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EDITORIAL

“Per Ardua ad Astra.”

Well, “per ardua,” at any rate. We hope that the results of our toil and hardships of the past few weeks—the sleepless nights, the haggard and cadaverous countenances, the neglected homework—will provide you with some measure of interest, pleasure and amusement, and while we are very grateful for the co-operation and help which we have received—from Lower Thirds and Sixth Form alike—we hope that our successors will not, like us, be kept on tenterhooks until the last few days, when, after barren weeks of verbal, and other, exhortation, which produced practically nothing—“joys of anticipation?”—in the last few days open to copy, we were veritably snowed under—in more senses than one.

There are those among us who have examinations still to come, and we wish success to every member of the Fifth and Sixth in the annual ordeal of S.C. and H.S.C. We hope to uphold the usual high standard attained by this School, in this last year under the present system of exams, and to advance victoriously into the General Certificate. Our hope is that our high academic achievements will not prove to have been the results of “environmental determinism” (we’ve been trying to get that in for a long time), but will continue when, and if, we reach the long-sought goal of the new school.

Well! We are only here for four minutes. . . .

THE EDITORS.

SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1949-50

School Captains : Alan White, Sybil M. Longson.

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STAFF CHANGES

Since the last issue of "The Kaskenian" there have been several departures from the Staff. At the end of the Summer Term Miss Jessie Fisher, P.T. and Games Mistress for almost a year, left to become Mrs. Ronald Atkinson, and Mistress of the Manse, at Peel, I.O.M. We wish much happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson.

In July, 1949, Miss Jansen, German Assistant, left to return to her native country, whilst in September, Miss Glossop began her studies at the City of Birmingham Training College. To all these mistresses we extend our good wishes for the future.

Of the masters, Mr. W. A. Christie left at Christmas to take up a post as Senior Mathematics Master at Chadderton Grammar School. Mr. Christie will be well remembered for his lively interest in many School activities during the four years he was with us. To him, too, we offer our best wishes for his happiness in his new post.

At the beginning of the School Year, Mlle. Darass arrived as the new French Assistant, and Mrs. Doyle rejoined the Staff to give much-appreciated assistance in the girls' games. New-comers to the Masters' Room are Mr. H. Smith, an Old Boy of the School, and Mr. P. B. Hasdell. In January, yet another Old Boy joined the Staff; this is Mr. C. Dunkerley.

To all of these new members we extend a warm welcome and a hope that their stay will be long and pleasant.

Cattle come in twice a year for brandishing.

THE CLOSING YEAR

After the grind of school examinations, School Certificate and Higher School Certificate, a certain relaxation must be expected, but the quickly-moving last fortnight of the term need not be either a boring or a wasted period. Opportunities are here for activities that are not normally a part of school life. Last summer, the term-end was very busy. In addition to those activities reported elsewhere in these pages, several other visits were arranged. Two parties of boys went down coal-mines at Atherton. In contrast to these depths, girls went off to the hat factory at Failsworth. Some of us inspected a wallpaper mill, whilst four different tours were arranged to see the workings of the Post Office. Two parties of girls, with some boys who intend to become doctors, visited the Royal Infirmary. The Fifth Form boys appreciated Mr. Barlow's arrangements for their visit to the Electronics Exhibition at the Manchester College of Technology.

J.M.

WAKES-WEEK RAMBLE

Last Wakes Week, on a sunny June 24th, the entire Boys' School went hiking under the leadership of Messrs. Llewellyn, Ardern and Christie. Some 200 boys, divided into senior and junior parties, moved off at 9.15 a.m. All were garbed in motley array, ranging from complete 40 lb. rucksacks, size 10 hiking boots, to light sandals and raincoats. The senior party, headed by Mr. Llewellyn, walked over to Hartshead Pike via Dark Clough. The rearguard comprised Fourth Form boys. Glossop was achieved without loss of life, limb or temper.

Next came a stretch in which the fittest survived, and the Fourth didn't seem to be among the fittest. After endeavouring unavailingly to obtain lifts from various vehicles, including bikes, they were quite willing to seize the rests offered. By the time the heights of Wimberry had been stormed, the party was rapidly thinning out. The Fourth Form stragglers had already been given up for dead. At Chew Valley Reservoir, the senior party halted for lunch, and waited about half-an-hour for the juniors, led by Mr. Ardern and Mr. Christie, who had travelled via Greenfield. Their arrival coincided with that of the Fourth Form, who were none the worse for having taken their time.

After lunch the whole party proceeded to Laddow Rocks, where the boys enjoyed all the thrills of mountaineering, under the watchful eyes of the masters. No broken limbs resulted from the entertainment, and finally the hikers departed homewards, this time with the Fourth Form to the fore! Altogether a good time was experienced by all, and credit was due to the masters for the smooth way in which the hike was conducted.

END-OF-TERM CONCERT—JUNIOR AND MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

On the morning of July 21st, the Junior and Middle School, under the direction of their producer, Miss Moorhouse, delighted both School and Staff with a varied programme. The Lower Forms followed traditional lines with pianoforte solos, duets and recitations. The alacrity with which the young executants gave of their best served to give the tempo to a concert that touched every emotional chord, from gay to grave. Martin Armstrong's lovable "Miss Thompson" was most graphically brought before our eyes by Jeanne Hartley's recital of the whole poem—no mean feat of memory. To many members of Staff, memories of the Arts League Travelling Theatre were revived by MIII's joyous miming of that humorous ballad "Get up and Bar the Door." The group evidently enjoyed the fun, judging from the verve and spontaneity with which the "gudewife" skipped, the "gudeman" broke the silence explosively, the two lively gentlemen disported themselves. The audience found this scene so stimulating that they would have welcomed another mime, as imaginatively conceived and as vigorously acted.

As a climax to the entertainment came the last act from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," presented by girls of Remove 1. They succeeded in suggesting the stately figures of the Athenian court, the more sprightly youthful lovers; the robust contrast of the Athenian artisans provided an admirable foil.

This combined musical and dramatic performance was successfully compered by Joan Cocker.

N.J.

"HAMLET"

The film "Hamlet," which the School saw at the Odeon Cinema, deserved and received praiseworthy comment from all of us. No one, from pupil to teacher, failed to find interest in this masterly combination of the old with the new. Mr. Olivier in the title part played, yet in another sense created, the part of Hamlet to everyone's satisfaction. Mr. Walton, the Oldham composer, contributed a wonderful background of music which, one might say, added another chapter to the play. Many of us, during our school years, sometimes have not thought too kindly of Shakespeare, but after such a performance as we witnessed, many opinions, we hope, have changed for the better.

G.L. (Va).

Even bangles of corn bowed down to his bungle.

“L'AVARE”

On Friday, November 11th, senior French students visited the Palace Theatre, Manchester, to see a performance in French of Molière's celebrated comedy, “L'Avare.” A high standard of acting was maintained throughout. Georges Adet was outstanding as Harpagon, and Elise was ably portrayed by Pamela Stirling, the only English member of the cast. Despite the fact that there was an electricity cut during the Fifth Act, the denouement was by no means hampered. The presentation was well received by an appreciative audience.

G.R. (VIa Lit.).

SPEECHMAKING CONTEST

The Annual Speechmaking Contest was held in November, and the high standard of the past few years was well maintained. Competitors and their subjects were: E. Cash (“Russia”), W. G. Charlesworth (“Euthanasia”), K. Cooper (“Alcohol and the Human Body”), G. Lancashire (“Development of Transport”), and A. White (“League of Nations”).

There was little to choose between them, and all were congratulated by the judges, Messrs. Higson, Barber and Hasdell, who awarded first prize to Charlesworth, and second to White. Once again the Junior Chamber of Commerce have our thanks for providing the first prize.

J.B.

HOSPITAL CAROL SING

When the School Choir and Orchestra visited Oldham Royal Infirmary, on December 22nd, we entertained about five wards in all. First the Children's Ward, where we sang the carols which they knew, and where also one little boy burst into tears as soon as we began the first carol. Then on to the adult wards, where we were repeatedly told by the old lady that it was “really beautiful,” and by another to “sing some more.”

We all had a very interesting and pleasant afternoon, and, on behalf of the Choir and Orchestra, I should like to thank Miss Hulme, Miss Grimshaw and Miss Wood for the time and energy which they spent in making our carol sing a success which was enjoyed by all.

Hilary Davies (VIb Lit.).

Stamford Bridge against Toshack, and Hastings against William the Conqueror, were the two battles fought by Harold.

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POSTE RESTANTE

Once again, as the festive season was felt to be upon us, we laid aside our books and fell upon the G.P.O. in our eagerness to become men of letters.

From the start we were divided into two distinct classes—those who went about in vans, and those who worked.

After a day or two we felt moved to philosophy. It may have been all very well for Brutus to have gone around shouting "Pro Bono Publico et cetera," but the question is: was he ever pursued by its dogs or menaced by its spring-loaded letter-boxes? Was he ever weighted down by its football coupons and impaled on its privet hedges? Moreover, was he ever reported to the inspector for knocking its milk-jugs over and folding its calendars up? Not likely (as G.B.S. so aptly put it). Well, then, Brutus wasn't ever on Christmas post.

D.H.

THE CHRISTMAS SALE

What an afternoon! Lewis's basement at sale time was quiet by comparison with School on the afternoon of Friday, December 20th.

This year the accent was—quite definitely on refreshment! As if by magic, milk-bars, cafeterias, ice-cream parlours and lolly-pop vendors rose before one's eyes. Parents had very generously provided dainties from their store and these were dealt with in most ingenious ways to tempt never-reluctant customers. Junior forms were, as always, generous in giving and in spending, whilst great heights in organisation and initiative were attained by older members of the School. Staff were, of course, "fair game," and were well and truly plucked! The character of our sale alters yearly—this time even livestock was included, viz., a pet rabbit!

The results of all this—£72. And so on to next year. What then?

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

Sincere thanks to all who bought and sold Christmas seals this year. £98 has been handed in to the Society on your behalf. We should have achieved our goal of £100 if all had brought in "left-overs" a little sooner. A Lower III girl was given a £1 note by a complete stranger in the street one day. Our beret was recognised, and our activities in this direction known, so we say "Thank you" to you, whoever you are.

D.P.

" TWELFTH NIGHT "

A delightful production of scenes from " Twelfth Night " was presented by the IVth Form girls on December 21st; this production was a delight to the girls taking part and they passed on their infectious spirit to the audience. The Sir Toby we saw, with his rotund figure, red cheeks, roving eye, gay laugh and mischief, rollicked with a Sir Andrew, quite absorbed in the part. The LIII groundlings laughed uproariously at Sir Andrew's antics, his hair and bibulous manner. Sheila Oates as Sir Toby and Jean Whitworth as Sir Andrew gave us all much fun and amusement. The Boxtree Scene was well done, as was the Dueling Scene. Every girl played ably; Erina Henshaw as Viola, Doris Pyne as Olivia, Marjorie Kershaw as Feste, Barbara Higgs as Malvolio, bore the heaviest parts in scenes lasting two hours.

The production had much to commend it besides the acting. The scenes were well chosen and connected by narrators. Mr. Barber, wishing to take photographs, had his powerful lamps in position; the effect of these on the bright costumes against the simple curtains, on the shining hair of the girls and on the good make-up gave us a more impressive production than School has seen for some time. A word too, must be said about the musicians in this production, for music is an integral part of " Twelfth Night "; how fitting the recorders seemed, so sure and pervasive, so unobtrusive and fitting. The School gives its thanks to the moving spirit behind this good piece of work, to Miss Jones; Miss Fisher gave her willing assistance, Miss Hulme was within call. To these and the girls themselves we say, " Thank you."

J.M.

THE JUNIOR PARTY, 1949

On the afternoon of December 14th, the annual Junior Party took place at the Hill Stores. In spite of a surprisingly large number of Prefects and members of the Staff, the Juniors contrived to have a very good time.

The programme consisted mainly of old time and novelty dances, music being provided by Rex Kane's Trio. From time to time the hall was divided into sections for games, in several of which the winners received prizes. Great enthusiasm was shown, and the knowledge of nursery rhymes revealed by certain sections was rivalled only by their miming ability and their skill in the " flapping of fish "—to coin a phrase, never was so much dust raised by so few in so short a time.

The dances, on the whole, were performed with remarkable proficiency, the boys in particular showing surprising skill when once they had been dragged from their seats. In addition, several

members of the Staff came out of retirement to circumnavigate (Lat. circum navigare—to sail round) the floor, to the strains of a Veleta or a Barn Dance.

The Prefects did a very fine job in pairing off the boys and girls—next year it is proposed to provide handcuffs to prevent the boys from escaping.

The duties of compere were in the capable hands of Messrs. Fish, Christie and Smith. Due to the poor quality of the sound system, we were unable to hear what they were saying, but they certainly said it well.

In conclusion, here are a few points I heard mentioned after the tumult and the shouting had died :—

The photographer's "light that failed."

The Prefects who smiled at the photographer for over an hour, and then were snapped from behind.

The compere who appeared about to commit suicide, but was only explaining a new game.

J.R.

THE SENIOR PARTY

This welcome event in the School Year was held as usual in the large hall at the Hill Stores, with Rex Kane's Band in attendance. The programme—consisting of Modern, Old Time, Folk and Novelty Dances, and ice-cream during the two intervals—catered for all tastes, the latter item, for UIII boys especially.

Thanks are due to all the members of Staff who helped to make the evening the outstanding success it undoubtedly was, and especially to Mr. Llewellyn, whose gym. dancing lessons, and competent M.C.-ing were a great aid to our enjoyment.

K. Ogborn (UI B.Sc.).

PREFECTS' DANCE

The Prefects' Dance, held in Greenacres Hall, on Friday, January 6th, was attended by 100 prefects and friends. In accordance with the general custom, it was organized by our School Captains, Sybil Longson and Alan White, to whom thanks for a pleasant evening are due.

The refreshments were served by the highly efficient staff of the Co-operative Society, who kept the number served down to 102.

This was in many ways one of the most successful Prefects' Dances in recent year, even though taxi proprietors are now more conscientious and punctual than of late.

E.C.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

Committee: Mr. Higson (Chairman), Mr. Hasdell, J. Cunningham (Secretary), Marguerite Lingard, Audrey Burrows, R. Bushell, A. Bardsley.

The membership of the Society is steadily increasing, and although we lost several experienced speakers at the beginning of the School Year, several new members from the Fourth Form have shown considerable oratorical ability.

We started the year's activities in lighter vein, having impromptu discussions on topics drawn out of a hat, some of which provoked good-natured antagonism between the sexes.

The Reading Competition, our last meeting before Christmas, was again a great success. There were eight entrants, and the judges, Miss Jones, Miss Moorhouse and Mr. Hasdell, found it a difficult task to select the winner. However, the first prize was finally allotted to Ella Fox for an excellent passage from "David Copperfield," describing David's education of his "child-wife"; and the second prize to Gwyneth Roberts, who read a powerful descriptive passage from Conrad's "Lord Jim." Mr. Higson complimented all the participants on the high standard of their reading.

In November we presented our own version of the "Stump the Story-Teller" parlour game. This proved to be an amusing programme owing to the successful attempts at wit by the participants.

Our first serious debate deserves a special mention, for the standard of speaking was very high indeed. The subject, "That Mercy Killing is Justifiable," was dealt with by the speakers, W. G. Charlesworth, F. Bradley, Ella Fox and G. Lancashire, with the seriousness that it deserved. The response from the floor upon the debate being thrown open was evidence that we had hidden talent in our midst. The motion was carried.

When you read this article, the Mock Election and other programmes will have been held, but it will not be too late for you to come and join us and gain valuable experience in verbal expression.

J. Cunningham (VIa Lit.).

Q. Give two examples of living things, and two of non-living things.

A. (1) Cat, mouse. (2) Dead cat, dead mouse.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Committee: Mr. Brodie (Chairman), Mr. Sturrock, Mr. Bradbury, Joan Sanderson (Secretary), Gwyneth Roberts, F. Bradley, A. White.

The Historical Society, which was formed only last year, is now continuing successfully with an increased membership. This may be attributed to the fact that membership is now open to the Upper Thirds, but we have also more Senior members than last year.

Last July the Society went to York to visit places of historical interest, which included York Minster, the Merchant Venturers' Hall and the Castle Museum. Through this popular visit we can now claim more knowledge of York's proud history through the ages. It is hoped that similar visits can be arranged this year.

The programme this year has been provided by the members themselves in the form of quizzes and talks by some of the Sixth Form. Keen interest was aroused by an inter-House competition, out of which Joslin emerged successful.

Anyone who is repelled by the word "history" should come to our meetings and see that even this has its light and enjoyable side.

J. Sanderson (VIb Lit.).

THE CHESS CLUB

President: Mr. A. H. Ashworth.

Committee: Messrs. J. C. Sturrock, L. F. Ardern,
A. Barlow.

Captain: K. Cooper.

Vice-Captain: P. Kelly.

Secretary: G. Andrews.

The Chess Club has again attracted a large and enthusiastic membership, and it is very pleasing to record that there have been many new members from the Lower Third. The Club has met regularly on Wednesdays and Fridays for friendly practice games and for tournaments. Some young players have once more shown how great skill is not necessary for great enjoyment; on one occasion two energetic players tried vainly to checkmate each other with only kings remaining on the board and seemed sorry when the game had to end!

The tournaments proved very popular—Gerald Andrews winning the Junior Event and Colin Schofield the full School Knock-Out. The School is maintaining its position in the Oldham and District Chess League, recently surprising all by securing a draw against the very strong Rochdale Chess Club.

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LEICHNER.

Mr. Ardern has continued to coach the boys and promises to show us a film-strip "The Mathematics of Chess"—is it a case of mixing business and pleasure? At the moment all chess players are engaged in the new School Knock-Out, but no results are yet to hand.

J.C.S.

THE MUSIC CLUB

Chairman : Mr. J. E. Haslam.

Secretary : Gwyneth Roberts.

Treasurer : W. G. Charlesworth.

Committee : Ella Butterworth, Ruth Rradley, D. Henry,
J. Mawson, C. Taylor.

It has been my pleasure and honour to take over Mr. Christie's rôle as Chairman of the Music Club, and with the support of a very able Committee, to pay a small part in the revival of the Music Club's activities.

Our object in the Music Club is to foster a real appreciation of music, without which, I think I can say without presumption, one must inevitably miss some of the finest things in all art.

It is, therefore, particular gratifying to see a membership of over 60, and an enthusiastic membership at that; all our functions, beginning with the concert of music for Christmas, being particularly well attended. The highlight of this term so far has been the visit of over twenty members of the Club to the Hallé Orchestra, which must surely be included amongst the world's greatest, in such distinguished company as the Vienna Philharmonic and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Who, then, could better introduce us to the modern idiom in the shape of Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra, or renew our acquaintance with the grandeur of one of the masterpieces of symphonic writing, the Fifth of Beethoven's immortal nine. Not less successful, however, was the concert given on January 3rd, by members of the Music Club, ranging from LIII to VIa, who displayed their talents on a variety of instruments to the enjoyment of an audience which numbered more than 60.

The interest shown by the Lower School is very encouraging, and we welcome as members all those with a love of music.

J.E.H.

The seats in a Greek amphitheatre were so hard that people used to take cousins to sit on.

RECORDER NOTES

The Senior Recorder Players have had a busy and interesting time, particularly during the last few months.

December brought the ever-enjoyable rehearsals for, and participation in, the School Carol Sing, and along with a party of singers from School (assisted by Mistresses and two ex-students—Frank Bowyer and Geoffrey Dixon) they also visited the Oldham Royal Infirmary to play and sing carols.

The Christmas Recorder Party was a great success, being attended by 50 players. We had a huge tea and dancing and games afterwards.

Joyce Sharples, Gloria Calverley and Marian Lees took an active part in the Week-end Recorder School, at Holly Royde Residential College, in the autumn.

There are some very promising players in the Junior Recorder Class, and we hope that along with the Senior players they will perform at the Oldham Education Week concerts.

I should like to express my appreciation of the loyalty of the players.

D. Hulme.

A TUBE OF TOOTHPASTE

Richard Thorpe always took a short walk through the park before dinner. On this particular autumn evening he was crossing the bridge over the lake when he was amazed to hear a smartly-dressed young man talking to himself. He was leaning upon the parapet of the bridge and cursing himself in no uncertain manner.

Thorpe, his curiosity aroused, asked the young man what was troubling him. Had Hutton been bowled for a "duck," or had he merely lost all his near relations in a rail accident? The young man, explaining that his troubles were of a far more serious nature, began his sad tale.

"I came into the city at teatime today, intending to stay at a certain hotel. Being unable to book a room there, I was driven to a hotel in the same road, which my taxi driver recommended. There I was more successful. I booked a room, wrote a letter to my people on the hotel notepaper, and then went out to post the letter and to buy a tube of toothpaste, which I had found I needed. I posted the letter, purchased the toothpaste, looked around the shops for a time and decided to return to the hotel. It was only then that I realised that I could neither remember the name of my hotel, nor work out my directions.

Alfred restored the learning of Christianity back to normal.

"My people will only get my letter tomorrow, and so it is of no use 'wiring' them until then. I find that I left the hotel with only enough money for the toothpaste, and I now have the sum of twopence in my pocket!

"I realise how unusual my story must appear to you, but if I am unable to obtain a loan from someone, I shall be compelled to spend the night on a bench in the park. I have neither friends nor relations in the city."

"A very interesting story," replied Thorpe, "and one which I might have believed, if you had produced the tube of toothpaste." The youth was rapidly going through his pockets muttering something about having dropped the package.

"A remarkable coincidence," went on Thorpe, "to have lost both hotel and toothpaste on the same day."

At this the young man fled, in confusion, towards the west gate.

Richard Thorpe stood on the bridge for a moment thinking over the remarkable incident. As he walked away he kicked a small package on the ground. Stooping, he read "———'s Toothpaste." Chastising himself for his disbelief of the young man's tale, he hurried after him. The latter turned round, looking uncomfortable and on the defensive. Thorpe held out the package, apologised for not believing the story previously, and handed over a £1 note with his card, saying that repayment would suffice at any convenient time. The young man was speechless for a moment, and then hurried away, mumbling his thanks.

Thorpe retraced his steps to the bridge, feeling pleased that he had found the proof of the strange tale. Reaching the bridge, he found an old man apparently searching on the ground for something he had lost.

"What are you looking for?" said Thorpe.

"I have lost a tube of toothpaste," replied the old man.

J.R.

A saturated solution is a solution which has been with water so long that it has got wet through.

Lungs can be divided into two parts—the wind-pipe or the bagpipe.

THE CYNIC

Out of bed,
 * Cold morning air,
 Wash my face,
 Clothes everywhere.
 Sleepiness shed,
 Cannot find shoes
 Under the bed,
 Now I'm in the blues.
 Half-past eight,
 No time for food;
 Late for school
 And in a bad mood.
 Once outside,
 Forgotten my hat.
 Turn back,
 Trip over the mat.
 Cat slipped in,
 Chase all around;
 Found the hat
 On the ground.

Cat put out
 And close the door;
 Forgotten the key,
 Back once more!
 Through the window,
 Hurt my knee.
 On the table
 There's the key.
 Quarter to nine,
 What a rush!
 On the 'bus
 (Had to push).
 Now at school,
 Late again!
 Third detention,
 What a shame!
 Four o'clock,
 Trouble and strife;
 Going home,
 What a life!

A. Dalzell (IVE).

Elijah, known as "The Profit."

Parallel straight lines never meet unless you bend one or both of them.

SOMETHING—AND NOTHING!

One cold and frosty morning as we gaily tumbled down the steps to our subterranean sanctuary, we unfortunately fell into the ruthless clutches of our two editors. We were bombarded with an endless stream of questions, to which the "answers" were generously supplied, and left to become horribly aware of the fact that we had "offered" to write some words of wisdom (or otherwise) for the next edition of "Kaskenian."

Life became unbearable! Sleep was denied us by the gruesome visions of Joan and Alan prowling around School, relentlessly pouncing on innocent victims. Peace was denied us even during the day by the re-appearance of the apparitions (this time in the flesh), issuing verbal prods with great gusto (and malicious laughter from Joan).

What could we write about? If only we knew! Yes, that's it! Sorry, that subject's taken. We gradually became shadows of our former selves, suffering agonies of mental strain in endeavouring to find some topic which had not been inflicted on some other victim, or of which we had any knowledge — or appearance thereof.

Time elapsed, and our tread became wary as we miserably descended to our official habitation, into which we stealthily crept in the hope that neither of our conscientious editors would notice our presence. But alas—"there's no rest . . .!" Even as we reach the threshold a musical voice booms out, "Give it in on Friday,—or else!" The ominous last words fill us with unbelievable terror as we stand petrified beneath the stony stares common only to editors!

As the dreaded hour approaches we tremble in anticipation of the fate which awaits us—because—we don't know what to write about!

(No bricks by request—unless they are coal briques!)

M. Lingard (VIa Lit.)

THE MARKET CLOCK

Hanging on the wall there
High above the crowd,
Listening to the people
Or the shopmen shouting loud.

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Of chickens, eggs or cheese,
Or the rosy glow of apples
From off the farmer's trees.

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Jean Cooke (MIIIc).

BOOKS TO READ—FOR THE SCIENCE TYPES

1. "Arithmetic"—by Stocks and Shares.

A brilliant story, with action provided in a broker's office, a bank, the Stock Exchange, and in a sinking liner with only two men bailing. In the last episode the author callously asks us to calculate how long the men have to live. Tense drama! A "MUST."

2. "A Shorter School Geometry"—by "Rhombus."

This volume is not short enough, for the author fails to hold the interest to the end. Pythagoras' Theorem may cause momentary excitement but its sordid details soon create havoc. After this the book is rather dull, except for the inclusion of answers—an oasis in a desert. Passable.

3. "A School Algebra"—by K. Hoss.

A mighty work, with brilliant cover and emblazoned title, but on further observation you will observe the motto "Without Answers." Read no further! Some of the problems rival those of cheap detective fiction for solution. Intolerable.

Conclusion—Go on the Arts' side.

J.C.

THERE ARE MANY ROADS . . .

When I sat down to write this article for the Magazine I didn't know exactly what title to give it or even how to begin. I had many inspirations such as "The Green Cap on the Continent," or "From Harmony Street to Hamburg," but I think you will agree with me when I say that these seem to be a little silly, and, when further examined, quite irrelevant. So I gave it the simple title as above.

I had never felt so much alone as when I first landed at the Hook of Holland, very early in the morning. After I had been herded through the Customs, my first call was at a café, as I was hungry. The best dressed man in the café came towards me—it was the waiter. Now, not wanting to appear as if I did not know Dutch, I pointed at something that looked like a savoury dish on the menu, and the waiter nodded and went away. In the meantime I placed the serviette in the appropriate manner, smacked my lips and waited for a nice wholesome dish. The waiter returned and gave me a large bottle of fizzy lemonade!

From the Hook I travelled to Utrecht and Arnhem, past the picturesque windmills and dykes, and from there to the Dutch border. It was here that I first saw a remarkable amount of petty smuggling. One very respectable-looking old lady, whom I remember very well, gave to her fellow-passengers including myself packets of tea, etc., which we hid from sight, so avoiding the customs. She was caught!

Now on to Germany. I had no idea what Germany looked like, and so I began the long journey through, excited and observant. For many miles I travelled through woodlands, passing small, beautiful, toy-townish, white-bricked, red-topped villages that I thought existed only in children's books. But suddenly all this came to a halt, and I entered Osnabrück, a burnt-out shell of a once beautiful, progressive and industrial city—ten miles of rubble and cratered streets. Though patiently Osnabrück is growing slowly, and will again be the city it was. The bitterness of the ordinary people against the men who began the war and those who finished it became very clear to me. From Osnabrück I went to Bremen and on to Hamburg. Both the latter cities have been badly bombed, but Hamburg with its beautiful Cathedral has many fine buildings. Over the Kiel Canal, through the Customs at Flensburg, and then I was in Denmark. This little country is divided into three large islands and many small ones. The largest of the islands is Jutland; the main town I visited here was Aarhus. This town has a beautiful Cathedral, and the most wonderful modern town hall I have ever seen in my life. From Jutland, to Zealand and to Copenhagen, a great historical centre of Scandinavia, with half of Denmark's population living there. Mingled with the old buildings are many new—restaurants and night-clubs where menus of over 5,000 different sandwiches are to be found (jellied-eels and the white of an egg, price 3s., is a typical example of a sandwich). Chips fried in butter, and very, very powerful cheese, combine to make unusual but very "tasty" meals.

Copenhagen translated means "Merchants' Harbour," so naturally the city is built on many waterways. One of these, paradoxically called New Harbour, was built in the 17th century. It is now a long row of dock-side cafés, probably the roughest place north of the Rhine, where policemen are only found in squads, and knife-fights provide nightly entertainment.

From Copenhagen I travelled up the Danish Riviera to Elsinore, where the famous Kronberg Castle, or Hamlet's Castle, is situated. Here the play "Hamlet" is performed every year in the Castle.

Across the Sound to Halsingborg in Sweden. Though only a few miles from Denmark, Sweden is a country of comparative

luxury when compared with Denmark. From Halsingborg, south to Malmö and Lund, and so on and so on along many roads . . .

Geoffrey Lancashire (Va).

TED'S HEAD, or EDWARD'S CRANIUM

This is the tale of poor old Ted,
 Who had a lump upon his head.
 It troubled him an awful lot,
 So at moving it he had a shot.
 And though he tried full many a cure,
 The lump still stayed, you may be sure.
 And so he suffered, night and day,
 Until he met, one morning gay,
 A friend of his whom we'll call Moll,
 Who told him to try "Oil of Vitriol."
 Now Ted took this extremely placid,
 Not knowing it was a burning acid;
 And to the chemist went straight away,
 And said "A pint of vitriol, if I may."
 The acid applied on to the lump
 Made his poor head just thump and thump.
 The lad jumped up and cried with feeling,
 Soon poor Ted began to worry,
 Expecting his head to reach the ceiling.
 For his head was burning just like curry.
 And to his helpful friend he went
 Who soon saw Ted's predicament,
 And said to him with a peculiar cry,
 "What you want, my lad, is some alkali."
 And so he brought some caustic stuff
 And treated the acid rather rough.

Let this be a lesson to all who will
 Meddle with acids when they're ill;
 For though the lump's no longer there,
 He wears a wig, where he should wear hair!

B. Ford (VIa Lit.)

A POEM

I'll bet when you first started
 To read this you thought that it
 was a poem. Isn't it funny how
 People go on
 Reading anyway when they know
 they are being fooled?

Regy Cide.

A NEW WORLD

Every year Oldham High School is considerably lightened by the departure of a number of intellectual and athletic prodigies (?) who have for the past two years been members of the 6th Form. Many of these have moved up the educational ladder and have entered a University. Though this is to be the ultimate fate of many pupils of the school, it is probable that the majority of them have little idea of what attending a University entails. It is for this reason that I am recording my impressions as a "Fresher" on entering a University degree course.

As is common with all newcomers in all institutions my first impression was that I was very young, very dull, very insignificant and quite out of place. This impression was certainly quite correct in regard to age. Beards, moustaches, gaudy scarves and emblems of mature taste were to be found in profusion.

This feeling of smallness, however, gradually disappears as new friends are made and one becomes accustomed to the new routine. The second impression is "Don't we have a lot of time to spare!" A student attends about fifteen lectures per week, each of an hour's duration. It is, therefore, quite common to have three or four afternoons free each week. This impression is dispelled after the publication of the examination results.

The greatest differences between school and university life are, the existence of a Students' Union which fosters the community spirit, and the impersonal relationship between lecturer and student. In a class of approximately a hundred students, the lecturer rarely knows one student from another. There is none of the questioning of pupils (or teachers) which takes place in schools.

The Students' Union is an institution managed entirely by students, organising all the recreational activities of the university. It contains amenities such as a bar, a billiard room, and a smoking room, which for obvious reasons could not be included in a school.

A marked difference between the students of a university and the pupils of a school is that many (perhaps the majority) of the former actually want to work! Homework is given, and received (?) as if it were a favour, and work not done or lectures not attended occasion very little comment from the staff (for a while at any rate).

Considering the university alone, without taking into account the Students' Union, I feel that it is a cold, impersonal and rather formidable institution, lacking the community feeling that exists within any High School, but on such matters I am not competent to speak, no more than a Lower Third is to speak of High School.

Taking all in all, university undergraduates lead full and interesting lives, and enjoy the privilege of being "the most irresponsible element in the community."

Finally, I would like to give my support to the cliché, that if the university makes scholars, the Union makes citizens.

Jack Schofield (circa 1942-49).

HOUSE NOTES

Joslin House

Boys' Section.

House Masters : Mr. Fish, Mr. Brodie, Mr. Barlow, Mr. Jones.

House Captain : B. Mitchell.

Vice-Captain : W. G. Charlesworth.

Secretary : B. Millward.

Congratulations, fellow-Joslinites! I think we all deserve an extra pat on the back on the achievement of our success. Being top House does not occur every year, you know.

This season the soccer results are good, notably so in the Juniors, who, by obtaining five out of six points, lead the Junior table. Seniors occupy a joint second with Viner, with three points out of a possible six. Two newcomers to competitive sport this season are table tennis and seven-a-side rugby. In the latter we gained full points for our victory over Handley. In table tennis, however, both Juniors and Seniors lost their matches.

These results, with a combined effort from our House members during the field and swimming sports, will assure us of carrying off the House Championship for the second time.

B.M.

Girls' Section.

House Mistresses : Miss Grimshaw, Miss Bottomley,
Miss Wilson, Miss Sawitz.

House Captain : Sybil Longson.

Vice-Captain : Beryl Ford.

Secretary : Marian Lees.

Prefects : Gwyneth Roberts, Jean Royds.

Congratulations to all members of the House on their magnificent achievement of winning the shield last year. After much strife, the coveted trophy is ours. The hockey shield now hangs in our room, perhaps owing to the fact that the School hockey captain is a member of the House.

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Although the Christmas examination results have not been inspiring, if we all give of our best we will be Champions once again—we hope!

M.L.

Lees House

House Masters: Mr. Barber, Mr. R. H. Bradbury,
Mr. A. Bradbury, Mr. Atkinson.

House Captain: E. Cash.

Secretary: G. Wimpenny.

Prefects: D. Henry, J. C. Taylor.

Last year Lees were reasonably successful, finishing second in the House Championship.

This year we have started as I am sure we will continue—second to none. The Senior football team is the strongest we have had for some considerable time, having eight members who have represented the School 1st XI, and is undefeated.

The Juniors also have a good team and have lost only once.

The Seven-a-side Rugby Competition has as yet yielded no points for Lees, having lost our only match to Viner.

The House Table Tennis Competition is proving to be of great interest, both Juniors and Seniors have lost one and won one.

These results are promising, and if continued, should, with more effort in the terminal examinations, give Lees its best chance to grasp the honour of becoming Champion House.

E.C.

Girls' Section.

House Mistresses: Miss Whitmore, Miss Moorhouse.

House Captain: Joan Broadbent.

Vice-Captain: Marguerite Lingard.

Secretary: Barbara Wildman.

Prefects: Ella Butterworth, Marjorie Carter.

The results of last year's field sports were not very encouraging as we gained only third place, but the swimming sports improved our position, for we were a very close second to Handley; for this result we must thank the Juniors. Last term we did well academically, but there is still room for further improvement.

This year we hope to retain our position in netball and achieve greater success in the hockey matches. So come on, Leesites! The success of the House depends upon everyone of you.

B.W.

Handley House*Boys' Section.*

House Masters : Mr. Grégoire, Mr. Llewellyn, Mr. Kent,
Mr. Smith.

House Captain : J. Cunningham.

Vice-Captain : J. Beaman.

Secretary : J. G. Marsland.

Work results for the past term are again excellent, the House having gained 21 points for the Christmas terminals.

Sports results have not been as good as last year's. The junior soccer team have won, lost and drawn a game, the seniors have lost all three, but if the improvement shown towards the end of the term is maintained, better results should be forthcoming in the future.

Two new Inter-House competitions have been introduced this year : seven-a-side rugby (played 1, lost 1), and table tennis (Seniors—played 2, won 1, Juniors—played one lost 1).

I am sure that if the good work results are maintained and an effort made to improve our sporting status, we shall not be far behind the Champion House.

J.C.

Girls' Section.

House Mistresses : Miss Moore, Miss Percival.

House Captain : Dorothy Littlewood.

Vice-Captain : Joan Howlett.

Secretary : Pauline Winterbottom.

Prefect : Audrey Foden.

Last year Handley House tried hard to win the shield, though we did not succeed. The results of the Senior matches were discouraging; the Juniors did well by winning all netball matches, and all hockey matches except one, which they drew. In the rounders matches they again played exceedingly well and tied with Lees and Joslin for first place. Handley came in top in the field sports and also in the swimming sports.

In the terminals Handley gained a good number of points, and we are grateful to those who worked so hard to gain credit for the House. Good luck and keep it up! To those who did not succeed this time—better luck next time.

There are two sorts of evergreens, private and holy.

If you go to the top of a volcano and look down, you can see the creator smoking.

Viner House

Boys' Section.

House Masters : Mr. Sturrock, Mr. Riley, Mr. Ardern,
Mr. Haslam, Mr. Hasdell.

House Captain : A. White.

House Vice-Captain : G. Taylor.

House Secretary : R. Whittaker.

This has been a year of progress for Viner House. Although at the foot of the 1948-9 House Table, we had the distinction of winning the Cricket Competition once again and in the Champions v. The Rest of School match, the other three Houses were decisively defeated. Viner lost many of its best boys at the end of the year but suitable reinforcements have been quickly forthcoming. We have once again the honour of providing the School Captain, A. White, who is also House Captain, Senior Cross Country Champion and School Soccer Captain.

The Junior soccer team has yet to win a match, but the Senior team has surprised the School by being second in the House Table at Christmas. The Seniors had the distinction of obtaining the greatest score in post-war House football when defeating Handley by 9 goals to nil. The keenness of the House Masters is illustrated in the fact that Mr. Hasdell often stays behind after school to coach the teams.

The seven-a-side rugby team has only played one match, which they won with ease, therefore it is impossible to assess their chances of winning the championship.

The table tennis teams both Senior and Junior would appear to be invincible. Under the expert guidance of Mr. Riley they have won all their matches and at the time of writing only two points are needed to make sure of the championship. It should be noted that the School team is composed of two Viner boys, one of whom, G. Pullar, has played in the English trials.

The old spirit of Viner House has been recaptured and a rise from the bottom of the table seems imminent.

R. Whittaker (Secretary).

Equals plus equals equals equals.

When you want to prove two triangles equal, you first take care to draw them exactly the same size.

Mohammed got tired of driving camels and decided to be a prophet.

Girls' Section.

House Mistresses : Miss Jones, Miss Wood, Miss Fisher.

House Captain : Joan Wonnacott.

Vice-Captain : Vera Brookes.

Secretary : Jean Houlton.

Prefects : Joyce Taylor (A), Beryl Green.

Although we did not attain a high position last year, work and play were carried out in good spirit. Viner Seniors shared first position in rounders with Joslin, and gained second place in hockey. Netball and swimming results were disappointing. The House is handicapped by shortage of Senior swimmers, although the Juniors show enthusiasm for this sport as well as promise of good work.

Let us hope that the keen fighting spirit of Viner will carry us to victory in this new year of 1950.

J.H.

BOYS' SPORTS DAY

This year the competition for Champion House was much closer than of recent years, only 16 points separating the top from the bottom House. The result of every race usually changed the table, and for a length of time all Houses had an equal number of points. Such competition is ideal, and the new rule limiting each boy to 3 individual events is largely responsible for this, and I hope it is continued.

Although the grass was heavy and greasy, Minshull set up new records for the 100 yards and 220 yards with 10.4 and 25 seconds respectively, and became Senior Champion.

Ryder was the Middle School Champion, being 1st in the High Jump and Discus, and 2nd in the 100 yards.

The Junior Championship was won by Schofield, who was 1st in the 100 yards, 220 yards and Long Jump.

House placings were : Joslin 49 points, Viner 47 points, Lees 45 points and Handley 33 points.

White and Errock provided a thrilling finish to the annual Cross Country Run, White eventually winning in excellent time. Errock was second and Oldham finished third. The course of approximately 4½ miles extends over some rough country.

E. Cash (VIa Lit.).

Julius Cæsar was a very strong man. He threw a bridge across the Rhine.

BOYS' SWIMMING

On the 14th of July last, the School entered a team for the "Urwick Trophy," which event took place in Sale Baths. The School was represented by Lester, Ainsworth, Broughton and Robinson. Though they put up a very good performance, they were beaten into second place by Stretford G.S.

On the following day the School held the annual Swimming Championship Competition, a popular sporting event. In the House placings, Joslin was 1st, followed by Viner, Lees, and finally—Handley.

1949 CRICKET

The past season proved rather a lean one, as the results printed below show.

Three teams, namely, 1st, 2nd and Junior Elevens, had a sum of only fourteen matches, a point which the 1950 Secretary should note. Out of these fixtures, a solitary win was gained by the 2nd XI, the 1st recorded two draws, and all the others ended in defeat.

These poor results were in no way due to lack of leadership, for C. Schofield was an excellent skipper and player, and will be greatly missed next season.

The 1st Team's greatest weakness was caused by the absence of a good spin bowler, so that a budding "Tich" Freeman will be a most welcome addition to the team's playing strength!

The annual Old Boys' matches produced one of the draws, while the other was lost. In the drawn match, Umpire Fish bowled the last over and "bagged" three School wickets. School, beware!

The results appear depressing, but the teams had a young average age, and the experience gained will surely show in the coming season.

J. Putman (VIa Sc.).

SOCCER, 1949-50

Sports Master's Report

This year has seen a marked increase in the soccer activities of the School. Quite often we have been able to field four full XI's for Saturday games. The standard of play has been fair and with more attention paid to personal fitness by all boys this standard could be raised to a much higher level.

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1st XI.

Results to Christmas : Played 8. Won 3. Drawn 1. Lost 4.

Captain : A. White. Vice-Captain. M. Williamson.

School have played reasonably good football during the season and have given their best displays against their strongest opponents. White, Hargreaves and Eyre have always worked tirelessly in their respective positions. A steady improvement during the latter half of the season should produce a creditable end-of-season record.

2nd XI.

Results : Played 7. Won 1. Drawn 1. Lost 5.

Captain : W. G. Charlesworth. Vice-Captain : Nield.

Since the 2nd XI is being used as a nursery class for the 1st XI, there has had to be a certain amount of experimenting with this team. If we can maintain this 2nd XI tradition, I am sure that our future 1st XI's will benefit thereby.

JUNIOR XI's.

Both Junior XI's have produced good results. The Junior 1st XI are at the top of their particular league and the Junior

1st and 2nd year are second in their league. School has provided five players this season for the Oldham Schoolboys' Team, namely J. Dawson, J. Bashforth, S. Williams, W. Joyce and G. Pullar.

The remainder of this season should produce some interesting games for both teams.

RUGBY UNION

Rugger has gained a foothold in this former soccer stronghold—a bold, but true statement. This is entirely due to the efforts of Mr. Arden and Mr. Llewellyn, who have, by organizing Junior and Senior fixtures, given us the opportunity to prove our worth on the rugby field. Our thanks must go out, too, to the O.R.U.F.C. for permission to use Keb Lane for home games, and to the "tea-brewers" for helping with the refreshments.

The School XV has played six games, winning three and losing three. Heading the try-scorers are Broughton, Prest and Hanson, whilst Mitchell is the leading goal-kicker. The results are satisfactory since only three members of last season's XV are playing this season.

Next term's fixture list is indeed impressive, but with the team blending better together from match to match we should effectively silence our critics.

TABLE TENNIS

Committee : Mr. Riley, J. Eyre, G. Lancashire.

After a very successful spell in the League last season, the School earned the privilege of entering the Second Division, but we decided to withdraw from the League. Nevertheless, Table Tennis this season has continued to flourish in various ways. The commencement of Junior and Senior House Leagues (with due thanks to Mr. Riley) has raised much interest throughout the School, and the play has been of high standard. The success of School in the "Sporting Record" English Schools' Championship, in which we reached the semi-finals last year, proved that we have sufficient talent, and this year two teams were entered in the same competition. The "B" team (Holt and Williamson) lost to Burnley G.S. in the first round by 3-2, whilst the "A" team (Pullar and Lancashire) have so far reached the quarter-finals, and need to win only one more round to reach the London semi-finals for the second year in succession. (Stop Press: School meets Whitley Bay G.S. in quarter-finals).

G. Pullar has won many honours this season, including the Oldham Junior Championship, the Oldham Youth Senior and

Junior Championships, and the Pontefract Open Championship. He is a regular member of the Oldham Senior team, and was runner-up in the Town Senior Championship.

Later in the term, when all the House matches have been completed, we shall be running a School Championship and Handicap, with, possibly, an inter-Form tournament.

G.L.

GIRLS' FIELD SPORTS

In spite of adverse weather conditions, the Girls' Annual Sports Day achieved its customary success, when a crowd of interested spectators saw Handley win the coveted title of "Top House." There was a keenness and enthusiasm among the competitors, and all are to be thanked for the part they played in providing excitement and entertainment for the rest of the School.

The Junior and Senior relay races, established favourites, ended in a thrilling victory for Handley in each case, while repeated successes in individual events gained the titles of Junior and Senior Champions for Mavis Buckley and Mildred Ebden—honours which they thoroughly deserved.

J.H. (VIb Lit.).

GIRLS' SWIMMING SPORTS

The Central Baths, as usual, provided the setting for the Girls' Annual Swimming Sports—an eagerly awaited event in School life. The spectators were keen and appreciative of the praiseworthy efforts of all competitors, especially those of Pauline Swann and Mavis Clegg—both champions of great merit.

Unrivalled in interest and excitement, the "Bedtime" race provided an amusing interlude, while the relay races supplied an element of suspense, relieved only by the announcement of victories for Lees (Juniors) and Joslin (Seniors). Also worthy of note was a magnificent plunge dive by Mavis Clegg.

It is the talent and ability of the present swimmers which enable us to look forward to the prospect of many more enjoyable Sports Days.

V.D. (VIb Lit.).

Phillippa was a brave queen. She married Edward I.

HOCKEY

There has been considerable improvement in the hockey this year. Although we have so far won only one match, the swifter attack and stronger defence is producing a better game and more goals than has been our wont, thus indicating better hopes for the future.

We are still labouring under difficulties of not having a hockey pitch on the School premises, and still lacking a games' mistress. Many thanks are therefore due to Miss Whitmore, who voluntarily continues coaching and supervising the hockey team. Now, after most of the away matches have been played (with not too disastrous results), we can look forward with higher hopes of victory at home.

B.F., J.B.

NETBALL

This season has seen comparatively few netball matches, and all, unfortunately, have had disappointing results, but this is only due to lack of practice. The fact that we also have no gym. mistress has given rise to a difficult situation in the athletic sphere, and we should like to express our thanks to Mrs. Doyle for assuming this responsibility; our only regret is that we could not reward her with better results.

Nevertheless, in the next season, we hope to redeem ourselves in the netball world, and regain former glories.

J.H. (VIb Lit.).

ROUNDERS

Few matches were played last season owing to a lack of fixtures, and those which we did play were mostly on home ground.

A great deal of interest and excitement was caused by the House matches, and it is hoped that by a study of these House teams we shall discover some new and promising players for the School 1st, which, we hope, will have more opportunity to show its skill this season.

H. Davies (VIb Lit.).

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

The Old Boys' Association welcomes this opportunity to acquaint readers of the "Kaskenian" with its activities, and offers its congratulations to Editors and contributors to the last issue.

The Association exists to help keep together in after life those friendships we make at school and which we hope to keep for all times. By means of dances, smokers and an Annual Reunion, old pals find the contacts they made at school perpetuated. A quarterly "News Sheet" reserves space for members who wish to contact those they have lost touch with in the years which have intervened since they left the School. If all students, on leaving School, would join the Association and support its activities, we would have an Association which fulfils 100 per cent. its purpose, for the contacts would never be lost. It is easier to lose touch with one's schoolmates in the first twelve months after leaving school than it is to re-make the contacts in the next five years.

Additionally, the football XIs need the young blood emerging from School year by year—those who left the School ten years ago take full marks for willingness, but cannot compete with the fellows five or ten years younger. Since the teams are in the Oldham Athletic Nursery Scheme, there can be no hiding of budding Tommy Lawtons or Johnnie Careys under a bushel in the obscurity of teams not so favourably placed.

Those who prefer indoor pastimes can swell the ranks of the Chess Club, and age here is neither asset nor hindrance.

So the duty of all Students is clear. *Before* you leave school, contact one of the "Old Boy" members of the Staff. He will be only too pleased to enrol you and ensure that school friendships can be life friendships.

Sports Notes

SOCCER.

It has not been an exhilarating season from the point of view of accomplishments. However, we have been successful in attracting to the playing staff a nucleus of young members which augurs well for the future. There is still plenty of room for more. A previous venture by a Soccer XI, in 1930-31, ended in the championship of the same league at the first attempt. We have, therefore, a high precedent to follow and maintain. With a gallery of youthful talent we think we shall soon be able to say "we also have won the League." Come on, chaps, swell the ranks.

CHESS.

The 1st Team lead the League with an unbeaten record, the School, however, are still disputing an unfinished match. The "B" Team have started a march from the foot of the 2nd Division, due mainly to settled and full teams. The 1st Team lost interest at Rochdale in the League Club Knock-Out, but the opposition included two county players and four who play for the town team in the Manchester League. J. Wrigley (holder) and two other Old Boys are in the last eight of the Individual Championship.

Rometá.

EX-STUDENTS' (GIRLS) ASSOCIATION

Since the July issue of the "Kaskenian," two dances and the Annual Reunion Dance have been held jointly with the Old Boys' Association.

A very successful Hallowe'en-cum-Bonfire Social was held on Friday evening, November 4th, in the School Hall, when we were pleased to welcome many old and new members and, we hope, some future ones also. An enjoyable evening was rounded off in the traditional manner with fireworks (in the yard) followed by a supper of roasted potatoes, parkin and treacle toffee.

The subscription fund for a presentation to Miss L. Boyd, on her retirement from position of secretary, has been successfully launched and it is expected to make the presentation at a Social Evening in March or April. (Date later).

We are glad to report that the hockey team is thriving again this winter.

It is with regret we record the resignation of our treasurer, Miss J. McRobert, due to a serious indisposition, and our sincere hopes of a good recovery are expressed. Our thanks are offered to Miss N. Crossley for taking the position over until the annual meeting. This will take place early in April, when your 2s. 6d. subscriptions will be due.

We invite all girl ex-students, young and old, to attend this general meeting—come along to prove you do take an interest in the running of your own Association. If you have any suggestions for further activities, bring them along with you—these will be welcomed.

Good luck to the girls taking School Certificate this year, and best wishes to the School and Staff, and to the Ex-Students' Associations.

Sincerely,

PHYLLIS CALVERT, Hon. Sec.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Marriages: We have received news of so many weddings of ex-students during recent months that lack of space prevents us from announcing them individually. To all those, however, who have lately entered into the marital state, we send our best wishes for the future.

We congratulate :

RODERICK ROSS on his appointment as Lecturer in Public Administration in the University of South West England.

JACK WRIGLEY on his appointment from the Staff of Chad-derton Grammar School to a Research Fellowship in Educational Statistics at Manchester University.

Maurice Dawson, B.Sc. (Chem.).

Tom B. Rhodes, B.Sc. (Chem.).

Donald Wilde, 2nd M.B., Ch.B.

Alan Reddish, B.Sc. (Phys.).

Derek Schofield, B.Sc. (Phys.).

Frank Bowyer, B.A. (Theol.).

Leslie Langfield, Technical State Scholarship (Chemical Engineering), Manchester College of Technology.

Alan Barlow, 1st M.B., Ch.B.

Edward R. Musgrove, B.Sc.

Stanley A. Keeble, M.R.C.V.S.

Doris Holmes, A.T.D.

Edward N. Ainsworth, D.A. (Manchester School of Art).

Alwyn Wilkinson, M.B., Ch.B.

Raymond T. Smith, B.A., Anthropology, 1st Class Hons.

William L. Wren, B.Sc., A.R.I.C.

Thomas R. Ashton, M.Sc., Ph.D.

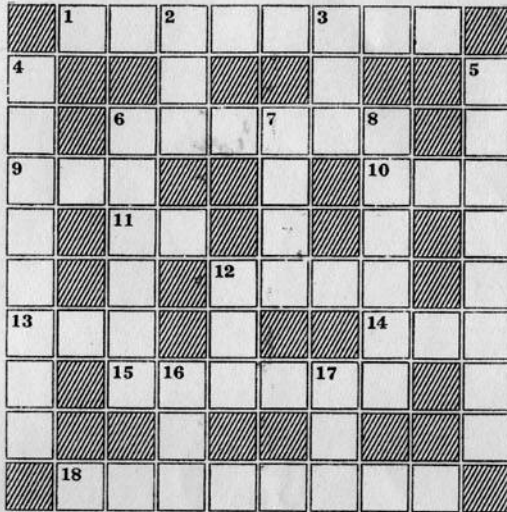
Mr. Harold Whipp received the O.B.E. in the New Year Honours List, 1949.

REUNION DANCE

The 42nd Annual Reunion took place on January 13th, 1950, at the Town Hall. The guests included the Mayor and Mayoress, and the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress. Present also were Miss Wolstenholme and Miss Rimmer, who retired from the High School about three years ago. Ex-students were delighted to see them, and hope to do so again at many future reunions.

Whist and dancing were enjoyed, and the excellent supper arrangements were in the capable hands of the Committee of the Girls' Ex-Students' Association.

The Reunion proved to be a most enjoyable function, held in very pleasant surroundings.



CLUES ACROSS.

- 1 Ten studs (Anag.).
 6 I enter whole.
 9 Net figure.
 10 Fruit.
 11 Behold.
 12 Into a Home Perm.
 13 In short Army Training Service.
 14 Animated.
 15 Sinew is a numerated Spanish gentleman.
 18 Metallically satirical.

CLUES DOWN.

- 2 Run for your tea.
 3 And not a conjunction.
 4 Soak.
 5 Speeds up a chemical reaction.
 6 Tinsel (Anag.).
 7 This preposition sounds like in preceding a number.
 8 Regimental flag.
 12 Metal is less than hint.
 16 Self.
 17 In short your Education Committee.

D. Littlewood (VIa Sc.).

In Memoriam

Eric Price, of VIb. Science,
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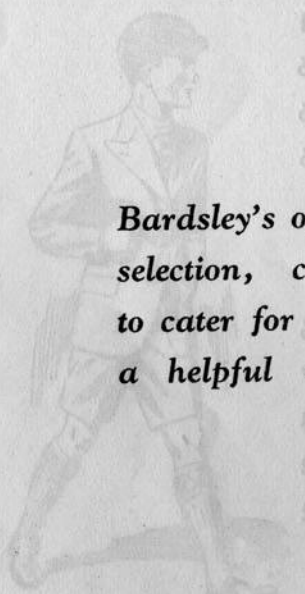
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