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SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

At the end of last School year, Mr. H. W. Collings retired after twenty-five years at the School; and Mr. C. E. Bryans, Mr. D. Short and Mr. R. G. Cornish left to take up posts as Heads of Departments elsewhere. Our thanks and good wishes go with them all. In September we welcomed to the teaching staff Mr. G. J. Hignett (Chemistry), Mr. R. S. Moore (Biology), Dr. M. E. Peek (Chemistry) and Mr. G. J. Turner (Modern Languages).

Our congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Grant on the birth of a daughter last December, and to Mr. and Mrs. Crompton on the birth of a son in July.

We report with great regret the death in May of Mr. J. P. V. Woollam, a Past President of the Old Hulmeians' Association and a former Governor of the School; in June of Mr. F. Adams, a Master at the School from 1910 to 1950; in October of Mr. L. H. Watkins, a member of Staff since 1946; and last November of Colin Swan of Form 2A.

Last year's Founder's Day service was held at Manchester Cathedral on February 11th, when the address was given by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Doncaster.

Five Sixth-formers were awarded Scholarships or Exhibitions at Oxford or Cambridge last year: P. J. Marsh (Scholarship in Natural Science, Pembroke College, Cambridge; Woollam Scholarship); S. P. Arrowsmith (Scholarship in Classics, Wadham College, Oxford); D. J. Singer (Scholarship in Natural Science, Balliol College, Oxford); P. D. Sorensen (Scholarship in Natural Science, Keble College, Oxford); and A. J. I. Turjansky (Hulme Exhibition in English, Brasenose College, Oxford).

Ten others obtained places at Oxford or Cambridge: P. C. Holmes at Trinity College, Cambridge; R. H. Yule at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge; N. D. Banks at Queens' College, Cambridge; Q. E. Deakin at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge; W. O. Aldridge at Christ's College, Cambridge; A. T. Kearsley at Downing College, Cambridge; R. J. Paley at Lincoln College, Oxford; A. D. Little at Wadham College, Oxford (for 1976); N. R. Withington at Brasenose College, Oxford; and A. K. Hug at Brasenose College, Oxford.

P. C. Holmes continued as Head of School for the Michaelmas and Lent Terms 1974-75, and was succeeded for the Midsummer Term by E. H. Walker. Deputy Head of School was N. R. Withington, succeeded by R. J. Paley and then C. J. Tugman. Prefects during the year were S. T. Burrows, I. R. Cooper, A. T. Kearsley, D. J. Kettlewell, M. Ledigo, P. J. Rae, D. J. M. Shabetai, G. L. Steinsberg, J. P. Swindley, A. J. I. Turjansky, J. P. Whiteside, R. H. Yule, A. R. Armstrong, C. J. A. Ball, B. Clethero, Q. E. Deakin, I. E. Halpin, S. J. Hawes, J. G. Heaton, C. R. Large, G. Midgley, C. A. Phillips, B. S. Watts, N. H. Clayden, N. Harrison and N. J. S. Kehoe.

For the School year 1975-76, J. P. Whiteside is appointed Head of School and N. Harrison Deputy Head. School Prefects are J. Balcombe, P. G. Barnsley, J. N. B. Bennington, D. J. Foster, G. T. Gillespie, N. D. B. Golder, G. J. Haffenden, D. J. Heine, T. C. Kwan, P. S. Lindsay, A. D. Little, T. N. Picken, H. R. Pierce-Jones, M. J. Scovell, R. G. Shelmerdine, P. D. Stanion and L. J. Wharton.

Preparations are in hand for a production of the play of "Hadrian VII" by Peter Luke as the School play at the end of the Michaelmas Term.

Constantly rising prices and the impossibility of predicting them in advance have made School trips abroad more difficult than ever to organise, but parties did go to Paris at Easter and to the Alps during the Summer. Within the British Isles there was, as usual, a wide range of trips to the Yorkshire Dales, the Lake District, the Norfolk Broads, Scotland and Wales. Reports on some of the major trips appear below.

The Editor of the "Hulmeian" once again thanks his counterparts in other schools who have been kind enough to exchange magazines with him.

MR. H. W. COLLINGS

At the end of the Midsummer Term Mr. Collings retired after twenty-five years as Head of the Modern Languages Department. He came to the School in 1950 from Archbishop Holgate's School, York, at a time when the Department had had several Heads in rapid succession. His first task, therefore, was to give it stability and a sense of purpose, and then to develop a tradition of academic excellence which involved his colleagues within the Department as well as the boys who passed through the Modern Language Sixth. One obvious result of this has been regular success in Oxford and Cambridge scholarships over the years; another result has been the succession of Masters who, having served under Mr. Collings, have gone on to posts of responsibility in Schools and Colleges of Further Education throughout the country.

During his time at William Hulme's Mr. Collings introduced many developments into the teaching of modern languages. For some years Russian was taught at Sixth Form level, while more recently Spanish has become an 'O' level course. The School was one of the first to have its own Language Laboratory, and other audio-visual aids have been gradually introduced. The Departmental Library in Room 13 has been built up over the years to cover virtually all aspects of the Department's work at sixth form and pre-university levels. For very many boys, however, Mr. Collings will always be associated with the annual Paris party which he organised and led for twenty-one years: the whole operation was planned to ensure that the boys got maximum value from the trip, and to this end Mr. Collings faced and overcame difficulties as diverse as currency crises, threatened small-pox epidemics and the annual possibility of strike bound boats or trains. Over the years Mr. Collings evolved a time-table and itinerary which combined educational and cultural value with the thrill of the first experience of foreign travel. It was appropriate that on his last trip as Head of Department this year, Mr. Collings should receive warm tributes from several of the organisations in Paris with whom he has established the most cordial of "ententes".

Outside the classroom and his Department, Mr. Collings's contribution to the life of the School has been varied and wholehearted. When Mr. Bonnick was appointed to take charge of the newly-formed Junior School, Mr. Collings succeeded him as House Master of Dalton. For some years he was in charge of House Lacrosse, while as a Past Worshipful Master of the Old Hulmeians' Lodge he has gained the friendship and respect of Old Boys of all generations.

Among his colleagues in the Common Room, Mr. Collings was a raconteur with a fund of reminiscences and of stimulating views on the political, social and educational scenes of the day, invariably expressed with wit and pungency. Above all, however, he was a schoolmaster who maintained the highest standards of professional integrity and who devoted much of his time and energy to preserving those standards whenever he felt that they were in danger of being eroded. His work on professional

bodies and committees, often involving lengthy journeys, has been of the utmost value to his colleagues, to the School and to the profession as a whole. In thanking him for all he has given to the School, we wish him and Mrs. Collings a long and happy retirement.

OBITUARIES

Mr. L. H. WATKINS

It was with a very real shock and a deep sense of personal loss that the School heard of the death of Mr. L. H. Watkins, Head of the Geography Department and Housemaster of Whitworth House. It was obvious to many of us at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term that Mr. Watkins was a sick man, but with typical cheerfulness and patient determination he tried his utmost to carry on. On the afternoon of the Watkins Match he was on the touchline giving his team his support and encouragement against the School 1st XV, but shortly afterwards he handed in his resignation to take effect from the end of Term. Unfortunately his condition deteriorated rapidly, and he died at his home in Handforth on October 9th, aged 57.

Born in India and educated at Marlborough College and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, Mr. Watkins was appointed to the Staff in May, 1946, after serving with the Royal Artillery throughout the War. He very rapidly showed himself to be an all-round schoolmaster, not only in his lively contributions to the teaching of Geography under Mr. Gatley, but also in his willingness to accept responsibilities outside the classroom. In 1947 he took over the 1st XV, and shortly afterwards he began his long association with the Under-15 XV; his connection with this age group was extended into the cricket season when he succeeded Mr. Morley as Master in charge of the Under-15 XI. This interest in School games was continued throughout his career and culminated in the institution of the annual fixture which bears his name—the Watkins XV—made up of Old Boys and members of Staff, versus the 1st XV. In recent years this has become the first official fixture of the new season for the School team and has become linked with the Old Hulmeians Reunion held on the same day. It is to be hoped that this fixture may become a fitting memorial and tribute to Mr. Watkins's unflagging interest in the sporting life of the School.

To very many, Mr. Watkins's name will be even more closely associated with the Corps. On April 15th, 1947, "Capt. L. H. Watkins R.A. was appointed to command the Junior Training Corps *vice* Capt. H. R. W. Anderson, retired," and so one of the great figures in the School's history was succeeded by another who was to hold the command for nine years and who was to bring to the Corps renewed vigour and vitality. The annual camp was restored, fifty or sixty recruits a year were enrolled, the training programme was broadened, Signals and R.E.M.E. Sections were formed, Senior N.C.O.s were promoted to Under Officers as the contingent increased in size. When Major Watkins handed over his command in 1956, the figures for Corps Camp, held that year at Kinnel Park, Rhyl, read as follows: four officers, one S.S.I., 119 cadets. In addition to his command, Major Watkins served with distinction on the County C.C.F. Conference, the East Lancs Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association and other bodies. Needless to say, he continued to show a paternal interest in the C.C.F. under its successive commanding officers.

In September 1953, Mr. Watkins succeeded Mr. Gatley as Head of the Geography Department and Housemaster of Whitworth. As a housemaster Mr. Watkins believed in the policy of an apparently light hand on the reins, giving as much freedom as he could to his prefects and house-prefects to organise and direct; the results of this

policy were seen in the number of vintage years that Whitworth enjoyed both on the games field and on the stage in the years when the Whitworth Strolling Players could always be relied upon for something unconventional and spectacular. Towards the wrong-doer Mr. Watkins could show himself to be sympathetic and understanding, but if he felt it necessary the light hand on the rein could become very heavy. Even so, retribution was quickly followed by forgiveness, for Hugh Watkins was never one to bear a grudge.

It was typical of him that he would give up his lunch time to take his House for swimming practices and that he would offer the hospitality of his room to the Christian Fellowship to whom he also gave his help and encouragement.

To his colleagues on the Staff Mr. Watkins was always friendly and helpful; if he expressed his own views emphatically, he argued without rancour or malice. To the junior members of his department he gave every encouragement to develop their own ideas and their own techniques; he would be the first to recognise the contribution made by a succession of young geographers who have made their mark on the teaching of the subject in the School before going on to posts of responsibility in teaching and in administration in other areas. For many years Mr. Watkins was a mainstay of the Staff cricket team; when the batting began to look a little frail after the third wicket had fallen, he could usually be relied upon for a forceful innings—his technique was simple and direct, and some of the biggest hits ever seen on the School field came from his bat.

In addition to his many contributions to the life of the School, Hugh Watkins gave his time and talents unstintingly in the service of the community. He had been a local councillor and retained an active interest in local and national politics; he was a member of the governing bodies of several Cheshire schools; he was an active member of his parish church and represented the diocese of Chester in the Synod of the Church of England—these are but some of the aspects of one who was in a very real sense a “whole” man, a man with a zest for life and for living it to the full.

This makes the fact of his untimely death all the more difficult to accept, yet at the same time it is the thing about him that we shall all remember. In talking about him to all sorts of people the one word that recurred time and time again was the simple word “kind”—not used vaguely or sentimentally but as a spontaneous tribute to a man who gave so much in the service of others.

In expressing our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Watkins and her family, may we also share with them the sense of pride of having been part of Hugh Watkins's life.

MR. F. ADAMS

Mr. Frank Adams died on June 9th, 1975, at his home in Manchester, just one month short of his ninetieth birthday. His death brings to an end an association with the School that began in September 1910, when Dr. Hall appointed him to the staff as a Science Master.

Mr. Adams was born in Hull in July, 1885. He won a scholarship from Beverley Road Board School to Hymer's College and then an Open Scholarship to St. John's College, Cambridge, where he gained a First Class Honours degree in Natural Sciences. Six years after he joined the staff he was appointed Senior Science Master, a position he was to hold under successive Head Masters until his retirement in 1950.

During those years he was responsible for the steady development of science teaching throughout the School. The Science Block, opened by Lord Derby in 1927,

was in itself a tribute to the growing importance of Mr. Adams' work; he took a major part in the designing and equipping of the building, while the subsequent additions that have been made to it are testimonials to the continuing growth and development of the department that he led with such enthusiasm and skill. In the same way, the School's recent record of success in Science and in Engineering at Oxford, Cambridge and London is an extension of the tradition built up over the years by Mr. Adams.

Generations of Old Hulmeians remember with gratitude and affection the training they received at his hands and the encouragement he was always ready to give to those who showed interest in any of the subjects that he himself held dear—not only the physics and chemistry that he taught with such skill and lucidity, but botany, astronomy, geology and music. For Frank Adams was in a very real sense an all-rounder with an insatiable zest for life and for the pursuit of knowledge.

His contributions to the life of the School included the organisation of the Swimming Sports, time-keeping at the Athletic Sports and singing in the Sacred Concerts that once figured regularly in the School Calendar—he was the only tenor in the School who could reach the top notes in Bach. In addition to his School activities he was for many years organist at St. Clement's Church in Chorlton, where he continued to live after his retirement in 1950.

For the past twenty-five years Mr. Adams maintained his close personal interest in the School and continued to develop his various hobbies and pursuits. The death of his wife in 1962 inevitably clouded his last years but he was fortunate in the care and companionship of his youngest daughter with whom he shared many interests and characteristics; she herself forged another link with the School by teaching for some years at the Prep. under Miss Berry.

Until very recent years Mr. Adams continued to support School and Old Hulmeian functions; one remembers him "holding court" in the Old Hall on the nights of O.H.A. Reunions and Annual Dinners when Old Boys of many generations would mingle and exchange reminiscences while waiting to have a word with "Bolsh". One of his last visits to the School was to pass approving judgment on the portrait of Mr. Parker Mason which now hangs in the New Hall alongside the portraits of the other three Head Masters under whom he served.

In extending our deepest sympathy to his two daughters and his son, we express our own gratitude for the life and work of a man who gave so much to the School and who by his own example inspired so many in the pursuit of knowledge and of truth.

MR. J. P. V. WOOLLAM

'Comes the blind Fury with th' abhorred shears And slits the thin-spun life'

First Allman, then Barnes and now Woollam, three losses from which the School, the Old Hulmeians' Association and the business and professional life of Manchester could well have been spared.

Jack Woollam spent seven years in the School, 1909/1916. He soon made his mark as a first-class games player at Soccer, Cricket and Lacrosse. He was Captain of the Lacrosse team in 1915/1916 which made history by winning all its matches in that season.

After service in the Royal Flying Corps, he rejoined Simon Carves Ltd., with whom he had a distinguished career. His work often took him abroad and it has been said

by a colleague that at the drop of a hat, or at least forty-eight hours' notice, he was ready for the longest of journeys. It was no coincidence that business visits to the firm's interests in Australia seemed most necessary at a time the M.C.C. tour was taking place.

Woollam's life revolved round his business, Lacrosse and Cricket. He captained Whalley Range 1st XI for many years. As a member of the Old Hulmeians' Lacrosse team he was outstanding and he received regional and national honours including membership of the team which represented England in the Olympic Games at Amsterdam in 1928. To see Woollam (known to his team mates as the 'Iron Man') cleaving his way through the opposition's defence was a spectacle to be remembered.

Participation in the affairs of the School came later. It started in 1962 when the Appeal Fund was launched. His contributions to the committee's work both direct and indirect was valuable and influential. He was a School Governor until he retired to the Isle of Man, and at one time President of the O.H.A.

One example of his benevolence was the part he played, with others, in forming a trust which led to the acquisition of the Cottages at Appersett. This was followed by his provision of funds to establish an Annual Scholarship, which bears his name, for the best Science Scholar of the year, another generous action and one which will perpetuate the beneficence of his character. He once told the winner that he owed 'a tremendous lot to the school'. This debt he more than fully discharged.

He was a large man in every sense and one whose actions, in sober truth, spoke louder than words.

W.W.L.

COLIN SWAN

Fortunately it is rare for us to have to report a loss like that of Colin Swan, who died of leukaemia last November having just gone into Form 2A.

He was a boy of remarkable courage and determination, who lived his short life to the full. As well as showing academic promise and musical ability, he was a keen games player and had represented the School at both rugby and lacrosse. When he became too ill to play, he continued to support from the touchline. He thoroughly enjoyed trips to Hardraw and walking in the Dales, and was an efficient and reliable librarian.

The memory of his cheerful, uncomplaining personality, even when he was in pain, remains an example to all who knew him. To his parents, who had to bear the knowledge of his impending death alone, we offer our sincere condolences.

SPEECH DAY, 1975

Speech Day was held on July 9th, 1975, when Dr. D. W. Bowett, President of Queen's College, Cambridge, and an Old Hulmeian, returned to the School to distribute the prizes and give the address.

Mr. Filleul began by welcoming Dr. Bowett and among the School's many other guests, Mr. King-Wilkinson, the Chairman of the Hulme Charity Governors.

Of the School's academic record for the previous year, the Head Master reported that seventy-seven boys had passed 'A' level in three subjects and a further twenty

in two subjects, and that more than half of these passes had been at grade A or B. At 'O' level eighty-eight boys had passed in seven or more subjects and twelve boys in six subjects. Sixty-two boys had gone on to degree courses at Universities; five had won Scholarships or Exhibitions and eleven others had been awarded places at Oxford or Cambridge.

The Head Master outlined the results achieved in rugby, lacrosse and cricket and also by the swimming, cross-country and basketball teams. He reported that the C.C.F. contingent had kept up a wide variety of activities including arduous training camps at Lorton, Frimley and on the Isle of Man. The School house at Hardraw had, he said, been used more extensively than ever before, and added that the house was a most valuable asset, the use of which he hoped to extend even further in future years. The production of "Julius Caesar" at the end of the Michaelmas Term had played to good houses for four nights, and in the House play competition, Gaskell's win had been well-deserved.

Mr. Filleul said that he realised that a change of Head Master was always a traumatic experience for a School, especially when, as was the case with Mr. Bird, the retiring Head Master had served so long and with such distinction. He had, he said, tried to avoid making changes for their own sake before learning how the School worked, particularly since the School was already well-organised and purposeful. One change which was inevitable every year was the departure of members of staff, and the Head Master paid tribute to the long and loyal service of Mr. H. W. Collings, who was retiring after twenty-five years as Head of the Modern Languages Department. He also paid tribute to the work of Mr. C. E. Bryans, who had been at the School for twenty-seven years as a pupil and a Master, and who was leaving to become Head of the Biology Department at Audenshaw Grammar School. Mr. D. Short, who was leaving to become Head of Chemistry at Stockport Grammar School and Mr. R. G. Cornish who was leaving to become Head of Chemistry at a school in his native Devon were also both thanked for their various contributions to the School over a number of years, and wished well in their new posts. It was announced that Mr. Collings would be succeeded as Head of the Modern Languages Department by Mr. H. W. Timm and as Housemaster of Dalton House by Mr. C. P. Langford; that Mr. Bryans would be succeeded in Fraser House by Mr. H. V. Grange and Mr. Haynes in Gaskell House by Mr. E. W. Mitchell.

Among successes gained by Old Hulmeians during the year, the Head Master recorded with pleasure the G.C.B. awarded to Sir Philip Rogers, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security and the commission of Mr. Graham Norris O.B.E., J.P. as Vice Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester. He reported with sadness the deaths of three very good friends of the School, Mr. Eric Barnes, Mr. J. P. V. Woollam and Mr. Frank Adams.

The Head Master then spoke of the Government's announcement of its intention to phase out the Direct Grant System from September 1976, and the consequent decision by the Governing Body to reaffirm its intention that the School should, with reluctance, resume its independent status. He repeated that it was absurd to do away with schools of proved academic worth at a time when, if ever we did, we needed to make the best possible use of the talent available in our young people. The Governors, and in particular the members of the Independence Committee, were giving most careful consideration to the issues involved and consulting and keeping informed all those affected. The Head Master paid particular tribute to the enthusiasm and intellectual brilliance which Mr. D. Ll. Griffiths had brought to the many debates and discussions on the question of independence.

Finally the Head Master thanked the Masters, and especially Mr. Lowe, the Second Master, for their work and support during the previous year. The success of the School was, he said, a measure of their dedication; with them, the School could look forward to the coming years with confidence.

After distributing the prizes, Dr. Bowett addressed the School. He said that it was with great pleasure that he returned; but that as he thought back to speech days he had attended as a boy, he realised he was unable to remember a single word of any of them. It was, therefore, his intention to fill in the time before the refreshments were available with the least possible administrative inconvenience!

In congratulating the prizewinners, Dr. Bowett warned both them and all other boys in the School against underselling themselves in the hard world outside. It was, he said, important for them all to realise how much they had to offer. Dr. Bowett added his good wishes for the future to all the boys who were leaving School. Speaking to those who were staying, he reminded them that though the individual is important, an institution such as the School was also valuable in providing what the individual wanted. Moreover it taught the virtue of tolerance, which was the hallmark of a civilised society.

Turning to the parents, Dr Bowett said that he realised they were a much maligned group. They sent their boys to the School, sometimes making considerable sacrifices to do so. Such sacrifices were made out of love for their sons; but Dr. Bowett reminded them that they were also making the best possible investment in the future. The interest and encouragement of parents was vital. It was also essential that values should be communicated from one generation to the next. Such values might sometimes be wrong; but despite this danger, they had to be communicated.

To the Head Master and Staff Dr. Bowett said he would regard it as an impertinence, in view of the results, for him to tell them how to run the School. He warmly applauded the decision to resume independence, and expressed his confidence in, and good wishes for, the future of the School.

PRIZE LIST, 1975

First Forms: English—D. C. Potts; Geography—T. A. M. Maula; History—T. A. M. Maula; French—N. S. Tucker; Latin—I. M. Smith; Mathematics—M. H. Kreissl; Biology—B. R. Mellor; Chemistry—A. P. Leech; Handicraft—I. M. Snape; Music—M. Tucker; The William Taylor Memorial Prize—R. J. Artley.

Second Forms: English—N. C. Herbert; History—P. J. Latham; Geography—S. J. Malcolm; French—R. Jones; Latin—R. Jones; Mathematics—D. N. Goodwin; Biology—A. D. Carroll; Physics—L. J. Raisbeck; Art—R. M. Breeden; Music—M. F. Packman.

Third Forms: English—P. J. Needs; History—G. L. Lowe; Geography—C. Wilkins; French—J. Holden; Latin—S. J. Bedford; Spanish—D. G. Heath; Third Year Mathematics—J. S. Clough; Chemistry—H. Tyzack; Physics—P. J. Needs; Art and Craft—H. Tyzack.

Fourth Forms: English—R. A. Porter; History—S. J. Clough; Geography—J. B. Friedler; French—T. Lyons; German—T. Lyons; Spanish—K. H. S. Swanson; Latin—T. Lyons; Greek—J. D. P. Kissack; Fourth Year Mathematics—N. M. Mitson; Physics—N. Walker; Chemistry—M. Standring; Music—D. Stubbs; Art—S. L. Donald; Handicraft—A. J. McLaren.

Fifth Forms: Parents' English Prize—I. S. Balcombe; Hewlett Geography Prize—R. H. Evans; History—N. Ashton; French—A. C. Winterbottom; German—N. J. Bradfield; Spanish—A. P. Waring; Latin—N. M. Mitson; Greek—J. I. Sherman; Chemistry—N. M. Mitson; Physics—N. M. Mitson; Mathematics—S. E. Postles; Art—T. J. Peet; Craft—T. G. J. Allen; Music—D. R. Barrow.

Lower Sixth Forms: English—J. N. B. Bennington; History—J. N. B. Bennington; Geography—A. G. Schofield; French—D. W. Hoey; German—P. A. Kelly; Latin—S. J. Sherman; Greek—S. J. Sherman; Ancient History—R. G. Morkot; Mathematics—P. G. Barnsley; Further Mathematics—T. A. Simpson; Physics—T. A. Simpson; Chemistry—T. C. Kwan; Biology—D. M. Aslan and V. Mukherjee; Music—P. A. Alfieri; Art—R. G. Morkot; Handicraft—K. B. Gresham.

Middle Sixth Forms: English—Q. E. Deakin; History—Q. E. Deakin; Geography—N. H. Clayden; French—A. D. Little; German—A. D. Little; Latin—D. J. Manifould; Greek—M. N. Hemy; Chemistry—P. W. Needs; Physics—J. Balcombe; Biology—N. G. Fishwick; Mathematics—M. W. Raisbeck; Further Mathematics—N. P. Maxfield; The Dehn Prize for History—N. D. Banks; The Allman Prize for Further Mathematics—R. M. Kerle.

Upper Sixth Forms: The Knoop English Prize—A. J. I. Turjansky; The Hewlett Geography Prize—N. R. Withington; The Dorrington Latin Prize—S. P. Arrowsmith; The Dorrington Greek Prize—P. C. Holmes; The Vlies Modern Languages Prize—R. J. Paley; The Palmer Prize for Physics—D. J. Singer; The Palmer Prize for Chemistry—P. D. Sorensen; The Lymer Mathematics Prize—D. J. Singer; The Old Hulmeians' Association Prize for Biology—A. T. Kearsley.

Special Prizes: The D. Ll. Griffiths Prize for Medical Subjects—S. J. Hawes; The Aspinall Religious Knowledge Prize—N. D. Banks; The Original Verse Prize—J. N. B. Bennington; The Powell Scripture Reading Prize—I. E. Halpin; The Anderson English Essay Prize—I. C. N. Swanson; The Music Prize—D. J. Kettlewell; The Watkins Prize—P. C. Holmes and E. H. Walker; The Graham Johnson Memorial Prize—Q. E. Deakin; The Eric Barnes Memorial Trophy—C. J. A. Ball; The J. A. Barber Prize (proxime accessit)—C. J. Tugman; The J. A. Barber Prize—P. C. Holmes; The Woollam Scholarship—P. J. Marsh.

LEAVERS, 1974/5

This list is, unfortunately, incomplete. We record below as many details as we have received, but the School Office would still be grateful to have information from those of last year's leavers who have not yet sent details of their present situation.

6CU:

S. P. Arrowsmith, Wadham College, Oxford, Classics.
J. G. Heaton, Liverpool University, Law.
P. J. Heaton, Sheffield University, English Literature.
P. C. Holmes, Trinity College, Cambridge, Law.
G. L. Steinsberg, University College, London, French.
A. J. I. Turjansky, Brasenose College, Oxford, English.

6LU:

C. R. Large, Durham University, French/German.
R. J. Paley, Lincoln College, Oxford, Modern Languages.

6LM:

C. J. A. Ball, Exeter University, Modern Languages.
P. J. Ball, Manchester Polytechnic, Modern Languages.
J. L. Curvis, Manchester University, German.
R. G. Hollingum, Newcastle University, German.
H. P. Jones, Leicester Polytechnic, Business Studies.
B. A. Labaton, Durham University, French.
I. R. MacPherson, Manchester Polytechnic, HND/HNC Course.
B. H. Stewart, Leeds University, Law.
N. R. Thorniley, Sheffield University, French.

6MU:

G. F. Clark, Bradford University, Textile Tech./Science.
I. R. Cooper, Durham University, Anthropology.
P. J. Melichar, Leeds University, International History.
G. Midgley, Didsbury College of Education, Education (Degree).
D. J. M. Shabetai, University College, London, Architecture etc.
I. C. Smyth, Exeter University, Geography.
N. R. Withington, Brasenose College, Oxford, Jurisprudence.
R. H. Yule, St. Catharine's, College, Cambridge, History.

6MM:

S. J. Almond, Exeter University, Geography.
N. D. Bankes, Queens' College, Cambridge.
M. S. Broad, Kent University (Canterbury), English Literature.
Q. E. Deakin, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, History.
P. C. Dyson, Littlewoods Organisation, Management Trainee.
I. A. A. Fraser, Leeds University, Law.
C. R. Gibson, Preston Polytechnic, Journalism.
N. J. Herz, Birmingham Polytechnic, NHD/HNC Course.
C. R. Horsefield, Sheffield University, Law.
N. R. Leak, Leeds University, Geography/Politics.
A. Metcalfe, U. C. W. Swansea, History and American Studies.
T. L. Park, Crewe and Alsager College of Education, Teacher Training.
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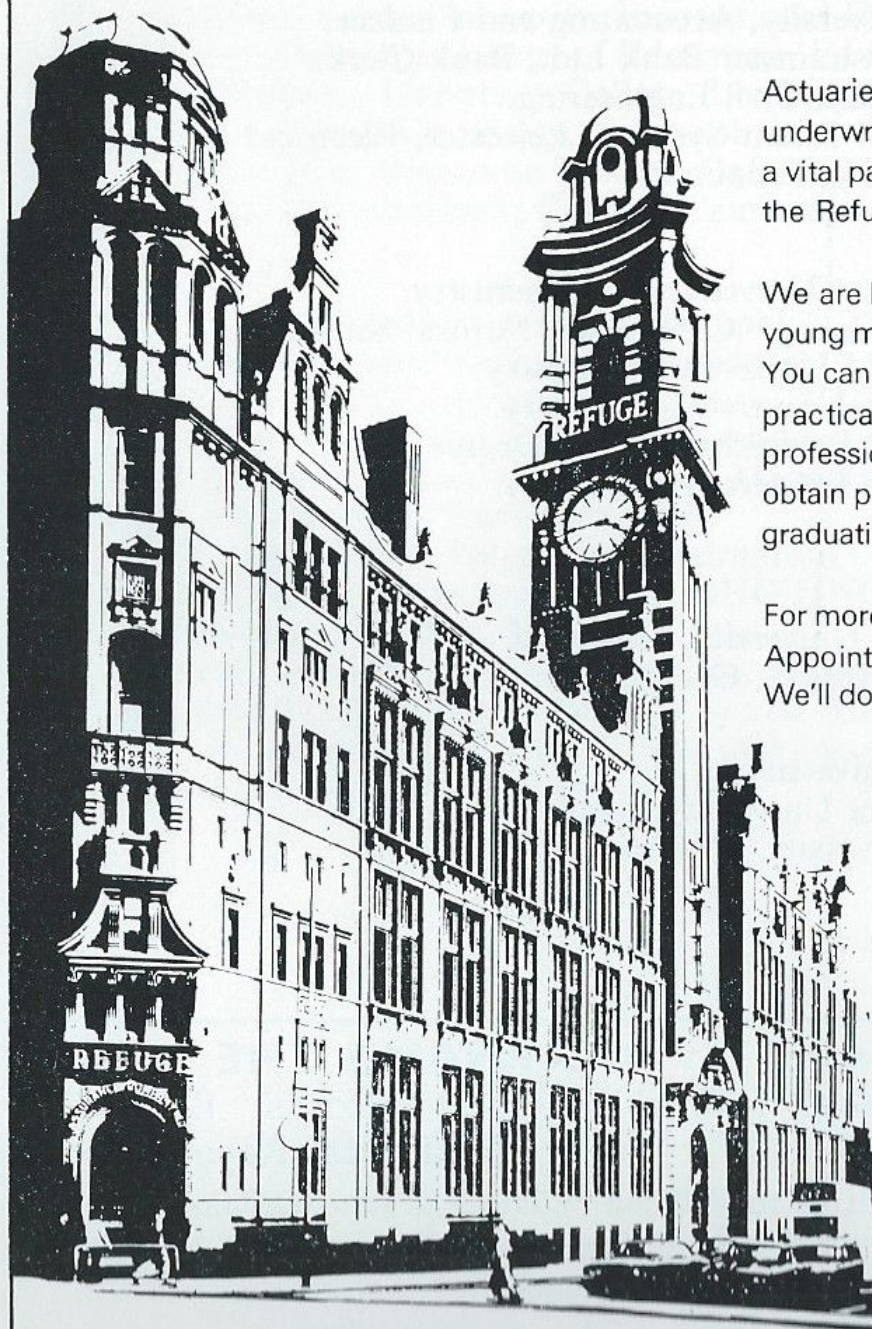
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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

C.C.F. NOTES

Forty recruits last September gave an encouraging start to the year, and being lucky enough to take more than half of these to Penhale to annual camp was a blessing indeed, as we were able to complete one Term's work with them in one week, and at the same time give them an insight into the enjoyment that is available to them whilst at camp.

The word soon spread that camp was worthwhile, and this year when we went to Jurby on the Isle of Man, the number of recruits attending was even better. The organisation of the camp was an improvement on last year's, thanks to the Army C.T.T., and everyone had a wonderful time. There was training in watermanship, canoeing, sailing, modern weapons and their firing, climbing, abseiling, orienteering, marching and shooting competitions, night patrols and deep sea fishing.

It must be mentioned that whilst we were at camp Mr. John Fitzgerald, an Old Hulmeian now resident in the Isle of Man, offered 'open house' to all members of the Corps on their way to and from the hills. This was most welcome as the weather was very hot, and the garage had been converted into a first class bar. CSM Meigh's consumption of "Coke" grew daily. On the Sunday evening before our departure John thoroughly thrashed all members of staff on the golf course prior to his wife's entertaining us to a delightful supper.

During the first two weeks of the summer holidays, a small contingent consisting of 10 cadets and 2 officers was attached to 8 Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport, stationed at Munster in Northern Germany. A very full programme had been organised for us, each day starting with a run and a session on the battle P.T. course. This was very popular. Two days were spent firing on the ranges, and another on the nearby tank training area where the cadets drove tracked troop carriers, motor cycles and four-ton trucks. After five days we went to the mountains of Southern Germany where the Regiment had a mountain hut which they used as an adventurous training centre. From here we went orienteering and canoeing, and went on the assault course and on a night exercise. It was a fairly strenuous three days! The cadets lived and ate in the same billets and mess as the regular soldiers, and this gave them a real insight into army life. At least two of our cadets were obviously impressed by this, as both Prince and Heil are going ahead with their plans to join the regular army. The trip provided a memorable and enjoyable experience, and we are grateful to 8 Regt. R.C.T. for the effort made by all ranks to bring this about.

This year's annual inspection was carried out by Brigadier Sir Ian Jardine, Bt., O.B.E., M.C., who was quite impressed by the parade and the contingent's activities. It was a disappointment, however, that he did not arrive on the School field by helicopter as had been previously planned. CSM Meigh and his signals platoon were so well camouflaged that we almost forgot him when making the tour of inspection. This would have been a disaster after all the work that had gone into the preparation and planning of this little exercise.

Once again we split into two groups for the adventurous training camps, Capt. Grange taking one party to the Lakes and the other group going to the Cadet Training Centre at Frimley Park, where we were lucky enough to have all the training aids at our disposal. It was sad, however, that when practising beach landings, Mr. Cornish and his section should emerge from the lake with their boat right on the camp commandant's



School Play: "JULIUS CAESAR"

daffodil patch and mow them all to the ground. We did try to stand some of them up again and support them with stones and sticks, but it looked a pretty poor sight!

We have a batch of N.C.O.'s who have been practising their powers of leadership whilst at camp, and it is hoped they will be able to take over the training, and ultimately the annual inspection parade, next year.

J.F.C.

THE SCHOOL PLAY 1974—"JULIUS CAESAR"

This production was immensely enjoyed by both cast and audience at each of four performances from 11th to 14th December, 1974. Enjoyment must be the main criterion of success in a school production and thus Mr. E. W. Mitchell's "Julius Caesar" was a triumph.

The cast was large but mostly without experience in a major play. The set was plain but effective and the actors made good use of the apron at the front of the stage. The lighting was effective also, particularly during the assassination scene with the blackened silhouettes of the conspirators standing out against the red of the background and then with the full blaze of lights symbolizing the dawning of a new era. The costumes were colourful and appropriate though the make-up was in some cases a little too heavily applied. I would have liked to see a little more realism too with some of the props. and staging—the several references to blood in the scene following the murder of Caesar were made somewhat inappropriate by the lack of blood on the corpse, swords and hands.

The programme itself gave us a foretaste of the occasion to come, being neatly and clearly designed to a professional standard. The music never obtruded into the action of the play and was mostly well-chosen, apart, I thought, from a brass band accompaniment to Mark Antony's peroration over the body of Brutus. The action of the play went along throughout at a lively pace, both as a result of skilful direction of staging by the producer and good work by the stage staff. It was a pity that on more than one occasion they spoilt their efforts by making the cast on stage laugh by clowning in the wings.

After the disappointing blank of last year Mr. Mitchell was faced with a difficult problem in assembling such a large cast. It is pleasing to note for the future that he took only one boy from the second year Sixth and certainly the performances of the five third formers, particularly S. P. Dutton as Lucius, were most encouraging. Although the lack of stage experience amongst the cast sometimes showed in somewhat stereotyped movement and gestures the diction of every member of the cast, including those playing minor parts, was extremely good and, in some cases, most unexpected. P. P. Williams as Metellus Cimber stood out here speaking out, "Most high, most mighty and most puissant Caesar," with the tones of a senator. The rest of the conspirators, senators, soldiers and poets all gave of their very best and it was their good supporting performances which gave the play its life and reality. D. T. Binyon and R. G. Sinclair as artisans added a touch of humour, particularly in the opening scene where M. J. Scovell's distinctive accent and powerful voice took the play off to a pacy start.

It is a peculiar convention which requires boys to play ladies' rôles in School plays but D. J. Leinhardt as Calphurnia and M. S. Hamilton as Portia both tackled their tasks thoughtfully. Calphurnia portrayed herself more strongly, speaking her mind but keeping her place. Portia was played by Hamilton in a minor key, with a whining voice and weak, rather plaintive rubbing of her arms. Both were convincing in difficult rôles.

R. D. Bailey's Casca was the best acting performance of the play since his identification with his rôle was complete—voice, hands, eyes, facial expression and bodily movement were all in harmony. He showed a clear understanding of every word he, and others, spoke and conveyed an atmosphere of conspiracy throughout the scenes leading to Caesar's murder.

Dignity, disdain and weakness are all part of the make-up of the character of Caesar himself and A. C. M. Bowers mostly achieved the correct blend. "Shall Caesar send a lie?"—here he spoke in a tone conscious of his power and position; in other scenes perhaps he threw away too many important lines but, on the Friday performance in particular, the portrayal as a whole was good. Late in the play S. D. Moritz, as Octavius, also attracted attention by his good stage presence and the meaningful interpretation of his rôle. Here was a good actor making the most of his part.

The speeches of Mark Antony in Julius Caesar are so well known that it is difficult for an actor to avoid being compared with famous interpretations of the rôle and easy to fall into the trap of being unnecessarily gimmicky. I. E. Halpin chose to play the part naturally and let the beauty of the words speak for itself. He used his voice sensitively and was not afraid to convey emotion by speaking both slowly and quietly. He alone of the cast was better in soliloquy than in conversation and his Scottish accent added distinction to his presence.

The physical contrast between J. N. B. Bennington as Brutus and M. D. Turjansky as Cassius was marked. Their style of acting was also in sharp contrast. Brutus was tall, handsome and with a certain inner nobility, Cassius, short, clipped and pointed in his tones and with a restless manner. Both tended at times to speak too quickly and Brutus in particular caught the attention by slowing down "Speak, strike, redress!" and by a splendid change of tone, "Sheathe your sword"—both parts of the actor's stock-in-trade which he could have used more frequently. I particularly liked the final scenes with his young attendants and also his very genuine anger in his quarrel with Cassius. Cassius himself was also impressive here but even more so in the early part of the play as he attempted to win over Brutus, interpreting his long speech contemptuous of Caesar with great insight "And this man is now become a god, and Cassius is a wretched creature". He perhaps relied too much on shouting to convey anger but again this is a small criticism of a major part.

It is customary for reviews of School plays to dole out bouquets all round, but although this particular review is fulsome in its praise this is a genuine not a sham sentiment. At the curtain call on the final night the speeches of Halpin and Bennington to the producer Mr. Mitchell were indicative of the laughter and enjoyment the cast had all experienced in what was, for many of them, the start of their acting careers. They and the producer deserve our congratulations for giving of their very best.

P.J.W.

"ANDROCLES AND THE LION", MARCH 1975

"The Hulmeian" dated March 1956 records that in the 2Y form play for that year, "C. P. Langford as the Editor understood his part well. He was brisk and sardonic in his first encounter with the Christians, and urgent and impassioned when their fearless sincerity had so affected him. He must learn to stand still." This brief bathetic entry, however, was not to be the end of the story. On the evenings of March 6th and 7th, 1975, the same C. P. Langford, now Form Master of 1B, saw the results of his efforts as producer of the same play.

From the start it was clear that this was going to be a carefully thought-out and highly individual production. It opened with a series of tableaux with musical accompaniment, representing the persecution of the Christians—an effective way of creating an appropriate atmosphere and of reminding both actors and audience of the essential seriousness of the subject-matter. Even at this point, N. Short as Androcles seemed involved in the action to a degree uncommon in an actor of his age.

The opening of the first act provided a complete change of tone. P. Barber's convincing appearance and performance as Androcles' nagging wife Megaera, and Androcles' note of tired exasperation were genuinely amusing, despite the fact that Megaera gabbled her lines occasionally, and generally spoke too quickly. P. Keddie tackled the difficult task of looking and sounding like a lion with some skill. His movements were good, especially in the key episode of the removal of the horribly enormous thorn, and he managed to convey just the right combination of feline affection and leonine menace.

R. Breckwoldt as the Roman Captain in charge of the Christians at the gates of Rome in the second act was impressive in voice but rather awkward in movement. S. Brown as the Centurion was convincingly scandalised by the refusal of the Christians to take their impending demise seriously. Lentulus and Metellus, played by S. Bradshaw and I. Helsby were as debauched as schoolboy dramatics can reasonably permit, and S. Bentley's portrayal of the "cool, calm Christian" Lavinia grew in conviction as he settled down in the part. Ferrovius was suitably surly and powerful, but the use of the stretcher to carry Lentulus away when "the spirit has overwrought him" seemed an unnecessary complication uncalled for by the text. The "dance" of the Christians with which the act ended compensated in enthusiasm for what it lacked in choreographical subtlety.

The third act is a strange combination of humour, pathos, irony, and, behind all that, seriousness. I. Fishwick's Spintho ran with real terror to his accidental "martyrdom" and R. Mitson's interpretation of the varying reactions of the Editor to the Christians was skilfully handled. He managed to stand still admirably! The Roman Emperor, played by R. Flamank, looked the part, but his proud bearing was not always matched by an appropriate strength of voice. Despite its superficial light-heartedness, the scene was a vivid reminder of the bloody realities of the Coliseum, and Androcles' acceptance of martyrdom and his moment of fear was the high point of Short's accomplished performance. It seemed to take him a long time to recognise the lion, but from the moment he did so, the play became a happy pantomime. The disconcerted Emperor, trying to overcome his fear of the unpredictable lion, and Androcles naïvely chattering to the beast like a fond aunt to her pekingese, kept the audience so amused that Ferrovius' defection was hardly noticed, and Androcles and his lion danced to their freedom amid delighted applause.

The production was clearly a success, but a few reservations may perhaps be mentioned without detracting from its many virtues. The tendency to bring things up to date—evident in Megaera's costume, the "Likely Lads" theme for Lentulus and Metellus, the football strip and lacrosse kit for the Gladiators and the Editor's clip-board—could only detract from the illusion so carefully built up elsewhere, and did not compensate in humour for what they lost in atmosphere. Unhappily the audience joined wholeheartedly in this process by rattling empty cola cans incessantly throughout the final act. If these transatlantic confections are a necessary evil, they could at least be confined to a room other than that in which the play is taking place.

No account of the production would be complete without some mention of the music. Chosen, presumably, to enhance the atmosphere of the play, it seemed at

times to be in danger of taking it over completely. There was an awful lot of it, both in terms of the number of composers represented—eighteen in all—and the length of the passages selected. The programme note confessed that the composers “were probably not aware that they wrote the incidental music”; one suspects that, *had* their permission been asked, they might very wisely have refused!

These minor grouses apart, Mr. Langford and his cast may be congratulated on providing two very enjoyable evenings’ entertainment. Not least among their achievements was the fact that every member of the form took a part on stage. Those not mentioned individually elsewhere must be commended for their concentration and thoroughness in the supporting rôles. Any weakness on their part could have ruined the play just as surely as failings in the main characters. Form plays and Junior plays have been absent from the School dramatic scene for some little while; this experiment certainly proved that there is still a place for them in the School calendar.

J.W.W.

HOUSE PLAYS 1975

The general standard of this year’s plays was higher than for some time. All six Houses were represented and the plays ranged from a J. B. Priestley black comedy to a radio phone-in written by one of the boys himself. It was good to see large audiences in the New Hall for both nights of performance, March 14th and 21st. The boys who produced and acted in these plays deserved such cheerful support from the rest of the School and I would like to see the audiences even bigger next year. One refreshing event on the last night was the keen question asked of me: “Who’s won?”—and this came from a First-Former. The judges enjoyed every play; the entertainment was splendid, and it was very difficult to decide an order of merit. The enthusiasm of the two elder-statesmen of drama, P. C. Holmes and A. J. I. Turjansky, obviously spread to the other less-experienced producers whose attempts were also extremely competent.

Heywood House produced “Breakfast at Eight” and this became an exercise in good-natured clowning by A. G. Schofield. His portrayal of a pompous judge carried the play entirely; the supporting actors (notably S. M. Bentley) were utterly ‘up-staged’: a process in which Schofield delights. Movement on stage was very stiff and hesitant and the catastrophe of the play was badly executed. This meant that Heywood lost ground a little when faced by the more professional approach of the other Houses.

The action of Byrom’s play, “The Refund”, took place in a Head Master’s study. An ignorant ex-pupil returns to reclaim his school fees. There were one or two very good characterisations, with S. Kuzmanov and M. R. Boyle acting well while Q. E. Deakin strode confidently about the place rather like the typical Mathematics master he was supposed to represent. The main weakness of this production was enunciation; many lines were garbled and attempts to parody accents, though occasionally quite funny, lost their impact quite simply because the audience could not make out the words. On the other hand Boyle worked hard at his part as did D. C. Bowers as the Head Master. There were moments of real fun: Bowers’ attempts to tidy his dusty appearance was one. In spite of the final placings, Byrom can be well-satisfied with their effort.

The play placed fourth was Whitworth’s “The Editor Regrets”. This had some fine touches: J. A. Owrid’s entry as the bride was startling, and G. R. Smallwood as the dolly-bird secretary was a most impressive, though inexperienced portrayal. In general the boys who played female rôles this year were exceptionally good. Their

make-up and costume was of a very high standard. This Whitworth play was C. J. Tugman's first attempt at production; he is to be congratulated. The play moved along quite speedily, thanks to the acting of J. N. B. Bennington, P. L. Ross and G. T. Gillespie who all gained confidence as the plot unfolded. It was a pity that the central character, George Maxwell (played by K. L. Barclay) was rather inconsistent. Barclay gave a fair indication of chaos but mumbled away to the back of the stage far too much. As indicated above, Bennington, with his strong voice, helped to keep the action moving; he should, however, have acted more carefully and with greater aplomb when the concentration of the audience was mainly directed at the goings-on in the outer-office. The comic was a good idea over-played. The overall impression was of a well-executed romp, with specially successful lighting and staging. The judges gave credit to Whitworth here since Byrom and Heywood, for example, had easier tasks to perform in this respect.

Marginally better than the Whitworth play was Fraser's production. Here was an ambitious scheme; the play was written and produced by the elder Turjansky, who also took a leading rôle. "Crossed Line" was a radio 'phone-in' programme which went wrong. Essentially a static play, it was off to a good start with apt musical introduction and announcement. Moreover costume and set were very well thought out, and attention to detail in this respect won credit from the judges. The two Turjansky brothers were ably supported by G. J. Blair, who gave a splendidly convincing portrayal of a Robin Day/David Frost chairman; I. E. Halpin as a soporific Scotsman and J. S. Carp as a clergyman who grinned like a Cheshire cat were funny to watch but their parts in the script were weak. As the production progressed, I felt that the initial colour faded and the play began to drag. Even M. D. Turjansky, as Mimi Laflamme, threw away one or two apparently funny lines. The script was too insubstantial and more should have been made of the talent available. Where the play scored over Whitworth was in 'polish'; for although the Fraser play itself was weaker than "The Editor Regrets", the total effect of the production was more convincing as a dramatic event.

The remaining two plays were much better choices. Both "The Rose and Crown" and "After Magritte" had problems to overcome and yet gave ample opportunities for interesting characterisations. Placed second was Dalton's play "The Rose and Crown". The judges decided that the difficult task of playing a scene with a barman who says nothing and is not necessarily seen, was tackled very well. D. T. Binyon, after a cold start, developed into a splendidly aggressive Mr. Stone; K. B. Gresham offered a satisfactory old man; G. Lowe's miserable woman with the bad stomach was well played and P. Collins and M. Holland gave adequate support. The strong point was that each part was well-cast—a lot could have been made of this play by an experienced producer with this same cast. The lighting changes were good, the set adequate and costume fair. Though the play had awkward pauses, R. D. Bailey worked hard to show his cheerful acceptance of life (and thence death) in admirable contrast to the miseries of the others. There was a lack of reaction, a hesitancy about drinking pints of 'Coca-Cola', which is natural, and a rather underplayed 'stranger' by R. J. Paley.

All the plays had strengths but in the final analysis Gaskell's had more to offer than any one other. The play was Tom Stoppard's "After Magritte". It was properly organised and had some very convincing characterisations. P. P. Williams and P. C. Holmes each understood and projected their rôles with candid confidence, while D. Leinhardt as Thelma Harris was most effective, after a poor start. The script contains many funny lines and the cast did not throw any away. The essential contrast between the brazenly officious Inspector and the calm chaos of the household

he encounters was well brought out, and although it is probably easy to ham through a John Cleese-style part, Holmes did a good job. He was not always audible, but he showed stage presence. The scene played on his knees was particularly funny. Williams was extremely good, with voice clear and facial expressions appropriate. It was a pity that more was not made of S. D. Moritz as the mother, and that there was no front-of-house lighting. Generally the play was handled well; Gaskell just deserved to win a very tight contest.

The judges would point out that all the plays had virtues, and all were entertaining. The publicity displays were excellent and to categorise the plays seems harsh when so much effort has been expended by all the Houses. However, it has to be done:— 1st—GASKELL; 2nd—DALTON; 3rd—FRASER; 4th—WHITWORTH; 5th—BYROM; 6th—HEYWOOD.

E.W.M.

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

The first event of the academic year 1974/75 was a Concert given in the Upper Hall on Wednesday, October 23rd 1974. Departing from the normal tradition at this concert to have soloists predominating, it was decided to put on the Orchestra, the Choir and the Military Band. Each of these groups is making real progress and this was shown in their performances on that evening.

The Orchestra opened the Concert with three pieces; the *Youth Overture* of Emma Lou Diemer, *Minuet* from the *Linz Symphony* of Mozart and the *Rondo* from *Abdelazer* of Purcell. There followed a Vocal Consort directed by J. Heaton in a performance of the *Ave Verum* of Byrd and a solo from P. Alfieri on the Bassoon, *Bourée* by Bach. P. Alfieri was also the director of the Recorder Band which gave a creditable performance of the *Canzona in 8 parts* by Viadana and the *Mercer Island Suite* by Bamforth.

To open the second half Mr. Golder, who had conducted the Orchestra earlier, returned to conduct a performance of *The Heavens are Telling* from Haydn's oratorio *The Creation*. Mr. Bamforth was at the piano. An unusual piece followed called *Double or Quits* by Watters. This was performed by Miss F. Taylor and R. Brindley (trumpets) with Mr. Bamforth, piano. Miss Taylor stepped in at the last moment for S. Hawes who was indisposed. The Dorian Consort of Recorders played three pieces, two by Holborne and one by Dowland, all early English pieces, before the Military Band brought the Concert to a rousing conclusion. Their choice of pieces were the *Minuet* from the *Fireworks Music* by Handel and *The Entertainer* of Joplin arranged by the band's conductor, Miss F. Taylor.

Again a very large congregation attended the Choir's annual Carol Recital at St. Ann's Church, Manchester, in December. On this occasion D. Kettlewell was the soloist in a performance of 'The Three Kings' by Cornelius, the same solo his brother took some years back.

Wednesday, March 26th, 1975 was the date for the main School Concert of the year. To this event we welcomed four singers from the Royal Northern College of Music, Miss Elizabeth Savage, soprano, Miss Shirley Thomas, contralto, Mr. Declan McClusker, tenor and Mr. Antony Davis, bass. These performers were heard in a performance of the *Kyrie* and the *Credo* from the *Mass in C* by Beethoven in which the School Choir covered itself with glory; a truly good performance from such young singers conducted by Mr. Golder. Declan McClusker and Anthony Davis were

also heard in a performance of *Gesegnet ist die Zuversicht* a cantata by Telemann in which they were joined by Q. Deakin and G. Haffenden, violins, P. Alfieri and R. Morkot, recorders with P. Barnsley and J. Kettlewell piano and 'cello continuo.

Three soloists were presented. M. Holland accompanied by Mr. Golder played an arrangement of the 1st movement of Mozart's *Quintet for Clarinet and strings*; Q. Deakin played the *Concertino in the style of Vivaldi* by F. Kuchler for violin with Mr. Golder and R. Morkot played the *Berceuse in G flat Major* Op 13 of Ilynsky and the famous *Solfegietto* by C. P. E. Bach for piano.

To open the concert Mr. Golder conducted the Orchestra in four pieces: *Northern Saga* by Philip Gordon, *Allegretto* from *L'Isola Disabitata* by Haydn, *Andante* from *Symphony in F* by Dittersdorf and the *King's Ballet* by Couperin. The most successful vocal group directed by J. Heaton at the October concert sang again. Three madrigals were their choice on this evening, all English, by Morley, Bateson and Farmer. The Dorian Consort of Recorders were joined by M. Brown in a performance of the superb *Fantasia in 6 parts* by Byrd.

Two groups were included in the second half of the concert. The recorder Band began with a piece by Palestrina, *Ricercare Primo Tono*, and followed it with the *Fanfare for a Festival* by the modern English composer Colin Hand. P. Alfieri was the director. The Military Band ended the concert, again in fine style. Under their conductor Miss F. Taylor they played the *March of the Cadets* by Kinyon, *The Caissons Go Rolling Along* by Gruber and the *Jamaican Rhumba* by A. Benjamin.

Fourteen boys were entered for examinations of the Associated Board in musical subjects. Of these twelve were successful. In the examinations for diploma of the Trinity College of Music, London, P. Barnsley was successful in passing the L.T.C.L. recorder performing diploma and P. Alfieri gained the highest diploma of all in recorder playing, the F.T.C.L.

D.A.B.

FOLK CONCERTS

Bernard Wrigley, "the Bolton Bullfrog", topped the bill in early February at the best-attended folk concert ever. His rasping voice and bass concertina make him one of the most distinctive entertainers on the folk circuit and his programme was well chosen. It varied from his own songs, 'Plastic Pies' and 'Our Bill' being notable examples, to songs of industrial Lancashire. His finale of 'Nellie the Elephant' was a masterpiece of how to make an audience forget their inhibitions.

He was supported by Present Tense, making one of their last appearances before 'O' levels: they greatly enjoyed this concert and their presence certainly brings in a lot of people. Their movement towards electric folk has been improved by the acquisition of a good bass guitar and Gareth Jones' voice continues to improve in strength and range. Their renditions of 'Alison Gross' and 'The Lark in the Morning' were the feature of this set.

Also in support were Under Milk Wood, Rosie Dickson from Manchester H.S. and John Cowley from Manchester Grammar School. They started the evening and appreciated the experience of playing before a large audience, though perhaps their material could have been a little more lively. A new experience for many of us was the appearance of the Failsworth Morris Men: their bright costumes, clattering clogs and obvious sense of enjoyment made for a most entertaining interlude, despite the smallness of the stage.

The Taverners, from Blackpool, are one of the most musical and most experienced groups in the country: they specialise in songs of the Fylde coast but their appeal is far more wide-reaching. The powerful personality and frame of singer Peter Rodger are immediately attractive but the strength of the Taverners lies mainly in their musicianship. Alan Bell's concertina, Brian Osborne's resounding tenor voice are complemented neatly by Stuart Robinson's guitar or banjo accompaniments. Their set was a joy to listen to as an example of polished folk music.

The July concert was less successful in terms of audience and, consequently, showing a profit. But those who attended enjoyed the evening which was better balanced than some previous concerts. Stan Arnold, who should have been the main guest, went down with 'flu and at very short notice Harry Boardman stood in. This was his second appearance at the School and once again his songs, most of them from the cotton towns of Lancashire, went down well. Manchester Morris Men danced in the quad during the interval when refreshments were served on the field. Their lively style and colourful ribbons, hats and bells were most entertaining.

John and Sue Kirkpatrick were superb. They played traditional English folk songs, singing some of them unaccompanied with beautifully controlled voices. Their musical proficiency on oboe and concertina is unquestioned and it is not surprising that they are, historically, closely connected with early Fairport Convention and Steeleye Span. Unlike the latter they have continued in an acoustic and traditional style and their reputation is well deserved.

Ad Hoc were extremely funny and held the audience in convulsions for the last half hour. They have developed the ability to parody songs of many different types and their performance of Elton John's "Daniel" was masterful. They completed their set with the beautiful "Curragh of Kildare"—an Irish melody which showed how musical Ad Hoc can be.

The next concert will probably be in February and it is to be hoped that at a quieter time of the year a larger audience will come to enjoy live and entertaining folk music.

P.J.W.

THE FIRST ASCENT OF CHANGABANG lecture by Chris Bonington and Martin Boysen

The New Hall was packed for this lecture on Thursday 17th April by Chris Bonington and Martin Boysen, leader and member respectively of this year's British expedition to the S.W. face of Everest.

The quality of the slides and the lecturers was extremely high, so that the audience, many of them with no knowledge of mountains and mountaineering, was held enthralled for over an hour and a half. It was remarkable to be able to listen live to two people who are amongst the best in the world at their sport.

The evening was compered by Mr. Bryans who also, with the help of his family, organised most excellent refreshments in the Old Hall. There were several displays of mountain gear which attracted great interest. The main feature was a display of clothing, hardware and tentage by Ellis Brigham Ltd. of Cathedral Street. This was arranged by Mr. Chudleigh. The School trip to Switzerland, under the leadership of Mr. Bryans, was featured by a splendid pictorial display and Mr. Langford's photos of last year's Norway trip were also on display. The Cape Wrath to Glasgow group put on an exhibition of all their gear, organised by J. P. B. Sandy. H. J. Mathewson and R. G. Shelmerdine, the winners of this year's holiday competition—£75 towards

the cost of their walking expedition in Andorra—put their winning entry on display. The work of the Young Explorers' Trust and of the Mountain Bothies Association, of which the School is a member, was also featured. The exhibitions, co-ordinated and prepared by Mr. Worth, added greatly to the attraction of the evening.

The profits from this evening were used to pay for some additions to the School's stock of camping and mountaineering equipment—two Vango Mark III tents, four single burner stoves and two sets of billies. The Parents' Association were also most generous in providing the money for the purchase of new ropes and crampons.

It would be remiss not to pay tribute to the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Bryans in recent years in maintaining and looking after School tents and mountain equipment. I hope we can show our appreciation by continuing to look after the newly-purchased equipment and ensuring its good condition. All the tents, ropes, axes and the like are available for loan to boys or staff at any time.

P.J.W.

PARIS VISIT, 1975

A party of thirty-five boys and four Masters left Manchester by coach early on the morning of March 29th, at the start of the twenty-first Easter visit to Paris. The coach took us to Folkestone where we caught the boat to Calais and then completed the journey to Paris by train.

After a tiring journey which lasted sixteen hours we welcomed the meal which awaited us at the Ecole Pascal. This meal, like all the others we had at the school, was excellent. We found the accommodation at the Ecole Pascal very good. It is situated very conveniently in a fine residential area on the west side of Paris.

On our first morning we were shown the area where we would spend our leisure time. This extended from the school to the Place du Trocadéro. In the afternoon we visited picturesque Montmartre, spending some time in the Sacré Coeur and also seeing the artists at work in the Place du Tertre.

On the next day the excellent organisation of the trip became evident when we went up the Eiffel Tower, arriving 15 minutes before it officially opened so that we could go in ahead of the vast crowds which were already forming. An unseasonable layer of snow at the very top provided some surprise and amusement. As on so many occasions, the experience of Mr. Collings proved invaluable.

There was an excellent outing to Malmaison, the former home of Napoleon and Josephine, and the Château of Versailles where the Kings of France lived amidst acres of gardens.

We were all invited to a reception at the Paris Hôtel de Ville, where we were entertained by the Paris Police Band, asked to make speeches, and where Messrs. Collings, Timm and Langford all received presentations to mark their many years of taking school parties to Paris.

A wonderful view of the city can be seen from the Arc de Triomphe with its twelve avenues radiating from it, the most famous of them being the Champs Elysées, which we later walked down to the Place de la Concorde.

As well as these outings we also visited the ancient cathedral of Notre Dame, the Louvre with its Venus de Milo and the Mona Lisa, the main shopping area of Paris and the Bois de Vincennes which houses the Paris Zoo with its man-made mountain.

We also had a guided coach tour of the city and a trip along the Seine in a Bateau Mouche. Each evening members of staff gave us lectures on what we would do the following day and a quiz competition was organised in which prizes were won by Hargreaves, Mee and Roberts.

This year we shared the accommodation with Stand Grammar School and were happy to meet once again Mr. Olszewski, who was in charge of their party. I am sure they enjoyed the trip as much as we did.

Mr Collings will have many memories of his twenty-one Paris trips, especially this one, for sadly it was his last as he retired at the end of the School year.

Finally, on behalf of the whole party, I would like to thank Messrs. Collings, Timm, Langford and Fisher for making this a most memorable and worthwhile trip.
S.J.C.

Many past and present members of the School would wish to be associated with a word of thanks to Mr. Collings who in the past twenty-one years was responsible for introducing something in excess of six hundred boys to Paris. No-one who has taken part in these trips will forget his attention to detail, his anticipation and solving of all kinds of problems and complications and the remarkable cheerfulness with which, year after year he embarked upon the long and often tedious journey from School, usually at times ranging from midnight to six o'clock in the morning. His absence from Paris 16 during the Easter holidays will be noticed by many of the local inhabitants with whom he formed a happy acquaintance over so many years. It is our hope that we shall be able to continue these trips in the future and keep Mr. Collings' many friends in Paris informed of his continued happiness and good health in retirement.

H.W.T.

SKI-ING, 1975

Last July, just as the organisers were considering abandoning the trip because of a surprising lack of interest (or money!), a chance conversation with an ex-colleague, now Head of Geography at Wilmslow Boys' Grammar School proved our salvation. Thus it was that at an unearthly hour on December 27th a combined party of thirty-five William Hulme's and Wilmslow Boys' led by Messrs. Fitt, Langford, and Bardsley assembled at Ringway to fly to Munich and thence to Innsbruck for a week's ski-ing.

We took over a small hotel in Arzl and drove up every day for our ski-ing to the Axamer Lizum, a remarkable complex with every conceivable facility. Although we were thankful for the abundance of snow, this and the holiday season meant that there were long queues for lifts, refreshments and so on. Nevertheless everyone benefited from and enjoyed the excellent opportunities for learning or improving techniques under keen, if somewhat brutal instructors, while the views from the top of the Hoadl and Birgitz chairlifts were quite breathtaking. Luckiest of all were those with some experience who were able to ski (or fall!) down three of the downhill and slalom courses to be used in the 1976 Winter Olympics.

A quite exceptional blizzard on one day prevented our coach from attempting the road to Axams, but gave us the opportunity of exploring Innsbruck, a picturesque and fascinating Alpine town. Seeing fashionable Austrian prices and unbelievable German tourist spending-power brought some envious and rueful comments from boys about the state of the pound sterling.

Our social life was necessarily mainly confined to the hotel, the high point being an excellent New Year's Eve which ended with us greeting 1975 on a snow-covered hillside overlooking the fireworks and celebrations in the city below.

There will unfortunately be no trip this year, but I personally hope that a successful and highly enjoyable holiday can be repeated the following year. Inflation is our biggest enemy.

J.J.F.

CAPE WRATH TO BEN LOMOND—SOME IMPRESSIONS

The Cape Wrath foghorn boomed mournfully as we emerged from the tents; not an auspicious start to our Highland Traverse, planned to take us from the cliffs of Cape Wrath to the summit of Ben Lomond. There were four members of the party; each of the boys, Roger Byrne, Jon Beesley and Julian Sandy, had shared with me in the planning of this expedition and soon the names on the maps—Foinaven, Beinn Dearg, Sgurr Mor, were to become reality. We hoped to follow in the steps of Sandy Cousins, the secretary of the Scottish Mountaineering Club, who walked the route solo four years ago.

Having said farewell to the light-keeper we set off along the cliffs, glad at last to be under way; we walked in silence, each person thinking about the challenge which lay ahead. We lunched at Sandwood Bay, an empty ribbon of white sand, and, as the sun emerged, we watched the gannets diving for fish in the bay. From Oldshore we took the road through Kinlochbervie alongside Loch Inchard and, crossing the Durness-Rhiconich road, we weaved our way past the myriad lochans guarding the approach to Foinaven. Our third day's walking took us along the summit ridge of Foinaven in squally weather and down the stalkers' track to Lone Bothy, situated at the foot of Arkle by Loch Stack. The keeper's wife had delivered our two boxes of provisions, posted in advance, and we dined happily before a roaring fire in the bothy.

A very wet night left trails of silver on the hillsides and it was hot work as we plodded up the old pony track which links Loch More with the Kylesku ferry. In front of us rose the magnificent peak of Quinag, now bathed in sunshine, now blotted out by veils of swirling clouds. At the ferry the seals, bobbing about in the narrows seemed unimpressed by the large number of tourists, mostly from the continent, who peered at them through binoculars. The greyness of the next day was matched only by the grey tops of Glas Bheinn and Beinn Uidhe; no views rewarded our climb. Disappointed we veered away from Ben More Assynt and descended to camp in brighter weather at Inchnadamph. We fell asleep to the piping cries of the oyster catchers. After collecting our food box from Benmore Lodge we walked up from Oykell Bridge Hotel, through Strathmulzie towards the jagged peak of Seana Bhraigh, our first Munro.

On the tops of the ridges deer watched us like suspicious sentinels as we lit a fire of dry grass to try to ward off the midges. We envied Sandy Cousins starting his walk in early June, for several times at the end of a hard day midges made our evenings a sore trial of patience. A more glorious day for our first big ascent could not be imagined and soon we sat contentedly on the grassy summit of Seana Bhraigh, drinking coffee and looking across to the patches of snow on Beinn Dearg. The ptarmigan fluttered anxiously near us and as we crossed towards Beinn Dearg we met our first group of walkers in a week.

From our camp that night at Loch Droma we climbed again and, leaving our packs on the saddle, were able to enjoy an unloaded walk to our highest summit so

far, the rounded dome of Sgurr Mor, 3637 feet. Glaciation many aeons ago carved the mountains in this area to a similar pattern—a steep forbidding northern aspect and a more gentle grassy southern slope. A friendly pine marten watched us lunch and then we descended steeply from the summit of Sgurr nan Clach Geala to the luxury of Nest Bothy by Loch Fannich.

The comparatively minor height of Beinn nan Ramh, with its wicked false summits, tired us early and we laboured, struggling, up Fionn Bheinn which dominates the important junction at Achnasheen. The panoramic view from the top embraced the west coast at Loch Torridon and the east at Dingwall. At Achnasheen we lingered over cups of tea and consequently arrived at Scardroy Lodge at nearly ten o'clock. Our food boxes awaited us and as everywhere we were made most welcome and provided with accommodation indoors, a wee dram and good company.

We now had three short days in prospect but they were marred by poor weather. The remoteness of Glen Orrin was almost tangible but heavy rain disrupted our camp in what could have been an ideal spot. On then, past Loch Monar, its shore line disfigured by the damming of its waters, to another camp in the rain below Sgurr na Lapaich. Violent showery weather was the sort we hated most as this meant constant stops to don and remove waterproofs. Sgurr na Lapaich was determined not to surrender easily, defending itself with showers of snow interspersed with hot sun. Thankfully we reached the top, descended to the bealach and then plodded back up to the summit of An Riabachan which greeted us with driving snow. Far below we could see Loch Mullardoch and the bothy at Socrach where our next food parcels awaited us.

No parcels. The bothy locked. No habitation for miles. In this, the remotest part of our walk, the worst crisis. Guiltily we forced the window and in an ecstasy of delighted relief found that the bothy was stocked with some food. A temporary respite. On another violent morning we left a note and some money at the bothy and manoeuvred along the steep side of Loch Mullardoch. The weather did its best to grind us down but it was an impassable river, in full spate, which finally caused us to abandon our destination in Glen Affric and head for Iron Lodge where we were given shelter by a friendly farmer.

A forced march took us to Dornie to buy more provisions and from there we went on to Cluanie Inn, over into Glen Loyne and thence, via the mist shrouded slopes of Spidean Mialach where we surprised three fawns, into Glen Garry. Our fitness was not in doubt but our will was wavering as a series of days of hill mist made ascents pointless and without enjoyment. In such conditions we crossed the pass to Gairloch, where the lock keeper's wife regaled us with a magnificent tea, and we then steamed (almost literally) along the canal side to Banavie and Fort William.

At last the weather forecast on our tiny transistor promised well; we spent a dripping afternoon in a mackintoshed Fort William and late in the evening camped in Glen Nevis. The day dawned beautifully. In cheerful anticipation we made our way up to the car park below the Water Slide and then through the rugged Nevis Gorge to the Steall Hut. A wire bridge over the river keeps unwelcome visitors away and as I balanced in the middle of it with a fifty pound pack swaying on my back I wondered if I too was unwelcome.

It was a joy to be able to ascend the highest Munro, 4406 feet, with no packs and we climbed easily up to the Carn Mor Dearg arete and thence to the summit of Ben Nevis. The views were excellent, the litter an eyesore. A hasty descent to the car park for cups of tea and the end of a marvellous day. But not quite. Sandy's pullover, left a thousand feet up the Water Slide, needed rescue and caused him to sleep especially well that night.

From Steall we set out with three days food in our rucksacs which were all heavier than normal, three of them being over 50 pounds. Our lightweight mountain tents helped to cut down the load as did the dehydrated food used for some meals. But muesli, apple flakes, potato powder and crispbread are all insubstantial so that, although our prepared menu was good on calories, we lacked filling stodge and at tired moments suffered delusions of fresh bread and pieces of steak.

The ridges of the Mamore peaks gave us fine views back to Ben Nevis and forward to Kinlochleven and the mountains of Glencoe. A camp on the Devil's Staircase and then across the bleakness of Blackmount, past the summit of Clach Leathad to a lovely site by the river at Inveroran.

Scorching sun burned down on us for the final lap of the expedition, past Bridge of Orchy, past the picnickers in Glen Orchy, over the railway line and gradually upwards to the sharp crest of Ben Laoigh. Once we were there, they told us, we were as good as home. And so it proved. From the peak we peered through the heat haze across towards the shadowy outline of Ben Lomond and at 7 p.m. the next day we sat triumphantly on its summit, gazing down on a pair of eagles which hovered effortlessly above the crags of Inversnaid.

A superb evening; the peaks silhouetted by the setting sun—some conquered, some inviting us to a new challenge; a sense of satisfaction and achievement, a wish to return. Twenty-four days and 252 miles behind us, over 50,000 feet of ascent, but more importantly, friendships made and a knowledge gained of the mountains and their people.

P.J.W.



CAPE WRATH TO BEN LOMOND PARTY

ANDORRA, SUMMER 1975

The long journey to Andorra began on the night of August 7th and we arrived in Andorra-la-Vella at 3.00 p.m. on August 9th, having travelled via London, Folkestone, Boulogne, Paris, Toulouse and Ax-les-Thermes. From London to Ax-les-Thermes, which lies about fifteen miles from the Andorran border, we travelled by train and cross-channel ferry. The final leg of the journey was covered in a 'bus which ran once a day to Andorra.

In order to enter the principality of Andorra the 'bus had to cross a mountain pass at a height of 7,800 feet. As we topped this pass most of Andorra lay spread out above and below us. It is a small country of 188 square miles which lies in the Pyrenees between France and Spain. There is one major road which passes through the country, following the only river which flows out of the country, into Spain. The highest point is Pic Alt de la Coma Pedrosa in the far north west, at a height of just under 10,000 feet. The capital is Andorra-la-Vella at 3,250 feet.

During the course of the three weeks we were in Andorra there was a great variety of weather conditions. In the first week the sun shone without fail. In the second, severe storms tried to beat their way into the tent (these storms strangely only occurred during the night). The third week saw snow on the mountains above about 7,500 feet.

Only once did we experience bad weather while on or near the top of a high mountain. This was on Pic Del Griu which was the first major peak we attempted. We set off from Encamp north of Andorra-la-Vella at 10.00 a.m. and ascended by a road and a good path to a height of about 6,200 feet by 2.00 p.m. At this point the path ended, but the summit, some 3,000 feet away could be seen. A fairly direct route was chosen from here but a heavy shower forced us to shelter in a hut until 3.00 p.m. The summit was reached at 5.15 p.m. in thick cloud. Strange views, like looking from an aeroplane, of Circ-Dels Pessons became visible through rare gaps in the cloud. Circ-Dels Pessons lay below us on the steep side of Pic Del Griu and was a collection of lakes in a huge corrie. The rain began again suddenly and we descended rapidly with wild lightning flashing around us, reaching the good path at 6.15 p.m. It was decided because of the cloud, rain and time to return via the same route as the ascent.

This proved to be the usual method by which mountains over 7,000 feet were ascended, a six to seven hour slow climb, followed by a rapid descent. Usually there was little time for any ridge walks of any length, and a long climb followed by a severe jolting on the descent left muscles and bones feeling tired. The mountains seemed to follow the pattern of having a steep slope out of the valley itself, a less steep grassy incline to 7,000 feet and a very steep stretch usually to a conical top. There were no peaks which did not have ground falling away from them on every side. Boulders and smaller rocks were littered on the ground on the last 2,000 feet and this seemed to be the case for most mountains. Crags were abundant and very much larger than any to be seen in England. Natural forests grew on the lower slopes.

The road and the few towns which lay along it were highly commercialised. Andorra is a duty-free country and shops selling cameras, radios, cassettes, wine spirits and cigarettes were in abundance in every town. Hotels and Bars made up the rest of the buildings apart from older parts of towns where the locals themselves lived. The people were found to be very friendly although the country does contain many criminals who are wanted by police in other countries. The reason for this is that Andorra has no extradition agreement with any other country. The language of Andorra is Catalan, although French and Spanish are spoken. Pesetas and Francs are both legal currencies

but we found that the inhabitants preferred to use Pesetas. The cost of the holiday was about £125 each for twenty-five days. We arrived home on the morning of 30th August having enjoyed a new experience in mountains and scenery.

We would like to express our thanks again for the very welcome financial help we received through the Holiday Competition.

R.G.S.

TORRIDON, SUMMER 1975

The morning after Speech Day, dawn broke on a party comprising Messrs. J. A. Clark, D. G. Barnes, M. Cole and M. R. Booker together with A. M. Pass, N. J. S. Kehoe, N. I. Duncan, D. J. Heine and A. N. Frost, bound for Torridon, Wester Ross, in a School van. After several stops, not all scheduled, we finally arrived in the pouring rain and pitched camp on the shores of the loch at the very spot where Queen Victoria had once paused briefly. In spite of some typical Scottish weather and a multitude of man-eating midges, the following week was enjoyed by all.

The first two days were spent getting acclimatised and doing two low-level walks, the first a circuit of Liathach, and the second a ten mile trip around Maol Chean-dearg in the Ben-Damph Forest. Day three was sufficiently bright for an attempt to be made on the majestic mass of Liathach. The eastern summit was attained but the weather worsened and it was not possible to traverse the whole of the ridge. That evening was bright and sunny and we drove ten miles to the picturesque, crofting and fishing village of Diabaig. The following day provided the highlight of the holiday: an ascent and traverse of Beinn Eighe, a magnificent quartzite mountain, with some of the most spectacular rock scenery in the whole of the Highlands. The weather reverted to normal on the final day and no walking was possible.

Despite the often inhospitable climate, the Scottish Highlands have a magnetic power which draws walkers and climbers back year after year: a School trip to the Cuillin of Skye is already being planned for next Whitsun.

M.R.B.

ALPS, SUMMER 1975

Early in 1975 Mr. Bryans, himself an experienced alpinist, proposed a School trip to the Alps. It was hoped that this would give boys the opportunity to walk and climb in these superb mountains. Very soon he had a full party of fifteen.

After several months of careful planning and accounting we were ready to go. According to plan the 'fifteen' left School at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 22nd July in a crammed School van. The first leg of the journey to Ramsgate took place without event. The Channel crossing from Ramsgate to Calais was hair-raising as the hovercraft in which the party was travelling pitched and rolled for forty minutes in a nine-foot swell. On reaching Calais we carefully followed the R.A.C. foreign route guide across France and into Switzerland. Finally on the Friday, we reached our destination, the Val d'Arpette, a small camp site 4,000 feet up in the Alps and not far from Lake Champex.

Nearly all of the walking and climbing that was done in the holiday was done at Arpette. Everyone in the party managed to reach the summit of the famous Aiguille de Tour, 8,000 feet. Everyone spent two comfortable nights at the Orny and Trient huts. However at £2 per night we were on one occasion forced to bivouac just outside

the hut. The walkers made several ascents including the Brea Col, the Aig de Tour, the Col des Ecandies, an excursion to the Val Ferrette, and many long slogs up to the Orny Hut. The climbers also did the maximum possible during their stay. Climbs included the Ecandies Ridge, the Petite Clocher of the Portalet, the Aiguilles d'orees, and the south summit of the Aig de Tour. In between walking and climbing we spent most of our time at the open-air swimming pool in Champex.

We left Arpette satisfied that we had done as much as possible in the time allowed, and most of the boys agreed that they should like to return to this area in particular.

After ten days in Arpette we packed up and set off for Chamonix in the French Alps, the climbing centre of the world. The fine weather we had been enjoying broke here and we were dogged with rain and fog. Nobody was able to get up into the mountains around Chamonix. We passed time there wandering around the climbing shops, the market, and large department stores. Some visited the multi-million pound sports centre, and one made his usual futile attempt to fish!

We left the crowded camp site at Chamonix, and moved on to Courmayer in Italy via the Mont Blanc tunnel. While in Italy we did some group walks, and there was an attempt by the climbers to ascend the Grandes Jorasses. The climbers had to come down the mountain after reaching the hut, as the weather was very unsettled and they did not have the equipment to withstand it.

While in Italy we won a trophy at a small village fête, for being the group from farthest afield. Mr. Bryans was presented with a wooden communal drinking bowl, by the Mayor on behalf of the village.

The end of our stay in Italy marked the beginning of the trip home. We drove home through Geneva to enable the photographers in the party to get some shots of the fountain. Our last day on the continent was spent in Calais, where we roamed around looking for last-minute souvenirs and presents. We must have spent too long doing this, because we missed our intended Hovercraft flight! Fortunately we were accommodated on the next flight. We drove back into School on Wednesday 20th August at 4.00 p.m.

All the members of the party wish to express their thanks and appreciation of the effort put in by Mr. and Mrs. Bryans to make this the trip it was. We would also like to wish Mr. Bryans luck at his new school. We all regret his loss. The School has much useful equipment should we or others wish to return.

The party comprised: The Bryans family, B. Clethero, P. Emsley, J. V. Cromack, M. Pass, S. D. Moritz, C. J. Davies, L. J. Wharton, A. P. Waring, G. Jefferies, D. Coy and M. A. L. Bankes.

G.J.

THE LAKES AND PENNINES, 1974-5

The last twelve months have brought their usual variety of excursions to the mountains of Northern England and we have been fairly successful in ringing the changes and discovering new routes and fresh satisfaction in old ones. It is with mixed feelings indeed, though, that one views the overcrowding on the familiar mountains and sees the ever-increasing hordes of fell-bound holiday makers speeding up the motorway; certainly their pursuit of healthy exercise is praiseworthy (and fortunate for the camping-gear and caravan salesmen), but the lover of the free and easy holiday in comparative solitude (even with Hulmeians) is now forced to embark upon programmes of intensive planning and advance booking which force sometimes

unwelcome rigidity upon his holiday. It also has the advantage, however, of forcing him into many lesser-known by-ways where discovery may still be possible even in this overcrowded island.

The crowds were certainly out last summer in even the more remote areas of the Lake District: we found a degree of quiet on Sail, Eel Crag, High Stile and Red Pike, but this was largely due to the thick blankets of cloud around us, alternately exhilarating and exasperating. Melbreak was pleasant, if hot, and Cockermouth was a pleasant town to visit (with a 3-star café), but the traditional Ennerdale downpour set in at Black Sail, where the party notched up the considerable achievement of sleeping through a full-scale mountain rescue! We eventually found the sun on Ravenglass beach and unashamedly cast off our years of maturity to enjoy a ride on the Eskdale railway, along with several thousand others, and finished the holiday appropriately on Scafell Pike along with several hundred others! What indignity will our leisure planners eventually perpetrate here? With the Langdale Pikes now fenced off (almost) and a plastic footpath projected for Kinder Scout, will we soon have to book the Pike like the Matterhorn?

There was little chance of meeting too many people when camping in September. All had fled the rain or were safely inside, out of it. In seven days the hours of sun were counted in single figures. How could we enjoy this? We managed somehow! Thank heavens for cafés, crosswords and cooking!

October, as ever, found a large 1st form party at Elterwater and the resilient walkers enjoyed a bog-trotting expedition on Sergeant Man and a challenging day in thick cloud and fairly thick ice on Crinkle Crag. December's weather in Langdale was far worse and the only really constructive efforts one can recall involved the redecoration of the kitchen at Elterwater; any step onto field or fell was an adventure.

Since then, though, the weather has taken a distinct turn for the better and there have been some notable days: Grisedale Pike, Hobcarton and Whiteside at Easter, for example, and at Whitsun, whilst based at Hardraw, days on Dodd Fell, Lovely Seat and Sails, in the course of which we met hardly a soul. The last of these walks is in an area well worth detailed study, a sequence of rounded summits with peaty depressions, source of the Ure and the Eden, with fine views south to the Three Peaks and Great Coum and west over Wild Boar Fell to Lakeland. It is reached from Great Shunner across a wilderness of peat, or from West Gill, Cotterdale, and the walker with transport could make a fine traverse from the summit of the Nateby-Keld road to Cotter End and Wensleydale.

1975 will be remembered for its magnificent summer punctuated only by a fortnight's unsettled weather at the end of July. It was precisely in this fortnight that this year's Pennine Way trip took place! The party's equipment was tested to the limit on the first day by a tremendous thunderstorm on Bleaklow exceeded in intensity only by one at Widdop a day or two later. We became very used to the ritual of 'waterproofing' ourselves in these conditions, but the inconvenience was minimal and some of the rewards in terms of colour and scenery were spectacular: in particular the sudden passing of the storm on Ickornshaw Moor, local thunder-showers on the Roman Wall and cloud effects on Cross Fell provided views of unique interest. Our one totally disappointing day was one of persistent heavy rain and thick mist when the most eagerly awaited single scene on the Way, High Cup, was totally obliterated and most of the party managed to immerse themselves to a fair depth in mud and/or water on the way to the 'flood route' over Maize Beck. On previous visits the idea of a specially-built footbridge to convey the walker over this

paltry trickle, and a mile off route at that, has always seemed faintly ridiculous, but having now seen Maize Beck in spate, its respect is restored; it would not seem out of place in the Highlands or Norway!

The trip was a great success in every aspect, though, including weather! Social contact with other Pennine Way walkers was enjoyable as ever, cooking was a great success (even if one or two Youth Hostel kitchens were short on basic facilities!), hospitality at Langdon Beck and Barnard Castle and provided meals at Knock remain the best of their kind and the cafés of Horton, Bellingham and Middleton are still a welcome sight. And, at last, perfect weather on the Cheviots! What more could one ask?

Just one irritation springs to mind, and that a rather selfish one! Walking the Way in roughly the same stages as ourselves were two army corporals from Lowestoft, two college lecturers from Derby, three senior schoolboys from Wilmslow, sixteen junior cadets with six supervisors from the West Riding, and twenty-one Edinburgh schoolgirls with their attendant mistresses. Sixty people, including ourselves, on a single stretch on a particular day, so one was hardly short of company and rarely out of sight of the perspiring participants ahead in this mountain marathon. But what does one sacrifice to security? Certainly all sense of discovery and remoteness; probably that contact, exciting for many town dwellers, with animals, birds and flowers, which is a part of real fell-walking; and arguably some of the sense of achievement which should go along with walking the Pennine Way. Though walking 300 miles is an achievement in itself, there is no sense of "finding one's way" any more—all you do is look for the nearest glinting object, a Coke can, and follow the trail of debris.

There is, however, no doubt that the Pennines offer miles of magnificent walking country, much of it untrodden. The Pennine Way starts part way up this wonderfully varied range and stretches to well north of the Roman Wall; surely a real Pennine Way would start at one extremity, say at Ashbourne, and finish at the other, say at Brampton. And nobody climbs up Rogan's Seat, Pickerstone Ridge and Cold Fell. And why are all those "Earthworks" marked on Great Whernside, and what is it like at Nova Scotia and Little Punchard Head? Is the 'Danger Area' on Hilton Fell always dangerous? And whatever are the Hanging Walls of Mark Anthony? There may well be other "Pennine Ways" as exhilarating and challenging as the official one, without the same irritations. Perhaps we may 'discover' one for ourselves!

C.P.L.

COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP

This year our approach has been somewhat different: a lack of satisfaction with some aspects of the work of Manchester Youth and Community Service has led the direct grant schools in the south of the city to organise their own projects.

Thus for example at Christmas we were able to help with Christmas parties for old people both at Whalley Range High School and at Manchester High School. The use of the School vans was invaluable and possibly in the future we may try to make more use of the School's facilities for the benefit of the local community as a whole. The School is represented on a working party, centred on Rugby School, concerned with the relationship between Community Service and the curriculum and there is no doubt that in the current political climate much thinking remains to be done about the manner of a school's service to and rôle in the local community.

Several decorating projects were undertaken in conjunction with the other schools but the main event of the year was the sponsored walk in Platt Fields Park on May 9th. Many boys responded to my personal request to take part—a significant change from the notice-board appeal technique—and 79 boys walked to raise £252 for education and feeding programmes in Upper Volta in the Sahel area of Africa. A total of about £2000 was raised by the participants and some of us had the chance to speak about the walk to Radio Piccadilly. Many boys, particularly in the Junior School, also worked hard at Christmas time in designing cards to raise money for leukaemia research. The Newspaper Collection Scheme, run under the auspices of the Service group for three years, was suspended in the New Year as the rate received for newspapers had plummeted. It is hoped to resume again when the market recovers. Over £400 has been earned by the scheme and much of this has gone to social agencies and other deserving causes.

Time, however, remains the vital factor in the work, or lack of it, done for the benefit of others: it is an easy excuse to make, but excuse it undoubtedly is, and we must try harder, I think, in the next twelve months, to allocate more time to involving ourselves directly in the service of others.

P.J.W.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Last year saw many changes in the School's Debating Society; changes which were to bring with them the most successful season of recent years. Popular demand early in the year soon secured the extension of the Society from Fifth and Sixth Forms to the School as a whole; inter-schools debating made a welcome return at Sixth Form level; and to crown the year's achievements, July saw the birth of the "Hulme Schools' Debating Festival", a brand-new local event organised by members of our own Society.

Two new Committees were elected in September to organise separate Junior and Senior debates. Messrs. H. W. Timm and E. W. Mitchell continued to lead the Society, both in their rôles as Co-Presidents, and as the Chairmen of the newly-appointed Committees.

Seniors:

The following were elected to serve on the Senior Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. H. W. Timm:

Honorary Secretary A. J. I. Turjansky; Debate Chairman P. C. Holmes; Debate Vice-Chairmen R. H. Yule, R. J. Paley, I. E. Halpin and Q. E. Deakin; Entertainments Officer G. Midgley; Publicity Officer P. D. Stanion.

Committee Members: (Upper Sixth) D. J. Singer, M. Ledigo; (Middle Sixth) N. D. B. Golder; (Lower Sixth) S. D. Moritz, I. Swanson; (Fifth Forms) D. R. Blagden; (Fourth Forms) N. P. Heron, K. H. S. Swanson; (Third Forms) J. I. Rees.

Honorary Committee Member: P. J. Marsh.

The following internal debates were held during Michaelmas and Lent:

October 2nd: Motion, "This House believes that our Monarchy should be abolished". Proposed: P. D. Stanion, I. E. Halpin. Opposed: A. J. I. Turjansky, P. C. Holmes. Result: Motion defeated by 18 votes to 3, 1 abstention.

October 9th: Motion, "This House believes that a Coalition Government is the only answer to our nation's present problems". Proposed: R. H. Yule, N. D. B. Golder. Opposed: Q. E. Deakin, P. D. Stanion. Result: Motion defeated by 13 votes to 3, 5 abstentions.

November 13th: Motion, "This House believes that Comprehensive schools should be the only form of Secondary school". Proposed: S. D. Moritz, A. J. I. Turjansky. Opposed: N. P. Heron, Q. E. Deakin. Result: Motion defeated by 14 votes to 11, no abstentions.

December 16th: "Brains Trust"—on the panel: E. H. Walker, I. E. Halpin, N. R. Withington, S. J. Hawes.

January 22nd: Motion, "This House believes that Sixth Form education should be divorced from ordinary secondary education". Proposed: D. J. Singer, P. C. Holmes. Opposed: S. D. Moritz, J. A. Wadsworth. Result: Motion defeated by 13 votes to 7, 4 abstentions.

February 12th: "The Mini-Debates"—a new system of quick-fire debating on non-serious subjects, conceived and performed by D. J. Singer and P. J. Marsh. Also taking part: P. C. Holmes, A. J. I. Turjansky, R. J. Paley, I. E. Halpin, J. S. Hay, A. Krawiecki.

March 26th: Motion, "This House believes in putting Britain first". Proposed: E. H. Walker. Opposed I. E. Halpin. Result: Motion carried by 11 votes to 6, 3 abstentions.

In addition to the above internal debates, the Seniors also enjoyed a most successful season outside the School as newly-accepted members of the "Manchester Schools Sixth Form Debating Society". This is a body which consists of the combined Debating Societies of ten boys' and girls' schools in the Greater Manchester area which meet together at fortnightly intervals to hold a wide range of evening debates. Parties from the Sixth Forms attended each of these debates, and the School was able to volunteer several of its members to take part in the events. On November 20th, K. B. Gresham represented the Society at Loreto College in a debate on the Motion "This House believes that television is beneficial". The Motion was carried by 15 votes to 6, with 11 abstentions. On December 6th, the School played host to its opposite numbers in the Sixth Form Centre in a debate on the Motion "This House believes that the art of conversation is killing television". D. J. Singer and R. J. Paley represented us on this occasion, and the Motion was defeated by 23 votes to 17, with 9 abstentions. On February 4th, the third and fourth forms of Loreto College joined us once again for a Middle School debate on the Motion "This House believes that Pop Music is a passing fad". Representing the School were N. P. Heron and J. I. Rees, and the Motion was defeated by 33 votes to 14, with 2 abstentions. February 5th took us to Harrytown Girls' School to debate the Motion "This House believes that Sixth Form education should be divorced from ordinary secondary education". D. J. Singer again represented the School, and the Motion was carried by 33 votes to 26, with 10 abstentions. William Hulme's was the venue for a second evening debate on February 26th with a "repeat performance" of the highly popular "Mini-Debates", in which P. J. Marsh, P. C. Holmes, I. E. Halpin and A. J. I. Turjansky again led the way before an audience of nearly a hundred! To end the season, J. A. Wadsworth made his inter-schools debut at St. Bede's College on March 19th when successfully opposing the Motion "This House looks forward to retirement".

Two special events were particularly well-received last year. On January 29th, A. J. I. Turjansky and I. E. Halpin were invited by the School's Christian Union to

take part in a religious debate at the Holy Trinity Church, Platt Lane on the Motion "This House believes that Christianity robs an individual of his freedom". The Motion was finally defeated by 45 votes to 12 with 6 abstentions, and the Society wishes to thank the "Impact" organisation for extending its invitation to us. We are equally obliged to the students of Manchester University for inviting us to join them on March 10th to debate the Motion "This House does not believe in ghosts". Representing the School on this occasion were R. J. Paley and S. D. Moritz, and the Motion was eventually carried.

It was decided at the close of the Lent term that a special Debating Award should be instituted and presented annually to the person who had contributed the most to the Society's well-being. The Society's founder, Mr. J. P. Renny, generously donated and presented the first year's award to the retiring Secretary A. J. I. Turjansky, and we are once again indebted to Mr. Renny for his continuing interest in our activities during his retirement.

To facilitate the organisation of the coming year's activities, it was decided at the end of last year to elect in advance the Officers and Members of the new Senior Committee. Nominations were duly received, and the following appointments were made:

Honorary Secretary K. Barclay; Debate Chairman N. D. B. Golder; Debate Vice-Chairmen S. D. Moritz, I. Swanson; Entertainments Officer K. B. Gresham; Publicity Officer J. S. Hay.

Committee Members: (Middle Sixth) J. A. Wadsworth; (Lower Sixth) D. R. Blagden; (Fifth Forms) N. P. Heron, K. H. S. Swanson; (Fourth Forms) J. I. Rees; (Third Forms) P. W. Wright, P. Marsh.

Juniors:

The following were elected to serve on the Junior Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. E. W. Mitchell:

Chairman of Debates P. W. Wright 2A; Vice-Chairman of Debates P. Marsh 2B; Honorary Secretary J. N. Hemy 1A; Publicity Officer K. Holdridge 1C.

Committee Members: R. Breckwoldt 1B, R. Sargent 1D, S. Mee 2C, D. Roberts 2D.

The first Junior debate was held in the Junior School Library on January 29th when things got off to a 'flying start' with a Balloon Debate. Taking part were "Brian Clough" (Luft 1A), "Neil Armstrong" (Jones 2A), "Jesus Christ" (Southern 2A), Michael Crawford's "Frank Spencer" (Lister 2B), "Dr. Livingstone" (Goodman 2B) and "Ronnie Corbett" (Brindley 2C). Votes were cast for each of the characters in turn, and in this particular version of the game it was the one with the least number of votes who was asked to leave the balloon. On this occasion Southern was the unfortunate party, and "Jesus Christ" was made to suffer the penalty! Rather less high-spirited was the next debate to be held on March 5th, when the Motion discussed was "This House believes that UFO's do not exist". The Motion, proposed by Luft 1A and Goodman 2B and opposed by Adams 1A and Marsh 2B, was defeated by 21 votes to 11 with 5 abstentions. This short opening season was brought to a close on March 5th with a debate on the Motion "This House believes that the word "sportsmanship" has lost its meaning", Proposed by Herbert 2A and Breckwoldt 1B and Opposed by Loftus 2A and Luft 1A. An interesting discussion ensued, with the result that the Motion was defeated by 15 votes to 8, with 2 abstentions.

Finally, on to what was undoubtedly the highlight of the year—the “Hulme Schools’ Debating Festival”, organised jointly by A. J. I. Turjansky and K. Barclay and sponsored by the Parents’ and Old Hulmeians’ Associations. This year’s event was held in the Renold Building, UMIST on Saturday July 5th throughout the day, and Sixth Formers from six Manchester schools were taking part. As well as competing for personal enjoyment, speakers were also contending for three silver Trophies donated to the Festival by members of our own Society. An enjoyable time was had by all, culminating in the evening with the popular “Balloon Debate” and the Presentation of the Trophies to the day’s winners: The Holmes Cup, to Michael Crick of Manchester Grammar School; The Barclay Cup, to Elaine Henry of Loreto College; and the Turjansky Cup to Peter Marsh of William Hulme’s Grammar School. The organisers would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parents and Old Hulmeians for their very generous support, and Mr. J. W. Worth for his valuable help and advice.

And so, as the Society prepares to begin the new season, we look forward with confidence to repeating the successes of last year. New Members are always welcome, and anyone who is interested in joining should see the Secretary of the relevant Committee (Junior or Senior) for further details.

A.J.I.T.

RAILWAY SOCIETY

I very much regret that no trips to railway preservation societies’ lines were run this School year. Mr. Mitchell assures me that he will be able to drive a party of boys this Term, now cricket is no longer in season.

Film shows were held in the Junior School Library but due to the poor attendance these were curtailed. Depicting both steam and deisel loco scenes, these are superb colour films complete with sound, and no doubt with a higher attendance more could be shown.

Our thanks go to Mr. Worth for the loan of the J.S.L. and Mr. Mitchell for being the Master-in-Charge.

T.I.W.

MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

By now you will be wondering what went wrong—yes, it actually worked! Heralding our return to the Physics Laboratory for the Speech Day Exhibition the spell that has bewitched our layout on this particular day for the past few years was broken.

The wiring of the loops has been simplified and now all the track is proprietary except for the goods yard on the through-station.

The track plan was also revised and the area of the layout extended to provide room for a narrow guage mine railway. This is intended to be a project for the younger members. Its reliability and simplicity is often an embarrassment to the rest of us.

A trip was run to the Worth Valley Light railway one Sunday last September. This trip incidentally was open to non-members. In future all trips will be run by the new Railway Society.

On behalf of the taller members I would like to utter a desperate plea for a more suitable room than the 'hovel', especially as the membership reached a peak of eighteen this year. Perhaps all those we turned away would like to try again next term.

Our thanks go to Mr. Grant and Mr. Bennet for materials and the loan of tools, and also to Mr. Mitchell, the Master-in-Charge.

T.I.W.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Again it is possible to report that the Philatelic Society has had a very successful year, under the guidance of its Chairman D. C. Bowers and the encouragement of Mr. E. W. Mitchell.

The year was terminated by the Society's second exhibition on Speech Day. This was more successful than the last exhibition since experience was gained from last year's.

Thanks to the help given by Mr. J. W. Worth and Mr. P. McNair, a Philatelic Library has been organized, which it is hoped will become a valuable service to members.

Plans have been made for the present year, and as usual, the Society welcomes new members.

I.S.B.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This year has been an exceptional one for the society in many ways. The meetings were well attended and there was a good selection of prints for the competitions, although this could still be improved.

The activities included weekly lectures and demonstrations of basic principles and processes. There was also a trip to Hardraw in June.

At this point I wish to invite all members of the School, especially the Junior School, to join the society if they are at all interested in this very rewarding hobby. All members of the society can use the School darkroom which is now well-equipped.

Our thanks must go once again to Mr. Haynes, who has shared his experience and wide knowledge of photography with us for so many years and who has so generously given prizes for competitions.

J.B.

STAGE STAFF REPORT

The senior posts on stage were held this year by the following:

N. J. S. Kehoe	— Stage Manager
S. White	— Chief Electrician
N. Mitson	— Sound Effects Manager

MICHAELMAS TERM

This year's School Play was "Julius Caesar" by William Shakespeare. After much thought the set eventually consisted of two pillars and some steps. Such a basic

set was required to overcome the problems of the scenes varying from the orchard to Caesar's palace to the Forum. The set was well aided by the effects of the lighting and sound which together helped to make the play a success.

LENT TERM

This Term saw both the Junior School play and the House plays. The Juniors' play was held only one week prior to the House plays and in the Upper Hall and so more problems than usually occur during House Play fortnight were encountered.

Mr. Langford produced "Androcles and the Lion" for the Junior School, and it was generally agreed that the production was a great success.

The House Plays were of a very high standard this year. All the plays from Gaskell's "After Magritte" which gained first place to Heywood's "Breakfast at Eight" had their good points. Each too had special requirements for the set, lighting or sound. It required hard work and ingenuity to cope with Fraser's 'Radio Studio' and Gaskell's balanced light fitting and Dalton's Public House interior. However all the problems were overcome in time and the plays were a success.

MIDSUMMER TERM

As is usual for the Stage Staff this Term was one of little activity. However we did have to erect another lighting tower for another folk concert.

Our attention was then turned to the erection of the platform for speech day which proved to be as difficult as in previous years if only due to the great use which the Hall attracts.

Once again we are indebted to Messrs. Grant, Furniss, Bennett and Bonnick for their guidance and help throughout the year.

N.J.S.K.

THE DONNER LIBRARY

The Library has benefited considerably from gifts of books in the past year; a fine set of the Time Library of Photography, as well as other books, from Mr. Haynes, a valuable selection of books on the 18th Century from Mr. C. H. Jones, science-fiction from Mr. Fisher, a large bequest from Mr. H. R. Mainprice, and gifts from Mr. K. P. Thompson and R. L. Wall. For all these our thanks are due, and to Mr. D. Ll. Griffiths for continuing to supply copies of various periodicals and Mrs. Barlow for 'World Health'.

To cope with the ever-increasing number of books and overloading of the shelves some new book cases have been provided by the School, so that it will now be possible to improve the arrangement of the books.

F.J.S.

THE JUNIOR LIBRARY

A further eighty-six books have been added to the Junior Library in the past year, seventy-four by purchase and twelve by gift. We are most grateful to those who did give books, and would remind members of the Junior School that gifts of books which they have enjoyed reading but no longer wish to keep are most welcome at any

time. If each boy gave just one book to the library during his time in the Junior School, our stock would be transformed within a few years. Those further up the School are also urged to remember the Junior Library when they are throwing out the books they read as eleven- and twelve-year-olds.

Thanks are due as usual to the eighteen boys who regularly gave up their lunch-time breaks to work as librarians. Their consistent help is vital to the smooth running of the day-to-day business of the Library. In addition, several members of Forms 1D and 2B gave valued help in dealing with the new books and in stock-checking at the end of the year. To them, too, my thanks and those of the Junior School are due.

J.W.W.

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HOUSE LETTERS

BYROM HOUSE

MICHAELMAS TERM

At the beginning of the Term the following appointments were made:

Head of House: W. O. Aldridge

Deputy Head of House: J. P. Whiteside

School Prefect: A. T. Kearsley

House Prefects: D. C. Bowers, E. W. Brunyee, Q. E. Deakin, J. E. H. Hamilton, N. Harrison, H. P. Jones, R. M. Kerle, S. Kuzmanov, H. A. Orton, J. L. Park, A. W. H. Price, C. Williams.

In the House League, the 1st rugby team was led by W. O. Aldridge. They played with enthusiasm throughout the Term, and did well in only losing three times. However, their success was not supported by the junior teams, and so we finished fourth in the League.

The weakness of the Juniors became apparent in the Knock-outs. They were drawn against Dalton in the first round, and lost 14—0. The Seniors were more successful in this competition. At first, it seemed as though we would go out in the first round, being drawn against the favourites, Fraser. However, on the day, Fraser had a depleted team, and we managed to win 7—4. In the final we met Dalton. Despite scoring in the first ten seconds, we were eventually well beaten, 30—16.

W. O. Aldridge was given an unconditional place at Cambridge University and Q. E. Deakin got a place after having taken the examination.

The following represented the School.

1st XV:—J. P. Whiteside, N. Harrison.

2nd XV:—M. S. Hargreaves, M. R. Boyle, T. L. Park, A. W. H. Price.

U.16 XV:—G. Jones, D. Coy, C. H. M. Petch, I. Park.

U.15 XV:—M. K. Kohn, J. Raby.

U.14 XV:—M. R. Hawkins, N. Richards, A. J. Sidebotham, N. L. Jones.

Swimming:—P. R. Fairclough, T. J. Peet, M. K. Kohn.

I. Balcombe, A. Polding and S. Howard took part in the School's production of "Julius Caesar".

LENT TERM

J. P. Whiteside was appointed Head of House.

Q. E. Deakin was appointed Deputy Head, and a School Prefect.

The following were made House Prefects: P. W. Needs, B. A. Labaton, J. A. G. Southern.

In the Lacrosse League we had poor senior teams and were not able to add valuable points to those attained by the Junior sides. Consequently we finished poorly in the League.

The Knock-outs were another matter however. The Seniors, although obvious under-dogs, played with determination against Fraser. Particular reference must be

made to C. Williams, who had an exceptional game in goal. When in possession we had to rely on quick breaks and subsequent rushed attacks on their goal. Consequently we ruined many chances and had to be satisfied with only two goals. The final score was 8—2.

The Juniors also played superior opposition. P. B. Conway saved some fine shots in goal, but the rest of the team were unable to compensate for the ones that slipped past him. M. K. Kohn scored three goals but the final score was 6—12 for Dalton.

The other sporting activity of the Term was the cross-country and this turned out to be our day. We thought we would miss the experience of last year's runners, having only retained the noted ability of W. M. Bolton. All the teams ran well, giving us good average points, and enabling us to get the trophy; the first of the year.

The House Play result was met with differing reaction. The cast; M. R. Boyle, Q. E. Deakin, S. Kuzmanov, D. C. Bowers, J. P. Whiteside, P. Dawson and I. Balcombe, all worked very hard, and turned out what was thought to be a very sound production. However, competition was strong, and the judges placed us fifth. Lack of audibility was probably our undoing.

The following represented the School:

1st X:—E. W. Brunyee (Capt.), N. Harrison.

2nd X:—G. Jones, D. Coy.

U.15 XII:—J. Raby, M. K. Kohn.

U.14XII:—M. R. Hawkins, G. L. Lord.

SUMMER TERM

N. Harrison was appointed a School Prefect.

During this Term there seemed to be a new enthusiasm towards the House. In contrast to the two previous Terms, we collected four trophies, and narrowly missed getting a fifth. Thus, by Speech Day, our shelf in the New Hall looked quite respectable. Despite winning the Senior Knock-outs, the League cricket team did not do so well. At the beginning of the Term, the team looked very good on paper. However, injuries and absences meant that this team was never fielded. Although we had some close games, we were never convincing winners.

The Knock-outs proved to be a different situation, and we enjoyed a well-deserved win. In the first round we played Dalton. The match was won by two wickets; (D. Coy 33 n.o. and H. Orton 4—30). The second round proved to be a spectacular match. M. Kirkman looked to be a match-winner for Heywood, with 57 n.o. However, he was to be outdone by E. W. Brunyee who hit 84 n.o., giving Byrom a 9 wicket victory. In the final we met Fraser. The day didn't seem to be ours until the entrance of T. L. Park. He batted with professional determination and his invaluable 17 runs in partnership with S. Burt made our total of 61 look very respectable under the circumstances. G. Jones then went on to take 7 wickets for 25, and we dismissed Fraser for 49.

Our other trophies of the Term came from Athletics and Tennis. The Tennis was won by a good team, whilst N. Harrison and W. M. Bolton took the respective individual trophies.

The trophy which proved to be just out of our reach was that for the music competition. P. McNaught and Q. E. Deakin worked very hard to organise the House's entries, and it was only by hard luck that their efforts were not better rewarded.

Finally we welcome the new members to the House, and wish every success to those leaving us.

J.P.W.

There are many boys to whom I would like to express our thanks for the contribution they have made to the life of the House in drama, music, athletics and games. In particular I would like to mention W. O. Aldridge, D. Bowers, A. Kearsley, Q. E. Deakin, P. McNaught, N. Harrison, the unforgettable "Tom" Park, and above all to an outstanding Head of House, J. P. Whiteside.

A.M.B.

DALTON HOUSE

MICHAELMAS TERM

The following appointments were made at the beginning of Term:

Head of House: R. J. Paley.

Deputy-Head of House: I. R. Cooper.

House Prefects: C. R. Large, G. Midgley, D. J. Manifould, P. J. Ball, G. S. Haffenden, D. J. Whitehead, W. A. Burt, C. C. Foulkes, D. C. H. Jones, N. J. S. Kehoe, M. V. Kuse, J. C. Wozencroft, N. H. Clayden, I. C. Dewhurst.

R. J. Paley, I. R. Cooper and R. H. Yule were appointed School Prefects.

In the House Rugby League, the first team was captained by C. R. Large and the second team by P. J. Ball. Due to the fact that we had seven players on School teams and an unfortunate number of injuries, the House finished a regrettable fifth.

The Seniors had a very strong knock-out team, which met another strong team from Gaskell in round one. A fiercely-contested match gave Dalton victory by 9 points to 6. The second round against Heywood gave us an easy victory 22—0, largely due to the efforts of I. R. Cooper; and we went on to face Byrom in the final, which we won fairly comfortably 30—16.

In the first round of the Junior Knock-outs we had an easy victory over Byrom, who did not bring out the best in us. We came through the second round, having beaten Fraser 8—4, to meet Whitworth in a hard-fought final, which we won 6—4, under the able captaincy of P. Maddocks.

Our congratulations must go to P. D. Sorensen on winning a Scholarship in Natural Science at Keble College, Oxford; and to R. J. Paley on gaining a place at Lincoln College, Oxford and R. H. Yule on gaining a place at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

The following represented Dalton on School Teams this Term:—

1st XV:—I. R. Cooper, R. J. Paley, M. S. Butterworth, M. K. Bradbury, R. A. Heaton.

2nd XV:—C. R. Large, D. J. Foster, M. Lufta.

U.16:—M. S. Hamilton, R. A. Cooper, S. C. Reid.

U.15:—P. Maddocks, A. Wilde, N. J. F. Warner, P. N. Kennerley, P. Collins.

U.14:—S. Chantler, A. Keddy, D. A. Hanley, P. R. H. Wilson, D. C. Loynes

LENT TERM

The following appointments were made at the beginning of Term:

Head of House: C. R. Large.