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School Notes and News

When School reassembled on September 13th, work on the new Sixth Form Centre had begun. The Art Block steps had disappeared, foundations had been dug, and the first of a series of fearsome machines was in operation. It is hoped that all boys will take this opportunity of watching modern building methods close at hand; the techniques employed are as new and as exciting as the whole concept of the Centre itself, which is a pioneering development in education.

The first day of term was clouded, however, by the news of the death of Canon W. S. Robinson, Rector of St. Mary's, Hulme, for many years a Governor of the School. He took a keen and lively interest in all our activities, and we shall miss his kindly advice and the benefit of his long experience.

At the end of the Summer term, Mr. K. P. Thompson retired from full-time teaching, although he will continue to serve the School as Librarian. Mr. W. F. B. Fearon also retired after sixteen years on the maths. staff. Appreciations of their work for the School appear after these notes.

Mr. M. Gardener also left us at the end of last term to take an appointment at the Stockport College of Further Education. He joined the Physics staff in 1958 and has made an outstanding contribution to the work of the department. He took an active part in the life of the School, his main interest being the Chess Club which has flourished under his guidance. We wish him well in his future career.

Miss P. Adams has left the Preparatory Department where she has taught for the past four

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years. We wish her every success in her new appointment.

We extend a very warm welcome to Lieut-Commander L. F. Potter, B.E.M., F.C.I.S., A.A.I.A., R.N., who joined the staff on August 6th as School Bursar. Lt. Cdr. Potter has recently retired from the Royal Navy, in which he has served for the last 31 years in the Supply and Secretariat Branch.

During this time he has served in most types of ships from Battleships to Destroyers, and in a number of shore establishments, the last of which was H.M. Signal School near Petersfield, where he served for nearly four years as the Deputy Supply Officer.

His main sporting interest is golf: he hopes to find time to play in his present appointment!

It was with deep regret and concern that we heard of the serious illness of Mr. A. O. Gatley, who only recently moved from his home at Stockport to Rhyl. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. F. Ogden on the birth of a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Axbey on the birth of a son; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson on the birth of a daughter; and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dudman on the birth of a son.

We also offer our congratulations to Mr. N. Woffenden and to Mr. J. Furniss, both of whom were married during the Summer holidays.

Very soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Woffenden were on their way to the United States, where they will stay for a year. Mr. Woffenden is teaching at Terrace High School, Seattle, Washington. We extend a very warm welcome to Mr. K. H. Bumgarner, M.A., who has come from Seattle to take Mr. Woffenden's place. The exchange has been sponsored by the Ministry of Education and the United States Office of Education under the Fulbright Act.

Terrace High School is a coeducational comprehensive Senior High School, with 1200 pupils aged from 15 to 18.

Mr. Bumgarner, who teaches Chemistry, is an M.A. of Eastern Washington State College: he also studied at the University of Washington and at Reade College, Portland, Oregon. We trust that Mr. and Mrs. Bumgarner will enjoy their stay with us.

After the Whitsun holiday, Mr. J. H. Furniss, B.A. (Pembroke College, Cambridge), joined the Physics staff. He was no stranger to us as he had done his teaching practice with us earlier in the year.

At the beginning of this term we welcomed the following new members of the staff: Mr. P. C. Freeman, B.A. (Trinity Hall, Cambridge)—English; Mr. D. F. Horsfall, B.A. (Queens' College, Cambridge)—Geography; Mr. J. R. McManus, B.Sc. (Manchester)—Physics; Mr. J. W. Williams, B.A. (Postmaster of Merton College, Oxford)—Classics.

We were delighted to welcome back Mr. I. Boustead after his recent illness.

When the Middle and Upper Sixth Forms returned to School after the 'A' level examinations, the Arts forms attended a series of lectures given by members of the Science staff, while the Science forms came under the care of the Arts staff. In spite of some misgivings on both sides of the fence, the experiment proved very successful in diminishing the feeling of post-examination anticlimax.

Mrs. Taylor has asked us to express her heartfelt gratitude for all the sympathy and support she has received in recent months.

Rehearsals have started for the Christmas production, Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe*. Mr. K. Hoskinson is the producer.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following:—*Ulula*, *The Boltonian*, *The Lidunian*, *The Wallaseyan*, *Britannia*, *The Savilian*, *Supera*, *The Birkonian*, *Hawkeye* (the news-sheet of Terrace High School).

J. D. Shuttleworth has been appointed Head Prefect; I. N. Dawson Captain of Football.

The following boys have been appointed School Prefects: A. R. Cooper, C. R. Holmes, R. E. Hough, A. A. Jackson, J. N. Jones, G. Roberts, A. P. Warburton, R. W. Warburton.

During the summer holidays Mr. Haynes led a party to Italy; the Junior School Camp was held on a new site in Yorkshire. Next Easter Mr. Collings and Mr. Timm will take a party to Paris.

School Calendar:

The mid-term holiday will be on October 25th, 26th and 28th.

The Christmas holidays will begin after the Carol Service on December 16th.

The School Choir will sing at the lunch-time Carol Service in St. Ann's Church on December 17th.

The Lent term will begin on Friday, January 10th at 10-45 a.m.

Founders' Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 21st, when the preacher will be the Reverend Matthew Byrne, Rector of St. Margaret's, Whalley Range.

Obituary

CANON W. S. ROBINSON. M.B.E., M.A.

It was with deep regret rather than surprise that we learnt of the death of Canon Robinson, as his ascetic manner of life and strenuous devotion to duty, despite his advanced years, necessarily made his hold upon life a precarious one.

He had for many years represented the Manchester Education Committee on the Governing Body of the School, and, as such regularly supported the School by his unobtrusive presence on Prize Day and other such occasions. Those who had the privilege of knowing him intimately realised how much he had the welfare of the School at heart. He was passionately devoted to the service of youth. His long tenure of the Chaplaincy to the Royal Engineers A.C.F. deservedly earned him the M.B.E. This was, however, only one of his many services to the community.

His connection with the School was not merely an official one. Two former members of the staff have performed Sunday duty at his church. He also accompanied school parties to the Continent and was always ready to help on such occasions.

It was characteristic of his selfless integrity that his fatal illness should begin with a collapse in the church he served with such unswerving devotion for so many years. Many Old Boys and Masters who knew him will treasure his memory with deep respect.

Retirements

MR. K. P. THOMPSON

At the end of the Summer term Mr. K. P. Thompson retired from full-time teaching after serving the School with outstanding loyalty and devotion for thirty-seven years.

Mr. Thompson joined the English staff in January, 1926, at a time when the reorganisation carried out by Mr. Trevor Dennis was just beginning to bear fruit. There had been many changes in the Staff, including the recent retirement of the last four veterans of the 19th Century, and then, as now, the buildings were inadequate. Room 15, in recent years Mr. Thompson's headquarters, was then the Physics Laboratory; Rooms 16 and 17 were the Chemistry Department, and P.E. was carried out in the Old Hall.

In 1927 the Gymnasium and the first part of the Science block were opened, and the Hall was extended, with a new stage. A few years later the School changed from Association to Rugby football, and Mr. Thompson, who had been in charge of the Under 14 XI, took charge of House games

with a quiet efficiency that masked the considerable amount of work involved in their organisation. At this time he also ran the School Athletic Sports.

The new stage made possible a great extension of dramatic work, and Mr. Thompson not only regularly produced Form plays but frequently wrote them too.

The outbreak of war brought new problems as many of the younger masters went to the Forces, and, for the second time in the history of the School, ladies joined the Staff. They did excellent work, but could not do much to help with games, and Mr. Thompson was on the field every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon.

The Corps, with more work to do, was short of officers, so Mr. Thompson took a commission, not because he wanted one, but because the need was there. He was among the first to volunteer to help with the Harvest camps which were run during the Summer holidays throughout the war.

Of Mr. Thompson's work in School, it is impossible to speak too highly. When he first came, the Modern Language Department needed help, so he taught French as well as English, and took both subjects with a conscientious thoroughness which was not only very good for the boys, but an excellent example to his colleagues. He has spent many holidays abroad, including recent visits to Italy and Belgium, while on at least four occasions he accompanied School parties to France and Germany.

When Mr. Anderson retired, Mr. Thompson became Head of the English Department, and the success of the Department under his leadership has been remarkable. The standard of scholarship and the consequent awards at Universities have made English an outstanding subject, and although Mr. Thompson has unselfishly given most of the scholarship work to the younger members of his Staff, they are the first to acknowledge their debt to his planning and inspiration.

Even this does not complete the record of Mr. Thompson's work for the School. He has edited *The Hulmeian* for the last sixteen years, and this has involved not only persuading contributors to produce their scripts in time each term (a task in which he has shown exemplary patience), but collecting from the press throughout the year information about Old Hulmeians who are notoriously shy about informing the School of their activities.

Other duties have included the Housemastership of Heywood House for many years, and the responsibility for the selection and arrangement of the books for the annual Prize Giving. In addition, he was responsible for the booking arrangements for twenty-five School plays.

In taking leave of his colleagues, Mr. Thompson said that he was proud to have worked in a good

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school, but we who know him realise that he is one of those who have helped to make it a good school, and the better for his influence. We are delighted that his is only a partial retirement, for he is continuing to help the Modern Language Department by teaching French to a junior form, while he will serve the School in a new and important role as School Librarian, a task to which we know that he will bring all those qualities of mind, character and temperament which have made him an outstanding teacher and a loyal colleague.

MR. W. F. B. FEARON

At the end of the Summer term Mr. Fearon retired after sixteen years' service to the School. Mr. Fearon joined the staff in 1947, having taught in several schools in Liverpool before the war, and having served in the R.A.F. He immediately entered into the full life of the School, taking an active part in the supervision and refereeing of House Games, playing the piano for morning Assembly after the retirement of Mr. Adams, assisting Mr. Morley with the tickets for School plays, time-keeping on Sports Days, and in many other activities. One of his greatest contributions to the sporting life of the School was in restarting the Swimming Gala, which had lapsed for a number of years—there can be few sporting occasions when so many boys have taken part in so many events in such a short space of time with such little fuss! On the retirement of Mr. Barber, Mr. Fearon became the Careers Master, and very many boys and parents came to trust his judgment and welcome his advice.

As a member of the Mathematics Department Mr. Fearon played a full part in the rapid expansion of the Maths. side that took place first under Mr. Martin and more recently under Mr. Eastwood. Inevitably there have been many changes of staff in the department since the war, and Mr. Fearon has acted as an 'anchor-man', responding willingly to every call made upon his skill and experience, whether in taking the old Lower I (for nine periods a week!) or in preparing a 6th Form set for Open Scholarships.

Mr. Fearon will be remembered on both sides of the Common Room door as one of the great 'characters' of the post-war era. His colleagues will remember him as a delightful companion, always ready to help whenever called upon. Many boys will remember his remarkable watch, once described as the Alpha and Omega of timepieces, apparently connected by direct line to Greenwich. All will recall instances of his occasional absent-mindedness, but those who knew him well need no reminding that beneath that deceptively vague manner there was a very shrewd and clear mind,

which found exercise in Bridge and Chess problems, in solving Ximenes cross-words and in tackling mathematical problems of all kinds.

We wish him and Mrs. Fearon a long and happy retirement at Llanfairfechan, and thank him for his service to the School.

Speech Day

At 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 18th, the school field presented a sight that had been all too familiar during the so-called Summer term—a grey, overcast sky, with a steady, depressing drizzle of rain. The only sign of activity came from a band of Junior School volunteers hurriedly stacking chairs under cover. However, as the first parents began to appear at School just before 2 o'clock, the skies lightened, the drizzle stopped, and by 2-30, when the platform party entered the marquee, the sun was shining brilliantly.

Introducing the Guest of Honour, Sir Harry Platt, Bt., F.R.C.S., the Chairman of the Governors paid tribute to a Lancastrian who had won universal acclaim as an orthopaedic surgeon; in the course of a long and distinguished career he had been responsible for the first clinic for fractures in the world, while twenty-five years ago he became the first Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Manchester University. Among many honours he had received was the Presidency of the International Surgical Colleges.

In presenting his Annual Report, the Headmaster recalled that the past year had been both a good year and a year of loss. He paid tribute to the memory and work of Mr. Walter Thorpe, to the life-long interest in and service to the School of Mr. Harry Vlies; and he went on to speak of the profound sense of loss in the tragically early death of Mr. William Taylor, the School Bursar, who had identified himself so fully and completely with the life of the School.

The Headmaster expressed his thanks to some of those who had so willingly shouldered extra responsibilities during the term, especially to Miss Bean for her invaluable service in the office, to Mr. Curtis for his work under the greatest difficulties in looking after the grounds and gardens, to the Head Prefect, R. H. Dakin, for his outstanding leadership of the Prefects and of the School, and to members of the Staff, who undertook so many outside activities. Among these activities, the Headmaster particularly mentioned the C.C.F., and outlined the new policy, with entry at 14 years of age, in the 4th form, followed by three years' service; the present system whereby boys could 'opt out' after one year would continue, but he hoped that many of this year's third-formers would stay on in the C.C.F. the next year.

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to bridge the gap before the new policy took effect.

Mr. Bird then thanked the members of the Parents' Association for their loyal and vigorous support, and for their latest gift to the school of a projector. He paid tribute to the sense of responsibility shown by this year's Sixth Forms, which augured well for the success of the Sixth Form Centre, the whole concept of which was founded upon responsibility and freedom. He announced that the Building Fund had reached £43,000, and pointed out that if one thousand people would donate £5 a year under a 7-year contract, the target of £100,000 would easily be reached.

Speaking of Old Hulmeians' successes, the Headmaster commented upon the modesty of Old Boys which made it difficult to compile a complete list of achievements; nevertheless, the long list that he read out covered a very wide range of activities, including appointments to university teaching staffs, three first-class Honours degrees, and a diversity of sporting and artistic achievements.

He then spoke of the two members of the staff who were retiring—Mr. K. P. Thompson and Mr. W. F. B. Fearon. Mr. Thompson had been at the School for thirty-seven years, sixteen of them as Head of the English Department which had contributed its full share to the post-war academic successes of the School. Mr. Bird was delighted to announce that the school would not be losing the benefit of Mr. Thompson's experience as he was returning next term as School Librarian. Mr. Fearon had made many contributions to school life apart from his outstanding work as a mathematician; he had been responsible for organising the Swimming Gala which was now an annual event, and for a number of years he had been Careers Master.

Turning to the academic results of the past year, the Headmaster announced that 77 boys had passed in three or more 'A' level subjects last year, with 22 distinctions. Six boys had won Scholarships or Exhibitions to either Oxford or Cambridge, eight boys had won State Scholarships (the last occasion on which they would be awarded), and fifty-three boys had gone on to Universities. Mr. Bird went on to remind his audience that a school's purpose was not solely to be a 'forcing-house' for universities. There was a temptation for boys to leave school immediately they had secured a university place, on the pretext that they could gain 'experience'. This experience often had little real value, and indeed there was a serious danger that it might result in the loss not only of the ability to learn but also of an active interest in academic subjects.

The Headmaster concluded his report by mentioning the 1st XII's success in winning the North of England Junior Flags, and by praising the 1st XI for its adventurous cricket, especially in the

second of the two games with the Lancashire Club and Ground. An extraordinary amount of cricket had been played by the 1st XI, thanks to Mr. Morley's inability to see rain, even when it was falling! The Tennis teams had had a successful season, and tennis had now won recognition as a 'full' Colour. The Athletics Sports had brought the year to a splendid conclusion, no fewer than five school records having been broken.

After the Prize Distribution, Sir Harry Platt began his address by confessing to some feeling of apprehension at being faced by such a youthful audience, in spite of his years of experience in lecturing to medical students, reputed to be the toughest audience in the world. However, there were few signs of apprehension in a speech enlivened by several amusing anecdotes. He began by pointing out that boys leaving school today faced a much more confused world than he had done when he left school at the turn of the century. Moreover, there was a disturbing confusion of ideas as to the best kind of learning to fit a balanced and rational society. He did not believe that there was a valid distinction in the concept of 'the two cultures' as representing two different types of human being, but he believed that the purpose of education was to produce the 'whole man'.

Nevertheless, at a time when the power of the scientist was increasing at an enormous rate, there was fierce competition to seize the best of our youth, and young scientists were subject to a wide range of attractive appeals. At this point Sir Harry added an appeal for his own profession; medicine as a way of life was not only deeply satisfying but also exciting. Many more doctors were needed in the future in both the United Kingdom and the emergent nations.

There were, however, many other vocations which might appear to be less spectacular than the scientific professions, but any vocation that used the scientific method could be exciting. We no longer lived in the age of just the 'practical' man—knowledge and method were essential qualifications.

Sir Harry then spoke of the value of having a working knowledge of at least one foreign language; such a knowledge led to nimbleness of wit, a deeper understanding of other people, and the interchange of ideas by direct conversation. His experience of international congresses had brought home two things to him: one, the speed and skill involved in 'simultaneous interpretation'; the other, the poor showing of the average Englishman when forced to speak a language other than his own.

Sir Harry ended his speech by wishing the senior boys success in their future career, and the juniors 'happy, carefree days'.

After the ceremony and tea in the Dining Hall the visitors toured the various exhibitions and

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demonstrations. The Biology exhibition included some powerful arguments against smoking, although perhaps the most memorable sight was the fiendish glee with which members of the Junior School prevailed upon the members of the Staff to give up their last few drops of blood for microscopic inspection.

The Prize List was as follows:—

PREPARATORY DEPT.—First: R. J. Wheeler; Barber Merit: D. W. Boulton; Progress: C. D. S. Goldberg.

FIRST FORMS—English: J. F. Marshall; History: J. N. Dore; Geography: R. P. Neilson; French: C. L. Williams; Latin: D. A. Hockaday; Maths: B. Norman; Biology: J. T. Briscoe; Handicraft: D. F. Holmes.

SECOND FORMS—English: J. A. Gabbay; History: K. E. Noble; Geography: C. R. Lloyd; French: C. L. Wood; Latin: R. Gill; Maths: M. G. Touchin; Science: C. R. Lloyd; Art: J. R. Haynes.

THIRD FORMS—English: J. J. McMullen; History: R. N. Curry; Geography: C. F. Cusick; French: A. J. D. Pearson; German: A. J. D. Pearson; Latin: A. J. D. Pearson; Greek: N. C. Jordan; Maths: I. G. Cundey; Chemistry: A. J. D. Pearson; Physics: P. E. Beverley; Art: P. R. Sheppard; Handicraft: G. A. Langley.

FOURTH FORMS—English: P. D. Gould; History: D. C. Davies; Geography: M. Sykes; French: D. P. Feeney; German: R. W. Slater; Latin: R. W. Slater; Maths: D. A. Reeves; Chemistry: R. A. Bishop; Physics: R. W. Slater; Art: P. Doherty; Handicraft: P. S. Whiteoak.

FIFTH FORMS—Parents' English: Z. J. Qureshi; History: D. Lord; Hewlett Geography: P. L. R. Wood; French: A. G. Skinner; German: D. R. Howarth; Latin: D. A. Vaughan; Greek: D. A. Vaughan; Maths: A. P. Hamnett; Chemistry: K. B. Lodge; Physics: S. Bentham; Art: I. Hartley; Handicraft: D. A. Mayall.

LOWER SIXTHS—English: R. E. Cox; History: I. Harlow; Geography: P. Riley; French: S. R. Amor; German: S. R. Amor; Latin: R. W. Quick; Greek: J. Bunting; Maths: J. R. Sternberg; Chemistry: J. R. Sternberg; Physics: J. S. Timms; Biology: W. J. Condon; Art: H. W. Douthwaite.

MIDDLE SIXTHS—English: G. L. Morley; Geography: J. D. Shuttleworth; French: M. Bowker; German: R. D. McGlue; Latin: R. D. McGlue; Chemistry: B. G. Gazzard; Physics: P. A. Royse; Biology: I. T. Campbell; Maths: J. A. Cowan; Art: P. C. Allen.

UPPER SIXTHS—Knoop English: A. J. B. Hilton; Dehn History: A. J. B. Hilton; Hewlett Geography: N. J. Handley; Vlies Modern Languages:

D. W. Walker; Dorrington Latin: R. E. Hough; Greek: M. H. Homer; Lymer Mathematics: A. A. Lockett; Williamson Chemistry: A. G. Mitchell; Physics: S. M. Lomax; Biology: R. Hughes.

SPECIAL PRIZES—Forrest Writing: G. L. Morley; Aspinall Religious Knowledge: J. A. Cowan; Powell Scripture Reading: R. H. Dakin; Anderson English Essay: A. J. B. Hilton; Brierley Music: R. A. Charlton; Watkins: R. H. Dakin; J. A. Barber prize: First: R. H. Dakin; Proxime Accessit: M. H. Homer.

C.C.F. Notes

The summer term ran its course on a pattern that has now become familiar—steady training till Whitsuntide, attenuated parades afterwards when many of the Senior cadets were engaged in examinations, the annual resurrection of the Band (led this year by C.S.M. Charlton and as usual effectively directed by Mr. Williams), a busy week when the Inspection followed close on the heels of the Field Day, and the culmination of the Annual Camp.

The Field Day was held at Crowden in July: exercises in field-craft, tactics, and map reading for the majority, shooting on the ranges for the senior cadets. The results of the shooting were well up to standard, seven cadets qualifying as 'Marksmen' and Cdt. Bennett achieving the distinction of scoring a 'possible'.

The contingent was inspected by Brigadier N. W. Routledge, O.B.E., T.D., on 11 July. The report stated that 'steadiness and control on parade were good' and, with reference to the demonstration of training activities, 'knowledge reached a good average standard' and 'most of the Platoon Commanders displayed leadership and command'.

In a Signals examination taken at the end of term seven out of twelve candidates classified, and Cpls. Assar, Ashcroft, Merriman P. A., Gravelle, L/Cpls. Liversedge, Peake, Molyneux qualified as Assistant Instructors.

The Camp at Stony Castle, Pirbright, was attended by 117 cadets (a record number), ably led by R.S.M. Morgan, C.S.M.s Wetton and Charlton, and a strong body of N.C.O.s. After the initial shock of finding they were to 'rough it' on palisades and blankets instead of the sheets and bedsteads they had become accustomed to in previous, huddled, camps the cadets rapidly settled to camp routine and were blessed with one of the few spells of fine, hot weather during the summer. Much effective training was done on the pinewood, sand and scrub training areas familiar to generations of soldiers, but still wild enough and rough enough to get map-reading instructors lost (*Quis*

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custodiet ...?) and to send one of the officers running home to find a R.E.M.E. section to salvage his Champ. Demonstrations were provided by the 1st Bn. East Anglian Regiment, and the Guards favoured us with a display of marching and counter-marching by a massed band over 160 strong. Our thanks are due to Lieut. J. Temple, O.H., for his cheerful and effective assistance at camp.

It is too early yet to forecast what will result from the reorganisation that is being imposed on all C.C.F. contingents throughout the country. The transition period will present difficulties, but we shall try to move gradually towards the 'new look', and ask for patience and goodwill while the change is being effected. Eventually the Contingent will be more stream-lined—its numbers will be fixed at a limit lower than in past years, and the tempo of elementary training will be quickened so that greater emphasis can be thrown on various forms of advanced training.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to R.S.M. J. Broom who joined the Contingent at Whitsuntide: and at the risk of appearing invidious at a time when many N.C.O.s have served the Contingent well, we should like to thank C.Q.M.S. Armstrong very sincerely for his hard work in the Stores for many terms.

Cricket

FIRST ELEVEN

Despite the appalling weather it proved possible to reach a decision in ten matches. Over the season six games were won, four lost, four drawn and one cancelled owing to the sudden death of Mr. Taylor. Of the four games lost, two were against Lancashire Club and Ground, one was lost after a declaration, the winning run being scored off the last ball of the last over, and the fourth was lost by 29 runs in a high scoring game. H. F. Lyon proved to be an excellent captain. He batted, bowled and fielded well himself and kept the team on its toes the whole time. The play was characterised by resolution and a will to win, but was always adventurous without becoming rash. The batting of G. Casale was outstanding but usually well supported. The fast bowlers were sometimes erratic, but each bowled well on occasion, and the offspin of Lyon and E. C. Comyn-Platt and the leg spin of G. Casale were frequently and effectively used. The ground fielding on the whole was good and the throwing very good, and although a few important catches were dropped many very good catches were taken. Colours were re-awarded to H. F. Lyon, D. R. Stott, G. Casale, E. C. Comyn-Platt, C. A. Nowotarski, B. Ball, L. Oliver and H.

Burgess. New colours were awarded to I. G. Kennedy, N. M. Kennedy, P. N. Bentley and M. R. Sanderson. The only others who played were J. Oldham and P. J. Derlien.

LEADING AVERAGES

BATTING

	Inn'gs.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
G. Casale	14	2	101	672	56.00
H. F. Lyon	14	4	80*	474	47.40
E. C. Comyn-Platt	11	6	43*	147	29.40
C. A. Nowotarski	9	3	33*	73	12.16
N. M. Kennedy ...	10	3	21*	66	9.43
D. R. Stott	13	0	46	108	8.30

BOWLING

	Overs	M.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
G. Casale	34.3	6	140	14	10.00
H. F. Lyon	155	38	324	28	11.57
I. G. Kennedy ...	90.4	31	224	18	12.44
H. Burgess	106.3	36	271	18	15.05

RESULTS

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. At Home on Saturday, 4th May. Match Drawn.

A slow, rain-soaked pitch made it difficult to force a result. Cheadle Hulme went from 65 for 5 wickets to 85 for 9, owing to a good spell of bowling by H. Burgess, but an unbroken last wicket stand took the total to 117. Rather slow batting in the early stages of the School innings left too little time to score the runs and the game ended in a draw.

CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL

Brown run out	24
Teare ct. Kennedy, I. G. b. Lyon	17
Williams b. Burgess	21
Abell l.b.w. b. Burgess	4
Headey b. Oldham	1
Jones b. Burgess	5
Chadwick ct. Lyon b. Burgess	5
Stansfield l.b.w. b. Ball	2
Scone not out	16
Goodchild b. Burgess	0
Thompson not out	12
Extras	10

Total (for 9 wickets declared) 117

H. Burgess 5 for 41.

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C. A. Nowotarski run out	12
D. R. Stott ct. Goodchild b. Thompson	13
G. Casale l.b.w. b. Thompson	15
E. C. Comyn-Platt ct. Jones b. Abell	2
J. Oldham b. Thompson	1
N. M. Kennedy not out	13
H. F. Lyon not out	18
Extras	8
Total (for 5 wickets)	82

L. Oliver, B. Ball, H. Burgess and I. G. Kennedy did not bat.

v. BOLTON SCHOOL. At Home on Wednesday, 8th May. Match Drawn.

The game was played on a dull afternoon and eventually had to be abandoned because of rain. Scoring was difficult throughout owing to a slow outfield.

SCHOOL

D. R. Stott ct. Holdsworth b. Brett	27
C. A. Nowotarski l.b.w. b. Sutcliffe	2
H. F. Lyon ct. & b. Green, J. A. K.	33
G. Casale st. Green, R. b. Green, J. A. K.	12
N. M. Kennedy ct. Footitt b. Sutcliffe	11
J. Oldham l.b.w. b. Green, J. A. K.	0
E. C. Comyn-Platt not out	9
I. G. Kennedy not out	5
Extras	1
Total (for 6 wickets declared)	100

BOLTON

R. Green ct. Oldham b. Kennedy, I. G.	4
D. Holdsworth not out	20
G. R. Marsh ct. Kennedy, I. G. b. Lyon	24
J. W. Clark not out	1
Extras	0
Total (for 2 wickets)	49

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. At Home on Saturday, 11th May. Cancelled.

v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. At Lytham on Wednesday, 15th May. Won by 5 wickets.

The day was fine but cold, the wicket slow and easy-paced. Two very good catches were taken by G. Casale, but four chances were missed, and Lytham were allowed to score 124. H. F. Lyon took 3 wickets for 39 in 21 overs; I. G. Kennedy bowled well in his first spell, without success, and took 2 wickets with bad balls in an indifferent second spell. One wicket should really be credited

to G. Casale, who caught a hit off a full toss which seemed certain to go to the boundary. H. F. Lyon and G. Casale batted well and confidently, but failed to reach their fifties.

LYTHAM

Chadwick run out	5
Thomas run out	21
Birtwell ct. Casale b. Ball	5
Haynes ct. Oldham b. Lyon	8
Barton st. Oliver b. Lyon	8
Pritchard ct. Casale b. Kennedy, I. G.	25
Cooke l.b.w. b. Lyon	2
Winder hit wkt. b. Kennedy I. G.	0
Renshaw not out	30
Holdsworth ct. Lyon b. Burgess	7
Owen run out	0
Extras	13
Total	124

SCHOOL

C. A. Nowotarski ct. Pritchard b. Renshaw	0
D. R. Stott b. Renshaw	3
H. F. Lyon, l.b.w. b. Chadwick	47
G. Casale ct. Renshaw b. Winder	47
E. C. Comyn-Platt not out	16
L. Oliver b. Winder	0
N. M. Kennedy not out	6
Extras	7
Total (for 5 wickets)	126

v. A UNIVERSITY FRESHMEN'S XI. At Home on Saturday, 18th May. Won by 9 wickets.

Once again the weather was dull, the ground wet, the start was delayed by a shower and there was one interruption for rain. The Freshmen plodded along steadily and declared at 5-36 p.m. after 48 overs had been bowled. G. Casale played an innings of great skill, confidence and power, hitting eleven fours. Only 23 overs, in 66 minutes, were needed before the runs were made. By comparison H. F. Lyon scored slowly, hitting only one four and taking nearly an hour to score his runs.

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Salter l.b.w. b. Lyon	27
Eastwood b. Kennedy, I. G.	1
Coleman l.b.w. b. Lyon	15
Labrom b. Lyon	0
Leacock not out	29
Payne run out	9
Marsden ct. Nowotarski b. Lyon	8
Kirkby not out	7
Extras	7
Total (for 6 wickets declared)	103

H. F. Lyon 4 for 45 in 19 overs.

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SCHOOL

G. Casale not out	67
D. R. Stott ct. Coleman b. Mitchener	2
H. F. Lyon not out	34
Extras	3

Total (for 1 wicket) 106

v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. At Wallasey on Wednesday, 22nd May. Won by 176 runs.

Most surprisingly the day was sunny and warm throughout, but the pitch was damp and at times behaved unpredictably if the ball hit a patch recovering from frost damage. It was because of this uncertainty that when Wallasey won the toss their captain asked us to bat. It was a course he must soon have regretted. Play started at 11-52 and when the lunch break came at 12-43 we were 67 for no wicket. The first wicket fell at 101, the second at 120, and then H. F. Lyon, hitting even more freely than the openers, scored 80 not out in 58 minutes. When Wallasey batted nothing went right for them. The pitch had dried out a bit and gave the bowlers more help, and a brilliant direct hit by C. A. Nowotarski from deep square leg ran out one of the openers. Every catch was held, as so often happens when one side is on top, and the game was over shortly after tea.

SCHOOL

G. Casale ct. Naylor b. Knox	61
D. R. Stott ct. Johnston b. Knox	46
H. F. Lyon not out	80
C. A. Nowotarski not out	33
Extras	1

Total (for 2 wickets declared) 221

WALLASEY

Davies run out	0
Preston ct. Casale b. Kennedy, I. G.	0
Southworth b. Burgess	8
Bell ct. Oliver b. Kennedy, I. G.	6
Johnston ct. Kennedy, N. M. b. Lyon	6
Knox ct. Casale b. Lyon	1
Naylor ct. Burgess b. Lyon	6
Hackett not out	9
Freeman run out	1
Wightwick b. Kennedy, I. G.	1
Day b. Kennedy, I. G.	1
Extras	6

Total 45

Bowling:

I. G. Kennedy, 4 wickets for 8 runs.
H. F. Lyon, 3 wickets for 16 runs.

v. LANCASHIRE CLUB AND GROUND. At Home on Wednesday, 29th May. Lost by 10 wickets.

Once again the day was fine but a green wicket gave too much help to the experienced seam bowlers, all regular members of Lancashire II, one of whom was taking wickets in first class cricket before the end of the season. G. Casale played a most impressive innings but the others, while able to remain at the wicket for some time, looked in vain for the loose ball. One of them, who batted 45 minutes for one run, said rather ruefully at the end of an over, "Are we supposed to score off this stuff?" Two batsmen with experience in first class cricket hit off the runs without difficulty, but the bowling, with one exception, was steady and the fielding was good.

SCHOOL

G. Casale b. Cumbes	34
D. R. Stott b. Cumbes	0
H. F. Lyon b. Cumbes	2
C. A. Nowotarski ct. and b. Beddow	1
E. C. Comyn-Platt b. Cumbes	4
N. M. Kennedy ct. Cook b. Beddow	3
J. Oldham b. Grierson	6
L. Oliver ct. Sullivan b. Beddow	5
B. Ball b. Grierson	0
H. Burgess b. Beddow	4
I. G. Kennedy not out	0
Extras	15

Total 74

Beddow, 4 wickets for 11 runs.

Cumbes, 4 wickets for 26 runs.

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G. Houlton not out	30
R. Entwisle not out	46
Extras	2

Total (for 0 wickets) 78

v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. At Crosby on Saturday, 1st June. Lost by 29 runs.

Lyon won the toss and asked Merchant Taylors' School to bat first because the pitch was still slightly damp. At lunch the score was 92 for 7, and only a missed chance prevented the move from being a decisive success. After lunch the pitch had dried out and some strong but judicious hitting took the score to 176 before the next wicket fell. For this reversal of fortune a few fielding lapses were partly responsible. The School innings was too uneven. G. Casale made 83 runs, but not in his best manner; H. F. Lyon lost his wicket through impatience, and E. C. Comyn-Platt was slow in gaining confidence. We reached 115 for 3, but then fell behind the clock and lost our later wickets in a vain attempt to score 40 in 10 minutes. It was nevertheless a good, even game.

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MERCHANT TAYLORS'

Gardner b. Kennedy, I. G.	0
Tootill run out	5
Norris l.b.w. b. Lyon	35
Williams, M. ct. Comyn-Platt b. Burgess ...	1
Williams, C. ct. Oliver b. Ball	30
Delaney ct. Sanderson b. Casale	10
Carpenter ct. Casale b. Comyn-Platt	4
Chellingworth b. Lyon	43
Grundy b. Lyon	43
McCormick ct. Lyon b. Burgess	3
Cox not out	7
Extras	11

Total 192

SCHOOL

G. Casale ct. Williams, C. b. Chellingworth ...	83
D. R. Stott b. Cox	12
H. F. Lyon ct. Chellingworth b. Cox	0
E. C. Comyn-Platt st. Tootill b. Carpenter ...	32
M. R. Sanderson l.b.w. b. Chellingworth ...	11
N. M. Kennedy b. Carpenter	0
J. Oldham ct. Williams, C. b. Carpenter ...	10
L. Oliver l.b.w. b. Cox	0
B. Ball run out	5
H. Burgess b. Cox	3
I. G. Kennedy not out	0
Extras	7

Total 163

v. WHALLEY RANGE CRICKET CLUB. At Whalley Range on Wednesday, 19th June. Match drawn.

Steady bowling and good fielding kept the Whalley Range scoring rate down, once a start had been made. After a drizzling, damp afternoon the pitch was rather slow at first but dried out and became faster when we batted. Most of the School's early batsmen failed; in wild efforts to increase the run rate two ran themselves out; and only an unbroken seventh-wicket stand of 38 made the score look respectable.

WHALLEY RANGE

B. M. Oakes l.b.w. b. Ball	23
A. M. Blight b. Bentley	9
C. Jenkinson b. Ball	14
W. Bevan ct. Lyon b. Burgess	10
G. Graham ct. Oliver b. Lyon	7
P. Ashbrook ct. Sanderson b. Lyon	25
D. J. Price ct. Oliver b. Burgess	13
E. Hunt not out	9
C. Spencer ct. Casale b. Lyon	4
J. Buckland b. Burgess	0
Extras	4

Total (for 9 wickets declared) 118

D. Buckland did not bat.

SCHOOL

G. Casale ct. Buckland, J. b. Hunt	0
D. R. Stott ct. Jenkinson b. Buckland, D. ...	5
H. F. Lyon b. Buckland, D.	5
C. A. Nowotarski run out	14
E. C. Comyn-Platt not out	43
M. R. Sanderson ct. Jenkinson b. Spencer ...	1
N. M. Kennedy run out	2
P. N. Bentley not out	12
Extras	3

Total (for 6 wickets) 85

v. THE PARENTS. At Home on Wednesday, 26th June. Won by 83 runs.

Once again G. Casale and H. F. Lyon were in good form, and 127 runs were scored between 6-20 and 7-25 p.m. The Parents were all out four minutes before play was due to end at 9-15 p.m.

SCHOOL

G. Casale not out	53
D. R. Stott l.b.w. b. Kennedy	0
H. F. Lyon b. Holden	59
E. C. Comyn-Platt not out	14
Extras	1

Total (for 2 wickets declared) 127

THE PARENTS

Mr. Buckland ct. Oliver b. Bentley	0
„ Green b. Lyon	6
„ Sumner b. Kennedy, I. G.	14
„ Grundy b. Lyon	5
„ Kennedy l.b.w. b. Kennedy, I. G.	0
„ Nightingale ct. Casale b. Lyon	0
„ Butters ct. Kennedy, I. G. b. Lyon	6
„ Holden b. Lyon	2
„ Bollen not out	2
„ Hargreaves b. Kennedy, I. G.	0
„ Nixon b. Kennedy, I. G.	5
Extras	4

Total 44

H. F. Lyon, 5 wickets for 18 runs.
I. G. Kennedy, 4 wickets for 3 runs.

v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. At Home on Wednesday, 3rd July. Match drawn.

Rain delayed the start until 2-05 p.m., and caused the game to be abandoned at 5-30 p.m. The School scored 142 in 140 minutes; Birkenhead had been batting for 45 minutes when the rain

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came, and in that time had lost five wickets. The outstanding feature of the game was a fine century by G. Casale. It included a six and four fours, and many strokes worth four but halted by the long, wet grass in the outfield.

SCHOOL

G. Casale ct. Jones b. Lewis	101
D. R. Stott ct. Dillon b. Owens	0
H. F. Lyon b. Owens	13
E. C. Comyn-Platt run out	8
C. A. Nowotarski st. Jones b. Lewis	4
N. M. Kennedy ct. Stanbridge b. Lewis	0
P. N. Bentley not out	10
Extras	6

Total (for 6 wickets declared) 142

BIRKENHEAD

A. M. Jones b. Burgess	1
W. E. Lewis ct. Oliver b. Bentley	5
J. R. Croker ct. Casale b. Burgess	0
R. W. Stubbs ct. Kennedy, N. M. b. Burgess	0
J. M. Jerman not out	3
J. F. Dillon b. Lyon	6
K. M. Bulteel not out	0
Extras	6

Total (for 5 wickets) 21

H. Burgess, 3 wickets for 5 runs.

v. OLD HULMEIANS. At Home on Saturday, 6th July. Match drawn.

The day was dull, there were one or two short interruptions for rain, and rain and bad light caused the match to be abandoned 35 minutes before the time arranged for drawing stumps. At that time the Old Hulmeians had lost 10 wickets, but unfortunately from the School's point of view it had been agreed to play 12 men on each side. For the first time in the season G. Casale figured as the leading bowler, taking six wickets with his leg spinners. The Old Hulmeians' side included seven fast or medium paced bowlers and three spin bowlers, but was rather short of batsmen.

SCHOOL

G. Casale ct. Langford b. Bryans	47
D. R. Stott ct. Richards b. Johnson	0
H. F. Lyon ct. Heaton b. Johnson	59
E. C. Comyn-Platt not out	7
C. A. Nowotarski not out	5
Extras	7

Total (for 3 wickets declared) 125

OLD HULMEIANS

D. W. Archer st. Oliver b. Casale	20
J. Heaton b. Burgess	2
C. Jenkinson b. Bentley	2
D. F. Borland b. Bentley	0
R. W. Welsby ct. Kennedy, N. M. b. Casale	18
R. Richards l.b.w. b. Burgess	8
J. G. Mitchell ct. Oliver b. Casale	8
P. W. Booth st. Oliver b. Casale	1
C. R. Langford ct. Nowotarski b. Casale	0
A. M. Blight not out	2
R. T. Johnson ct. Sanderson b. Casale	0
C. E. Bryans not out	0
Extras	1

Total (for 10 wickets) 62

G. Casale, 6 wickets for 31 runs.

v. QUEEN ELIZABETH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WAKEFIELD. At Home on Wednesday, 10th July. Won by 9 wickets.

The day was dull and grey, the ground was soft and slow, and there were a few short breaks for rain. Crediting the pitch with many more vices than in fact it had, Wakefield batted with devastating caution. Their 66 runs were scored in 175 minutes off 58.4 overs, including 31 maiden overs. H. F. Lyon took 2 wickets for 7 runs in 18 overs, I. G. Kennedy 2 for 10 in 13 overs, and G. Casale 4 for 11 in a mere 7.4 overs. The School batsmen knocked off the runs in just under an hour.

WAKEFIELD

D. Richards run out	8
J. W. Hartley b. Kennedy, I. G.	13
P. C. Craven b. Lyon	1
J. O. Laphish ct. Comyn-Platt b. Lyon	8
R. Beardsell run out	5
J. C. Wardle ct. Sanderson b. Kennedy, I. G.	1
A. J. Barnes ct. Lyon b. Casale	6
M. Coope ct. Ball b. Casale	10
M. D. Peel ct. Burgess b. Casale	10
D. Noble ct. and b. Casale	1
J. W. F. Holt not out	0
Extras	3

Total 66

SCHOOL

G. Casale l.b.w. b. Beardsall	20
N. M. Kennedy not out	21
H. F. Lyon not out	24
Extras	2

Total (for 1 wicket) 67

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V. LANCASHIRE CLUB AND GROUND. At Old Trafford on Friday, 12th July. Lost by 5 wickets.

After a showery morning the match started under a dull sky in a slight drizzle, but the sun came out almost at once and continued to shine most of the time. The Club and Ground bowling was not quite as strong as in the home game, and although the School lost a wicket before a run had been scored the second wicket did not fall until the score had reached 97. H. F. Lyon and G. Casale both made fifties, the first time so far as can be ascertained that two fifties have been made by the School against the Club and Ground in one innings. Lyon declared at teatime and the School was beaten by five wickets with about five minutes to spare. Among the batsmen out were G. Pullar and J. D. Bond.

SCHOOL

G. Casale ct. Whelan b. Spindler	65
N. M. Kennedy b. Heath	0
H. F. Lyon ct. Whelan b. Wood	51
E. C. Comyn-Platt not out	10
D. R. Stott b. Wood	0
M. R. Sanderson b. O'Brian	12
C. A. Nowotarski not out	2
Extras	1

Total (for 5 wkts. dec.) 141

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G. Pullar ct. Casale b. Lyon	40
O'Brian ct. Oliver b. Ball	14
J. D. Bond ct. Kennedy, I. G. b. Casale ...	33
Walker ct. Kennedy, N. M. b. Burgess ...	39
Whelan not out	8
Jones ct. Kennedy, I. G. b. Casale	3
Goodwin not out	1
Extras	4

Total (for 5 wickets) 142

V. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. At Macclesfield on Tuesday, 16th July. Lost by 4 wickets.

Heavy rain during the morning delayed the start until a pitch had been prepared off the edge of the square and the ground was so wet that if any of the ominous clouds that passed by during the afternoon had brought rain the game would have had to be abandoned. Fortunately that did not happen, and after a generous declaration we were beaten by a run taken off the last ball of the last over. G. Casale and H. F. Lyon were again in great form, Casale's 67 being scored in 102 minutes, and Lyon's 49 in 50 minutes. The declaration after two hours of actual batting, left Macclesfield

five minutes short of two hours to make the runs. When the last over started they needed three runs to win. In the course of the first five balls they scored two byes (both risky) and lost one wicket. The last ball went through to the wicket-keeper, standing back, and they ran. A throw to the bowler's end would have hit the wicket, but the bowler tried to catch it, fumbled with it, and the batsman got home. If he had let the ball go the scores would have been exactly level, and that would perhaps have been a fairer result of a game neither side deserved to lose. With the last three balls before tea R. Green had done the hat-trick.

SCHOOL

G. Casale run out	67
N. M. Kennedy ct. Gawthrope b. Lock ...	10
H. F. Lyon ct. Lock b. Green	49
E. C. Comyn-Platt b. Green	2
P. J. Derlien ct. Lock b. Green	0
M. R. Sanderson run out	1
D. R. Stott b. Green	0
B. Ball not out	5
I. G. Kennedy not out	9
Extras	10

Total (for 7 wkts. dec.) 150

MACCLESFIELD

H. Thomas run out	29
R. Cragg ct. Sanderson b. Kennedy, I. G. ...	79
R. Green ct. Oliver b. Casale	8
H. Fairhurst ct. Lyon b. Kennedy, I. G. ...	23
O. Owen st. Oliver b. Lyon	2
J. Cawthrope not out	3
J. Oldham b. Kennedy, I. G.	0
C. Shingles not out	0
Extras	7

(Total for 6 wickets) 151

SECOND XI

This year's side contained a number of young, promising players and was well led by its captain B. S. Searle. Unfortunately, seven of the eleven games played were drawn, and on no occasion was this due to the weather. The chief cause was a complete lack of a sense of urgency on the part of batsmen at crucial stages of an innings, which often forced those who followed to throw their wickets away in an endeavour to force the pace.

The fielding and bowling of the side have been very good, J. D. Rogers, C. J. Sherlock and G. B. Brister have all bowled consistently well. The batting has been more inconsistent. P. J. Derlien, J.

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S. Nixon, C. W. Beaumont, P. C. M. Roberts and M. R. Sanderson all played good innings on occasions, but only J. S. Nixon averaged more than 20 per innings.

Some of the other bowlers have often been content to bowl accurately, but short of a length, with no real danger from spin or pace in their deliveries.

The team has been selected from—B. S. Searle, C. W. Beaumont, P. C. M. Roberts, J. D. Rogers, J. Oldham, C. A. Nowotarski, P. N. Bentley, P. J. Derlien, C. J. Sherlock, J. S. Nixon, P. H. Woodhead, J. N. Jones, T. C. Cunliffe, G. B. Brister and D. L. Worthing.

RESULTS

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Won. School 105 for 8 dec. (Jones 37, Beaumont 24, Bentley 20 n.o.). Cheadle Hulme School 45 (Rogers 4 for 11).

v. CHETHAM'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL. Drawn. Chetham's Hospital 91 for 8 dec. (Rogers 5 for 15). School 72 for 5 (Roberts 36).

v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Won. Wallasey 41. School 45 for 2.

v. CHETHAM'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL. Drawn. School 120 for 6 (Sanderson 60, Nixon 28). Chetham's Hospital 101 for 6.

v. STAFF. Drawn. Staff 102. School 67 for 6 (Derlien 39 n.o.).

v. MERCHANT TAYLORS', CROSBY. Drawn. School 102 for 4 (Derlien 31, Beaumont 20). Merchant Taylors' 42 for 9 (Rogers 4 for 17).

v. PARENTS. Won. Parents 59. School 60 for 2.

v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Drawn. Birkenhead School 97 (Oldham 4 for 26, Sherlock 4 for 42). School 66 for 9.

v. QUEEN ELIZABETH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WAKEFIELD. Won. School 154 for 7 (Nixon 69, Nowotarski 30). Wakefield 134 (Sherlock 4 for 27, Rogers 4 for 43).

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Drawn. Manchester Grammar School 117 for 9 dec. (Rogers 5 for 48). School 59 for 7.

v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Drawn. King's School 62 (Brister 5 for 15). School 44 for 6.

UNDER 15 XI

Under the captaincy of J. F. Wilde the team had a reasonably successful season. Of eight games played they drew four, lost one and won three. All of the drawn games were fairly evenly balanced. The only defeat, against Cheadle Hulme School in the first match of the term, was the result of very indifferent batting which allowed the side to lose nine wickets for 31 before D. G. Cowan, who hit

an unorthodox but entertaining 43, was helped by A. J. Wilkinson to put on 62 for the last wicket and reduce the margin of defeat to only seventeen. Their three victories were convincing ones; Wallasey Grammar School were beaten by 90 runs and they lost only four wickets in defeating both King Edward VII School, Lytham and Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby. But despite these performances the batting was disappointing. Only K. W. Nightingale, who averaged just less than 22, was at all consistent. He defended soundly and made a point of hitting some of the loose deliveries of which there are plenty in junior cricket. Wilde himself had a most unhappy season as did P. D. Hanson, the vice-captain. The side owed most of its success to some very good close to the wicket catching and more particularly to the bowling of A. D. Koffman, who took 31 wickets for 146. He received good support from R. Entwistle and these two in fact took all but 13 of the wickets which fell. Together they bowled out Wallasey Grammar School for 15 in six overs and three balls to provide the highlight of the season. Koffman is fast and accurate and his natural movement of the ball is away from the bat, but he still wastes energy on his long run-up.

The batting was not without ability; Wilde twice had useful scores but took far too long in compiling them, P. D. Gould had a good innings at Wallasey and W. P. Cavanah played very soundly for 33 to halt a collapse against Manchester Grammar School. Too often, though, batsmen were pre-occupied with defence and finally lost their wicket through annoyance at their slow rate of scoring. It must of course be remembered that wickets were very soft for almost every match and boys of fourteen generally lack the technique to score quickly, if at all, off the back foot.

As a team they played with a good deal of enthusiasm and a number of them should do well in the higher grades of school cricket.

RESULTS

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Lost by 17 runs. Cheadle Hulme 110. School 93 (D. G. Cowan 43).

v. BOLTON SCHOOL. Home. Match drawn. Bolton 137 for 2 declared. School 69 for 5 (K. W. Nightingale 34 not out).

v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Away. Won by 6 wickets. Lytham 46 (A. D. Koffman 7 for 7). School 47 for 4 (K. W. Nightingale 23).

v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Won by 90 runs. School 105 for 4 declared (P. D. Gould 36, J. F. Wilde 26 not out). Wallasey 15 (A. D. Koffman 6 for 8, R. Entwistle 4 for 4).

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v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. Away. Won by 6 wickets. Crosby 57 (A. D. Koffman 8 for 21). School 61 for 4 (K. W. Nightingale 29 not out).

v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Home. Match Drawn. Birkenhead 57 (A. D. Koffman 4 for 21). School 24 for 3.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Match Drawn. School 96 for 9 declared (W. P. Cavanah 33, A. D. Koffman 26 not out). Manchester Grammar School 56 for 3.

v. KING'S SCHOOL MACCLESFIELD. Away. Match Drawn. School 97 for 4 declared (J. F. Wilde 27, K. W. Nightingale 25). Macclesfield 64 for 6.

UNDER 14 XI

A disappointing season, both from the point of view of weather and performance. The team, of considerable potential, was ably led by P. Mercer and proved quite sound in the field, but the bowling lacked penetration and often the team seemed content to let the opposition get themselves out through their own indiscretions rather than by any positive efforts on our part.

The batting was far from good; only E. E. Broadhurst and P. Mercer showed real determination to stay there or offered any sort of adequate defence. One can only hope for better weather and better performances next year.

May 4th, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. School won by 7 runs. School 43. Cheadle Hulme 36. (P. Mercer 4 for 5).

May 22nd, v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. At Home. School lost by 4 runs. School 60. Wallasey 64. (P. Mercer 5 for 12).

June 15th, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS', CROSBY. At Home. School lost by 4 wickets. School 115. (P. Mercer 34, E. E. Broadhurst 29). Crosby 116 for 6.

July 16th, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. At Home. School lost by 44 runs. King's 88. (N. C. Jordan 5 for 22). School 44.

HOUSE CRICKET

The very poor summer was responsible for many games being cancelled and it became impossible to complete even one round of the league. In spite of these upsets there was a keen struggle at the top of the table with Dalton finally winning from Fraser by four points.

The Knock-outs did not provide much in the way of exciting finishes, though the second round

Junior K.O. between Byrom and Gaskell must have brought the Byrom supporters' hearts to their mouths.

HOUSE CRICKET KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

SENIORS:

1st Round: Fraser beat Gaskell by 6 wickets: Fraser 96 for 4 wickets (dec.) (E. C. Platt 50); Gaskell 81.
Dalton beat Whitworth by 10 wickets: Whitworth 61 (J. Oldham 4-13, Bentley 4-23); Dalton 62 for 0 wickets (G. Casale 45 n.o.).

2nd Round: Fraser beat Byrom by 6 wickets: Byrom 77 (T. Cottrill 5-27, Platt 5-26); Fraser 78 for 4 wickets (J. S. Nixon 39, Platt 30 n.o.).

Dalton beat Heywood by 7 wickets: Heywood 38 (Oldham 5-9); Dalton 41 for 3 (A. Lockett 27).

Final: Dalton beat Fraser by 8 wickets: Fraser 24 (Oldham 6-13, Bentley 2-7); Dalton 28 for 2 wickets.

JUNIORS:

1st Round: Byrom beat Fraser by 6 wickets: Fraser 40 (Dickson 4-0); Byrom 44 for 4.

Gaskell beat Whitworth by 8 wickets: Whitworth 25 (Koffman 7-7); Gaskell 27 for 2.

2nd Round: Byrom beat Gaskell by 2 wickets: Gaskell 29 (Entwistle 9-15); Byrom 30 for 8 wickets.

Dalton beat Heywood by 34 runs: Dalton 80 for 3 wickets (dec.) (Hanson 62 n.o.); Heywood 46 (Hanson 6-20).

Final: Byrom beat Dalton by 7 wickets: Dalton 33; Byrom 36 for 3 wickets.

The School Sports

The Athletics Sports were held on the last Saturday of the summer term, on July 13th. Rain earlier in the day cleared away, and bright sunshine brought a number of visitors to the field. The afternoon was chiefly notable for some splendid efforts in field events, with a number of School records being broken.

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RESULTS

SENIOR.

100 yards: 1st, H. F. Lyon (W) 10.8 secs.; 2nd, J. N. Jones (B); 3rd, R. H. Dakin (W).

220 yards: 1st, H. F. Lyon (W) 25.5 secs.; 2nd, C. Porter (B); 3rd, C. W. Beaumont (G).

440 yards: 1st, C. W. Beaumont (G) 56.1 secs.; 2nd, C. Porter (B); 3rd, A. A. Jackson (W).

880 yards: 1st, M. V. Tidmas (D) 2 mins. 1.5 secs. record; 2nd, G. J. Norman (B); 3rd, I. N. Dawson (G).

Mile: 1st, M. V. Tidmas (D) 4 mins. 43.3 secs.; 2nd, G. J. Norman (B); 3rd, I. N. Dawson (G).

High Jump: 1st, D. S. Gee (D) 4ft. 11 ins.; 2nd, N. B. Pearson (G); 3rd, J. S. Martin (H).

Long Jump: 1st, H. F. Lyon (W) 18 ft. 2 ins.; 2nd, M. R. Tweed (H); 3rd, A. A. Jackson (W).

Discus: 1st, R. H. Dakin (W) 115 ft. 9½ ins. record; 2nd, A. MacLean (W); 3rd, B. L. Andrew (H).

Shot: 1st, R. H. Dakin (W) 44ft. 8½ ins. record; 2nd, D. Hill (D); 3rd, A. P. Warburton (F).

Javelin: 1st, I. D. McQueen (B) 162 ft 6 ins. record; 2nd, A. MacLean (W); 3rd, J. S. Torkington (G).

Pole Vault: 1st, P. A. Holland (F) 8ft. 10 ins. record; 2nd, R. I. G. Morgan (G); 3rd, A. A. Jackson (W).

Hop, Step and Jump: 1st, I. D. McQueen (B) 37 ft 1 in.; 2nd, D. R. Latham (F); 3rd, M. R. Tweed (H).

Relay: 1st, Whitworth 49.1 secs.; 2nd, Byrom; 3rd, Gaskell.

MIDDLE.

100 yards: 1st, M. J. Crowther (D) 11.2 secs.; 2nd, M. P. Rack (B); 3rd, J. K. Irving (B).

220 yards: 1st, T. C. Cunliffe (H) 25.7 secs.; 2nd, K. L. McMurtrie (F); 3rd, M. P. Rack (B).

440 yards: 1st T. C. Cunliffe (H) 56.2 secs.; 2nd, D. S. Buckley (B); 3rd, N. H. Searle (W).

880 yards: 1st, R. G. Edwards (W) 2 mins. 17.3 secs.; 2nd W. J. Condon (D); 3rd, I. Harlow (H).

Mile: 1st, R. G. Edwards (W) 5 mins. 16.9 secs.; 2nd, W. J. Condon (D); 3rd, I. Harlow (H).

High Jump: 1st, M. J. Crowther (D) 5ft. 4 ins.; 2nd, J. D. Moran (D); 3rd, J. K. Irving (B).

Long Jump: 1st, J. K. Irving (B) 17 ft 6½ ins.; 2nd, K. L. McMurtrie (F); 3rd, H. Bond (D).

Discus: 1st, A. Steel (H) 97 ft. 9½ ins.; 2nd, K. B. Lodge (W); 3rd, B. F. Saville (F).

Shot: 1st, R. Reed (F) 38 ft. 5½ ins.; 2nd, K. B. Lodge (W); 3rd, A. Steel (H).

Javelin: 1st, P. W. McNulty (W) 123 ft. 8½ ins.; 2nd, J. H. M. Steele (F); 3rd, D. S. Buckley (B).

Hop, Step and Jump: 1st, K. L. McMurtrie (F) 35 ft. 1½ ins.; 2nd, M. P. Rack (B); 3rd I. Harlow (H).

Relay: 1st, Byrom 49.7 secs.; 2nd, Fraser; 3rd, Dalton.

JUNIOR.

100 yards: 1st, D. G. Cowan (B) 11.7 secs.; 2nd, P. S. Richardson (F); 3rd, F. V. Davies (F).

220 yards: 1st, M. P. Reddin (B) 27.4 secs.; 2nd, P. S. Richardson (F); 3rd, A. D. Koffman (G).

440 yards: 1st, M. P. Reddin (B) 59.4 secs.; 2nd, A. D. Koffman (G); 3rd, M. L. Ford (F).

High Jump: 1st, P. D. Hanson (D) 4ft. 8 ins.; 2nd, S. T. Ingham (B); 3rd, P. J. Allman (D).

Long Jump: 1st, A. D. Koffman (G) 15 ft 8 ins.; 2nd D. G. Cowan (B); 3rd, S. C. Harrold (H).

Shot: 1st, P. D. Hanson (D) 36 ft. 3 ins.; 2nd, D. G. Cowan (B); 3rd, M. L. Ford (F).

Javelin: 1st, S. Bentham (H) 108 ft. 9½ ins.; 2nd, D. A. Reeves (B); 3rd, M. E. Brooke (D).

Relay: 1st, Fraser 53.5 secs.; 2nd Byrom; 3rd, Whitworth.

FINAL PLACINGS.

1. Byrom 366 pts.; 2. Whitworth 325 pts.; 3. Fraser 287 pts.; 4. Gaskell 238 pts.; 5. Dalton 231 pts.; 6. Heywood 158 pts.

Individual Trophy Winners:

GASKELL CUP: R. H. Dakin (W).

CARDWELL CUP: K. L. McMurtrie (F).

CHINA CUP: M. P. Reddin (B).

HENRY WORRAL ATHLETIC SHIELD: Byrom House.

The Junior School Sports were held on the same day; competition was very keen, and the inter-form contests were closely fought.

RESULTS

1ST FORMS.

100 yards: 1st G. McNulty (1B); 2nd M. Eyre (1A); 3rd, I. G. Pearson (1C).

220 yards: 1st, P. R. Day (1B); 2nd, G. McNulty (1B); 3rd, M. Eyre (1A).

330 yards: 1st, R. M. Wilson (1B); 2nd G. P. Phythian (1C); 3rd, P. D. Grundy (1A).

Relay: 1st, 1B; 2nd, 1A; 3rd, 1C.

High Jump: 1st, A. W. Renshaw (1A); 2nd, R. J. Wolfendale (1A); 3rd, P. D. Grundy (1A).

Long Jump: 1st, M. Eyre (1A); 2nd, A. W. Renshaw (1A); 3rd, R. N. Dixon and G. McNulty (1B).

Shot: 1st, T. J. Beasant (1C); 2nd, P. R. Day (1B); 3rd, M. Joseph (1B).

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FINAL PLACINGS.

1. 1B 60 pts.; 2. 1A 55 pts.; 3. 1C 31 pts.

2ND FORMS.

100 yards: 1st, G. Peart (2A); 2nd, J. J. Majewski (2C); 3rd, I. H. Rodgers (2A).

220 yards: 1st, K. M. Dodd (2B); 2nd, I. H. Rodgers (2A); 3rd, G. Peart (2A).

330 yards: 1st, K. M. Dodd (2B); 2nd, J. J. Majewski (2C); 3rd, G. S. Simpson (2B).

Relay: 1st, 2C; 2nd, 2B; 3rd, 2A.

High Jump: 1st, M. L. Derlien (2A); 2nd, G. W. Davies (2B); 3rd, J. R. Haynes (2C).

Long Jump: 1st, J. J. Majewski (2C); 2nd, D. P. Rhodes (2A); 3rd, I. H. Rodgers (2A).

Shot: 1st, D. Hallworth (2B); 2nd J. P. Ketley (2A); 3rd, C. J. Oxford (2C).

FINAL PLACINGS.

1. 2A 53 pts.; 2. 2B 47 pts.; 3. 2C 46 pts.

Preparatory School Sports

The sports were held on July 5th, having been postponed from June 20th when it poured with rain. The prizes were presented by Mrs. G. Merriman.

FLAG RACE: 1st Stevenson House; 2nd Barrie; 3rd Kingsley.

SACK RACE (11 years): 1st J. I. Buckland; 2nd A. P. Haynes; 3rd P. A. Cary. (10 years): 1st J. H. Handley; 2nd M. N. Leon; 3rd C. J. B. Farmer. (9 years): 1st O. Walker; 2nd A. C. Hobday; 3rd M. B. Reuben. (8 years): 1st P. D. Roden; 2nd I. E. Ormerod; 3rd A. Cosslett.

CHARIOT RACE (11 years): 1st A. P. Haynes and P. A. Cary; 2nd C. Davies and P. C. Harrold; 3rd D. J. Philips and D. W. Boulton. (10 years): 1st J. H. Handley and M. M. Kay; 2nd N. G. Earley and Jas. R. Parkinson; 3rd N. C. Jackson and A. Bartlett. (9 years): 1st O. Walker and A. C. Hobday; 2nd C. D. Lloyd and N. B. Byrne; 3rd A. H. D. Mack and M. T. Broadhurst. (8 years): 1st A. Cosslett and I. E. Ormerod; 2nd S. R. Boland and N. D. Duncan; 3rd N. W. Whiteside and P. D. Roden.

VISITORS RACE: 1st Judith Hobday; 2nd Philip Lee.

FLAT (11 years): 1st A. P. Haynes; 2nd J. I. Buckland; 3rd W. P. Boustead. (10 years): 1st M. Kay; 2nd J. H. Handley; 3rd C. E. Pope. (9 years): 1st O. Walker; 2nd A. C. Hobday; 3rd M. T. Broadhurst. (8 years): 1st D. S. Heywood; 2nd P. D. Roden; 3rd N. W. Whiteside.

OBSTACLE (11 years): 1st A. P. Haynes; 2nd J. I. Buckland; 3rd S. J. Hampson. (10 years): 1st N. M. Leon; 2nd C. J. B. Farmer; 3rd A. Bartlett. (9 years): 1st M. B. Reuben; 2nd B. M. Caldwell; 3rd J. Jacques. (8 years): 1st P. N. Baldrey; 2nd A. P. Cosslett; 3rd S. R. Bollen.

HOUSE RELAY: 1st Kipling House; 2nd Stevenson; 3rd Barrie.

HIGH JUMP (11 years): 1st W. P. Boustead; 2nd P. C. Harrold; 3rd A. P. Haynes. (10 years): 1st I. McIntyre; 2nd C. E. Pope; 3rd P. M. Hargreaves. (9 years): 1st A. C. Hobday; 2nd P. S. Beddard and M. B. Reuben; 3rd B. M. Caldwell. (8 years): 1st N. W. Whiteside; 2nd B. R. Wild; 3rd J. C. Peat and I. E. C. Ormerod.

THROWING THE BALL (11 years): 1st C. Davies; 2nd C. Peace; 3rd P. A. Cary. (10 years): 1st D. C. Cox; 2nd N. C. Jackson; 3rd T. R. M. Brown. (9 years): 1st A. H. D. Mack; 2nd J. A. Jacques; 3rd B. M. Caldwell. (8 years): 1st A. P. Cosslett; 2nd I. E. C. Ormerod; 3rd J. C. Peat and I. J. Rodley.

CUPS (11 years): TWELVES CUP—A. P. Haynes.

(10 years): MERRIMAN CUP—J. H. Handley.

(9 years): WHAITE CUP—A. C. Hobday.

(8 years): WIENHOLT CUP—A. P. Cosslett.

HOUSE SHIELD: Kipling House.

Tennis

Three of last year's players were available, two of whom had played as a couple. It was a most successful season mainly owing to a strong first and second couple, who played well throughout the season. The third couple played well at the beginning, but were replaced towards the end of the season by Freeman and Collins, who had played extremely well for the second team.

The second team again had a successful season, winning all seven matches.

Colours were awarded to all the first team.

First pair—M. Brown (capt.) and R. W. Maskell.
Second pair—B. G. Gazzard and P. Merriman.
Third pair—D. Merriman and J. M. O. Gwilliam.

Second team—T. J. Davies, J. D. Whaite, J. O. Freeman, K. J. Collins, R. Armour and M. H. Homer (capt.).

RESULTS

FIRST TEAM

April 27	Manchester G.S.	...	H W 5 —4	MOOREY
May 4	Moseley Hall G.S.	...	H W 6 —3	
8	Bolton School G.S.	...	H 2 —3	
			(Abandoned)	
15	K. Edw. Sch., Lytham		A W 6½ —2½	
28	Parents	...	H W 6½ —2½	

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June 15	Mer. Taylors', Crosby	A L 1 —8
26	Newcastle H.S. ...	A W 7 —2
July 3	Birkenhead School ...	H W 5½—1 (Abandoned)
6	Chorlton G.S. ...	H W 7½—1½
8	Manchester G.S. ...	A L 2½—6½
10	Q. Eliz. G.S., W'kefi'd	H W 6 —3
15	Whalley Range L.T.C.	A L 4 —5

The House Knock-Out competition was won by Byrom, who defeated Gaskell by 5 sets to 3 in the final.

BREAST STROKE

1st Form—S. E. Tebbett (1d). 2nd Form—G. S. Lee (2c).

FREE STYLE

1st Form—S. E. Tebbett (1d). 2nd Form—P. R. Day (2b).

Form Points: 1st Forms—1b 11; 1c 10; 1d 10; 1a 0. 2nd Forms—2b 15; 2c 9; 2a 8.

The Swimming Gala

The Swimming Gala was held on Monday and Tuesday, September 23rd and 24th, at Chorlton baths. On Monday night over ninety heats were swum in just over ninety minutes, although there is little truth in the rumour that at one time three races were being swum at the same time.

The semi-finals and finals on Tuesday night provided some excellent struggles, and in the House competition Whitworth did well to hold off a very strong challenge from Dalton. The Junior School events showed a great deal of ability and even more enthusiasm.

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BACK STROKE

U.14½—P. N. Ogden (W). U.15½—J. K. Bremner (W). U.16½—P. W. Mills (W). Senior—J. S. Street (B).

BREAST STROKE

U.14½—D. B. Cunningham (W). U.15½—J. R. A. Rushton (B). U.16½—D. J. Chambers (D). Senior—P. F. Veitch (D).

FREE STYLE

U.14½—G. A. Sinclair (D). U.15½—J. K. Bremner (W). U.16½—M. B. Gillett (G). Senior—S. J. Bertenshaw (F).

SENIOR MEDLEY: P. F. Veitch (D).

JUNIOR RELAY: Whitworth.

SENIOR RELAY: Dalton.

LADY MATHER TROPHY: P. F. Veitch (Dalton).

BURNSIDE TROPHY: Whitworth.

House Points—Whitworth 60; Dalton 51; Byrom 34; Fraser 25; Gaskell 8; Heywood 6.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

BACK STROKE

1st Form—K. Foster (1c). 2nd Form—P. R. Day (2b).

The Donner Library

The School Library is in the process of radical reorganisation. There is a great deal of work to be done and inevitably some time must elapse before it can be said to be in a condition worthy of the school. However, a beginning has been made.

It would not be right to let the changeover take place without paying an acknowledgement to Dr. Jecny for the untiring and painstaking work he has devoted to the library during the years in which he has been in charge of it. The present librarian, too, would like to express his indebtedness to his predecessor for his willing co-operation and help at all times.

The Science Society

Last term's programme was concluded with a visit by about forty members to Liverpool University, where an extremely interesting day was spent visiting the various science departments.

The Annual General Meeting, the first half of which had to be cancelled at the end of last term, met in full strength on September 27th, and both officers and committee were elected.

This year's appointments are: Vice-Chairman, B. G. Gazzard; Hon. Secretary, P. D. Roylance; Hon. Treasurer, A. A. Jackson.

The Committee—to represent the Upper Sixth: J. D. Rogers and P. G. Wood; to represent the Middle Sixth, J. D. King and M. Hopper.

P. D. Roylance was elected Hon. Secretary of the Meteorological Section.

A programme of lectures is being prepared as part of the coming term's activities.

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The Donner Union

The Annual General Meeting of the Donner Union took place on Tuesday, October 1st. Twenty-five members were present and the following officers were elected: Deputy Chairman: R. H. Roberts; Hon. Secretary: B. G. Gazzard; Assistant Secretary: A. A. Jackson.

The Chess Club

Last term we said goodbye to Mr. M. Gardener. He has been in charge of the Chess Club for several years and during that time he has always taken a keen interest in all our matches both home and away. He will be remembered by the older members as a pioneer of the Club.

In his stead, we welcome Mr. R. A. Haynes.

Also last term, we witnessed the departure of P. A. Merriman, who has been captain of the team for the last two years.

At the end of the summer term, the following new officers were elected—Captain: J. B. Sheridan; Secretary: D. A. Vaughan; Treasurer: G. N. Henderson.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Manchester and District Schools' Chess Association, the School entered for the second time the Senior League and, for the first time for the Sinclair Trophy. We have also entered the *Sunday Times* National Schools' Chess Competition.

During the summer holidays the School was represented at the Eastbourne Chess Festival. All our entrants won prizes: J. B. Sheridan came first in his section; G. N. Henderson came first in his section and D. Taylor came joint third in the same section.

As a last note, I should like to appeal to all third formers, who have played chess in the Junior School, to join the Senior club. We cannot possibly exist without an influx of new players.

The Table Tennis Club

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At a General meeting held on Thursday, 26th September, 1963, the following Committee was elected: Hon. Secretary, P. H. Burgoyne; Hon. Treasurer, J. D. King; also G. L. Morley, L. R. Entwisle, R. I. E. Taylor, P. Horwich, N. H. Searle, R. Kapadia.

The Club finds itself with a large and enthusiastic membership and an even larger waiting list.

Among the term's activities, a knock-out tournament is planned in addition to a number of school matches; we again look forward to our annual fixture with the Masters. A vote of thanks was recorded to M. D. Rayburn, the retiring Hon. Secretary.

P.H.B.

The Model Railway Society

Work on the 00 gauge layout last term proceeded apace: the two new boards were completed and brought into use, the through circuit was finished, while a back screen was made to fit behind the halt baseboard. The Third Form members of the Society constructed a narrow-gauge layout during the last few weeks of term. The new storage shelves for the baseboards were also completed after Half Term and are proving a valuable asset to the Society.

The exhibition on Speech Day was held in Room 21 where a very creditable collection of relics was assembled as well as four working layouts. The Festiniog Railway Preservation Society and the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Preservation Society were represented by stands and photographs. The Society's 00 gauge layout occupied a prominent position in the room: a frequent service of passenger trains was run from the terminus to the wayside halt and back, as well as an extensive goods service. The narrow gauge layout was also exhibited, enabling visitors to see what could be done in a short time without great expense. B. H. Berkan very ably demonstrated his continental layout which provided a look at a fine-scale narrow gauge railway and tramway, and K. N. Walton exhibited one of his tramway layouts; this was built on a very small baseboard and was fully automatic.

It has been decided not to enlarge the Society's 00 gauge layout this term (the track needed re-wiring and the layout was found in practice to be unsatisfactory), but the terminus station is to be reconstructed and work has now been started. It is also hoped to build more signals and to add many new details to the scenery.

The following members have been elected to office: Secretary: J. Bunting; Treasurer: B. H. Berkan; Committee: K. D. M. Bowman, J. D. Moran, I. Mallinson, M. Cavanagh.

The Society wishes to thank all members who lent equipment for the Exhibition. Our thanks are also due to many members of the Staff for their co-operation and help, particularly Mr. Manning, and also to K. N. Walton, former secretary and founder member of the Society.

House Notes

DALTON

BYROM

At the end of the Lent Term the House looked forward to a successful Summer Term. In fact the results surpassed all our expectations. Once again the House was well represented on the School Teams. The following played on the Cricket Teams: 1st XI: D. R. Stott (vice captain), B. Ball; 2nd XI: J. N. Jones, J. D. Rogers; 3rd XI: J. Blake, A. J. B. Hilton, M. H. Homer, G. Roberts; U15 XI: D. G. Cowan, A. D. R. Dickson, R. Entwistle, M. L. Ford, C. Knott, K. W. Nightingale. B. G. Gazzard, P. A. Merriman, and D. J. Merriman played for the 1st Tennis VI and M. H. Homer captained the 2nd VI. D. S. Buckley, J. K. Irving, I. D. McQueen, C. Porter, M. P. Rack, D. A. Reeves and M. P. Reddin represented the School at athletics.

In the Cricket Knockouts the Senior Team, captained by B. Ball, had a bye in the first round and was easily defeated by Fraser in the second round. The Junior Team however, led by R. Entwistle, comfortably defeated Fraser in the first round, but found Gaskell more difficult to beat in the second round and only just won. In the final, despite interruptions by rain, some good batting by Nightingale and some good bowling by Entwistle gave them a six-wicket victory over Dalton. Our performance in the House League was very poor and we could only finish fifth—our worst position for several years.

The Tennis Team, captained by M. H. Homer, reached the final of the Knockouts for the third successive year by defeating Fraser and Heywood without the loss of a set. In the final they defeated Gaskell by five sets to three, thanks to B. G. Gazzard and P. A. Merriman winning four sets.

The highlight of the term was undoubtedly our retention of the Athletics Shield. The chief credit for this must go to the captain, C. Porter, who again rallied the House to a magnificent effort and set an outstanding example. The number of standards we gained was particularly good and there were several excellent performances. I. D. McQueen again broke the Javelin record and M. P. Reddin won the China Cup. But essentially it was a magnificent combined effort that brought about this triumph.

Finally to all those members of the House who left the School in July go our best wishes for success in the future.

The Summer Term proved to be very successful, with a double victory at cricket. The Senior team out-classed all opposition in the knock-outs. In the final against Fraser, owing to the excellent bowling of the captain, J. Oldham, and the splendid fielding of G. Casale, the opposing team was dismissed for 24 runs, and the House went on to win by eight wickets.

We also won the House League Cricket Cup owing to the House 1st XI's feat in remaining undefeated throughout the season, and the keen play of the other three teams.

The Junior knock-out team, captained by P. D. Hanson, reached the final with Byrom, but was defeated by seven wickets.

In athletics, the House, under the captain, M. V. Tidmas, was placed fifth, and the tennis team, led by J. D. Whaite, lost to Gaskell in the first round of the House matches.

The House was represented on School teams by P. N. Bentley, G. Casale, P. J. Derlien, J. Oldham and L. Oliver who played on the School 1st XI, P. D. Hanson and A. J. Wilkinson on the under 15 XI, K. Herbert and N. C. Jordan on the under 14 XI, M. V. Tidmas on the athletics team, and J. D. Whaite on the tennis and badminton teams.

The House is now looking forward to an equally successful Michaelmas Term and has started well by coming second to Whitworth in the Swimming sports, in which P. F. Veitch was awarded the Individual Cup.

Appointments for the term are: Head of House: A. R. Cooper; Deputy Head of House: M. V. Tidmas; House Prefects: L. Oliver, J. D. Whaite, A. R. Armour, P. Barlow, P. N. Bentley, B. H. Berkan, P. J. Derlien, P. F. Veitch.

FRASER

At the beginning of the term, R. W. Warburton was appointed Head of House. M. D. Rayburn, R. I. E. Taylor and A. P. Warburton remain of last year's House Prefects and P. A. Holland, E. Rigg, P. G. Wood, R. A. Assar, E. C. Comyn-Platt, W. S. Davies, P. A. Guthrie, D. E. Guy and J. S. Nixon have been newly appointed. A. P. Warburton is Captain of House Rugby and S. J. Bertenshaw Captain of Swimming.

Last year, the Tennis Knock-out team was beaten in the second round of the competition by Byrom, and in the Cricket Knock-outs, the Junior team suffered a similar fate, again at the hands

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of Byrom. The Seniors, however, contrary to all expectations beat Byrom and Gaskell in the first two rounds, but were themselves beaten in the final, by a considerably stronger Dalton side. The final position of the House in the House League was dependent on the result of the last match of the season, and we were unfortunately beaten to first place by Dalton. House Colours for Cricket were awarded to E. C. Comyn-Platt, D. E. Guy and J. S. Nixon (Senior) and P. S. Richardson (Junior).

In the Athletics Sports, K. L. McMurtrie obtained more individual points than any other boy in the intermediate age group and is to be congratulated on thus winning the Cardwell Cup. The House came fourth in the final placings.

Although we only succeeded in obtaining fourth place in the Swimming sports, several members of the House swam well and their performances hold promise for the future.

At the time of writing, the Rugby season has only just opened and it is hoped that all members of the House will adopt a keen and enthusiastic attitude towards games, thus increasing our chances of winning the House League. Hopes run high for the Knock-out teams, which should be particularly strong this year, as the House is well represented on School teams and practices.

M. D. Rayburn is again producing the House Play and rehearsals are to begin very shortly. We can but hope that the trophy which has eluded us for eight years, will at last find its resting place on the Fraser shelf.

Finally, to all members of the House who left us last year, we extend our best wishes and thanks for services rendered.

GASKELL

The return of three of Gaskell's four School Prefects and of five House Prefects has meant an unusually small number of promotions and appointments this term. J. S. Torkington remains Head of House, supported by C. W. Beaumont and I. N. Dawson, who has been appointed Captain of School Rugger. Re-appointed as House Prefects are: C. A. Nowotarski, J. O. Freeman, R. E. Hough, N. M. Kennedy and N. B. Pearson. Appointed this term are: L. R. Entwistle, P. W. Grossman, J. J. Herbert, D. Marsden and R. I. G. Morgan.

During the summer term none of the House cricket teams met with a great deal of success. The Senior Knock-Out team was beaten by Fraser in the first round, and the House Teams were not

strong enough to gain very many points in the House League. The Junior Knock-Out team, however, did well to reach the semi-finals and was only beaten by a narrow margin by Byrom, the eventual winners.

Once more, in the Athletic Sports, it was only the efforts of a few seniors and one junior that gained us the fourth position. The lack of bite and enthusiasm in the middle section of the House is an ill omen for the future; a fundamental change of attitude is necessary if the House is to retain its self-respect.

The tennis team, three of which were School team players, came very close to victory in the Knock-Out Competition. They were only beaten in the final by Byrom's four School team players.

This term there have already been some very encouraging victories from the House teams, in spite of the fact that the House is well represented on School teams. Our chances in the House League and Knock-Out Competitions are good.

Special congratulation is due to M. B. Gillett for his fine individual effort, which gained for us the fifth place in the Swimming Gala this term.

Last term Cricket Colours were awarded to:— 1st XI: I. G. Kennedy, N. M. Kennedy and C. A. Nowotarski; 2nd XI: C. W. Beaumont, G. B. Brister and D. L. Worthing; Under 15 XI: A. D. Koffman.

Tennis Colours were awarded to: 1st Team: R. W. Maskell; 2nd Team: T. J. Davies and J. O. Freeman.

HEYWOOD

We congratulate J. D. Shuttleworth on being appointed Head of School.

B. L. Andrews was appointed Head of House at the beginning of term but received a late acceptance at St. Andrew's University, and consequently left. C. R. Holmes has been appointed Head of House in his place.

In the Cricket Knock-Out competition the Seniors were heavily defeated by Dalton, mainly owing to the lack of experienced School team players in the Heywood team. The Juniors were also beaten by Dalton in the 2nd round of the Knock-Outs, having obtained a bye in the first round, as had the Senior team. The Juniors were especially unfortunate, their main strength being in spin-bowling which was ineffective on the pitch used. The Juniors were well represented on School teams. J. F. Wilde captained the under 15 XI team on which P. D. Gould and R. W. Harkinson also

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played. J. Hulme, K. G. Walker and I. Rodgers all played on the under 14 XI. T. C. Cunliffe and P. H. Woodhead played for the School 2nd XI and C. R. Holmes and J. D. Shuttleworth played for the 3rd XI.

The results in the School sports were disappointing after our successes in the past. Several people did not have the success that was expected of them but there were excellent performances by Bentham and Cunliffe. The House was defeated in Tennis competition in spite of the spirited way in which the House representatives played. As with all past Swimming Galas, the results were disappointing, the House finishing last with six points, just behind Gaskell with eight points.

The prospects this year look much better than in the past. The House rugby teams are playing well, and what is better, are very keen in their approach to the game; we have a good chance of winning the House League this year. As the House is also well represented on School rugby teams, our prospects for the House Knock-Out competition are very good.

As a footnote I should like to mention the very praiseworthy effort of S. J. Pope in the School Sports. Although having none of the physical advantages of other boys, through his keenness and endeavour he came fourth in the pole vault competing against boys three years older than himself.

WHITWORTH

At the beginning of term A. A. Jackson was appointed Head of House and G. P. Booth, A. G. Broome, M. Brown, R. G. Edwards, R. J. Q. Gristwood, R. D. McGlue, D. R. Potts, M. R. Sanderson, D. Thomas and G. R. Throup were appointed House prefects.

Last term the House did well in the School Athletic Sports and we finished as worthy runners-up. Some first-class results were achieved and R. H. Dakin, captain of the School Athletics Team, is to be congratulated not only on winning the Gaskell Cup, but in breaking the School records for the shot-put and discus in the process.

Unfortunately the House Cricket did not meet with the same success. In the House league, Whitworth seem to be permanently anchored in the lower half of the table. In the Senior Knock-Outs, the team, led by H. F. Lyon, had high hopes of success that were rather hastily smashed by a strong Dalton side. The Junior team was also beaten in the first round, by Gaskell.

We were not able to retain the Wright Tennis Trophy. The team, captained by M. Brown, drew a bye in the first round, only to be beaten by Gaskell in the semi-finals.

Last term the following boys played for School teams: 1st XI: H. F. Lyon (captain), H. Burgess, M. R. Sanderson; 2nd XI: B. S. Searle (captain), P. C. M. Roberts, C. J. Sherlock; U.15 XI: A. J. McGlue; U.14 XI: E. E. Broadhurst, D. P. Rhodes; 1st VI: M. Brown (captain), J. M. O. Gwilliam.

The House has started the current term in fine style by winning the swimming trophy. The whole swimming team, led by D. Potts, is to be congratulated on such a convincing victory.

To conclude, we would wish all members of the House who left at the end of last term every success in the future.

York—Whitsun, 1963

On Thursday, 6th June, a party of 27 boys headed by Mr. Haynes, Mr. Blight and Mr. Manning met outside the School. Rucksacks were quickly loaded into two dormobiles and the boys enthusiastically scrambled in after them. We set off; our destination was York, where we were to spend five days at a Youth Hostel.

We had a good journey to Yorkshire and made our first stop at Bolton Abbey where we had lunch on the banks of the River Wharfe, and listened in despairingly to the Test Match, as one by one the English team returned to the pavilion. After a two-mile trek, we reached the Strid, which is a small whirlpool; taking a deep breath, we leaped across and returned to the dormobiles, arriving at the hostel after a pleasant first day.

The following morning we all clambered back into the dormobiles for a trip to Rievaulx and Byland Abbeys. We arrived in Helmsley and after a quick visit to the Castle, made our way to Rievaulx Abbey which was built by the Cistercian Monks. En route for the village of Kilburn we stopped to take photographs of the Kilburn White Horse. In the village we visited the showrooms of a firm of cabinet-makers. The articles displayed ranged from sideboards to collecting-boxes for churches, but everything, whether large or small, bore their trade-mark—a mouse carved onto the wood.

We continued to Byland Abbey which we only viewed from the exterior. Mr. Haynes, recollecting a lake nearby which he had known as a boy, suggested a swim, but we had some difficulty in locating it. However perseverance was rewarded, and

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we enjoyed half an hour's swim. That evening, back in York, most of us went to the fair and returned with our pockets considerably lighter.

On Saturday it was decided to go to Whitby. As we drove along, three huge white balls loomed before us on the moorland tops, which on first sight appeared to be some objects from outer-space; but it soon became apparent that these were part of the site of the Early-Warning-System at Fylingdales. Arriving at Whitby, two or three of us visited the Abbey and from there drove to the sea, but where it was no-one could tell as it was shrouded in heavy mist. Some stalwarts, though, groped their way through it for a swim, only to find on their return that the tide had come in and soaked their clothes! On our way back we made a brief stop at Fylingdales for a game of football, for which we had to climb down an extremely steep hill. One boy did it the easy way by partially falling down it, but to be fair, I might add that the subsequent ascent nearly killed us all! All this exertion had given us an appetite and someone suggested fish and chips, so on reaching York, like bloodhounds on the scent, we traced a shop.

On Sunday morning Mr. Haynes suggested that we went to Fountains Abbey, but at this several groans arose from some of those present who knew they'd spent more than they had intended on visits to the fair and were by now "short of cash"! Nevertheless a number of us went, leaving behind those poor unfortunates. On leaving York, we watched an archery contest which proved very interesting. There was plenty of interest to see at the Abbey—it is a fine piece of architecture and stands in a beautiful setting, enhanced that day by brilliant sunshine. Those who had not accompanied us had spent some of the day visiting the railway-sheds and exploring the city of York.

That evening we found Mr. Blight awaiting us—the day before he had returned to Manchester to play cricket where his score was 54 not out!

On our last day we visited the York Castle Museum which contains practically every aspect of social and domestic life from the 17th century onwards. Adjacent to the museum is the Debtors' Prison and this now contains many collections of costumes and toys, as well as a section devoted to the history of the Yorkshire Regiment. After this we drove down to the banks of the River Ouse where we spent the afternoon swimming and sun-bathing. All too soon it was time to return to Manchester, not to mention school the next day.

Our grateful thanks to Mr. Haynes, Mr. Blight and Mr. Manning for arranging such an enjoyable holiday. (We must also thank those two trustworthy dormobiles for not breaking down whilst carrying their happy load of schoolboys).

D. FAULKNER, 2B.

Italy Vacation, 1963

At the early hour of 7-30 on the 7th August, 30 of us boarded a coach outside the School to start on a long journey south. In London Mr. Manning and Mr. and Mrs. Venables joined us and at 4-0 p.m. we were on the boat train speeding towards Folkestone. Once we were on the boat and sailing across the calm channel our holiday seemed to have really begun.

At Boulogne we disembarked about 8-0 p.m. and passed straight through the French Customs to board a long distance train for Basle in Switzerland. In a short while we had eaten our evening meal, arranged our couchettes and settled down for the night, although it took some boys longer than others, four or five hours longer!

Basle was shrouded in wet, grey mist when we changed trains for the Venice express at six in the morning and most of the morning's journey through the mountains were similarly spoilt by dull weather, but as we came out of the St. Gotthard the sun broke through and the rest of the journey was enjoyed in glorious sunshine. Across the Plain of Lombardy we raced, averaging 100 kilometres per hour until we reached Venice at about six-thirty.

As we left the station a few drops of rain began to fall, but by the time we had all embarked on the water-bus which was to take us to the Seminary at Della Salute, the Grand Canal was a foaming mass as fierce winds whipped it up and the skies opened and water fell in great sheets rather than drops. By the time we reached the Seminary we were all drenched.

Venice in drizzle is not much more attractive than Manchester but all went out the following morning determined to get some pleasure out of the city's sights. We made straight for St. Mark's and after viewing a grey rain-swept Venice from the upper gallery of the enormous Campanile we spent some time window gazing in the famous covered walk around St. Mark's Square. Here we saw magnificent displays of Venetian glass which had strong magnetic effects on our lire and made us wish we had much more to spend.

The rest of the morning was spent visiting as many interiors as we could manage to keep out of the rain. St. Mark's was dark and disappointing in the poor light although it was possible to see something of the magnificent mosaics, especially those of the baptistry. In the Ducal palace, the majesty of the Great Council Hall could not help but impress and much medieval history seemed to come alive in those historic rooms. An enormous display of Venetian arms and armour was viewed with some interest and the short journey across the Bridge of Sighs into the palace prison produced

much morbid speculation on the poor unfortunates who had suffered death and torture within these walls. Some seemed to express real disappointment that the torture chambers were not in use at the time.

In the afternoon the rain ceased but the sun never really got through and we spent the afternoon re-visiting St. Mark's Square in the hopes that the light would improve enough to make photography possible. From St. Mark's we journeyed through narrow streets and tiny foot bridges to the Rialto and its famous market. Some returned to the Seminary by *vaporetto* from here, others explored further and returned by labyrinthine streets on the east side of the Grand Canal. After dinner we all went out on a fine night to view St. Mark's and the Canal by flood light and street light; to listen to the music of Verdi and Strauss played by small ensembles outside the expensive cafes of the square. Tired, but reasonably pleased with our stay in Venice considering the weather, we all returned to bed ready to leave for Rome early next morning.

In Rome we had glorious sunshine throughout. The hostel at the Foro Italico was excellent, two boys to a well appointed room, and the dining room provided really good food.

It would be impossible to give a full account in this article of all we saw in Rome but in three very full days we did all we could to make the most of our good luck in being in this great and wonderful city where ancient Rome, Christian Rome and modern Rome form a living museum of Western civilisation. Like the gramophone companies who put out shortened versions of long operas for lazy listeners we shall have to stick to the 'highlights' of our tour.

The first day we made straight for St. Peter's with its magnificent piazza by Bernini and the huge Baroque facade surmounted by the 20 ft. figures of Christ and the Apostles. Here we saw the glorious dome of Michelangelo, the vast and splendid interior, the serene beauty of Michelangelo's Pieta, the enormous *baldacchino* over the papal altar and that superb alabaster dove in the amber window above St. Peter's chair. From the roof of the nave and from the balustrade on the dome itself we enjoyed magnificent views over Rome and the Vatican state.

The following day we set off by coach to visit the Janiculum and the statue of Garibaldi and the heroes of the Risorgimento. From here we went across the Trastevere quarter to the Porta San Paolo to the Protestant Cemetery and the graves of Keats and Shelley. On we went to the great basilica of St. Paul with its peculiar facade of colourful mosaics and its quiet cloister. Coming

back into Rome we visited St. Peter in Chains, here seeing the enormous and powerful Moses of Michelangelo. Finally, we visited the ancient church of St. Clement, but here we were short of time and could not explore the three levels as thoroughly as we should have done.

In the afternoon we were out again, this time to explore the Castel San Angelo, the Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, the Fountain of Trevi—where numerous coins disappeared beneath the waters—and then on to the Spanish steps, the Pincio and finally the Piazza del Popolo.

The following day saw us out again by coach; this time we surveyed the rather horrid architecture of Mussolini's E.U.R. before moving on to our third great basilica—that of St. John Lateran and the Holy Stairs close by. Out of Rome once more we reached the Catacombs of St. Callixtus and disappeared below ground to explore some of the passages and primitive chapels of this early Christian burial place and refuge from persecution. Re-emerging into the warm sunlight, we set off again, returning to Rome and the last of the great basilicas, that of Santa Maria Maggiore with its wonderful ceiling decorated with gold brought back by Columbus and the rather ugly portrait of St. Mary supposedly by St. Luke.

Tired but determined, we journeyed out again in the afternoon to gaze at the enormous white monstrosity of the memorial to Victor Emmanuel and then climbed the Capitol to view a pair of flea-bitten wolves and the majestic equestrian statue of Marcus Aurelius. From the Capitol, we descended to the Forum. These sun-baked ruins would take a week to explore thoroughly and our time was short so that we could only take a cursory glance at the Senate House, the Rostra, the Lapis Niger and the various stumps of temples like that of the Vestal Virgins. The Palatine we could not even visit. Finally, we made our way up the Via Sacra and through the Arch of Titus to make our way down the hill to the Arch of Constantine and the impressive but barbaric ruins of the Colosseum.

Thus we concluded our vacation in Rome. Although I have mentioned the more important places visited it must be realized that most of the evenings were also used to see some of them again by flood-light and on one evening a small group went to see a magnificent performance of *La Traviata* in the Baths of Caracalla—the sets were superb and the experience of watching and listening to great opera under the stars at night will live with us as one of the most memorable of the whole holiday.