each day were usually spent with Mr. Dow desperately trying to square the buns' account, while Mr. Rooke complained that he seemed to have another touch of indigestion.

P.R. fashions were led by Mr. C. M. Croudace, whose impeccable taste put the average standard of prefectural dress to shame. Our contact with the boppers' scene was Mr. Evans, who gave regular — and extremely popular — demonstrations of the latest gyrations and managed to convert several other members of the Room to his style during the course of the year. Both of these members provided the P.R. with a good selection of music broadening the scope of certain other individuals who believed that music was either classical — and good — or commercial — and bad.

Another of the Room's notable humourists was Mr. Boycott, who amused even the most staid of our group with his imitations of Marty Feldman and Joe Cocker; Mr. Biffin, on the other hand, protested that his laugh was quite natural, and not, as the majority seemed to believe, an exaggerated copy of Tommy Cooper's.

Mr. Cumbley, Mr. McAlister and Mr. Stubington proved a fairly consistent trio and were only too willing to answer queries from the rest of the group about their private lives. Their only real complaint during the year was that the mirror on the wall of the P.R. was totally inadequate for their needs. The junior member of the trio seems at present to be designing a complicated system of mirrors which will cover the four walls of the Room . . .

After coming off second-best in a snowball fight in the depths of winter, the elusive Mr. Wray was seldom seen in the Room except before 8.40 a.m. Mr. Southern, however, timed his arrival at school fairly well with the help of his trusty motor-bike — that is, until he was viciously attacked by an aggressive lamp-post after the annual Rugby match against Southport.

Mr. Lawson and Mr. Ashton were content to pedal about in a safer if more mundane fashion. The latter's agility on the tennis and badminton courts astonished everyone, all the more so as he was unique in being able to make the needle of the record-player jump from a distance of over ten feet. Their companion, Mr. Clarke, remained fairly quiet all year except when moved to laughter at Mr. Ashton's antics.

Mr. Bradshaw was often heard to complain that no one else could play a decent hand of bridge. Four no trumps on six points was not his idea of a good opening bid, and the bidding of certain members of the Room nearly drove him to distraction. Mr. Reynolds, meanwhile, was soon elected Room Treasurer, and was last heard of wondering if he could cut his costs by walking to school instead of driving his car.

One of the most popular sports among the Room's members was climbing, the exponents of which included Messrs W. I. and P. J. Croudace, Mr. McManners and Mr. Hopkins. Mr. P. J. Croudace always looked a bit sheepish when climbing was actually mentioned while his brother successfully held on to his position as Room scooter-boy. Mr. McManners, on his rare breaks from work in the Biology Lab. was inclined to threaten all and sundry with his fencing foil unless they agreed to play bridge with him, while Mr. Hopkins spent most of his time wondering where he might spend his summer holidays.

Mr. Lucas joined Mr. McManners after Christmas as a confirmed vivisectionist, and seemed to take delight in performing all kinds of grisly experiments on unsuspecting dogfish. Recently he has taken to patrolling the corridors at break, trying to induce reluctant members of the lower school to help him carry out the first ever school-boy heart transplant . . .

Mr. Day spent a fairly restful year resorting to many subterfuges to ensure that it remained restful. There was his "deafness" in the first term which enabled him to ignore everyone's remarks. There were various trips to Oxford and the Promenade hospital, also in the first term. During the summer months his javelin was much in evidence quieting unruly juniors and recently he has often been heard threatening to retire to bed after pollen grains have attacked his nasal passages.

His pungent wit was effective in quelling the more boisterous elements in the room although occasionally he found it necessary to threaten certain members with violence.

But now the room is empty until next year's owners hopefully occupy the hallowed seats, while their predecessors venture out equally hopefully into the unknown.


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## **AT LONG RIGG**

On Sunday, June 1st at 10.15 a.m. we were driven away from school in the mini-bus by Mr. Topping. Our destination: Long Rigg, Sedbergh, where we arrived at about 1.00 p.m. after having stopped at Kendal for our sandwich lunch.

Long Rigg itself is two miles from the village of Sedbergh and is about the size of a house down Scarisbrick New Road. It has three dormitories, and just off the dining room and playroom combined is a drying room. As you go straight in you come to the kitchen beyond which is a storage room. Upstairs is the living room with a wireless; a laboratory which is used for biology and the "master chamber".

After we had unpacked we were allowed to go into Sedbergh. As the shops were open we had a fine time eating our fill of sweets and drinking bottle after bottle of lemonade until we started to worry about the time and started off back to the hostel. That evening we had an early tea and then went for a drive in the mini-bus to Danny Bridge, Pendragon Castle and Kirkby Stephen.

"Never go potholing without an experienced guide", say books. So that is what we didn't do. We took Mr. Honeybone, who arrived on Monday afternoon, with us, or rather he took us along with him to a little wood just south of a cottage called "Fellgate".

The pothole was a river which ran underground for about 100 yards down a steep slope and came out of a rocky entrance to a cave. When we entered we found nothing out of the ordinary though the sharp rocks were very aggravating and it was rather discomforting if one slipped and sat down in a pool of freezing water.

In the pothole the river had well and truly made its passage amidst the limestone and moss. Some rocks were wet, some were dry, but all in the river bed had been worn to smoothness. We used a rope to descend about 12 ft. down into the water, and nearly got stuck in a narrow chimney. It took us about three quarters of an hour to get out before returning to Long Rigg.

On Tuesday some of us went a walk up to the Calf. We set out and reached the top of Winder from where we eventually reached the Calf despite being surrounded by clouds at a height of some 2219 ft.

We decided to go down by the route of a stream which we had to recross a few times. We reached a spectacular waterfall and continued down a hill called Cautley Crag next to this. Where the stream met the river there was no way of getting across; so we went up the river a little way until we came to a bridge. Some of us, however, waded across through water which came up to our chests. We were all very cold, and consequently phoned up Mr. Topping who came and picked us up. As we were about five miles out of Sedbergh we were very grateful.

On Wednesday we got up very early and set off for home at 10.00 a.m. The previous night a couple of sixth form boys had come up to make a cine film and they helped us to pack the gear on the mini-bus, taking a film of us too.

We returned through Kirkby Lonsdale, went on the M6 at Lancaster, reached the A6 and arrived back at K.G.V quite quickly and then went on a "grand tour" of Southport, dropping the boys off at their respective homes. Davies M. G., Ison V., Heslegrave A., Wright P., White I.,  
2B

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### A DAY OUT

Dawn. Or so it seems. "It's a nice day for it," somebody says. Laughter. The inevitable wait for stragglers and sorry-got-up-late arrivals. "I wonder," says Mr. Holland as the coach turns into Lord Street, "if everyone's here".

So there we are, going down the motorway in the sun. "It's all right," says Mr. Holland, perched on a stool in Forton's, supping at his dishwater coffee along with the rest of us, "everybody seems to be here." "Time to hit the road again," cries Fred, our friendly driver.

Stratford. Mid-day. Leaving the main group to fend for themselves, we escape in search of refreshment. A nice little pub — low beams, window-seats in the sun, horse-brasses over the bar. Very pleasant. Judging by the prices though, the landlord must be some descendant of Shylock. Even the toilets there have Shakespearean names — although we nearly find ourselves in the "Juliets" by mistake.

"They should have called them 'Montagues' and 'Capulets' instead," quips a passing scholar, "and left people to work it out for themselves."

Suppressing a more than fleeting desire to stay there all afternoon, we make our way along the riverbank towards the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

"Pericles". Never got round to reading it. Nobody even seems sure if Shakespeare wrote it anyway. Emerge three hours later, feeling disappointed by the play, but highly impressed by the production. Carefully avoiding the usual literary discussion over afternoon tea in the River Terrace Restaurant, we sit gazing at the swans and rowing boats below us. With a few hours to spare, we wander idly into the town.

"The Dirty Duck". Highly recommended by friendly Fred. A pleasant way of preparing for what turns out to be an extremely entertaining evening. "The Merry Wives of Windsor" goes down very well with everyone and seems to be enjoyed as much by the cast as by the audience.

Coach trip home. The high spirited songs soon fade away into the early hours of Sunday morning. Back in Southport at last. Fred acknowledges the thirty bob's worth of small silver deposited hopefully in his lap by running a door-to-door service. "Goodnight", says Mr. Holland as we stumble off the coach. "Goodnight".

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### MANAGERIAL AMALGAMATION

This summer's business conference in mid-May was the first of many, it is hoped, designed to introduce the lower sixth students to the reality and problems of industrial management. Eleven experienced business men were brought to the conference due to the commendable efforts of Messrs Abrams and Topping, thus flavouring the conference with wide experience and valuable guidance.

That old cliché "us and them" did not apply to the relationship between the students and their guests. Indeed the intimate co-operation of all involved was one of the most gratifying aspects of the conference. The division of the students into groups of ten, mixing both Arts and Science students, led to easier discussion and airing of personal views. And we were fortunate to have so many "hard cases" with us.

Six of the guests were old boys of the school, though only one of them came from Southport; two more returned to London that same evening. The guests were:— E. J. Adams, area organizer of the clerical and administrative union, W. R. Aspin, a Chief Engineer, C. G. Booth, a group personnel and industrial relations manager, D. C. Burton, a director of commercial services, B. Coxhead, an

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## Sports Reports

### 1st XV RUGBY REPORT 1968-69

For the first time use was made of the Long Rigg Hostel at Sedbergh by a group of Rugby players in August 1968 to prepare for the beginning of the season. Sedbergh School very kindly allowed us to use one of their pitches. This venture proved to be not only a happy time but also most useful in helping the players to get to know one another better and to get them a little fitter than they would otherwise have been.

The first game of the season, against Arnold G.S., seems to epitomise the team's performance all season—fitful. A good start, a poor middle part, a fine recovery, some brilliant individual play and some very courageous displays.

A good start was made against Arnold, continued in a very fine game against Lancaster and in a very gritty performance against Birkenhead. Then came a poor section when the displays against Cowley, Blackpool, Manchester, Hutton and Calday Grange were most disappointing. A recovery started against John Rigby G.S. and against a very strong Kirkham side. After this a run of seven successes including wins over Leigh, Preston, Waterloo, St. Mary's and Barrow, a very fine game against an excellent Cowley side and finally two useful displays in the matches with the Southport R.U.F.C. and the Old Boys XV.

In this latter, most successful part of the season, team work was much more in evidence, though the side owed a great deal to Pimlott and Lawson, both of whom played with great skill. It is to the credit of the side that they realised where their strength lay and tried to play to it.

The pack generally held their own in the set-pieces (Blackpool being one notable exception) though they were a little slow as an eightsome in covering the field. True, some individuals were always at hand, but that is not good enough. All eight forwards must always be at the ball, a seemingly impossible task. Nevertheless, this is the goal to be aimed at.

The backs did not really get going until the end of the first term. There was a tendency to drift across the field but once they gained confidence in one another, they were good in attack, continually probing and upsetting the opposition's defences.

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As a team they were a happy and most hard working group, occasionally grumbling but still willing. That this was so is in no small measure due to Cumbley's influence over his fellows. He led them by personal effort on the field and off it he proved himself to be a good organiser. His only concern was the good of the team and to this end he devoted himself wholeheartedly.

Players awarded their colours:—

**Cumbley, N. W.** (captain). Though he still has to learn to pack properly in the scrummages he turned out to be an effective wing-forward with a devastating tackle.

**McAlister, I. D.** (vice-captain). A neat well-built player, always sound in attack and defence. He only occasionally showed his true ability, but as these occasions were most frequent during the second half of the season this may augur well for his play next year.

**Gritten M. R.** Loose head prop. A player of great strength, determination and skill, most useful in all aspects of forward play, particularly good at backing up in the loose, and certainly the best forward in the team.

**Rooke, W. S. M.** Hooker. Came into the side just before Christmas and proved to be a very good hooker. Though he tried hard to overcome it, his lack of mobility in the loose prevented him from making the best use of his ability at games.

**Ashton, J.** Prop. Big and strong. Possibly the most improved forward in the side. Always looking for work and trying very hard.

**Seddon, E. J.** Second Row. The youngest member of the team though this was not apparent from his play. Sound in all aspects of play, a quick thinker. He should have a good future.

**Biffin, L. J.** Second Row. Big and strong, though he did not always use his physique to best advantage. Though on occasions too quick of temper, he always tried hard.

**Lucas, P. A.** Wing forward. One of the most experienced members of the side. A tremendously hard worker and generally in the thick of things; but he still cannot pass the ball!

**Langfeld, A.** No. 8. Another player of fine physique. He learned a great deal about back row work. He should turn out to be a fine player.

**Stubington, M. B.** Scrum half. After recovering from an injury which resulted in his being a passenger in many games, he turned out to be one of the best scrum-halves in school rugby in this area. But he still gives away too many penalties!

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**Pimlott, C.** Stand-off. A player without whom the side just could not manage. Out of 231 points scored, he claimed 102. He is now developing into a very fine player.

**Ingram, P.** Wing. A deceptive player in that he does not appear to be speedy, though his elusive style makes him an awkward person to tackle.

**Stanley, J.** Wing. A very speedy winger. He has learned a lot about the game. His covering is vastly improved and next season should benefit greatly from his growing confidence.

**Lawson, K. A.** Centre. Started at full-back, moved to the wing and finished the season as the sides most improved player in the centre. He is big, strong and fast and most sides just could not deal with his strong running.

**Mantin, R.** Utility player. Another big, strong player who was reaching his best at the end of the season. At wing or full back he improved greatly. He should do well next season.

A. P. France (10) played in various positions and impressed all with his courage. C. D. Hunt (6) appeared in the pack, where he scrummages well and makes up for lack of real weight with effort. G. D. Smith (2) also played in the pack and learned a great deal. As these last three are also coming back next year we should have a useful nucleus round which to build.

Others who played were:—

T. Clark (2), D. Bradshaw (1), T. Forrester (2), M. J. Dow (9), D. Harrison (2) and I. T. Day (10).

## UNDER 15 XV

The Under 15 team had a very mixed season, combining resounding defeats with unexpected victories.

Losing 25-0 to John Rigby, the team showed signs of very good rugby with Wilde and Sutton outstanding. This was followed by a 0-0 draw with Birkenhead. This could easily have been a victory but there was a marked lack of penetration in attack.

After two defeats at the hands of Cowley and Manchester, the return of Rowell began to have an effect and Hutton were beaten 6-3.

A lean spell followed, during which otherwise good players showed great reluctance to become physically involved. All players must realise that this game requires courage as well as skill. Aspinwall, Rowell, Trickett, Wright, Sutton and Harris must be excepted from this criticism however.

The advent of Rich after Christmas gave a new solidarity to the pack and this resulted in a convincing win over Balshaw's, and a generally improved standard as evidenced by a most meritorious draw against St. Mary's.

Duncan and Tinsley made "guest" appearances and made up in determination what they lacked in skill.

This team was the biggest and heaviest Under 15 team for many years and given the will to play throughout the game with all out effort and not to shirk physical contact should supply some really useful players to the 1st XV in the very near future.

## BADMINTON 1968/69

Once again the 'A' team had a very successful season, winning all their games except the one against a strong Old Boys' side. The regular team of Marshall, Masters, Jackson, Warren, Buckley and Trickett will be available next season when it is hoped tougher opposition will be met. There were 9-0 and 8-1 victories against Wigan, Waterloo and Bootle, 7-2 twice against Hutton, and 8-1 against Ormskirk. Tomlinson and Ashton also played in several of the matches. The 'B' team just failed to keep a 100% record when they were narrowly defeated 4-5 at Crosby. Their victories were against Ormskirk (5-4, 6-3), Hutton (7-2, 7-2), Bootle (9-0) and Crosby (7-2). With six wins behind them the same team next season should be able to win their matches a little easier and achieve an unbeaten record.

The inter-house competition was the most exciting for years, with four Houses having had equal chances of winning. Leech's were the winners in a close competition with the young Woodham's team finishing well to take second place. Edwards', winners for the past three years, took third place from Spencer's by the closest of margins. Next year's competition should see another close battle, and Leech's will be hard pressed to retain the title.

### Final House Placings

1, L. 17 points; 2, W. 16 points; 3, Ed. 15 points; 4, S. 15 points; 5, Ev. 10 points; 6, R. 6 points; 7, G. 4 points; 8, M. 0 points.

Spencer's won the House handicap knockout competition for the second time.

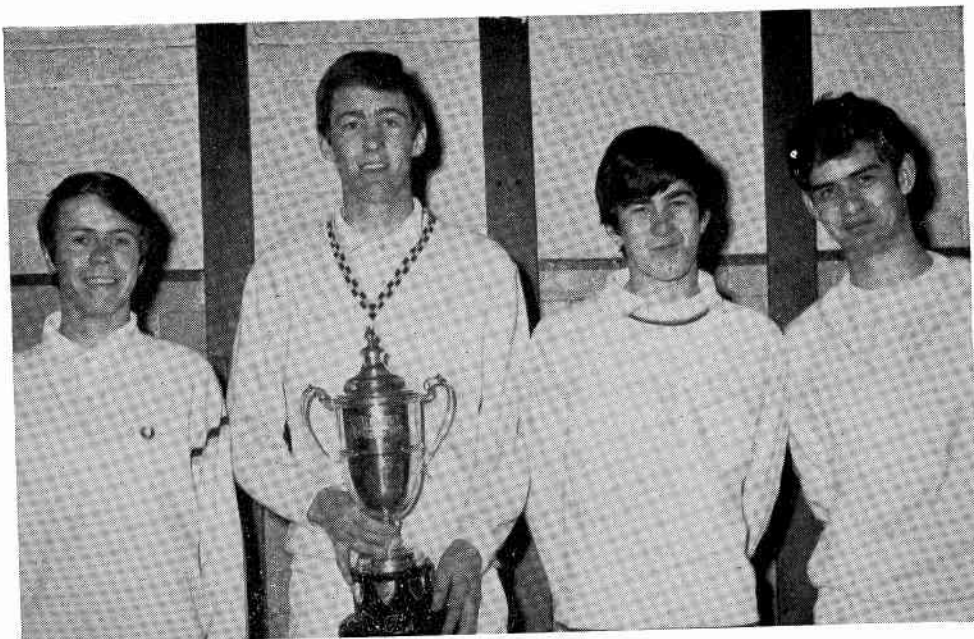
The Lancashire pair of Jackson and Warren achieved full colours, with half colours to Marshall, Masters, Buckley and Trickett. Warren won the school singles tournament, Warren and Trickett the open doubles, and Marshall and Tomlinson the handicapped doubles.



The highlight of the season was the fine performance given by the under 16's in winning the Lancs schools Red Rose competition. Jackson, Warren, Buckley and Trickett moulded into a very fine working combination as shown by taking resounding 7-0 victories in all their games only three sets being lost during the competition. Victories were recorded over schools from Ashton in Makerfield, Wythenshaw, Darwen and Worsley in the first four rounds and St. James school from Farnworth in the final.

A very good victory and we must say well done to all players.

The senior team unfortunately lost in the 1st round of the under 18's competition to the eventual winners from Lytham.



## LA LUNE

La Lune;  
Emerald on a velvet cloth;  
Sunbeam on an endless sea;  
You are in the universe  
Only a grain of sand.  
And yet your beauty shines  
Amidst the heavens.  
Bringing life to the dead of night.  
Never ending.

S. M. Manning, 4B

## STATUE

You who once graced the earth  
With knowledge, fame and power,  
Are forced to stay with us on earth  
Until a second death befalls you.  
A statue for your body;  
Stone to be your soul for evermore.  
Time has left you.  
The weather tears about your brain . . .  
And you must stay; to bear through all.  
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## VALETE

CAMPBELL James E., U6MSch., M., 1962-69 (G.C.E. A3, O5) Senior School Prefect 1968, House Captain 1968-69, 1st XI Hockey Captain, Chairman Rambling Club, Games Committee.

MOUNTFORD William R., L6W, W., 1963-69 (G.C.E. O5)

PETTITT Michael P., L6S, R., 1963-69 (G.C.E. O4)

SCOTT Philip, L6M., L., 1963-69 (G.C.E. O7) R.L.S.S. Intermediate Certificate 1967.

WARING Keith J., L6W., W., 1963-69 (G.C.E. O4) Half Colours Cross Country 1969.

WHALLEY Philip H., U6MSch., M., 1963-69 (G.C.E. A3, O7) Senior School Prefect 1968, Full Colours Hockey 1968, Librarian.

BEYNSBERGER Anthony R. H., U5W., S., 1964-69

ROBINSON Jeremy C., L6M., G., 1964-69 (G.C.E. O4)

SHAW Stephen J., L5M., L., 1965-69

HAUPT C. Murray, L6Sp., S., 1966-69 (G.C.E. O1)

MEDLEY Christopher M. T., 4B., G., 1966-69

RAMSEY Richard S. F., 4M., 1966-69

WILLIS David P., 4B., L., 1967-69, R.L.S.S. Elementary Certificate 1968

BRUFF Stuart A. F., 4B., R., 1968-69

HEADEY Jonathan M., 2B., M., 1968-69

ROWLANDS Philip G., L6W., Ev., 1968-69.

# OLD BOYS' NEWS

- M. ARMITAGE (G. 1956-64) has been ordained at South-wark Cathedral, and has taken up a curacy at All Saints', Sanderstead.
- D. BAILEY (Ed. 1950-58) now lives in Ontario, Canada, and is Design Engineer with Union Carbide (Canada) Ltd.
- C. E. BRACKEN (L.1950-53) is now Management Consultant with Bay — M.S.L. Ltd.
- Dr. D. BROWN (M.1952-60) has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in Dental Materials Science at Manchester University
- R. A. ELLIS (Ev. 1958-65) has completed his training at St. Peter's College of Education, Saltley, and is now master in charge of Religious Education at Tewkesbury Secondary Boys' School.
- D. HALL (Ed. 1955-61) has now been ordained in the Church of England and is a curate at St. Oswald, Netherton, Liverpool.
- K. G. HALSALL (R. 1949-56) has been appointed Chief Pharmacist to Bootle Hospital
- J. E. MARSHALL (S. 1920-28) is Senior Engineer in the Training and Education Branch of the Ministry of Technology, and is now conducting residential staff courses in Project Management Training.
- I. H. MAXWELL (Ed. 1953-60) now has a post at the Chester Beatty Research Institute for Cancer, London.
- W. E. MINOPRIO (L. 1943-48) is a Chartered Electrical Engineer and is Chief Engineer at Dorman and Smith Ltd., Preston.
- A. PLATT (L. 1951-59) has a post with Sir Hugh Wilson and Lewis Womersley, Architects on New Town Development at Basingstoke and Redditch.
- P. E. RIGBY (L. 1950-57) has now been appointed Technical Secretary to Silcock and Lever Feeds Ltd., Liverpool.
- P. H. RIMMER (S. 1956-63) has a post as statistical analyst at the Department of Employment and Productivity, Midlands Region.
- K. H. SACH (R. 1962-67) was a member of an N.U.S. party to visit Russia, Poland and E. Germany in 1969.
- D. A. STUART (Ed. 1955-63) now has an appointment as Design Programmer with International Computers Ltd., Manchester.
- L. REID (1929-35) is now Senior Commercial Secretary at the British High Commission in Jamaica.

## KING GEORGE V GRAMMAR SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND Accounts for the year ended March 31st, 1969 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

|      |                                      |      |                                    |
|------|--------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|
| 1968 |                                      | 1968 |                                    |
|      | Running Expenses, Fuel & Payments to | 295  | Covenant Subscriptions             |
| 33   | Caretaker                            | 296  | Donations                          |
| 9    | Sundry Expenses                      | 140  | Proceeds for Efforts               |
| —    | Insurance                            | 179  | Income Tax Refund during the year  |
| —    | Telephone                            | 64   | Bank Interest Received             |
| 21   | Travelling                           |      | Building Society Interest Received |
| 12   | Mortgage Interest Paid               |      |                                    |
| 8    | Building Society Charges             |      |                                    |
| 12   | Depreciation on Equipment            |      |                                    |
|      | SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE   |      |                                    |
| 879  | FOR THE YEAR                         | 1027 |                                    |
| £974 | £1340                                | £974 | £1340                              |



**BALANCE SHEET**  
as at March 31st, 1969

|                                                                     |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| ACCUMULATED FUND                                                    |             |
| Balance as at April 1st, 1968.....                                  | 2341        |
| 2341 Add Surplus of Income over Expendi-<br>ture for the year ..... | 1027        |
|                                                                     | <hr/> 3568  |
| MORTGAGE OUTSTANDING ON HOUSE                                       |             |
| 461 AT SEDBURGH YORKS .....                                         | 434         |
| 7 CREDITORS .....                                                   | 10          |
|                                                                     | <hr/> £4012 |
| £3009                                                               |             |

|                                                                    |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2418 HOUSE AT SEDBURGH, YORKS<br>(at cost) .....                   | 2418        |
| EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FOR THE<br>HOUSE (per last Balance Sheet)..... | 35          |
| Add Equipment purchased during the<br>year .....                   | 495         |
|                                                                    | <hr/> 530   |
| 35 Less Depreciation .....                                         | 79 451      |
|                                                                    | <hr/> 451   |
| 506 CASH AT BANK .....                                             | 1012        |
| 50 DEPOSIT WITH BUILDING SOCIETY ...                               | 11          |
| DEPOSIT ON MINIBUS .....                                           | 120         |
|                                                                    | <hr/> £4012 |
| £3009                                                              |             |

WE CONSIDER THE ABOVE ACCOUNT TO BE CORRECTLY DRAWN UP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOOKS AND WITH INFORMATION AND EXPLANATIONS GIVEN TO US.  
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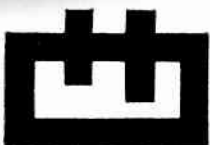
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