

THE BALSHAVIAN



THE SCHOOL FARM CAMP AT WINMARLEIGH, AUG. 5th to SEPT 2nd, 1944.

1. The "home farm" contingent—Pye, Moon, Whitaker, J., Duckworth, Ferneley, Howard.
2. The "dixie" man—Newton.
3. A tea party—Grimshaw, Newton, Mr. Bennison, Whitaker, J., Jean Elliott, Mr. Oldland.
4. The "keepers" of the stove—Grimshaw, Mr. Bennison.
5. In camp—Doreen Whittaker, Mr. Bennison, Newton, Miss Whewell.



THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1944.

1. DALTON, STICKLAND, D., MOON, NEALE, CARR, HAYHURST, resting between events.
2. Mr. Lomas and Barbara Tomlinson—two officials behind the scenes.
3. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Wray

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EDITORIAL.

It is with regret that we publish yet another School magazine under war-time conditions. Things moved so fast during the Summer that more knowledgeable people even than we expressed their hopes of an early victory. At the time of going to press, however, these hopes seem far from materialising, despite the optimistic view held by many.

Some lifting of war conditions has occurred, however, since our last publication, in that lights once more shine from many houses and modified street lighting has been introduced—enough in itself to bring cheerfulness to our hearts in this the sixth year of war. What of the children who have never before seen the streets of town and village after nightfall? Their reaction is in a way typical of children who take in their stride without comment what has moved the more adult mind profoundly.

Despite the easing of these restrictions our school social life is still somewhat subdued and we are unable to extend the welcome we would have liked to newcomers amongst staff and children.

It is hoped by all, however, that we shall be able to revel in our House Parties and Dances as soon as peace is declared.

SCHOOL NOTES.

PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys : *Head Prefect* : Heaton, T.

Sub-Prefects : Carr, G. T., Riding, W., Schofield, P., Hayhurst, H., Kenyon, D., Barrett, G. F. C., Whitaker, W.

Girls : *Head Prefect* : A. Farrington.

Prefects : K. Frost, A. Newsham.

Sub-Prefects : P. Turner, L. Wrennall, M. Hutchings, M. Sutton, J. Beal.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of two gentlemen, who have given long and devoted service in connection with the school—Mr. A. J. Lomax, who was Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body for 16 years, and Mr. Thomas Dodd, who was Clerk to the Governors for 48 years. Appreciations of their work are to be found in this number of "The Balshavian".

Once more one of our old pupils has distinguished himself in action, and we are very proud indeed to be able to announce that T. E. Hope, a former head boy of the school has been awarded the D.S.C.

The award was conferred on Hope, now acting First-Lieutenant, for gallantry in the Mediterranean region. When a magazine of an infantry landing-craft caught fire Hope, despite the great danger, threw the burning ammunition into the sea. He then took control of the fire fighting party and later extinguished a fire that had broken out in another ship.

Miss Robinson our French mistress, who has been at Balshaw's for six years, left us last term to take up a position as Senior French Mistress at Harwich. She will be greatly missed here and the whole school joins in wishing her every success in her new post.

Mrs. Conroy (better known to the school as Miss Bartlett) who for 5 years has been our Physical Training mistress has also left us to take up a position at Leyton. Our best wishes go with her and with Mrs. Fisher who, after having taught Domestic Science for 5 years at the school, has left us to join her husband.

We are very pleased to welcome in their places Miss Probert as our new Physical Training mistress, Miss Woffindin as the French mistress and Miss Holmes as the Domestic Science mistress. We hope all three will be very happy with us here.

It is with pleasure that we record the marriage of Ronald Seed and Eileen Beardsworth on August 19th, 1944. They were both old pupils of the school.

Another old Balshavian, T. A. Bleasdale has married Miss D. Soan of Battle, Sussex.

Our annual sports day was held on Saturday, March 6th, 1944. We were once more fortunate in having fine weather and our congratulations go to Salisbury, E. E., the Victor Ludorum, and C. P. Turner, the Victrix Ludorum. An account of the sports can be found in the magazine.

The School Farm Camp was held in the Summer holidays for the fifth successive year. The School Party again went to Winmarleigh for a month and much valuable work was done to help the farmers in their work of national importance. An account of the camp is included in this issue.

Towards the end of last term Leyland held a "Salute the Soldier" week and our National Savings group contributed £1,722 16s. towards the joint Schools' Target of £6,500. We thereby outstripped our target by £272 10s.

At an exhibition held during the week at the Public Hall, posters and models done by our pupils were on view.

We had our usual quota of film shows during last term, for which we were duly grateful to the Ministry of Information.

We have already had one film show this term, an account of which appears later in the magazine, and we hope for more in the future.

On Thursday the 18th of May, 1944 Dr. M. J. Moore visited the school and gave us a lecture called "En France Aujourd'hui". Dr. Moore told us about the intolerable conditions imposed on the civil population, and about the strength and purpose of the underground movement in France during the Nazi occupation.

Colonel A. S. Auret visited the school on Tuesday, July 18th and gave us an interesting lecture on "The Indian Army and the Indian War Effort". An account of the lecture is included in the magazine.

Our congratulations go to the following pupils:—

Hodgson, A., who was awarded a Stanning Memorial Scholarship to Manchester University, Malcolm, B., who was awarded a State Bursary in Science at the University of Sheffield and Whitaker, J. who was awarded a State Bursary in Science at the University of Liverpool.

We congratulate all those pupils who were successful in last term's public examinations.

The following ten pupils received the full Higher School Certificate:—

Grayson, K. M., Hodgson, A., Malcolm, B. R., Whitaker, J. G., B. E. Bagot, A. Bradley, B. M. Pickburn, H. P. Sage, E. B. Tomlinson, D. Whittaker.

The following thirty-eight pupils received the Oxford School Certificate:—

Barrett, G. F. C., Carr, G. T., Elston, P., Ferneley, I. A., Fisher, E., Grimshaw, B., Hayhurst, H., Hill, K., Kenyon, D., Mills, P., Riding, W., Schofield, P., Stickland, D. R., Stickland, H. G., Whitaker, W. R., J. Beal, M. M. Bradley, J. Bretherton, R. Cardwell, E. M. Clement, N. M. G. Cross, E. M. Darbyshire, A. Fuller, K. Hall, W. Hindle, M. Hutchings, C. Lund, J. Montague, P. M. Nunn, V. Pinder, E. C. Porter, B. J. Silcock, M. B. Sutton, J. Thompson, C. P. Turner, F. M. Turner, N. Wane, N. A. E. Woods.

Our best wishes go to those who entered colleges this Autumn :

A. Bradley, who goes to Liverpool University, B. Tomlinson, to London University (Bedford College), D. Whittaker, to London University (Holloway College), B. Pickburn to Goldsmith's College, B. Sagar to Avery Hill College, B. Barnett and H. Sage to Whitelands College, E. Bagot to Homerton College, J. Todd to St. Katherine's College, Tottenham, O. Hurlstone to Ripon College, J. Lea, to St. Gabriel's College, Kensington, J. Hughes to St. Katherine's College, Liverpool, I. Thornley to Chelsea Physical Training College, Whitaker, J., to Liverpool University, Hodgson, A., to Manchester University, Malcolm, B., to Sheffield University ; and to the following boys who are taking Short Courses :—

Grayson, K., at Oxford University (Army), Neale, J., at Belfast University (Army) and McIver, H., at Liverpool University (Navy).

Reginald H. Priestnall, a former head*boy of the school, was elected to the Lady Kay Scholarship last year at Jesus College, Cambridge and this year was awarded the B.A. (Honours) degree.

Major Slocock visited the school on the 8th of May and gave us a vivid description of the method of planning commando raids. The lecture was illustrated by a film.

Major Slocock then gave a talk to the senior boys on the army about courses.

During Leyland's "Salute the Soldier week", Lt. Furin of the American Army entertained us with a description of life in America. The talk was enthusiastically received by the school.

Bombd. Crooke M.M., also visited the school during the week and told us about the wonderful achievements of our soldiers in the campaign in N. Africa.

Our congratulations go to Brenda Pickburn and Barbara Tomlinson who defeated Mr. Wilkinson and Eileen Bagot in the finals of the Tennis Tournament.

We wish to congratulate those who were awarded colours last term.

Cricket colours were awarded to Dalton, L., Carr, G. T., Elston, P., and Marginson, L.

Rounders colours were awarded to B. Pickburn, I. Thornley, M. Hutchings, A. Newsham and A. Farrington.

Tennis colours were awarded to A. Bradley and B. Pickburn.

Clayton House won the Tennis Knockouts, Farington House the Rounders Knockouts, and Cuerden won both the Tennis and Rounders Leagues.

Clayton House won the Cricket Knockouts and Farington the Cricket Leagues.

The merit Order was again headed by Farington House and we congratulate this House upon winning the Silver Griffin for the fifth term in succession.

Any news of old pupils now serving in the Forces will be most gratefully received by the Editor, for the present-day pupils show a keen interest in the war-time experiences of their predecessors.

The school has supported the various charities in its usual generous manner both during last term and this.

During the week of the "Aid to China" collection Mrs. Fearn visited the school and gave us an interesting talk on China.

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking all schools who have sent us magazines.

VALETE (Girls).

A. Bradley.—U.VI. Clayton House. Head Prefect. School Certificate, 1940. Higher School Certificate, 1942, 1943, 1944. Captain of Tennis. Rounders 1st IX. Hockey Colours, 1942, 1943. Tennis Colours, 1944. Training College Scholarship. Editor of the Magazine.

B. M. Pickburn.—U.VI. Farington House Captain. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1940. Higher School Certificate, 1942, 1943, 1944. Captain of Rounders. Tennis 1st VI. Hockey 1st XI. Rounders Colours, 1942, 1943, 1944. Tennis Colours, 1944. Training College Scholarship.

E. B. Tomlinson.—U.VI. Farington House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1941. Higher School Certificate, 1943, 1944. Tennis and Hockey League Teams. Sub. Editor of Magazine.

D. Whittaker.—U.VI. Clayton House Captain. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1940. Higher School Certificate, 1944. Hockey, Tennis and Rounders League Teams. Founder's Scholarship in Chemistry and Physics. at Holloway College, University of London. Training College Scholarship.

A. P. Howson.—U.VI. Clayton House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1941. Higher School Certificate, 1943. Captain of Hockey. Rounders 1st IX. Hockey Colours, 1942, 1943. Rounders Colours, 1943. Sub-Editor of Magazine.

B. Barnett.—U.VI. Clayton House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate 1942. Hockey, Tennis and Rounders League Teams. Training College Scholarship.

O. Hurlstone.—U.VI. Worden House Captain. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1942. Tennis League Team.

H. P. Sage.—U.VI. Cuerden House Captain. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1942. Hockey and Tennis League Teams. Training College Scholarship. Sub-Editor of Magazine.

J. M. Lea.—U.VI. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1942. Rounders League Team.

B. E. Bagot.—U.VI. Farington House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1941. Higher School Certificate, 1943, 1944. Tennis League Team. Training College Scholarship.

I. Thornley.—L.VI. Cuerden House. School Certificate 1943. Hockey 1st XI. Rounders 1st IX. Tennis 1st VI. Hockey Colours 1943. Rounders Colours 1944.

J. Hughes.—L.VI. Farington House. School Certificate, 1943. Rounders League Team.

M. J. Iredale.—L.VI. Clayton House. School Certificate 1943.

J. Todd.—L.VI. Farington House. School Certificate, 1942. Tennis and Rounders League Teams.

N. Wane.—Va. Worden House. School Certificate, 1944. Rounders League Team.

J. Bretherton.—Va. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1944.

E. C. Porter.—Va. Worden House. School Certificate, 1944.

F. M. Turner.—Va. Worden House. School Certificate, 1944.

K. Hall.—Va. Worden House. School Certificate, 1944. Hockey, Tennis and Rounders League Teams.

E. M. Clement.—Va. Farington House. School Certificate, 1944. Hockey 2nd XI. Rounders League Team.

J. Montague.—Farington House. School Certificate, 1944.

P. M. Nunn.—Va. Farington House. School Certificate, 1944.

E. M. Darbyshire.—Va. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1944. Hockey Tennis and Rounders League Teams.

J. E. Fraser.—Va. Worden House.

B. W. Sagar.—Vb. Farington House. School Certificate, 1944. Hockey League Team.

N. A. E. Woods.—Vb. School Certificate, 1944.

P. Milburn.—Vb. Farington House.

J. Thompson.—Vb. Worden House. School Certificate, 1944.

E. M. Fidler.—Vb. Farington House.

B. J. Harrison.—Vb. Clayton House.

D. J. Ainsworth.—Vb. Clayton House.

W. Hindle.—Vb. Farington House. School Certificate, 1944.

P. Charnley.—Vb. Worden House. Hockey 1st XI. Tennis 1st VI. Rounders League Team.

M. Jopson.—IVb. Farington House.

K. Traynor.—IVb. Farington House.

M. Culshaw.—IIIa. Cuerden House.

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VALETE (Boys).

Webster, P. B.—U.VI. Worden House. School Sub-Prefect. Cricket 1st XI. School Certificate, 1941. Rugby 1st XV.

Grayson, K. M.—U.VI. Farington House. Captain. Head Prefect. School Certificate, 1941. Higher School Certificate, 1943, 1944. Cricket 1st XI. Rugby XV.

Whittaker, J. G.—U.VI. Worden House Captain. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1941. Higher School Certificate, 1943, 1944. Cricket 1st XI. Rugby 1st XV. Rugby Colours 1943. State Bursary in Science (University of Liverpool).

Dalton, L. U.—U.VI. Clayton House Captain. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1942. Captain of Cricket. Captain of Rugby. Cricket Colours, 1943, 1944. Rugby Colours, 1942, 1943.

Malcolm, B. R.—U.VI. Worden House. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1941. Higher School Certificate, 1943, 1944. Rugby 1st XV. State Bursary in Science (University of Sheffield).

Hodgson, A.—U.VI. Worden House. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1941. Higher School Certificate 1944. John Stanning Memorial Scholarship.

Neale, J.—L.VI. Cuerden House Captain. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1943. Cricket 1st XI. Rugby 1st XV. Rugby Colours, 1943.

Salisbury, E. E.—L.VI. Worden House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1943. Rugby 1st XV. Victor Ludorum 1942, 1943, 1944. Athletic Colours 1942, 1943, 1944.

Marsden, G. E.—L.VI. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1944. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Grimshaw, B.—Va. Worden House. School Certificate, 1944. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket League Team.

Elston, P.—Vb. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1944. Cricket 1st XI. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket Colours 1944. Rugby Colours 1943.

Ferneley, I. A.—Vb. Farington House. School Certificate 1944. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket League Team.

Bretherton, P. W.—Vb. Cuerden House. Cricket and Rugby League Teams.

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SALVETE.

To Clayton House : S. Atkinson, R. M. Brennand, D. Brown, O. B. Coates, E. Gill, J. S. Gowanlock, D. F. Hesketh, B. E. Hunt, E. Holden, R. E. Kirkham, H. A. I. Burnie, M. Morris, S. Norcross, B. J. Parkinson, D. Pollard, S. R. B. Hartley, Bamber, D. D., Gavan, J. S., Parker, J. W., Walsh, J., Moore, A. H., Tuson, J., Heginbotham, T. J.

To Cuerden House : V. Kite, F. B. Lashbrook, A. Mannion, B. Watson, A. J. Bradley, M. H. Hosker, S. M. Smith, Livesey, F., Mather, K., Seed, W. T., Hurst, B., Manchester, L., Sharples, G., Sumner, J. R.

To Farington House : J. M. Barwise, M. H. Lea, M. Lister, R. B. Maughan, M. Riding, M. B. Wade, S. Wood, S. K. Dawson, F. B. Hamer, E. J. Hazell, D. J. Sweetman, S. M. Williams, B. J. Wylde, R. Greenwood, Dawson, J. M. G., Chase, G. N., Chisnall, W. K., Hopwood, J., Kelsall, D., Kelsall, K., Marland, H. B., Wareing, V. R., Pierson, V. L., Smith, D.

To Worden House : K. M. Harrison, J. Parkinson, J. Taylor, M. Beardwood, L. Brownrigg, D. Bretherton, D. Brewer, J. P. Fleetwood, G. Reilly, B. T. Wilson, E. B. Wilson, Moores, R., Pilkington, J. A., Taylor, I., Harrison, F., Withnell, T. M., Wood, P., Cuerden, J. L., Williams, R.

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FARM CAMP, August 5th, to Sept. 2nd, 1944.

On the morning of Saturday, Aug. 5th, we set off for Winmarleigh in fine and sunny weather, a pleasant change from last year's depressing drizzle. The warmth of our welcome by the Helmes was in keeping with the weather and we were soon at

home, the tents pitched on dry ground and the many jobs of the first day quickly in hand.

We were relieved to find a bigger marquee and Miss Whewell, assisted by Jean Elliott, soon had the lay-out planned and the all-important foodstuffs installed.

A new feature of the equipment was a coal cooking range—a most impressive and solid looking affair which Grimshaw approached eagerly but respectfully as to a sacrificial altar. Once we understood its requirements, however, it served us well and there were few burnt offerings. We remember it with affection—even the daily ceremonial cleaning of the flues, an occasion for undress.

Once again we found the farmers willing and even anxious to offer us employment and in several cases pleased to renew the friendship formed in previous years. The work was mostly potato-picking and harvesting and in all 2192 working hours were put in. This is a very satisfactory total when one takes into account the number of boys available and the various factors which can interrupt employment, such as bad weather, illness, and the lack of suitable jobs.

After working hard in the open air it is vitally important to come back to camp to a good and plentiful supply of food—like a well known actor on a less happy occasion I can feel unseen waves of sympathy reaching out to me in agreement with that sentiment. Miss Whewell fully maintained the high standard Mrs. Fisher has led us to expect and she was always on the look out for additions and variations to our diet. Despite her early rising and almost unnatural cheerfulness before breakfast, she was just as lively at the end of a harassing day, and remained unconvinced that the day should be started slowly and with due caution and reserve. Jean Elliott contributed much to the congenial atmosphere and was very helpful—in spite of her unbelief in system. One remembers her saying defiantly that she had got on very well so far without it. One had to agree, but we persuaded her that a system of one way traffic was necessary, when serving dinner round a tent pole.

Doreen Whittaker, too, fitted in very well and was very capable as cook, seamstress, and in other ways unspecified.

The orderlies were again splendid. Grimshaw was as resourceful and diplomatic as ever, with still more claims on his attention and spare time. "Sir Isaac" (Newton), too, did very well. When suitably inspired he worked hard without knowing it, and at other times he cleaned dixies as a self inflicted penance with religious fervour.

When not working the members of the camp relaxed in many ways—swimming, fishing, stalking rabbits, table tennis, and with trips to Garstang pictures. The high spot of entertainment was a Social at Winmarleigh School. We started soberly with a whist drive. At first we were puzzled by the system of the local experts until we realised that they, too, were artists and relied on the inspiration of the moment. After Mr. Oldland had distributed the prizes and thanked everyone for the kind reception which he had met everywhere, the dancing started and the temperature rose. All the school party performed creditably, especially Miss Whewell who gave a particularly dashing performance in the Lancers, ably supported

by a steady partner. Finally we saw Mr. Oldland in the unaccustomed role of auctioneer, skilfully disposing of cakes in aid of the Red Cross.

One remembers many amusing incidents, Duckworth, like "The Lady of Shalott," rising from the pond dripping with green slime—a fitting punishment for some of his puns; Sharples arriving after lights-out at the marquee, heavily clothed with becoming modesty, to exhibit the spots which had alarmed No. 1 tent, the whole scene announced, introduced, described, and produced with lighting effects and sounds off, by Newton.

On the last night we had a party at the home farm, where Mr. & Mrs. Helme with their accustomed hospitality gave us an excellent meal followed by a whist drive and sing-song. Once again they overwhelmed us with many kindnesses and we are very grateful for all they did for us.

We should like to thank too Mrs. Smalley for the splendid cakes she made for us which were greatly appreciated; also Mr. J. Tomlinson who transported our luggage, not uneventfully, and who stayed to help us set up camp—he seemed loth to leave.

The last night was wet and stormy but it cleared up sufficiently in the morning for us to get home reasonably dry, satisfied that some useful work had been done and that altogether it had been a good camp.

R.A.B.

HAY-TIME.

We'd been working hard in the hay-field,
Since the start of a perfect day,
And we sang a song of hay-time
As we tossed the new-mown hay.

We were hot and tired and thirsty,
And the light was growing dim,
The patient horse was waiting
To take the last load in.

We opened the gate for the waggon,
And plucked at the flowers on the way,
As the last load passed in the twilight,
At the end of a perfect day.

Z.D., IVa. (Farington).

INDIA AND THE INDIAN ARMY.

On July 18th, the school heard an extremely interesting talk about the Indian Army, by Colonel Auret.

First of all Colonel Auret discussed the potential military man power of India; the population of India is about four hundred million, a large proportion of which is not fit for military activity. The Indian Army is dependent on certain sections of the community for recruitment. These are the martial classes, who have a great military tradition behind them and who rank high in the social classes. The soldiers in India are looked up to much more than in England, and India can easily get four or five million fighting men. The men come from different tribes, and thus they all speak different languages and have different religions. Among the greatest problems is that of getting the British Officers of the right type to train them. Now there are about two and a half million men, and the Army is still expanding.

Colonel Auret spoke of the industrial resources of India, telling us that it is almost an entirely agricultural country, of which ninety per cent. of the population are peasants. It is producing ninety per cent. of all the requirements of the Indian Army and also of the largest British Army that has ever been established there. In peace-time there are three hundred and fifty thousand British people in India—a very low proportion of the total population.

The Lecturer sketched the beginning and power of the Army, saying that it had its origin in the East India Company. India at that time was a very lawless country, so Guards enlisted in order to protect the goods. Thus the Army developed from the Guards. They were fortunate in being trained and led into battle by Charles Napier, Lord Roberts, the Duke of Wellington, and Robert Clive. From 1914-18 there was a large expansion of the Indian Army and there were over one million soldiers sent out of India to fight in other countries.

When this war broke out India did not think that the location of the struggle would reach her borders, and there were only one hundred and eighty thousand front line troops trained. Now there are two and a half million men. Many of them have shown great gallantry, although we do not hear much about them. We ought to insist on learning more about them, for ignorance in this country about India is very great.

The soldiers have two hobbies—soldiering and farming, and are very keen on both.

The Colonel then told us that in a regiment there are only 12 British Officers, and all the rest are Indians. The Officers entertain a high regard for their men, and are careful never to use bad language to them. The Indian soldier looks up to his Officer with unbounded faith and trust, and depends on him for everything. The Indian Army is well-trained and well-equipped and exceedingly well-disciplined. The native soldier is worthy of courtesy, kindness and friendship, and is very sensitive to rudeness and abuse.

The Colonel ended by assuring the boys that there is a tremendous scope in India for young British Army Officers of the right type.

After the lecture, questions were asked by various members of the school. Then we all thanked Colonel Auret for his very interesting talk.

J.M.W. Form U.VI. (Worden).

THE NEW HORIZON.

When hated war is driven from our land,
And shore doth shake a friendly hand with shore,
When country works with country hand in hand,
And brotherhood is written on each door;

When 'Swords are beaten into Ploughshares'
And skies are free again for suns to shine,
When 'Peace' o'er all the world the trumpet blares,
And all our joys and hopes and cares combine,—

The time will not be long, the day will come again
When foe to foe shall speak as friend to friend,
When homes are reunited, men are sane,
And worlds in universal song shall blend.

D.A. Form Va. (Cuerden).

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1944.

The Sports were held this year on Saturday, May 6th. Conditions were fairly good; it was fine and the ground was firm but there was a slight head wind down the 100 yards track.

Many of the races were closely contested and there were some good finishes, especially in the boys' open events.

Bullivant (W) set up new records in the Throwing the Cricket Ball (under 15) with a good throw of 79 yds. 1ft. 11ins., and in the Long Jump (under 15) with a jump of 16 ft. Parker (Cl) with 20 pts. also beat the record in the Kicking the Rugger Ball (under 13), as did Salisbury (W) in the 100 yds. Hurdles (open) in the time of 15 2/5 secs.

Eileen Ferneley (F) established a new record in the Hitting the Hockey Ball (under 15) with a mighty hit of 70 yds., 1 ft. 6 ins.

Salisbury (W) was Victor Ludorum for the third time and Pat Turner (Cu) the new Victrix Ludorum, showed good form in winning all the girls' open track events.

Worden House retained the Relay Cup and the House Championship Cup, both results being undecided until the last events. At the close the certificates and cups were presented by Mrs. G. G. Wray, wife of the School's well-known Medical Officer of Health.

R.A.B.

BOYS' EVENTS.

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Open).—1, Grimshaw (W.); 2, Newton (F.); 3, Whitaker, J. (W.) and Kenyon, (Cl.). Standards: Elston, Duckworth (Cl.), Neale and Bretherton (Cu.), Ferneley (F.), Webster, Humble, Barker and Whitaker, W. (W.).

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Under 15).—1, Brough (F.); 2, Holden (F.); 3, Waring (Cu.). Standards: Dalton (Cl.), Ellis (Cu.), Hughes, Wildman, Battersby (F.), Haydock, Skilbeck and Bamford, (W.).

Kicking the Rugger Ball (Under 13).—1, Parker (Cl.); 2, Haydock, F. (F.); 3, Watkinson (Cl.). Standards: Howcroft, Elston, (Cl.), Frost (Cu.), Milligan, Matthews, Haydock, J. (F.), and Robertson (W.)

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open).—1, Salisbury (W.); 2, Glover (W.); 3, Barker (W.). Distance: 83 yards. Standards: Dalton, Carr, Elston, (Cl.), Ferneley and Pye, (F.)

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 15).—1, Bullivant (W.); 2, Battersby (F.); 3, Brough (F.). ** Distance: 79 yds. 1 ft. 11 ins. Standards: Meadows, Sumner, Howcroft, Brown, (Cl.), Heyes, Sharples, Whitehead, Yates, Place, Davies, (Cu.), Bennett, Wildman, (F.), Berry, Haydock, Curren, and Brindle, (W.).

Long Jump (Open).—1, Hayhurst, H. (Cu.); 2, Little (Cl.); 3, Barker (W.). Distance: 16 ft. 5 ins. Standards: Stickland, D., Stickland, H., Dalton, (Cl.), Neale (Cu.), Ferneley, Pinder, Sheldon, Grayson, (F.), Malcolm, Salisbury, Whitaker W., Hill, and Howard, (W.).

Long Jump (Under 15).—1, Bullivant (W.); 2, Skilbeck (W.); 3, Dixon (Cl.) and Womar (Cu.). ** Distance: 16 ft. Standards: Richardson (Cl.), Waring (Cu.), Hughes, Entwistle E., Wildman, (F.).

100 Yards (Under 13).—1, Parker (Cu.); 2, Milligan (F.); 3, Linley (Cu.). Time: 13 secs. Standards: Barlow, Howcroft, (Cl.), Haydock, F., (F.), Robertson and Cook, (W.).

100 Yards (Under 15).—1, Hoose (Cl.); 2, Bullivant (W.); 3, Stopford (W.). Time: 12 1/2 secs. Standards: Meadows and Dixon, (Cl.), Waring and Hull, (Cu.), Moon (F.), Berry and Haydock, (W.).

100 Yards (Open).—1, Salisbury (W.); 2, Whitaker, J. G., (W.); 3, Heaton (F.) Time 11.1/5 secs. Standards: Carr, Stickland, H., (Cl.), Hayhurst, Neale (Cu.), Heaton, Pye, (F.), and Malcolm (W.).

80 Yards (Under 12).—1, Cook (W.); 2, Robertson (W.); 3, Wrennall (Cu.). Time: 11 1/2 sec. Standards: Frost (Cu.).

High Jump (Under 15).—1, Moores, (W.); 2, Hull (Cu.); 3, Whitehead (Cu.) and Bullivant (W.) Height: 4 ft. 5 1/2 ins. Standards: Womar, Allsupp, (Cu.).

High Jump (Open).—1, Hayhurst (Cu.); 2, Duckworth (Cl.); 3, Pye (F.) and Ferneley (F.) Height: 4 ft. 9 ins. Standards: Dalton (Cl.).

High Jump (Under 13).—1, Milligan (F.); 2, Barlow (Cl.); 3, Barton (Cl.) and Haydock, J., (F.) Height: 3 ft. 8 ins.

75 Yards Hurdles (Under 15).—1, Bullivant (W.); 2, Hoose (Cl.); 3, Moores (W.). Time: 12 1/2 secs. Standards: Hull (Cu.) and Skilbeck (W.).

100 Yards Hurdles (Open).—1, Salisbury (W.); 2, Glover (W.); 3, Whitaker (W.). **Time: 12 2/5 secs.

220 Yards (Open).—1, Salisbury (W.); 2, Neale (Cu.); 3, Heaton (F.). Time: 26 secs. Standards: Carr, Dalton, Stickland, H. (Cl.), Hayhurst (Cu.), Bush (F.), and Whitaker, J. G. (W.).

220 Yards (Under 15).—1, Bullivant (W.); 2, Dixon (Cl.); 3, Stopford (W.). Time: 28 1/2 secs. Standards: Richardson, Hoose, (Cl.), Hull, Waring, (Cu.), Brough, Moon, Wildman, (F.), Haydock and Berry (W.).

440 Yards (Open).—1, Dalton (Cl.); 2, Neale (Cu.); 3, Carr (Cl.). Time: 61 secs. Standards: Hayhurst (Cu.).

440 Yards (Under 15).—1, Waring (Cu.); 2, Moores (W.); 3, Hoose (Cl.). Time: 66 1/2 secs. Standards: Dixon (Cl.), Womar (Cu.), Brough, Wildman, (F.), and Berry (W.).

180 Yards (Under 13).—1, Milligan (F.); 2, Parker (Cu.); 3, Haydock, F., (F.). Time: 27 1/5 secs. Standards: Howcroft, Barlow, (Cl.), Haydock, J., Lavender, (F.), and Cook (W.).

880 Yards (Open).—1, Carr (Cl.); 2, Neale (Cu.); 3, Dalton (Cl.). Time : 2 mins. 18 secs. Standards : Stickland, D., Stickland, H., (Cl.), Hayhurst (Cu.), Ferneley, Heaton, (F.), Malcolm, Moon, Whitaker, W., Whitaker, J. G., and Webster (W.).

The Mile (Open).—1, Ferneley (F.); 2, Hayhurst (Cu.); 3, Kenyon (Cl.). Time : 5 mins. 54 secs. Standard : Whitaker, (W.).

House Tug (Open).—Won by Clayton.

House Tug (Under 15).—Won by Clayton.

House Relay (Under 13).—1, Farington ; 2, Worden ; 3, Clayton. Time : 58½ secs.

House Relay (Under 15).—1, Worden ; 2, Clayton ; 3, Farington. Time : 1 min. 57 2/5 secs.

House Relay (Open).—1, Worden ; 2, Farington ; 3, Clayton. Time : 1 min. 50 secs.

GIRLS' EVENTS.

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 13).—1, J. Barker (W.) ; 2, E. Almond (Cu.) ; 3, M. Hope (Cl.). Distance : 51 yds. 1 ft. 10 ins. Standards : J. Farrer, E. Bennett, E. Park, B. Higginbottom, M. Hibbert, (Cl.), B. Beal, B. Topping, M. Turner, A. Whittle, J. Hardacre (Cu.), L. Oldland, J. Todd, (F.), K. Baxter, M. Withnell, J. Spencer, M. Spencer, and B. Butcher (W.).

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Under 15).—1, E. Ferneley (F.) ; 2, E. Jackson (Cu.) ; 3, E. Smith (Cu.). ** Distance : 70 yds. 1 ft. 6 ins. Standards : B. Lambert, E. Jones, J. Molyneux, J. Threlfall, (F), C. Underwood, A. Benson, J. Marsden, D. Atkinson, J. Heald, (Cu.); M. Grime, J. Deacon, E. Wood, (F.), and M. Elliott, (W.).

Hitting the Hockey Ball (Open).—1, P. Howson (Cl.) ; 2, H. Sage (Cu.) ; 3, A. Bradley (Cl.). Distance : 69 yds. 2 ft. 8 ins. Standards : P. Turner (Cl.), C. P. Turner, K. Frost, (Cu.), B. Pickburn, J. Montague, and B. Sagar (F.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball (Under 13).—1, J. Farrer (Cl.) ; 2, B. Butcher (W.) ; 3, A. Whittle (F.). Distance : 41 yds. Standards : B. Bennison, B. Higginbottom, E. Park, E. Bennett, N. Wilkinson, (Cl.), E. Almond, L. Rowley, D. Topping, I. Bluck, (Cu.), I. Brown, B. Clitheroe, (F.), K. Baxter, V. Newsham, J. Spencer, E. Whittle, and J. Barker, (W.).

Throwing the Rounders Ball (Open).—1, J. Beal (Cu.) ; 2, B. Pickburn (F.) ; 3, C. P. Turner (Cu.). Distance : 60 yds. 2 ft. 6 ins. Standards : A. Bradley, P. Howson, B. Barnett, M. Hutchings, (Cl.), I. Thornley, K. Frost, N. Woods (Cu.), E. Clements (F.), A. Newsham, P. Charnley, J. Cross, and M. Thwaites, (W.).

100 Yards (Under 13).—1, J. Farrer (Cl.) ; B. Butcher (W.) ; 3, E. Harrison (Cl.). Time : 12 1/10 secs. Standards : E. Bennett, N. Wilkinson, E. Park (F.), L. Rowley, M. Turner, (Cu.), E. Rawson, D. Lawrenson, (F.), M. Hargreaves and J. Spencer, (W.).

100 Yards (Under 15).—1, S. Williams (F.) ; 2, E. Whittle (F.) ; 3, M. Tullis (F.). Time 13 1/5 secs. Standards : E. Smith, J. Heald, (Cu.), E. Ferneley, J. Thorpe, (F.), and B. Rawcliffe (W.).

100 Yards (Open).—1, C. P. Turner (Cu.) ; 2, M. Sutton (Cu.) ; 3, J. Cross (W.). Time 12½ secs. Standards : B. Barnett, P. Howson, (Cl.), B. Illingworth (Cu.), B. Pickburn (F.), P. Heaps and P. Charnley (W.).

80 Yards (Under 12).—1, E. Rawson (F.) ; 2, M. Hargreaves (F.) ; 3, E. Almond (Cu.). Time 11 2/5 secs. Standards : R. Cunliffe, B. Blundell (Cl.), B. Topping, E. Robinson, M. Barker, (Cu.), J. Todd (F.), V. Newsham, M. Spencer, and S. Snell, (W.).

75 Yards Hurdles (Over 15).—1, C. P. Turner (Cu.) ; 2, M. Sutton (Cu.) ; 3, J. Beal (Cu.). Time : 11 9/10 secs. Standards : K. Frost (Cu.), and J. Cross (W.).

60 Yards Hurdles (Under 15).—1, S. Williams (F.) ; 2, B. Hinchcliffe (Cl.). Time : 10 4/5 secs. Standards : J. Farrer (Cl.), D. Ackers, C. Prescott, (Cu.), and E. Ferneley (F.).

High Jump (Under 13).—1, J. Spencer (W.) and E. Park (Cl.) ; 2, E. Bennett (Cl.), M. Turner (Cu.) and J. Farrer (Cl.). Height : 4 ft. Standards : E. Harrison, N. Wilkinson, (Cl.), B. Brian, E. Almond, G. Topping, (Cu.), M. Hargreaves (F.), M. Spencer, B. Butcher, V. Newsham, and J. Barker (W.).

High Jump (Under 15).—1, D. Ackers (Cu.) ; 2, J. Thorpe (F.) ; 3, C. Prescott (Cu.). Height : 4 ft. 5 ins. Standards : B. Hinchcliffe, J. Hankin, (Cl.), R. Sumner, J. Heald, E. Ferneley, S. Williams, (F.), B. Rawcliffe, B. Hargreaves, and P. Fraser, (W.).

High Jump (Open).—1, C. P. Turner (Cu.) ; 2, M. Sutton (Cu.) ; 3, P. Howson (Cl.). Height : 4 ft. 6½ ins. Standards : J. Beal, J. Lea (Cu.), and P. Heaps (W.).

House Relay (Under 13).—1, Clayton ; 2, Worden ; 3, Cuerden. Time 60 secs.

House Relay (Under 15).—1, Farington ; 2, Clayton ; 3, Worden. Time 55½ secs.

House Relay (Open).—1, Cuerden ; 2, Worden ; 3, Clayton. Time 54 3/5 secs.

** Denotes Record Broken.

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CUBAN ECSTASY.

The water softly rippling,
In the blue lagoon,
The palm trees gently swaying
Beneath an amber moon.

Cuban girls are dancing
In the cool night air,
And guitars are softly playing
Music rich and rare.

Sweet mimosa fragrance
Wafts across the bay,
Gently sighs the night wind
Until the dawn of day.

J.B. Form Va. (Worden).

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THE STORY OF THE SCOTSMAN'S STUMP.

The blare of a post horn moved the grooms and stable boys from their huddled position round a dim stable-lamp into activity. Eagerly, stamping their feet and rubbing their hands, they tumbled out into the court yard in time for the head groom to shout a cheery word of greeting to the driver, and grasp the bridle of the leading horses, which were foam-flecked and dirty from their recent journey.

Bolton weather, even in the year 1810 was far from good, and the damp and cold of the early February weather appeared to have transferred itself into the feelings of the occupants of the coach. These feelings made themselves evident in the conversation of the passengers ; but that enemy of oppression, a cheerful fire which could be seen through the windows of the inn, rapidly dispelled the general gloom.

Among the passengers was a medium-sized man whose Scottish nationality was immediately betrayed by his accent, his sandy hair and his ruddy features, which latter were even more pronounced by the recent journey and the blaze of a

huge log fire. If a reference to the passenger list had been made in Manchester, where the Scottish gentleman had booked his passage to Preston, his name would be found to be Hamilton, and his profession that of a traveller. Having doffed his cloak, Mr. Hamilton was engaged in conversation with two of his fellow passengers. They were standing before a huge fire. Suddenly an enormous Lancashire Laugh rolled into the room, and portly Mr. Martin, the landlord, rolled in after it. His cheery voice and conversation soon had all the passengers talking, including the ladies. A careful observer, however, would have sensed some underlying furtiveness about the inn, something secretive, as if a concealed watcher were chuckling to himself, as if he knew something of which the rest knew nothing; but perhaps the weather and the fast approaching night had something to do with it.

Mr. Hamilton called to the landlord to ask if he could tell him the time of the next coach to Preston. As if by magic, conversation seemed to flag at that moment and after the chatter of the last few minutes, a deathly silence appeared to fill the room. The landlord turned from a conversation with two servants to tell him that it would only be able to leave at mid-day at the earliest, on account of the bad weather. A look of annoyance crossed Mr. Hamilton's features as he tendered his thanks, and excusing himself for a moment from his friends, he moved across the room to where the landlord was standing, and asked him if he might have a horse early the next morning, so that he might attempt the journey over the Belmont Moors, and thus arrive at Preston several hours ahead of the coach. The landlord, emphasising the dangers on the lonely, little-used track, agreed to lend him "one of his best horses". Mr. Hamilton returned to his friends and explained that he had some valuables to take to Preston without delay.

Had anyone overheard the landlord's conversation with the two servants, he would have understood why one of the latter moved unostentatiously away as Mr. Hamilton uttered this remark. He would have understood also why this servant beckoned to the landlord, who, following the man, left the room; but however strong had been the imagination of the eavesdropper, he could not have had the remotest idea of the terrible crime about to be committed.

Early next morning two servants left the inn on horseback by the back entrance.

Half an hour later Mr. Hamilton left the inn also on horseback. He had travelled only about five miles, a quarter of the distance to Preston, when, lifting his head for an instant in an attempt to penetrate the howling drizzle, he was just in time to see a dark figure with arms flung out throw itself in front of the horse, which reared its front legs high into the air; and good rider though he was, Mr. Hamilton was unable to keep his seat. He was thrown off backwards and, only half sensible, he was struggling to his feet when the robber, helped by his companion, rushed at him, flaying him first into complete insensibility with a heavy stick, then to death. The battered head of the unlucky traveller ran blood on to the muddy road, where, mixing with the rain water, it flowed along in an ever lengthening stream.

The murderers escaped with all the valuables they could find and were never brought to trial.

Sometime later his body was found and recognised not without difficulty. His death was communicated to his friends who, some months later erected a tall metal pillar at the scene of the crime, suitably inscribed, and today known as "The Scotsman's Stump."

G.B. Form Va. (Worden).

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THE RETURN OF AUTUMN.

The rain streaming down the wide window pane,
The smoke of a bonfire borne on the wind,
The rustle of leaves as they whirl down the lane—
And Autumn is here again.

The pale misty sunlight to greet us at noon,
The nip of the cold air at morn,
The heartening gleam of a bright harvest moon—
And Autumn is here again.

The cosy bright fire when we come home at night,
The purr of the cat on the rug.
The swish of the curtains—the click—then the light—
And Autumn is here again.

M.F., Form IVa. (Cuerden).

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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION FILMS

On Wednesday, October 4th, the school once more assembled in the Hall for another welcome programme of Ministry of Information Films.

The first film, "The Crofters," showed the life of these people in the Scottish Highlands. There are not many crofters now and usually they live miles from civilisation.

Each crofter has three or four acres of land and they share common ground on the hills for their animals. The only fuel used for cooking and heating is peat, which the crofters cut and stack in the Autumn. Since they have to rely on themselves for all labour they are very resourceful.

Everybody helps at hay-time and harvest time. In mid August the men bring the sheep in from the hills to be dipped in disinfectant to kill lice. They are sheared in the late Spring and the fleeces are sold to woollen manufacturers,

though the Crofters spin some wool for their own use. A mail van brings letters and newspapers to the Crofters each day from a neighbouring town.

The reason for the decline of the Crofters is that they were driven away by rich landowners to make room for sheep farming. Their deserted cottages are still to be seen going to rack and ruin. But they are a hardy and independent race and some have survived the injustice. Their future should be made secure since they give us sturdy citizens we can ill afford to be without.

The next film on the programme was entitled "Worker and War Front Magazine No. 12." We saw a plan for the rebuilding of Bermondsey, South London, after the war, and a miniature model of this post war city built to scale by architects.

Another film demonstrated clearly that the duties of post-women in the Highlands of Scotland during the deep snow of winter are no easy ones. We were introduced to Jean Cameron who was the first post-woman to receive a uniform. There are now over sixteen thousand post-women.

Another film, not without interest showed the importance of cameras in Wartime, demonstrating their use and scope.

The last film, "Jungle Patrol", was about the fighting in New Guinea, taking place in Ramu Valley, the nearest point to Tokyo which the Allies occupy. This Valley is also named Death Valley since malaria and fevers are rampant in the humid climate. The men fight under terrible conditions. They are knee deep in mud, and cross waist-deep rivers which are infested with crocodiles. The soldiers live on bully beef and hard biscuits which are dropped by plane.

The Australians have advanced three hundred miles in one year but there are still three thousand miles to go; one day we shall see a film showing the end of this long struggle, and what a day that will be!

M.B.S., Form L.VI. (Cuerden).

THE BAT'S HOME.

There is a bridge down Watery Way;
That's very long and rather low;
And even on the brightest day,
It's cool and dark and dreary-o.

There as the twilight deepens,
And stars begin to peep,
A bat awakes and flies about,
After his long day's sleep.

B.S., IIa. (Worden).

THE FAITHFUL COMPANIONS.

Probably the oldest Motor Car that I have ever seen belonged to a gentleman with whom I was acquainted.

It was an old Morris. No doubt the engine was sound at heart, for I have seen it go at the terrific speed of twenty miles an hour. It is true that it bumped and rattled, sometimes even coughed and spluttered, but it managed to run on the road with crab-like movements and without unduly disturbing harmless pedestrians on the pavement.

The car itself, looked very draughty. The windows were made of celluloid, all cracked and full of holes. In Winter it must have been extremely cold and unpleasant. The Car was difficult to start in the morning, and rarely yielded to a "swing and a prayer". I have often seen the owner puffing and panting at the starting handle, for of course, the car had no self-starter. If the car was very difficult to start, he would hire several boys to push it down the road until the familiar "Chug-Chug, Rattle-Rattle" of the old engine could be heard.

The colour of the car was rather hard to distinguish, but I think that it was a very dirty maroon colour. The radiator was rusty and leaked a little, the tyres were worn to a thread and in wet weather, if the brakes were put on too suddenly, it would do an alarming swerve in the road.

The other day I passed a salvage dump, and right in the very centre I saw the old Car, exactly the same old car that had given so much pleasure, mirth and anxiety, to its owner, passengers and onlookers during its long life on the road. As I looked at it, resting there, free at last, I realised that this was no ordinary car, and that it was destined to re-enter this world in a far more glorious form one day. I know re-incarnated in an aeroplane, it will smile ironically down at its master, puffing along the road on a push-bike.

M.E., Form IVa. (Worden).

I WISH I KNEW FOR CERTAIN

I wish I knew for certain,
That my sums would all be right,
I always hope they might be,
But I'm never certain quite.

I wish I knew for certain,
When I went out to tea,
That all the things I like to eat,
Were waiting there for me.

I wish I knew for certain,
When asking Dad for treats,
He'd say, "Of course I'll take you,
Here's my coupons, too, for sweets." M.M., Ia. (Clayton).

THE SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

This term the societies have been somewhat re-arranged as a result of the changes in the Staff. The Photographic Society run by a former master Mr. Parry, is now supplanted by the Topical Subjects Society under Miss Doherty, and Miss Heppell is running a newly-formed Historical Society. Our three new mistresses are taking the same societies as their predecessors.

B.J.S.

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The Musical Society.

Since the last issue of the Balshavian, the high light of the Musical Society's activities was last Term's visit one Saturday afternoon to Preston to see the Sadler's Wells Opera Company in "Madame Butterfly."

"Madame Butterfly" is, of course, a great favourite with opera-goers, for its charm and melodies make instant appeal. Whether the music makes more appeal than the story it is difficult to say—probably the story has more direct appeal, because it is simpler to follow. The music, though charming, is rather subtle at times, for Puccini attaches musical phrases to his characters. There is, for instance, the tune that represents Butterfly; there is the scurrying little tune that represents the Japanese servants, the Star-spangled Banner tune that represents Pinkerton, the American naval officer, and the tune that represents Butterfly's love for Pinkerton. This tune is, of course, the main tune of the opera and occurs whenever Butterfly's love is the dominating idea of the moment. By using these tunes and building them up skilfully, Puccini makes the music tell a good deal of the story.

This Term we have thirty members—all fairly respectable musicians by the look of them! The Lower VI boys have clamoured for Grieg's Pianoforte Concerto and Mendelssohn's "Fingals Cave" Overture. The Vb. girls with true femininity, have requested "Swan Lake" Ballet music, whilst the Vb. boys, with equally true masculine dignity and seriousness, have demanded no less a work than Beethoven's Eroica Symphony! The latter will be a tall order for the younger members, but we hope they will survive it!

Anyhow, we hope our members will enjoy their music.

B.L.W.

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The Junior Play-Reading Society.

Membership of this society rarely lasts more than a year, and is confined in the main to the first and second forms. However, by some manner of "jiggery pokery" a few third-formers wormed their way in for a second year, and will I hope, be useful readers.

We have some new play-books, and more on order, and competition to read parts is keen. The girls in the main do themselves justice; the boys, though



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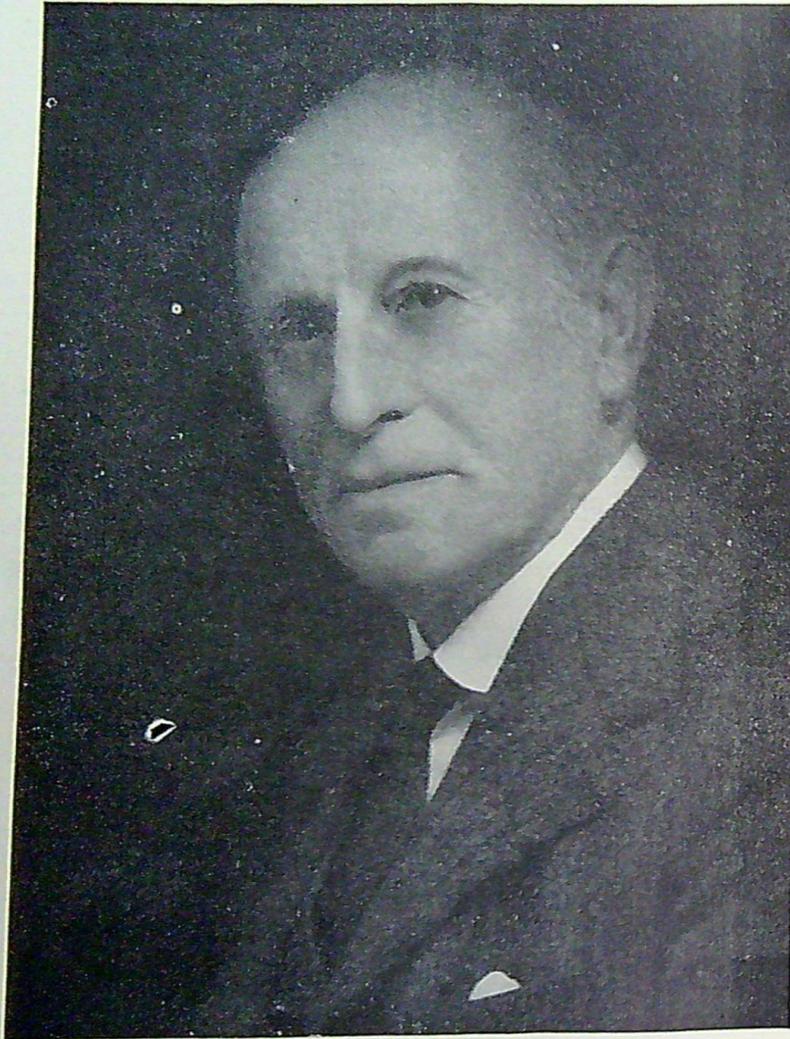
VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNORS OF BALSHAW'S
GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 1928-1944.

IT is with very deep regret that we have to record the death on August 19th, of the Vice-Chairman of the Governors of the School.

Alfred James Lomax had been a member of the Governing Body for 37 years and for the last sixteen years was its Vice-Chairman—a record of unique and honourable distinction. Leyland, indeed, has been very fortunate in the great public service which he rendered on its behalf but Balshavians, old and young, are never likely to forget the selfless work which he did to the last to further the welfare of their School. Such interest did he show that it is difficult to visualise a school function or Governors' meeting without his genial presence—an interest which was shared by Mrs. Lomax and his family, to whom the warmest thoughts of us all go out in sincere sympathy.

The School has lost a wise counsellor and a true friend.

V.U.O.



Thomas Dodd

Clerk to the Governors of Balshaw's Grammar
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JUST over four years ago it was my privilege upon his retirement to pay the School's tribute to the forty-eight years' service of Thomas Dodd as Clerk to the Governors of Balshaw's Grammar School.

On June 16th last, he died at the age of 87 after a life of great public distinction and we are proud to know that it was his own testimony that he found none of his work more enjoyable than that which he did on our behalf. We shall long remember his unceasing and kindly concern for the welfare of the School he loved.

V.U.O.

"Non Sibi Sed Aliis."



Lieutenant
George Herbert Stratton
1911-12

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori"

George Herbert Stratton

LIEUTENANT, GREEN HOWARDS.

Balshaw's Grammar School, 1911-1912.

LIEUTENANT Stratton died suddenly while serving with H.M. Forces. He was a pupil at Balshaw's Grammar School during the years 1911-12. For the following details of his career I am indebted to the Chorley Guardian. During the last war he served overseas in the Cameron Highlanders, reaching the rank of Captain. He rejoined the army in 1940 as a member of the Reserve of Officers, becoming attached to the Green Howards.

In civil life he represented the Bleachers' Association in Manchester and was well known in business circles there.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to his wife and son.

H.J.L.

"Non Sibi Sed Aliis."



Private
John Dewhurst
1923-27

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori"

John Dewhurst

PRIVATE, R.A.O.C.

Balshaw's Grammar School, 1923-1927.

IT is with very great regret that we have to record the sudden death, while on duty with the Forces, of John Dewhurst who was a pupil at Balshaw's during the years 1923-27. A quiet, very likeable boy at school, he was a clever outside right forward when Association football was played at the School. He left to take up an appointment with Messrs. Carrington & Dewhurst, Ecclestone and joined the army in June 1940. His tragic death came as a great shock to all who knew him and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and mother.

H.J.L.

"Non Sibi Sed Aliis."



Flying Officer
Francis William Shepherd

1929-33

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori"

Francis William Shepherd

FLYING OFFICER, R.A.F.V.R.

Cuerden House, 1929-1933.

WE greatly regret to record the death of F/O Frank Shepherd second son of Mr. T. A. Shepherd, of Leyland, while on active service in Italy.

He was one of those who came from the Old to the New School in 1931, one of the gallant band who helped both to carry on the traditions of the Cricket XI, and lay the foundations of a new tradition at Rugby. He was a cheerful and willing trier at both games, and had many friends in the sporting world. Later he became Sports Secretary for the Old Boys' Association.

On leaving School, he was employed at the Leyland and Birmingham Rubber Works. He joined the R.A.F. at the beginning of the War, served at Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain, and later did a long and consistently meritorious turn of duty on Night-Fighters.

He had indeed completed a very full and honourable share in the operations of this War, and will be remembered by his many friends equally for his gallantry and his unassuming modesty.

Our sympathy goes out to his Father, and Brother, and to his Wife.

A.J.B.

"Non Sibi Sed Aliis."



Corporal
Charles Frederick Dugdale
1932-37

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori"

Charles Frederick Dugdale

CORPORAL, R.A.F.V.R.

Clayton House, 1932-1937

IT is our painful duty also to record the death of Cpl. C. F. Dugdale, R.A.F., who has been killed in operations while serving with the India Command.

Dugdale, a quiet and reserved boy, was a hard-working member of the Rugby Fifteen, where he added solidity to the Pack, and also distinguished himself in Athletics. He was Victor Ludorum in his last year. He also acted in the School production of "Twelfth Night", and took part in the Debating Society which was then in a particularly flourishing condition.

On leaving School he found employment in the County Offices, Preston.

To his Parents, and Wife, we extend our deepest sympathy.

A.J.B.

"Non Sibi Sed Aliis."



Sergeant
Eric Wright

1934-36

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori."

Eric Wright

SERGEANT, R.A.F.V.R.

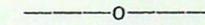
Farington House, 1934-1936.

ERIC Wright was only at Balshaw's for about two years before leaving to go with his brother to Woodhouse Grove School, Bradford, but it came as no less a shock to those of us who remembered him, to hear that he was missing after an operational flight over Germany. Later information confirmed the belief that he had lost his life. It was at first difficult to realise that this could be the little fellow we knew at Balshaw's but we remembered the enthusiasm and the pluck he displayed in his games for Farington House and we were glad to have even this short association with him. After leaving school he joined the firm in which his father is managing director. It was not long before he was in the R.A.F. and operations followed. We extend to all his family our sincere sympathy in their great loss.

H.J.L.

not averse to taking parts, do little with them when they have them. They will improve when they can learn to be less self-conscious. Meanwhile, we all have fun and games combined with mild instructions, and a pleasant end to a week's work.

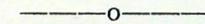
M.A.R.



The Junior Literary Society.

This term the Junior Literary Society has more members from the second forms than in previous years, members from the first and second forms being about equally balanced. We began the term by reading some Greek legends and last week read a short story by Edgar Allan Poe.

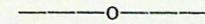
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The Topical Subjects Society.

During the first part of the Summer Term most of our time was devoted to the discussion of current events, and the preparation of a war map. Later meetings were devoted to talks and discussion on aeroplanes, including a talk on "Jet Propulsion".

M.H.



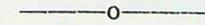
The First Aid Society.

Last term we had a number of interesting lectures and demonstrations by B. White, Hayhurst and Elston. The term ended with two sets of pre-arranged accidents to which various members of the society attended.

We were very sorry to lose some of last term's members, but the society has been increased by some new scholars.

Already this term we have had lectures by Bennett and Latus. Meanwhile a number of other lectures are being prepared by First Aiders.

E.L.



The Dramatic Society.

The society this term is again mainly composed of the gentler sex, the boys unfortunately being only four in number. However we hope to find, if necessary, more male talent in other parts of the school.

Most of our experienced members have had to leave this year and we take this opportunity to wish them the best of luck in their careers. We were very sorry

to lose them, but we know they will not be offended when we say that we are confident of finding others to take their places.

We have not decided yet on the play we shall give but we are reading "Richard of Bordeaux" a historical play by Gordon Daviot.

The idea we have in mind is to give a play in contrast to our last production which was light comedy. This indecision however, gives Miss Milroy chance through the play reading to hear everyone in the society ; so no new talent will be overlooked.

P.S.

Debating Society.

This session we begin our meetings with an almost entirely new set of members, all of whom are very enthusiastic.

Our first debate was "That the town is preferable to the country." It was agreed that, while the country is more healthy, the town was to be preferred because of its amusements. However, the motion was defeated by 6 votes to 5.

Another debate which was overwhelmingly defeated was "That boarding schools are preferable to day schools." The members said that although boarding schools teach children to fend for themselves, and to become independent individuals, day schools give more freedom to pupils. The proposition was defeated by 9 votes to 1, the seconder of the motion going over to the opposite side at the last minute.

We hope that all our meetings will be as successful, and look forward to a literary afternoon soon.

J.L.N.

Le Cercle Francais

Le trimestre passé les réunions du Cercle français étaient peu nombreuses. Pourtant on s'est bien amusé. Plusieurs membres du Cercle ont prononcé des discours intéressants. Nous les remercions. On allait débattre la question suivante : 'La France regagnera-t-elle son ancienne importance après la guerre ?' Hughes allait soutenir le pour et M. Hargreaves le contre. Mais, faute de temps, le débat n'a pas eu lieu. A présent nous lisons une pièce moderne intitulée 'The Guest' au sujet de la France sous l'occupation allemande.

C'était avec regret que nous avons dit 'au revoir' à Miss Robinson. Nous accueillons à sa place Miss Woffindin qui a bien voulu s'intéresser au Cercle.

M.H.

The Choir

The Choir is again meeting this term ; we are glad to welcome all the new members, both boys and girls, and we hope to see them regularly at choir practices.

We are again practising carols, both new and familiar ones, for the carol service which will be held at the end of this term.

By the time that this is published, the Carol service will be almost on top of us, and we are hoping to arrange another party for choir members after it, to which we heartily invite all members of the staff and old pupils.

Although we have lost invaluable help in the departure of Miss Robinson, we hope to give the school a good entertainment.

A.N.

The Arts and Crafts Society.

Society meetings have been resumed once more this term and keen interest has been shown by all members who are mainly fifth and sixth formers.

Leatherwork seems to be the most popular, and wallets, purses, comb cases and gloves are being made. Some girls are making toy animals from felt, while others are making lino-cuts for Christmas cards. Since the discovery of an old bundle of wood-veneer several plaques have been made.

Miss Whewell as usual, has willingly provided help and inspiration and to her goes most of the credit for our achievements.

M.B.S.

The Dancing Society.

Once again the members of the Dancing Society have worked well, and all are most enthusiastic. We have learned many new National Dances, and during the first weeks of term we used the time for practising the dances which the Leyland girls learned for a display given during Leyland "Salute the Soldier" week.

When the weather was suitable we held our meetings out of doors and are looking forward to many more of these meetings this term.

M.H.

The Scientific Society.

Since the last magazine was published the Society has not changed a great deal, except that the numbers have increased. There are still a few of the old lecturers left who have faithfully returned. They have volunteered to give paper lectures until the new members get accustomed to their new Society. It is confidentially expected that, during the coming session, many more interesting subjects will be brought forward to be discussed.

N.F.

The Greenhouse

Summer is over in the Greenhouse and roses, along with many other plants, have finished flowering.

During the summer holidays there was a large crop of tomatoes, the credit of which is due to Mr. Bennison, who took great care of them last term.

Last week we planted some Lily of the Valley in the hope that they would flower for Christmas.

We now wait for the chrysanthemums which already show signs of flowering and the Castor Oil plant which is in bud at present.

We have also taken cuttings from many different types of plants ready for next summer.

D.J.T.

The Gardening Society.

Most of our senior members left us at the end of last term but we are pleased to say that the younger ones are just as keen.

There is a great deal of work to be done in preparation for next year's crops, which we hope will be still better; so we again ask for help from all pupils, and also thank those who helped us to produce this year's crops.

H.H.

The Needlework Society.

During the Summer Term members of the society completed many articles in dressmaking, embroidery, knitting and leatherwork.

On the sunny days towards the end of term the meetings were held out of doors and we were provided with gramophone music while we worked.

This year there are a number of senior girls in the society, and we give a hearty welcome to all new comers, both senior and junior.

Patchwork aprons and cushions, are now being made, and toy making, embroidery and knitting are to be seen.

Last term, many attractive presents were made; these included handbags and bed slippers, made of leather, and gay braid necklets.

P.M.B. and E.G.H.

The National Savings Group.

Since the beginning of the war the School National Savings Group has raised a grand total of £10,281 16s. Of this sum, £1,914 has been saved in the last six months. This period includes Leyland's "Salute the Soldier" week. During

that week the schools again had a joint target, but they did not have individual targets this year. Their joint aim was £6,500, and the sum raised was over £10,000.

Balshaw's Grammar School Savings Group did its share well and contributed £1,722 16s. towards that total. This was an excellent result, especially as it represented, mainly, small sums from the greater part of the school, and not only from the Leyland scholars. During that week the Schools again united for a display of dancing and singing, under slightly more propitious circumstances than last year. We should like to thank Miss Rahill and Miss Bartlett for the help they gave to make this effort a success.

Meanwhile, at the time of going to press, the war has not yet been won. With our armies fighting on the continent, money is needed more than ever. So saving is still of vital importance for the war effort. Leyland wants its war-time total to reach £2,000,000 before Christmas; £30,000 is still needed. So our slogan must be "Help to make it two million."

C.M.C.

CRICKET, 1944.

Although the school 1st XI was rather a young team this year it had a very successful season, most of the games being closely and evenly contested.

The bowling was steady and at times very good and it was rarely mastered. The batting, however, with one or two exceptions was not very confident, mainly due to inexperience. The fielding of the new members of the side was at first rather lifeless and although an improvement was made we expect to see more snap and hostility about the ground fielding and throwing next season.

Nevertheless, the team was well captained and in the field it functioned as an efficient if not very speedy machine.

The juniors were, as usual, very keen and vicerevous in their enthusiasm especially in the leagues where the atmosphere was sometimes test match in its tenseness.

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI.

Dalton.—A capable captain with good control of his team. A left arm bowler with a nice action; on a favourable wicket he needed careful watching. Fielding was always keen and safe.

Carr.—A good all-rounder. An attacking batsman who will get many runs, especially when he exercises more restraint. His bowling was steady and his fielding quick and sure.

Elston.—A very reliable bowler who bowled well within himself and always commanded respect. With the new ball he was really difficult. A useful bat and safe catch.

Neale.—A lively cricketer who although not a stylish bat, was always looking for runs. Quick between the wicket and an alert, aggressive fielder.

Glover.—A very promising bat. With more experience and a little more concentration in defence he will play many good and stylish innings.

Whitaker J.—A keen wicket-keeper who was always trying. Made some useful runs.

Brough.—A dour batsman with a good defence and temperament; can also hit the ball hard. Rather slow in the field but a safe catch and a promising slow bowler.

Bullivant.—Has a good eye and quick footwork. He will make a good bat. Should develop his bowling which shows promise.

Barker.—Another promising young batsman who, with more confidence, and determination should score freely. Bowling also full of possibilities. Not lively enough in the field.

Whitaker W.—Has a good eye and hits a loose ball well. A good slip fielder.

Pye.—Showed promise as a bowler.

Newton.—Fielded well and was always keen.

Ellis.—Although nervous, supported the team well as did

Grayson.—Who also played in several games.

R.A.B.

15TH MAY, 1944. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AT HOME. WON.

The School batted first and scored freely, Glover making 43 before we declared at tea-time, with 89 runs on the board. The School bowlers made short work of the Ormskirk batsmen, who were dismissed for 28 runs. Elston took 6 wickets for 7 runs.

Result : School, 89 for 8 declared, Ormskirk, 28.

20TH MAY, 1944. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. CHORLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. DRAW.

This was a very disappointing game and extremely short. The School batted for an hour and a half and then declared with the score at 100 for 8. Chorley played out the little remaining time their score being 13 for 7. Elston took 6 wickets for 7 runs again.

Result : School, 100 for 8, declared; Chorley, 13 for 7.

21ST MAY, 1944. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON CATHOLIC COLLEGE 1ST XI. AT HOME. WON.

The College batted first and scoring slowly, were dismissed for 52 runs, Elston taking 7 for 24 runs. The School began their innings very well and soon passed the College total and declared with 5 wickets to spare.

Result : School, 55 for 5; Preston C.C., 52.

10TH JUNE, 1944. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST.

Preston went in to bat and scoring spasmodically were dismissed for 51, Dalton taking 7 wickets for 13 runs. The School's batting, however, was very weak and we were dismissed for 27 runs.

Result : School, 27; Preston Grammar School, 51.

17TH JUNE, 1944. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON CATHOLIC COLLEGE 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

The College batted first and were soon dismissed for 39 runs due to the good bowling of Elston who took 9 wickets for 5 runs. The School batted well and soon reached 39 runs and then declared at 59 for 7.

Result : School, 59 for 7; Preston C.C., 39.

24TH JUNE, 1944. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST.

Ormskirk batted first, and doing better than last time, scored 85 runs all out. The School then batted and while the last three wickets were falling, excitement was running high, but the School met with an honourable defeat. The last man was caught on the boundary while attempting the winning hit. It was a very enjoyable game.

Result : School, 82; Ormskirk, 85.

1ST JULY, 1944. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. LOST.

Kirkham batted first and scoring freely made 116 for 6 (dec.). The School batting collapsed against the Kirkham bowling and we were dismissed for 22 runs.

Result : School, 22; Kirkham, 116 for 6 declared.

8TH JULY, 1944. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. PRESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AT HOME. LOST.

Preston batted first again and scored 81 runs. The School then went in to bat, but except for Carr who made 20 runs the batting was very weak.

Result : School, 60; Preston Grammar School, 81.

19TH JULY, 1944. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AT HOME. LOST.

This was a good and very exciting game. The School batted first and against good bowling made 64 runs. Kirkham batted very slowly and with the score at 56 for 8, excitement was rife but they managed it and won by 5 runs.

Result : School, 64 ; Kirkham Grammar School, 69.

22ND JULY, 1944. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. AWAY. WON.

The School batted first, and except for Carr who scored 21 we fared badly and were all out for 45 runs. Hutton, however, was no match for the School's bowlers and were dismissed for 31 runs, Elston taking 4 for 11 and Dalton 6 for 11.

Result : School, 45 ; Hutton Grammar School, 31.

26TH JULY, 1944. SCHOOL 1ST XI v. STAFF. AT HOME.

Abandoned owing to rain.

28TH JULY, 1944. SCHOOL v. CANON WYATT'S XI. WON.

For the annual match with the Clergy XI, the school team was considerably strengthened with the inclusion of several members of the staff. The Clergy batted first, and finally reached a score of 67. The School, after one very bad period, reached the score of 81. Mr. Bennison reached a total of 31 and Neale added a very useful 17.

Result : School, 81 ; Canon Wyatt's XI., 67.

TABLE OF GAMES OF 1ST XI.

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|--------|-----|-------|------|
| Played | Won | Drawn | Lost |
| 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 |

HOUSE LEAGUES.

| | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Points |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-------|------|--------|
| Clayton | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| Cuerden | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| Farington | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| Worden | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |

In the play-off for the House Shield Clayton won the Shield.

HOUSE KNOCKOUTS.

In the preliminary rounds Cuerden were defeated by Farington and Clayton defeated Worden.

In the final Clayton defeated Farington.

Farington : 1st Innings 31, 2nd Innings 44.

Clayton : 1st Innings 43, 2nd Innings 34 for 5 wickets.

1st XI CRICKET — 1944 — AVERAGES.

BATTING.

| Name | No. of Innings | Times not Out | Most in Innings | Runs | Average |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------|---------|
| Carr | 11 | 0 | 29 | 118 | 10. 7 |
| Neale | 7 | 2 | 17 | 48 | 9. 6. |
| Glover | 8 | 0 | 48 | 69 | 8. 6. |
| Elston | 11 | 0 | 16 | 75 | 6. 8. |
| Barker | 9 | 2 | 18 | 46 | 6. 6. |
| W. Whitaker .. | 9 | 0 | 18 | 50 | 5. 5. |
| Bullivant | 8 | 1 | 20 | 40 | 5. 0. |
| Brough | 11 | 2 | 16 | 44 | 4. 9. |
| J. Whitaker.. .. | 11 | 1 | 17 | 46 | 4. 6. |
| Hayhurst | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4. |
| Dalton | 10 | 1 | 8 | 28 | 3. 1. |
| Pye | 3 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1. 3. |
| Newton | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0. |
| Ellis | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0. |

BOWLING.

| Name | No. of Overs | No. of Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|------|---------|---------|
| Elston | 140 | 57 | 234 | 59 | 4. 0. |
| Carr | 29 | 8 | 59 | 11 | 5. 4. |
| Dalton | 112 | 41 | 196 | 29 | 6. 8. |
| Pye | 10 | 3 | 22 | 1 | 22. |

CATCHES.

| Name | No. | Name | No. |
|-------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Glover | 6 | Carr | 1 |
| Dalton | 5 | Bullivant | 1 |
| W. Whitaker | 4 | Pye | 1 |
| Elston | 4 | Newton | 1 |
| Neale | 3 | Brough | 1 |
| J. Whitaker | 1 | | |

ROUNDERS, 1944.

Captain : B. Pickburn.

We have only been able to play five 1st team matches this season, but the results of these have been very good; the Juniors have won their matches too.

Both teams have practised hard and very willingly, and have deserved their success. The fielding was good at the very beginning of the season, but the batting was certainly in need of practice; this steadily improved and became really excellent.

The general standard of the game in the school is good—in fact we had great difficulty in selecting the best players for the team this year, and there should be many good players to follow on next year. Those of us who are leaving wish them every success.

TEAM CRITICISMS.

Bowler : M. Sutton.—Has had another successful season as bowler. She is quick in the fielding of the ball and in throwing, although this could be swifter. Her batting has been quite good.

Backstop : C. P. Turner.—Has played well in her first season. She has a strong swift throw, and although this was sometimes inaccurate at the beginning of the season, it became more sure with practice. She has fielded well at 4th base.

1st Base : M. Hutchings.—An alert, lively fielder and a good batter. She combines excellently with the Backstop and 3rd Base and is quick to seize opportunities in the field.

2nd Base : I. Thornley.—Has batted and fielded well throughout the season. Her throwing is swift and accurate, and she is a safe receiver of balls thrown in by the deep fielders.

3rd Base : A. Farrington.—Both batting and fielding have been exceedingly good. She throws accurately combining well with first base, and works well with the deep fielders.

1st Deep : A. Newsham.—A very good all-round player. Her fielding has been first class throughout the season; she has scored a considerable number of Rounders.

2nd Deep : J. Beal.—This has been her first season in the team. She has batted well, and she has a powerful throw, although this needs to be more accurate.

3rd Deep : B. Pickburn.—A first class fielder and a very good batter. Her throw-in is always swift and accurate, and her fielding of the ball neat and quick. She has captained the team most efficiently.

4th Deep : A. Bradley.—A safe and most reliable fielder, and a good batter. Her throw is always accurate, although it is still inclined to be slow.

M.K.B.

MAY 13TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. CHORLEY G. S. 1ST IX. AWAY. WON.

All our team were eager to win this our first match of the season. Playing conditions, however, were not too good for the grass was very wet and rather too long in parts. Consequently the ball became very slippery and difficult to field. Nevertheless we batted quite well and managed to defeat our opponents.

Result : School, 5; Chorley G. S., 1.

JUNE 10TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. CHORLEY G. S. 1ST IX. HOME. WON.

Once again our fielding was superior to that of our opponents, as was also our batting; this resulted in an easy win for the School team.

Result : School, 13½ (1 innings declared); Chorley G. S., 2.

JUNE 17TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. ORMSKIRK G. S. 1ST IX. HOME. WON.

In this match the weather conditions were ideal. Our batting had improved greatly, and we scored many rounders by placing the ball well. Our fielding also was alert and sure.

Result : School, 9; Ormskirk G. S., 2.

JUNE 24TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX. v. HINDLEY G. S. 1ST IX. HOME. WON.

Since several of the 1st team were playing in a tennis match, our team which played against Hindley consisted of some Juniors. The School team batted extremely well, and the match resulted in an easy victory for us.

Result : School, $18\frac{1}{2}$; Hindley G. S., 2.

JULY 15TH. SCHOOL 1ST IX v. ORMSKIRK G. S. 1ST IX. AWAY. WON.

As this was the last match of the season we were determined to add yet another victory to our previous successes. It was a keenly contested match, but both our fielding and batting were stronger than that of the Ormskirk team, so we were able to achieve our aim.

Result : School, $4\frac{1}{2}$; Ormskirk G. S., $1\frac{1}{2}$.

MAY 20TH. SCHOOL JUNIOR IX v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD JUNIOR IX. AWAY. WON.

Result : School, $5\frac{1}{2}$; Ashton G. S., $4\frac{1}{2}$.

JUNE 17TH. SCHOOL JUNIOR IX v. ORMSKIRK G. S. JUNIOR IX. HOME. WON.

Result : School 2 ; Ormskirk G. S., $\frac{1}{2}$.

JULY 15TH. SCHOOL JUNIOR IX. v. ORMSKIRK G. S. JUNIOR IX. AWAY. WON.

Result : School $5\frac{1}{2}$; Ormskirk G. S., $1\frac{1}{2}$.

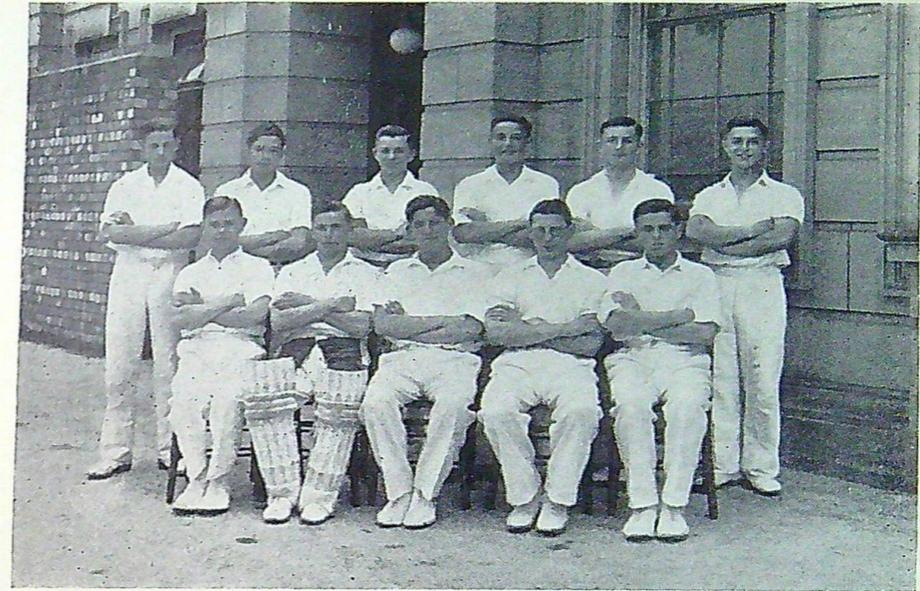
RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES.

| | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-------|------|
| 1st IX. | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior IX | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

ROUNDERS LEAGUE TABLE, 1944.

| House | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Points |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-------|------|--------|
| Worden | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Cuerden | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Farington | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Clayton | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 |

Shield Winners : Worden and Cuerden.



SCHOOL 1st XI CRICKET, 1944.
 Back Row ; (left to right) Bullivant, Barker, Whitaker, W. R., Pye, Brough, Neale.
 Front Row ; (left to right) Glover, Whitaker, J. G., Dalton (Captain), Elston, Carr.
 Played 11. Won 5. Drawn 1. Lost 5.



SCHOOL 1st VI TENNIS, 1944.
 Back Row : (left to right) P. R. Charnley, D. J. Tomlinson, I. Thornley, C. P. Turner.
 Front Row : (left to right) B. Pickburn, Miss Bartlett, A. Bradley (Captain),
 Played 7. Won 4. Lost 3.



SCHOOL 1st IX ROUNDERS, 1944.
 Back Row : (left to right) A. Newsham, I. Thornley, A. A. Farrington, C. P. Turner, J. M. Beal.
 Front Row : (left to right) M. B. Sutton, B. Pickburn (Captain), Miss Bartlett, A. Bradley, M. Hutchings.
 Played 6. Won 6.

ROUNDERS KNOCK-OUTS.

The final of the Rounders Knock-outs was played between Farington and Worden. Farington defeated Worden by $1\frac{1}{2}$ Rounders to 1.

Winners : Farington.

TENNIS, 1944.

Captain : A. Bradley.

The team has not been as strong this year as in the last few years, due mostly to inexperience as only two of last year's players were left. We had great difficulty in choosing the team—the 1st and 2nd couples were soon chosen, but it has been almost impossible to decide between four players ; consequently these have all been tried in various matches.

Strokes for the most part were well produced, but the team was divided into two camps ; some of the team played a bold game and they need to develop more control ; others played a too careful game and they should try to go all out for good hard shots.

There was a marked all round improvement later in the team and with more experience and confidence they should do well next year.

TEAM CRITICISMS.

1st Couple : A. Bradley.—has played steadily throughout the season. Her style will never be orthodox, but she has a good eye for the ball, and she places her shots well. She and her partner combine well and have had good results.

B. Pickburn.—has greatly improved her play this year as increased confidence has added more power to her strokes. She drives deep to the back line, and her net play has been good.

2nd Couple.—P. Charnley.—An energetic and lively player. Her service is good, and she has an exceedingly strong forehand drive ; volleying is good too. She is apt to be a little wild, but more control will come with practice.

J. Tomlinson.—has good style in all strokes. At the beginning of the season she lacked confidence in volleying and rarely came up to the net, but her net play improved as she gained confidence. She and her partner play a vigorous and enterprising game.

3rd Couple : I. Thornley.—plays a careful, steady game, and places her shots extremely well. Her strokes are quite good, but they rather lack force and drive. This will come as she gains confidence. Her style in service is good.

C. P. Turner.—plays a strong and vigorous game. Her forehand and back-hand drives are very strong, but they are sometimes rather wild ; her volleying is determined and strong. With more experience she should gain the necessary control and become a very good player.

J. Beal and M. Hutchings have played in several matches, and are certainly worthy of criticism. To give it briefly, M. Hutchings is a steady player who should go all out for hard hitting next year, and J. Beal, already a hard hitter, must work for more control.

M.K.B.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

MAY 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD 1ST VI. AWAY. WON.

This first match of the season was very enjoyable but even the older members of the team had not played on the Ashton courts before and it took us some time to get used to them. The new members of the team played with confidence as, owing to the fine weather, we had had much practice. However there was a lack of good net-play.

Result : School, 49 games ; Ashton G. S., 32 games.

JUNE 14TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL. HOME. LOST.

The Preston Park School, as usual, had a good team and we had two keen matches against them. During the match there was a brisk wind blowing and since the opposing net-play was good we had some difficulty with lobbing. The second and especially the third couple found this to their disadvantage. The result of the sets was very varied but the final score made up well to the Park School.

Result : School, 41 games ; Preston Park School, 58 games.

JUNE 24TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. WIGAN HIGH SCHOOL. HOME. WON.

We had been practising hard since the last match and our play had improved. Our backhands and volleying were good but in the latter there was still a tendency to gravitate towards the middle of the net exposing the tramlines. Wigan, unfortunately were playing with two reserves.

Result : School, 72 games ; Wigan High School, 27 Games.

JULY 18TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. RIVINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST VI. AWAY. WON.

This year Rivington had a strong team and it was a keenly interesting match. Our drives were often inaccurate and play was never steady. However in the latter part of the match the wildness gave place to more careful strokes and the final score was to our advantage.

Result : School, 46 games ; Rivington Grammar School, 36 games.

JULY 17TH. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. PRESTON CONVENT 1ST VI. AWAY. WON.

After the experience afforded by other matches we had confidence and combined well as a team. Although we were unaccustomed to grass courts this seemed to be no drawback and our long drives and strong volleys were very successful.

Result : School, 65 games ; Preston Convent, 16 games.

JULY 19TH. SCHOOL 1ST VIII v. PRESTON PARK SCHOOL 1ST VIII. AWAY. LOST.

On the following Wednesday we were opposed by a much stronger team. We had decided to play four couples so that all who had previously played for our team could be included. The results of the sets were as in the previous Park School match—very varied. The first couple won three of the sets scored and the second couple the other two. The other couples were rather confused by our opponents' vigorous play.

Result : School, 5 sets ; Preston Park School, 11 sets.

JULY 20TH. SCHOOL 1ST VIII v. OLD GIRLS 1ST VIII. HOME. LOST.

Again we played four couples. The Old Girls had a strong team and for the most part their powerful drives and volleys had a poor reception at our side of the net. However there were many good rallies and it was a very enjoyable match, won by the Old Girls with a fairly big margin.

JULY 22ND. SCHOOL 1ST VI v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST VI. HOME. WON.

From the start we played steadily and confidently and by running up on strong drives managed to win many points by volleying. However, the play was more even than the score denotes and it was an enjoyable match.

Result : School, 62 games ; Ormskirk Grammar School, 37 games.

RESULT OF SCHOOL 1st VI. MATCHES, 1944.

| | | | |
|--------|-----|-------|------|
| Played | Won | Drawn | Lost |
| 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 |

TENNIS LEAGUE TABLE, 1944.

| House | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Points |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-------|------|--------|
| Cuerden | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Clayton | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Farington | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Worden | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

Shield Winners : Cuerden.

TENNIS KNOCK-OUT FINAL.

Our congratulations go to Clayton on defeating Cuerden. It was a close match, but extra games were played at the end to make the result decisive.

HOUSE NOTES. CLAYTON HOUSE.

House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull.

House Mistress : Miss F. W. Royle.

House Captains : Carr, G. T., (boys) ; P. Turner (girls).

Once again we find ourselves at the beginning of a new school year and we heartily welcome all the new members to the House.

We can look back over the past term with considerable pride. The girls after a hard fight succeeded in winning the Tennis Knockouts and the boys won the Cricket Knockouts for the third year in succession. We also won the Cricket Leagues, this being mainly due to the enthusiastic efforts of the Junior members of the House.

This year we are anticipating good results both at Hockey and Rugby and shall endeavour to maintain the Clayton tradition both on the Hockey and the Rugby field.

In striving for honours in the way of sport, we must not forget the most important trophy of all, which almost mockingly eludes our grasp—the Silver Griffin. This trophy, awarded to the House which leads in Learning, has for the past few years been awarded to every House (at different times) except Clayton. Just how much longer are we going to allow this to happen? Let us all make a real effort to capture this fine trophy, by bringing the same enthusiasm to our work as to our play.

CUERDEN HOUSE.

House Master : Mr. R. A. Bennison.

House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell.

House Captains : Hayhurst, H. (Boys) ; K. Frost, (Girls).

Once again we are reminded by the Editor to relate our achievements, so the scribe retires to a corner to think of some novel way in which to set down our few cherished victories, and also we regret, our defeats. Before we rejoice and mourn, we must welcome Mr. Bennison as our House Master and sincerely hope that under his influence our boys will shine on the games field.

Since our last publication, Sports Day and the Rounders, Tennis and Cricket seasons have come and gone, leaving only two permanent reminders on the walls of our House Room, the Rounders and Tennis Leagues Shields.

Our defeats however, were not as bad as they appear, for although we were actually third on Sports Day, there was only one point between us and the second

House. We can also claim the Victrix Ludorum. In the Tennis Knockouts too, we were only defeated after a re-play in the finals, and then by two games. Rounders and Cricket though, are subjects best forgotten, except as a challenge to next year's teams to do better.

Our House Room is looking rather bare ; we need more ornaments in the shape of shining shields and cups to brighten it up a bit. How about a little more effort on the intellectual front, Cuerdenites? We have not seen that Silver Griffin in our House Room for a long time now.

So much for the past. Now we look to the future as the Hockey and Rugby seasons face us. What are we going to do about it?

We have many new members this term, and eventually we hope to find enough talent among them to enable us to lead the School once more. So shoulders to the wheel, juniors, for the lambs of today are the lions of tomorrow.

FARINGTON HOUSE.

House Master : Mr. H. J. Lomax.

House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy.

House Captains : Heaton, T. (Boys) ; A. A. Farrington (Girls).

Once again it is time to record the activities of the House during the past season.

We also take this opportunity of welcoming all new members, and wishing the best of luck to those who have left us.

Farington has never been the House to boast of its achievements—sadly enough we have little to boast about. But let this be a warning to all other Houses. We are determined to cling tenaciously to our few trophies.

Although the boys reached the finals of the Knockouts, they were unfortunately defeated, though they managed to gain second place in the Leagues. But it was the girls who raised our good name from the dust, by winning the Rounders Knockouts, although they barely managed to secure victory in one of the most exciting matches of the season.

The Griffin, however is still with us. May it so remain for many years to come. It depends on you, Farington, to see that this coveted trophy adorns our House Room, but yours is also the responsibility of seeing that it does not enjoy a solitary confinement.

Sports Day, too, proved a disappointment. The House was mainly dependent on its younger generation, and although they tried hard, they could not be

expected to leave the field with flying colours. We can only wish ourselves better luck next time.

Now the Winter is upon us with all its varied occupations. Let us hope that we shall gain success not only in the scholastic field, but on the field of sport as well. Let us secure at least one prize if not all.

So Play up Farington ; you can do it if you try.

WORDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill.

House Captains : Whitaker, W. R. (Boys) ; A. Newsham (Girls).

First of all we wish to welcome all the new members of the House. We hope they will maintain, and indeed improve on our standard in both work and games.

In Cricket Leagues, last term, our boys failed miserably, losing every match, and having the privilege of taking bottom place in the table. Clayton was far superior to us in the Cricket Knockouts, knocking us out in the first round.

The girls have shown up a little better than the boys on the games field. In the Rounders Leagues we were runners-up to Cuerden, and in the Rounders Knockouts, Farington defeated us by a very small margin. Nor did we succeed in Tennis, losing the Knockouts in the first round, and taking second place in the Leagues.

But on Sports Day the House was again victorious, gaining three out of the four cups :—The House Championship Cup, the Relay Cup, and the Victor Ludorum, which was again won by Salisbury. We hope the House Room will soon be quite decorated, for we have gained a replica of both the Relay and the House Championship Cups, having held both for three years in succession.

We have not seen the Silver Griffin in our House Room for a long time. For the past year, we have come second to Farington in the House Merit List. If we wish to see the Silver Griffin in our House Room for the year 1944-45, we shall have to work hard.

It is perhaps to the new blood in the Junior section of the House that we must look if we are to be successful in the class room and on the games field as we have been at Athletics.

So go to it Wordenites !

“NON SIBI SED ALIIS”

June 13th, 1944—R.A.F. Benevolent Fund—£5/0/0.

June 23rd, 1944—Alexandra Rose Day—£3/15/2.

July 7th, 1944.—Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies—£3/17/10½.

July 13th, 1944—King George's Fund for Sailors—£5/0/0.

July 27th, 1944—Dr. Barnardo's Homes (Boxes)—£21/14/8.
(per Miss Royle).

August 4th, 1944—Toys made by pupils and sent to War-time Nurseries
(per Lady Openshaw)—12 Toys.

September 29th, 1944—United Aid to China Fund—£5/7/6.

October 19th, 1944—St. John Ambulance—£3/10/5.
(Leyland Division).

October 26th, 1944—St. Dunstan's—£5/0/0.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor, The Balshavian.

Dear Editor,

This, as Wolsey once said to a stubborn House of Commons, “hath been a marvellous great silence”. I must begin with a grumble or at least a correction. In my last letter, many years ago, my account of the difficulties of mounting guard on a pitch black night on a rolling deck at Sea included in your pages the words “in the end I lined them up against the rail and left them”. Never let it be said that a Balshavian, and a Cuerdenian at that, deserted his men on active service. What I really said was “I lined them up against the rail and FELT them”. I had to count them by touch.

Among recent arrivals has been one L.A.C.W. Hilda Lord looking very, very brown. Hilda is living under canvas on the edge of the desert and has nothing but scorn for the Waafry who live in town. Naturally she is her Unit's representative on a certain Welfare Committee and is in a constant state of exasperation at the excessive caution and lack of initiative of the Chairman, a mere Squadron Leader. I feel sorry for him.

Ernest Challender recently spent his leave in the district and together we went to see some Cricket, which after watching in silence for some time he pronounced inferior to that at B.G.S. In view of the fact that Dudley Nourse and Steyn, the Springbok Test players, Merritt of New Zealand and various English County players are frequently on view that is high praise, but I must admit they weren't playing that day.

Then one night I was met at the office door at eight o'clock by Tankist (to quote the Russian communiques) Charles Elliott, looking very well. I discover he has been here two years. After dinner he smoked a long cheroot without ill effect.

Staff Sergeant Norman Barrow and I have met a number of times and he has told me things about the school that even I didn't know. When no longer cramped by lack of knowledge of the subject (Gladstone's Foreign Policy for instance) he has a remarkable facility of style both in the written and the spoken way.

I have seen many places since last I wrote.

My 1943 leave I spent armed with a letter of introduction which led to many more. I visited the young University with its magnificent amphitheatre, overlooking the valley and the wilderness where the great Orchestra has played under Toscanini, the Hospital staffed largely by brilliant surgeons and doctors whom Hitler did not consider fit for his Reich, now doing a fine job for the World in general and the Middle East in particular, and the gallant little workers' school for children who had to earn their living in the daytime, all fine memories.

As for the Settlement I could write pages on that. Here were people who had found their happiness. Here were people at peace. They had no money, even their clothes were in common. A magnificent school on the hillside dominated the settlement. The pupils lived and worked in groups (from the age of six weeks to eighteen). The work they produced, on the project system two or three months at a time, was the most remarkable I have ever seen. I felt that I had not yet begun to teach. And what plums that Settlement grew! Like a drink of wine. And to lie in a clearing in the forest (on a blanket carried up by one of our friends and spread out on the pine needles) and gaze drowsily across the vale at the blue hills faint in the summer haze, that was a moment of peace and content like none I have known since leaving England.

To remind us that this is a dangerous World I nearly succeeded in drowning my companion. I was not so strong a rower nor he so strong a swimmer as both supposed.

A fortune teller one glorious midsummer moonlight night had told me I should shortly rise to a high position and sure enough I did for a few weeks later I was in an aeroplane 9,000 feet above the sea. These fiendish machines soon give the passenger a back like a banana since he has to fit against the curved wall of the fuselage—on a steel seat too—further incommoded by a horrible bar which comes just below his neck. However, I lay on the floor and slept most of the way. Strange to have breakfast at one end of a continent and dinner at the other.

At a seaside village I remained for three months, housed most of the time in one of the Bey's palaces quite innocent of furniture or sanitation—a most imposing structure built around an outer and an inner courtyard emblazoned with golden lions. Inside, however, the Architects had adopted a hit or miss method of layout and in trying to connect one floor with another usually missed.

Picturesque ruffians of the Royal Bodyguard in blue jackets, scarlet sashes and baggy white trousers idled about the gates. To see one of them getting into his sash in the morning was quite an experience. He fastened one end to a lamp post and then twizzled himself round into the twelve feet of it. His daggers and other fearsome accoutrements were stuck in afterwards. However, the guards looked more ferocious than they were and could easily be tamed with cigarettes.

Though a small village there were six palaces in it for no Bey must live in a palace in which his predecessor has died. Consequently when a Bey looks as if he's about to they rush him off to a small palace to save expense, but sometimes the Bey dies on 'em too soon. Our palace stood at the end of a long Arab "Soukh" or Market and my outstanding memory of the whole place is the smell.

A trip over the mountains convinced me that I must after all, despite a certain Channel crossing many years ago with Mr. Wilkinson, have a really strong stomach. I did not know an aeroplane could do such things without coming apart. Nevertheless I preserved my dignity.

Then one terrible morning in October, still 1943, in a torrential downpour I left the Bey's palace for the Airport on my way back. Out first car stopped in a flood and my faithful clerk and I transferred to a second. We ploughed through a sea of mud to the Airfield. A few forlorn passengers hung wretchedly about the low gloomy buildings. Pools of water were all over the steel mesh runway. To think that this led to the land of eternal sunshine!

At length a South African Captain came up briskly and said "Hurry up. Plane is taking off". We heaved our kit and the precious records we were taking the longest fifty yards of my life to the plane. Names were called and that was all. Once safely in (the old steel seats) we all got out again. Plane not fuelled.

Again I did the journey across Africa in one day. We touched down twice, a queer feeling for your intimate little world up aloft to come down in an empty brown plain miles from anywhere and you all go quietly round the corner to the NAAFI for a cup of tea and a sandwich and then you climb in and shut yourself up again. Then the roaring of the engines as you taxi to the take off and quiet again and then another roar and the runway is speeding past faster and faster till suddenly you realise you are looking down on the tops of the palm trees. I could never tell the actual moment we were airborne. (You feel the bump coming down and very glad you are to feel it) and then, as darkness falls, the engine going slowly, you circle round for what seems an eternity, you stare out through the little round windows and can see nothing but a pale sky and dark earth and a few lights twinkling, till at last comes that gentle bump and you are down in a strange country. Only to me it was not strange—the "erk" who handled my kit greeted me with a thick Scottish accent and I recognised my old batman. Half an hour later the gharry was rattling past lighted cafés with brown men in galabeyas and tarbrushes (nightshirts and red plantpots). Outside my old pension the gharry stopped and the houseboy met me with a radiant smile and cries of "Kwoyss Ketir! Mr. Hilditch verra-nice" to the wretched fellow who had taken my old room. My pleasure at this welcome was somewhat tempered by the reflection that he was thinking "here's that fool who leaves his money lying about when he goes to the bathroom".

This year's leave was ten days in August. Sweet sea and mountain air after the eternal dust. The highlight of my trip was a hair-raising ride in a meat wagon. It is an impressive entrance into what claims to be the oldest permanently inhabited city in the World, the foaming flashing river in its narrow vivid green valley and the bare brown mountains towering on each side. Near the city the river breaks

into hundreds of sparkling rivulets which thread their way through thickly-wooded pleasure gardens, and here the inhabitants were out in their thousands in their best clothes for it was a holiday.

Next day I went over a factory where they were making some of the gold and silver brocades for which the town is famous. Exquisite fabrics which no women and few men could resist. Here the cunning device of the blank cheque offered to me as a special favour, successfully relieved me of a great deal of money without giving me any sense of pecuniary loss. Later in every shop or bazaar I visited I saw other British Officers being initiated into the same mystery.

You hardly notice the Desert on your way by train—after all a fortnight's leave is before you—but it obtrudes as you come back and a great deal of it gets into your compartment. As I descended to the platform at two in the morning for "breakfast" filthy and weary, three women veiled in black crouched in the dust like three black beetles told me I had returned. And there, where filthy poverty rubs shoulders with extravagant wealth, where elegant limousines jostle with donkey carts and the disdainful camel ignores the traffic lights which the Army lorry must obey, I still remain and would like to hear from any of you.

Here's to that first post war Old Balshavians' Reunion and a super Old Boys' Dinner.

C. S. Hilditch.

St. Edmund Hall,
Oxford.

Oct., 1944.

Dear Editor,

I have not had much time to get to know Oxford thoroughly, but I will try to give you some of the impressions I have already formed of University life.

My Hall, St. Edmund, is the only surviving hall in Oxford: there is apparently a subtle distinction between a Hall and a College in that colleges were not originally formed to receive undergraduates.

"Teddy's" is also unique in other directions. We are justly proud of the "close, corporate spirit" apparent throughout the Hall, and it is the only place in Oxford where members of the Senior Common Room may be found dining with undergraduates. Freshmen are formally admitted to the Hall at a ceremony as ancient as the Hall itself; a meeting of Freshmen is called in the Dining Hall where the Principal calls out each man in turn, shakes him by the hand and pronounces a formal admittance in Latin. The Freshman then takes the Hall oath and signs his Latinised name in the Buttery Book.

Though the majority of Freshmen this term are Cadets, we are treated exactly as undergraduates except that our S.T.C. work is harder, and University

work is distributed with a generosity reminiscent of Mr. Bennison setting Chemistry homework.

There are dozens of Societies in existence in Oxford for the furtherance of all sorts of ideals and ideas: I have received circulars inviting me to become a Conservative, a Liberal, a Socialist and a Christian Unionist. I have only gone to one lecture so far, to hear G. D. H. Cole, but later this week I intend to hear Prof. Gilbert Murray. There are dozens of other famous speakers due to lecture in Oxford this term, and there are at least two Symphony Concerts or Recitals every week. Also (tell Mr. Wilkinson) the Socialist Association hold gramophone concerts of "Jazz Classics" every Saturday.

I could discourse for several reams more on Oxford, but not wishing to arouse the envy of those who were not able to get in here I will conclude.

Yours sincerely,

K. M. Grayson.

The Students' Union,

Liverpool University.

Oct. 18th, 1944.

Dear Editor,

Before the old Editor performs her last duty to the magazine may she wish a very happy editorial career both to the new one and to her staff? Once free from that whirligig of elusive full-stops, house notes, and still more elusive games captains one begins to remember the magazine with affection and to appreciate the many blessed moments which go to its creation.

But if I am to tell you of my "life and activities" at Liverpool University I must proceed, especially as the Editor will remark that it is the habit of correspondents as well as of house captains to wait until zero hour for inspiration. However, although I have been here but three weeks, at the end of them it seems to be a much longer time. Perhaps this is owing to a subconscious urge to be rid of the indignity of the label "Fresher", but rather, I choose to think, because I find University life so congenial.

And, when I consider it, who would not? Pleasant though school is, the change is welcome. For the first time after a now long seeming school life, you become a person on your own account and, in your own lodgings, newly freed from prefectorial care and a round of duties, freedom seems inviting and illimitable. What blithe innocents we feel compared to the sixth year "Medical" who claims to be the Oldest Inhabitant! No longer under the strict autocracy of the Public Exams, which sways the later years of school life, there is time to talk and to listen (how much sense and how much nonsense we shall perhaps sometime know), to form opinions and change them for better, to meet different people. Or, how refreshing as a newcomer and as an unknown quantity to melt for a while into insignificance and have time to stand and stare, although, I hope, with more observation than sheep or cows, yet with the same placid restfulness.

But I am painting a students' life too much as one of ease and leisure. We are here to work and work we must. But for the first week the Fresher can be excused not being particularly attracted to the rooms marked "Silence". (Before the Christmas exam. we are told, it is impossible to find a seat there). However, the wiser among us have settled down to some regular work and when, as I have, you have been able to choose the subject you like, this is not unpleasant. As well as on English Literature I have lectures on the elements of the English Language, on Latin and Philosophy.

But, however much we may read, there is not the danger of the scholars' cloistered life, of developing some idea that civilisation's highest aim is the promoting of Historical Research. In Liverpool, this vital, cosmopolitan city, with its raid scars and slums, the world and its imperfections is too much with us, providing much food for thought of present and post-war problems. And in the University, uniforms abound. All men students have military training and all women students belong to the University Girls' Training Corps, formed during the time of the air-raids and the only one of its kind in any University. This provides lectures in Citizenship, Health, Education, First Aid, and Home Nursing and makes Physical Training compulsory.

So if, with our International Forum, Cosmopolitan Club, Labour Movement, Musical Society, Sports Clubs, not to mention the Rhythm Club and many more, we do not form a balanced outlook on life, we shall at least gain a knowledge of its diversity.

These are my impressions of Liverpool life—impressions promising a happy year. With best wishes for a similar one to everyone at Balshaw's,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Anne Bradley.

P.S. If anyone should feel anxious about one, Joseph Whittaker, also a Fresher at Liverpool University, I can report that he is very satisfied with his lot and is at present crowing over the fact that so far he has escaped having to present an account of his "Life and Activities".

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Royal Holloway College,
University of London,
Englefield Green, Surrey.
16th October, 1944.

Dear Editor,

Just a few lines to let you know what is happening to an old Balshavian. As you can see from the address I am at college in Surrey.

The college building is very big and the architecture is based on that of a French château. As it was only built in the nineteenth century I'm afraid I can't

tell you any ghost stories connected with it. But what the college lacks in romantic associations it more than makes up for with its beautiful grounds. These are very extensive and include a lake and a very lovely wood which is kept as a bird sanctuary. The grounds, however, aren't just ornamental as they contain several farms and a large piggery. A large area of the ground is under cultivation and the college is self-supporting for vegetables.

About a mile and a half away there is another building built by Mr. Holloway in the same architectural style. This is a lunatic asylum and the result is that the two are sometimes confused with very amusing results.

As you will have gathered from the first part of this letter the college is in the country with the result that we make most of our own entertainment. I always thought that we had a lot of societies at school, but here there seems to be hundreds. One can join anything from a fencing club to a political club. In fact most of the girls here belong to at least four or five societies.

During the day I spend most of my time in the laboratories which are separate buildings about five minutes' walk from the college. I think it would be more accurate to say three minutes' run as we invariably have to run there in time for lectures and run back in time for lunch.

It may be of interest to the long suffering physicists of the sixth form that one of the lecturers in physics is Dr. C. J. Smith with whose book, which we here call I.P., they are by now no doubt well acquainted.

During the week we have very little spare time but on Saturday and Sunday if it is fine we usually visit one or other of the famous beauty spots in the district. Ascot, Kew and Windsor are all within easy reach on bikes and one can walk for miles on the banks of the river Thames which is very lovely especially at this time of the year when all the leaves are turning golden on the trees along the river banks.

And now may I finish this letter by wishing you all and especially the members of Clayton House the very best of luck in the present school year.

Yours very sincerely,

Doreen Whittaker.

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Wren A. P. Howson,
2.N. Establishment,
Isle of Wight,

21.10.44.

Dear Editor,

In reply to your extremely tactful hints I plead that as a five months old Wren, I am not much of an authority to write on Wren Life as a whole, but at least I can give you some idea of mine, so far as it goes.

Never, until I arrived at the training depot, had I felt so strongly that instinct peculiar to sheep. Apart from any natural desire of our own to send someone

else first, and then to follow, we were herded together and led round in droves, while "second weekers" and fully fledged Wrens gazed curiously upon us, as though we were the most recent acquisitions to a zoo.

Looking back, I think a very difficult part of our training was mustering the required amount of courage to salute an officer for the first time. I myself have been known to dodge hurriedly round a bath hut, in order to delay the evil moment, while others have stared hard in the opposite direction. Finally we resorted to going round in groups, with the "I will if you will" idea. Then the great moment arrived, when we blushed furiously, thrust our elbows in each other's face, and proceeded with sighs of relief. But let me tell you of an occasion when three of us, bent upon some new departure, left the common herd to start life on our own account—a praiseworthy action, if only it had been at a more appropriate moment. It happened after our preliminary training, when we were at the drafting depot. We had been driven through the streets of the city, on to the barrack square, where we were doing squad, to the accompaniment of derisive hoots from various khaki clad figures ensconced on window sills. I happened to be marker, and all went well as we marched smartly up and smartly down, until, looking out of the corner of my eye to keep in line, I happened to notice that we three in front were marching alone. Whereupon I turned round in alarm, only to find that the others were dutifully marching in the opposite direction. The best we could do was to carry out the advice proffered in the good old saying, "Festina Lente" as it was out of the question to run. At last we were once more with the squad—three shame-faced prodigals, but, alas, with no fatted calf awaiting us—merely an officer of portly dimensions, who took rather a dim view of the matter, and voiced her opinion in no uncertain tone.

And so, by painful experience, we learnt.

Now that we are well and truly established, the gregarious instinct diminishes. Our life here is a good one, the work is interesting, and we have great fun in our free time—parties on board ship, dances and a fair amount of sport. All the same, I, for one, shall be glad to take up once more where I have left off.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Howson.

ROLL OF SERVICE.

"Non sibi sed aliis".

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| Allibone, F. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1927-33 |
| Allibone, Mabel | W.R.N.S. | Farington | 1930-34 |
| Anderton, N.G. | Intelligence Corps | Cuerden | 1933-40 |
| Baron Margery (nee Lomax) | C.D.S. | — | 1920-27 |
| Bennison, Muriel | W.A.A.F. | Worden | 1931-36 |
| Berry, J. | South Staffs Rgt | Clayton | 1928-34 |
| Berry, R. | R.N.V.R. | Farington | 1934-39 |
| | (Fleet Air Arm) | | |
| Barrow, N. | R.A. | Cuerden | 1928-34 |
| Bentley, H. | R.A.F. | — | 1929-30 |
| Briggs, C. A. | Fleet Air Arm | Clayton | 1926-34 |
| Berry, H. M. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1932-36 |
| Bailey, H. | R.A. | Clayton | 1930-37 |
| Ball, Doris | A.T.S. | Cuerden | 1931-37 |
| † Banks, M.L. | R.A.S.C. | Cuerden | 1930-36 |
| Billcliffe, S. | Army Dental Corps | Clayton | 1929-33 |
| Briggs, E. A. | R.E. | Clayton | 1930-33 |
| Bland, G. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1931-36 |
| Biggar, E. | R.A.F. | — | 1925-31 |
| Biggar, G. | R.A. | — | 1926-31 |
| Birkett, Madge (nee Hocking) | W.A.A.F. | — | 1925-29 |
| Brace, F. | R.C. of Signals | Cuerden | 1928-31 |
| Baron, F. C. | R.C. of Signals | — | 1925-31 |
| Berry, C. F. | R.A.F. | — | 1919-23 |
| Bourne, Mary (nee Haydock) | Wom. Land Army | — | 1925-28 |
| Bretherton, T. | R.N.V.R. | — | 1923-30 |
| Bretherton, G. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1929-32 |
| Bleasdale, T. A. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1935-39 |
| Bowling, J. B. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1934-39 |
| Bretherton, Dorothy | W.A.A.F. | Clayton | 1934-40 |
| Bellis, R. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1927-35 |
| Bentley, R. | R.A. | — | 1916-19 |
| Brown, J. | R.N. | Clayton | 1932-35 |
| Bamber, L. | R.N. | — | 1927-30 |
| Bond, T. W. | Merchant Navy | Clayton | 1936-41 |
| Brown, H. | R.A.F. | — | 1924-27 |
| Bamber, K. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1934-40 |
| Berry, Marjorie | W.A.A.F. | Clayton | 1932-38 |
| Burgess, J. A. D. | Gen. Ser. Corps | Farington | 1934-40 |
| ‡‡ Barnett, G. K. | Durham Lt. Infantry | Clayton | 1932-37 |
| Bowling, J. G. | Gen. Ser. Corps | Worden | 1936-39 |
| Butterworth, D. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1936-40 |
| Briggs, Anita M. | A.T.S. | Cuerden | 1934-40 |
| Boothman, Joyce | W.R.N.S. | Clayton | 1938-41 |
| Cocker, T. | R.A.M.C. | Worden | 1927-32 |
| Coates, S. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-33 |
| Church, C. A. | R.C. of Signals | Worden | 1932-38 |
| Challender, E. H. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1931-36 |
| Cannon, B. | R.A.F. | — | 1924-31 |
| Coulson, K. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1933-39 |
| Charnock, W. | R.A.S.C. | Cuerden | 1930-34 |
| Chew, B. | Loyal N. Lances | Clayton | 1934-40 |
| Cocker, G. E. | R. C. of Signals | Worden | 1929-33 |
| Challender, J. | Cheshire Regt. | Worden | 1927-31 |
| Challender, F. S. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1933-38 |
| Callow, D. | Liverpool Scottish | Clayton | 1934-38 |
| Catterall, J. | Merchant Navy | Worden | 1938-42 |
| Cusworth, Mary | A.T.S. | — | 1924-29 |
| Crawshaw, H. W. | R.A.F. | — | 1925-27 |
| Darnell Margaret (nee Ball) | A.T.S. | Cuerden | 1932-38 |
| Darnell, P.W. | R.A. | Farington | 1929-37 |

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| Downie, J. | R.A. | Farington | 1929-38 |
| Duxbury, J. A. | R.A.O.C. | Farington | 1930-36 |
| Duxbury, J. D. | R.N. | Farington | 1934-36 |
| Davies, R. T. | R.A.O.C. | Clayton | 1930, 1932-33 |
| Damp, A. | R.A.F. | — | 1928-29 |
| Downer, W. J. (Master) | R.A.O.C. | — | 1935— |
| * Dugdale, C. F. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1932-37 |
| † Deacon, Annie | W.A.A.F. | Farington | 1929-33 |
| † Dewhurst, J. | R.A.O.C. | — | 1923-27 |
| Dickinson, H. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1933-37 |
| Davies, J. B. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1929-33 |
| Damp, F. | R.E.M.E. | Clayton | 1930-37 |
| Daley, D. W. | R.E. | Cuerden | 1938-40 |
| Etherington, J. | R.C. of Signals | Farington | 1926-32 |
| Eckton, G. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-38 |
| Edmunds, Jean | W.A.A.F. | Clayton | 1933-38 |
| Elliott, C. | R. Tank Corps | Worden | 1933-39 |
| Eason, A. D. B. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1932-39 |
| Ellis, B. | R.A.F. | — | 1917-23 |
| Ellis, A. | R.A. | — | 1919-24 |
| Elston, P. | Gen. Ser. Corps | Clayton | 1939-44 |
| Edwards, S. G. | Merchant Navy | Clayton | 1937-43 |
| Fishwick, J. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1928-35 |
| Fisher, R. W. (Master) | R.A.F. | — | 1934— |
| Farrington, E. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1933-40 |
| Fisher, W. J. | R.E. | Cuerden | 1935-40 |
| Flowers, G. | — | Clayton | 1929-32 |
| Farrington, Eric | R.A.F. | Farington | 1935-43 |
| Gaskell, J. | R.A.O.C. | — | 1919-24 |
| † Greenall, R. | R.A. | Worden | 1931-36 |
| † Gold, D. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1931-36 |
| Gates, E. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1928-36 |
| Goater, A. B. | R.N.V.R. | Worden | 1936-43 |
| Goater, J. G. | R. Marines | Worden | 1932-38 |
| Greenwood, N. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1931-36 |
| Greenhalgh, L. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1933-37 |
| Gorner, J. H. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1934-38 |
| Greenwood, A. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1929-35 |
| Guest, L. | R.A.F. | — | 1924-29 |
| Glover, J. E. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1933-37 |
| Goodier, R. | R.E.M.E. | Worden | 1932-35 |
| Gardner, R. J. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1934-43 |
| Hall, Irene | W.R.N.S. | Worden | 1938-42 |
| † Harrison, G. | R.N. | Clayton | 1934-38 |
| Harrison, J. | R.A.F. | — | 1925-29 |
| Hatton, A. J. | R.E.M.E. | Worden | 1933-37 |
| Haydock, J. | Yeomanry | Worden | 1928-35 |
| Haydock, E. G. | S. Rhodesia A.C.R. | — | 1920-26 |
| Haydock, P. | R.A.O.C. | — | 1920-27 |
| † Hocking, H. D., M.C. | R. Tank Corps | Cuerden | 1927-33 |
| † Hocking, F. E. | R.E. | Farington | 1930-35 |
| Hudson, J. A. | R.A.M.C. | Farington | 1931-36 |
| Hull, H. | R.E. | Cuerden | 1931-38 |
| Herring, H. | — | — | 1927-29 |
| * Hesketh, J. C. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-38 |
| Higham, J. L. | R.A.O.C. | — | 1929-33 |
| Hilton, G. | R.A.F. | — | 1924-29 |
| Hilditch, C. S. (Master) | R.A.F. | — | 1929— |
| Heyes, T. | — | — | 1924-28 |
| Holden, F. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1933-37 |
| Holme, R. | R. Marines | Cuerden | 1935-40 |
| Hope, T. E., D.S.C. | R.N.V.R. | Clayton | 1933-41 |
| Hull, Eva | A.T.S. | Cuerden | 1933-37 |
| Hesmondhalgh, A. | A.T.S. | Worden | 1931-36 |
| Hough, R. G. | R. Corps of Signals | Cuerden | 1936-40 |
| Heyes, W. H. | — | — | 1925-30 |

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| Hoey, C. E. | R.N.V.R. | Worden | 1936-40 |
| Heaton, W. A. | Lancashire Fusiliers | Farington | 1933-38 |
| Howcroft, Joyce | W.R.N.S. | Clayton | 1935-43 |
| Howson, A. P. | W.R.N.S. | Clayton | 1937-44 |
| Iddon, H. R. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1932-37 |
| Iddon, B. C. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1928-32 |
| † Ingham, L. | Air Borne | Farington | 1934-37 |
| Jackson, W. M. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1929-35 |
| Jackson, A. | R.A.S.C. | Worden | 1925-32 |
| Jackson, E. | R.C. of Signals | — | 1920-28 |
| Johnston, F. J. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1938-40 |
| Jackson, Margaret | W.A.A.F. | Worden | 1932-37 |
| Johnston, Esther G. | W.A.A.F. | Clayton | 1938-39 |
| King, J. | R.N.V.R. | Clayton | 1931-35 |
| Kelly, J. B. | R.E.M.E. | Cuerden | 1933-39 |
| Kelly, G. N. | Loyal N. Lances | Cuerden | 1937-41 |
| Kenyon, A. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1934-40 |
| Kenyon, E. | R.N.V.R. | Farington | 1936-41 |
| Kenyon, T. | R.A.F. | — | 1916-19 |
| Knowles, F. A. | R.A. | — | 1928-32 |
| Lawton, F. H. | R.A. | Cuerden | 1926-32 |
| Lee, K. A. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-33 |
| Lloyd, S. L. W. | R.A.S.C. | Worden | 1931-35 |
| * Lewis, J. C. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1933-37 |
| Leyland, J. H. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1939— |
| Lancaster, Rev. W. J. | Chaplain to the Forces | — | 1915-25 |
| Lea, J. A. | K.O. Lancasters | Farington | 1934-40 |
| Lloyd, H. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1934-41 |
| Lord, Hilda M. | W.A.A.F. | Worden | 1933-38 |
| Lord, Margaret | A.T.S. | Cuerden | 1935-41 |
| Lloyd, T. R. | R.A.C. | Cuerden | 1932-37 |
| Lee, R. D. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1932-37 |
| Marland, G. W. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-36 |
| Marland, L. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-34 |
| Marland, W. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1927-33 |
| Miller, J. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1933-38 |
| Mortimer, H. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1929-33 |
| Marland, J. | V.A.D. | Worden | 1934-41 |
| * Marland, R. G. | R.A.F. | — | 1928-31 |
| Mason, E. E. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1932-38 |
| Marsden, A. J. | Fleet Air Arm | Farington | 1933-37 |
| Mitchell, F. L. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1932-40 |
| Marsden, C. E. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1933-41 |
| McCann, W. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1924-32 |
| McCann, A. | Merchant Navy | Farington | 1936-40 |
| McIver, H. | R.N.V.R. | Clayton | 1937-44 |
| Morris, S. A. | R. C. of Signals | Worden | 1928-37 |
| Marston, E. J. | R.A.F. | — | 1926-30 |
| Moss, R. | R.A.O.C. | — | 1922-26 |
| Moss, J. E. | R.E.M.E. | Clayton | 1934-38 |
| Meredith, J. | R. C. of Signals | Worden | 1935-40 |
| Morris, F. | R.A. | — | 1922-27 |
| Norris, Marjorie | W.A.A.F. | Farington | 1935-0 |
| Martindale, D. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1934-40 |
| Noon, E. C. | C.M.P. | — | 1925-30 |
| Nelson, T. A. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1927-34 |
| Orrell, N. | R.A.S.C. | Farington | 1929-33 |
| Parker, R. M. | R.A. | Farington | 1927-32 |
| Parker, L. N. | R.A.S.C. | Worden | 1930-36 |
| Parkinson, C. D. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1933-37 |
| Parkinson, Evelyn | A.T.S. | Clayton | 1934-38 |
| Pattinson, T. C. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1931-35 |
| Patefield, P. W. | R.A. | Farington | 1928-33 |
| Paulin Joan (nee Berry) | Q.A.I.M.N.S. | Farington | 1928-36 |
| Pennington, H. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1932-35 |
| Parker, T. A. | R.A.P.C. | Worden | 1927-31 |

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| Pinder, A. H. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1934-40 |
| Porter, A. S. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1936-42 |
| Pickburn, E. R. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1933-40 |
| Priestnall, T. K. | R.N.V.R. | Farington | 1935-38 |
| Postlethwaite, P. C. | — | Cuerden | 1931-36 |
| Rimmer, A. B. | R.A.O.C. | Clayton | 1929-36 |
| Robinson, W. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1931-37 |
| Richardson, K. C. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1933-38 |
| Richardson, B. L. | Gen. Ser. Corps. | Clayton | 1937-42 |
| Riding, C. | Mines | Clayton | 1937-43 |
| Riding, T. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1932-36 |
| Robinson, F. | R.A.S.C. | — | 1923-30 |
| Rosbotham, R. S. | R.E. | Cuerden | 1933-39 |
| Robinson, D. B. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1936-41 |
| Read, D. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1934-40 |
| Salthouse, F. | R.A.M.C. | Cuerden | 1929-35 |
| Sharp, A. | R.A. | Clayton | 1931-36 |
| Shaw, Edith. | W.A.A.F. | — | 1926-31 |
| Shepherd, F. W. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1929-33 |
| Smith, S. E. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1930-33 |
| Smith, C. N. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1936-40 |
| Shepherd, R. T. | R.A. | Cuerden | 1929-32 |
| * Sutton, R. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1931-37 |
| Sutton, H. | R.C. of Signals | Clayton | 1933-41 |
| Salisbury, W. | R.A.O.C. | Cuerden | 1928-32 |
| Sutcliffe, R. L. | R.A.O.C. | — | 1921-29 |
| Sanderson, J., D.F.C. | R.A.F. | — | 1924-29 |
| Sharples, J. B. | Pioneer Corps. | Cuerden | 1930-36 |
| Sharples, A. R. | R.N.V.R. | Clayton | 1937-42 |
| Seed, H. | R.A.F. | — | 1925-28 |
| Smith, B. M. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1933-39 |
| * Sanderson, J. H. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1933-39 |
| Samuels, G. C. G. | R.N.V.R. | Farington | 1937-41 |
| Seed, Alice | W.A.A.F. | Farington | 1931-37 |
| Saul, F. J. | R.A.F. | — | 1924-29 |
| Stringfellow, R. E. | R.A.P.C. | Farington | 1925-33 |
| Sumner, F. H. | A.M.P.C. | — | 1922-22 |
| Singleton, F. | R.A.F. | Cuerden | 1928-37 |
| Sefton, K. F. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1934-42 |
| Smith, J. | R.N. | Worden | 1931-35 |
| Seed, R. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1933-38 |
| † † Stratton, G. H. | Sherwood Foresters | — | 1911-12 |
| Swire, H. T. M. | R.A.S.C. | — | 1920-21 |
| Shepherd, J. | R.N.V.R. | Cuerden | 1935-43 |
| Turner, Ronald | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1932-38 |
| Turner, Richard | R.A. | Worden | 1931-39 |
| Taylor, F. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1933-38 |
| Tomlinson, J. R. | R.A. | Clayton | 1931-37 |
| Tennant, D. A. | R.A.F. | Clayton | 1935-42 |
| Tonge, J. W. | R. Marines | Cuerden | 1937-40 |
| Titley, J. G. | R.N.V.R. | Worden | 1937-41 |
| Taylor, Doreen | W.R.N.S. | Clayton | 1936-41 |
| Taberner, G. E. | Merchant Navy | Farington | 1937-41 |
| Williams, K. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1937-41 |
| Wilkinson, W. | Merchant Navy | Worden | 1928-32 |
| Vause, P. G. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1925-33 |
| Valentine, T. | R.A.F. | Worden | 1935-39 |
| Vessey, E. | R.N.V.R. | Cuerden | 1937-42 |
| Webster, P. M. | Merchant Navy | Worden | 1937-44 |
| † Wilkinson, J. N. | R.A. | Clayton | 1931-36 |
| Wilkinson, E. G. | R.A.F. | — | 1920-28 |
| Witter, W. | R.A. | Cuerden | 1932-36 |
| Wildman, R. | R.C. of Signals | Cuerden | 1926-31 |
| Wilkinson, C. G. | R.C. of Signals | Worden | 1931-33 |
| Walsh, R. | R.A.M.C. | — | 1919-26 |
| Wootton, F. | R.A.F. | — | 1923-27 |

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| Walsh, F. | R.A.F. | — | 1917-27 |
| Wilde, J. F. | Ghurka Rifles | — | 1920-26 |
| Whittlecroft, C. J. | Merchant Navy | Cuerden | 1932-38 |
| Whithead, Barbara | A.T.S. | Cuerden | 1936-39 |
| Wright, K. W. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1932-36 |
| Wood, H. | K.O. Royal Regt. | Cuerden | 1929-35 |
| Wootton, W. N. | R.A.F. | — | 1919-23 |
| † † Watson, G. | R.C. of Signals | Worden | 1934-39 |
| Watson, John | R.A.F. | — | 1924-29 |
| * Wright, E. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1934-36 |
| Wilkinson, Jos. | Gen. Ser. Corps. | Clayton | 1934-39 |
| Yates, F. | R.A.F. | Farington | 1932-36 |
| Yates, H. | South Staffs. | Clayton | 1931-37 |

*—Killed in Action. †—Prisoner of War. ‡—Missing.
 † † Died on Service. * *—Mentioned in Dispatches. ‡ ‡ Wounded.

Particulars of any Old Balshavian serving in H. M.'s Forces whose name does not appear in the above list, as well as any necessary corrections, will be gratefully received by the undersigned.
 H. J. LOMAX.

CALENDAR

| 1944 | | SEPTEMBER. | Sports Results. |
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| Tu. | 19 | Supervision Duty : Mr. Bull, Heaton, T., A. Farington. | |
| W. | 20 | | |
| Th. | 21 | | |
| F. | 22 | | |
| S. | 23 | | |
| M. | 25 | Supervision Duty : Miss Doherty, Carr, G. T., K. Frost. | |
| Tu. | 26 | 3.40 p.m. Lecture on "China" by Mrs. Fearn. | |
| W. | 27 | | |
| Th. | 28 | | |
| F. | 29 | | |
| S. | 30 | | |
| | | OCTOBER. | |
| M. | 2 | Supervision Duty : Miss Heppell, Riding, W., A. Newsham. | |
| Tu. | 3 | | |
| W. | 4 | 2.45 p.m. Ministry of Information Film Show at School. | |
| Th. | 5 | | |
| F. | 6 | | |
| S. | 7 | Hockey : School 1st XI v. Chorley G.S. 1st XI. (h)..... School Jun. XI v. Chorley G.S. Jun. XI. (h)..... Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Hutton G.S. 1st XV (h) Last date of application for County Training College and Physical Training Scholarships (Oct. 8th, 1944). | |
| M. | 9 | Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy, Schofield, P., P. Turner. | |
| Tu. | 10 | Last date of application for County Advanced Course Exhibitions. | |
| W. | 11 | Rugger Leagues : Cl. v. F.(1) ; Cu. v. W.(1)..... Hockey Leagues : Cu. v. F.(1) ; Cl. v. W.(1)..... | |
| Th. | 12 | | |
| F. | 13 | | |
| S. | 14 | Hockey : School 1st XI v. Hindley G.S. 1st XI. (a)..... Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Wigan G.S. 1st XV (a)..... | |

| OCTOBER—Continued. | |
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| M. | 16 Supervision Duty : Miss Woffindin, Hayhurst H., L. Wrennall. |
| Tu. | 17 |
| W. | 18 Rugged Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(1) ; F. v. W.(1). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. F.(1) ; Cu. v. W.(1). |
| Th. | 19 |
| F. | 20 |
| S. | 21 Rugby Football : School 1st XV. v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st XV. (h). |
| M. | 23 Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, Kenyon, D., M. Hutchings. Last date of entry for contributions to "The Balshavian" Vo. XX, No. 2. |
| Tu. | 24 |
| W. | 25 Hockey : School 1st XI v. Preston Park School 1st XI (h)... School 2nd XI v. Preston Park School 2nd XI. (h) Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Kirkham G.S. 1st XV (h). |
| Th. | 26 |
| F. | 27 2.45 p.m. Lecture on "Teaching as a Career" by Professor R. A. C. Oliver, M.A., B.Ed., Ph.D. |
| S. | 28 Hockey : School 1st XI v. Rivington G.S. 1st XI. (a). Rugby Football : School 1st XV. v. Blackpool G.S. 1st XV. (a) School Bantams XV v. Blackpool G.S. Bantams XV. (h). |
| M. | 30 } Half Term Holiday. |
| Tu. | 31 } |
| NOVEMBER. | |
| W. | 1 Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson, Barrett, G.F.C., M. Sutton. Rugged Leagues : Cl. v W.(1) ; Cu. v. F.(1). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(1) ; F. v. W.(1). |
| Th. | 2 |
| F. | 3 |
| S. | 4 2.45 p.m. Ministry of Information Film Show at School. |
| M. | 6 Supervision Duty : Mrs. Clarke, Heaton, T., J. Beal. |
| Tu. | 7 |
| W. | 8 Rugged Leagues : Cl. v. F.(2) ; Cu. v. W.(2). Hockey Leagues : Cu. v. F.(2) ; Cl. v. W.(2). |
| Th. | 9 |
| F. | 10 |
| S. | 11 Hockey : School 1st XI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. 1st XI. (a). School Jun. XI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. Jun. XI. (a). Rugby Football : School Bantams XV. v. Blackpool G.S. Bantams XV. (a). Armistice Day. |
| S. | 18 Hockey : School 1st XI v. Preston Convent School 1st XI. (h). School 2nd XI v. Preston Convent School 2nd XI. (h). Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Kirkham G.S. 1st XV. (a). |
| M. | 20 Supervision Duty : Miss Lewis, Riding, W., K. Frost. |
| Tu. | 21 |
| W. | 22 Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. A Stonyhurst College XV. (h). |
| Th. | 23 |
| F. | 24 |

| NOVEMBER—Continued | |
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| S. | 25—Hockey : School 1st XI v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st XI. (a). School Jun. XI. v Ormskirk G.S. Jun XI. (a). |
| M. | 27 Supervision Duty : Mr. Bull, Schofield, P., A. Newsham. School Examinations (First Day). |
| Tu. | 28 School Examinations (Second Day). |
| W. | 29 School Examinations (Third Day). Rugged Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(2) ; F. v. W.(2). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v F.(2) ; Cu. v W(2). |
| Th. | 30 |
| DECEMBER. | |
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| S. | 2 Hockey : School 1st XI v. Hindley G.S. 1st XI. (h). School Jun. XI v. Hindley G.S. Jun XI. (h). Rugby Football : School 1st XV v. Ormskirk G.S. 1st XV. (a). |
| M. | 4 Supervision Duty : Miss Doherty, Hayhurst, H., P. Turner |
| Tu. | 5 |
| W. | 6 Rugged Leagues : Cl. v W.(2) ; Cu. v. F.(2). Hockey Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(2) ; F. v. W.(2). |
| Th. | 7 |
| F. | 8 Publication of "The Balshavian" Vol. XX. No. 2. |
| S. | 9 Hockey : School 1st XI v. Chorley G.S. 1st XI. (a). School Jun. XI. v. Chorley G.S. Jun. XI. (a). |
| M. | 11 Supervision Duty : Miss Heppell, Kenyon, D., L. Wrennall. |
| Tu. | 12 |
| W. | 13 |
| Th. | 14 2.0 p.m., School Carol Service. |
| F. | 15—School Closes. Spring Term commences Tuesday, Jan. 9th, 1945 (Provisional). Spring Term ends, Thursday, March 29th, 1945 (Provisional). |

| MISCELLANEA. | |
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| Clayton House : | House Mistress : Miss F. W. Royle, B.A. House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull, M.A. House Captains : P. Turner (Girls), Carr, G. T. (Boys). House Colours : Green. House Room : IVB. |
| Cuerden House : | House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell, A.R.C.A. House Master : Mr. R. A. Bennison, M.Sc. House Captains : K. Frost (Girls) ; Hayhurst, H., (Boys). House Colours : Red. House Room : IIIA. |
| Farington House : | House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy, B.A. House Master : Mr. H. J. Lomax, B.Sc., A.R.C.Sc. House Captains : A. Farrington (Girls) ; Heaton, T. (Boys) House Colours : Gold. House Room : IB. |
| Worden House : | House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill, B.A. House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A. House Captains : A. Newsham (Girls) ; Whitaker, W., (Boys). House Colours : Blue. House Room : IA. |

Boys : Head Prefect : Heaton, T. Sub-Prefects : Carr, G. T., Riding, W., Schofield, P., Hayhurst, H., Kenyon, D., Barrett, G. F. C.

Girls : Head Prefect : A. Farrington. Prefects : K. Frost, A. Newsham. Sub-Prefects : P. Turner, L. Wrennall, M. Hutchings, M. Sutton, J. Beal.

Captain of Rugby Football : Hayhurst, H.

Captain of Hockey : M. Hutchings.

School Lunch : First Sitting, 12.35 p.m.; Second Sitting, 1 p.m.; in Dining Room. A two course lunch—meat or fish and two vegetables and sweet—is supplied daily, price 6d. Pupils should purchase a week's supply of tickets from the Secretary.

Milk : 10.45 a.m. in Dining Room. Tuberculin-Tested (T.T.) Milk can be obtained at "Break," price ½d. per bottle (with straw).

School Buses : School buses run from the Ribble Bus Station, Tithebarn Street, Preston, at 8-20 a.m., and from the Ribble Bus Station, Chorley, at 8-25 a.m. daily and pick up pupils en route. School buses for Preston leave the School gates at 4-10 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. daily (Fridays excepted).

Detention : 4-0 to 4-45 p.m. in IVa Room.

Lunch Hour : In wet weather, girls may stay in IIIb and IVb rooms, boys in Ia and IIa rooms. Boys and girls may, if they prefer, listen to the radio-gramophone in the Hall.

School Periods :

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| Morning Periods : | 9-0 to 9-10 a.m. | Prayers. |
| | 9-10 to 9-15 a.m. | Form meetings. |
| | 9-15 to 10-0 a.m. | First Period. |
| | 10-0 to 10-45 a.m. | Second Period. |
| | 10-45 to 11-0 a.m. | Break. |
| | 11-0 to 11-45 a.m. | Third Period. |
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| | 3-15 to 4-0 p.m. | Seventh Period. |
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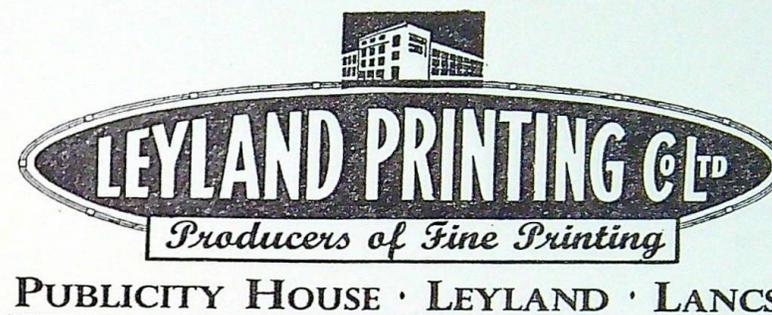
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