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## EDITORIAL

"In the demand for technicians and scientific experts which the modern world makes, it must not be forgotten that there is an equally great need for those who can appreciate life as a whole, not one small compartment of it, and who have a sense of values, moral, spiritual and aesthetic."

So wrote our respected predecessor in the editorial chair. We ourselves should not like it to be thought that this endorses the all too prevalent opinion that scientists are a race apart, narrow specialists living for nothing but their own little world. This is far from the truth. The training which they receive in scientific method should surely create in them a skill in logic and a love of precision which should serve as a good basis for creating the broadest outlook on the world. Moreover, no scientist will spend the whole of his time in the laboratory or his notebooks. He would be less than human if he did. He has time beyond his technical and special studies to devote to more "aesthetic" (if that is the way to describe them) subjects. In this way he is at home in the material world around him and can achieve an outlook which fits him to deal with all aspects of life, past, present and future. Indeed, he has a duty both as a citizen and a human being to cultivate such an outlook. The true scientist is more than a mere technician, an expert in his own particular branch of "science," and we should not want men to think that a truly cultivated mind is the prerogative of students of the "arts."

## SCHOOL NOTES

We congratulate J. M. Collis on winning an Open Scholarship in Mathematics at Queens' College, Cambridge, and a State Scholarship, and E. Smith and M. Taylor on winning State Scholarships.

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It is some years since the School had a flag-pole. The omission has now been rectified by the gift of an Old Heathen, Mr. A. Bottomley. A flag has been provided by the Old Boys' Association. We are very grateful for both these kind gifts. Incidentally, the pole was erected so expeditiously that we suspect it has escaped the notice of a number of boys.

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Three members of the staff have left us since our last issue. Mr. Fox has gone to Rhyl Grammar School, Mr. Atkins to Bingley Grammar School and Mr. Gain to Liverpool Collegiate School. We

wish them all success and happiness in their new posts. In their places we welcome Mr. A. Guy, M.A., from Abbotsholme School, one-time scholar of Hertford College, Oxford, Mr. A. E. Carter, B.A., of University College, Hull, who has recently held a commission in the Foresters and Mr. J. Peters, B.A., of Bangor College in the University of Wales, who comes to us from Sir William Turner's Grammar School, Coatham, Redcar, to all of whom we extend our best wishes for their happiness at Heath.

The annual Founder's Day Service was held at the Parish Church on Saturday, the 7th of June, with rather fewer parents and friends in the congregation than usual. An Old Boy, Rev. L. W. Kitchen, Vicar of Skelmanthorpe, preached the sermon. Rev. W. H. King and Rev. J. C. Barnes assisted in conducting the service.

We congratulate P. Horrocks-Taylor and T. D. Gamson on being selected to represent Yorkshire in the Schoolboys' XV.

The School team was again successful in winning the seven-a-side competition, arranged by the Ilkley Rugby Football Club, for North of England Schools. The School team, a photograph of which is published in this issue, played brilliantly throughout the competition and well deserved their success. An illuminated record of Heath's success in the 1951 competition, presented by the organisers, has been framed and now hangs in the School.

The Dramatic Society's production of *As You Like It*, on January 31st and February 1st and 2nd, was both aesthetically and financially a great success. The *Heathen* has this year departed from its usual custom and gone outside the School for a criticism of the production. We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Edwards for so readily accepting and so gracefully fulfilling our invitation to be our dramatic critics.

A year or two ago the Classical Vith broke with tradition and opened its ranks to three young ladies from the school up the hill. Since then the Mathematical Vith has been entertaining (and educating) two lady guests from another school. While this dilution has produced a State Scholarship which cannot appear on our own Honours Board and while we have been most happy to welcome our guests, we hope that it will not be necessary to intrude upon our otherwise monastic studies too frequently in this way.

During the course of the year parties from the School attended with pleasure and profit a performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Prince's Theatre, Bradford, and of *Spring 1600* by the Thespians at the Playhouse. With the kind co-operation of the President of the Old Boys' Association, Mr. A. Sunderland, the Classical Vith were

able to send two small parties to see Aristophanes' *Clouds* produced by the Classical Society of Manchester University, where we were welcomed by another Old Boy, Mr. M. G. Crowther.

New showers have been installed in the gymnasium and in the Junior cloakroom. We wonder whether Sir Eric Coates will be shocked to know that not only do we try to keep the building clean but also do our best in that way for our pupils.

### SPEECH DAY

The annual Speech Day and distribution of prizes was held at the School on Friday, November 30th, when the chief speaker was Sir Eric T. Coates, C.S.I., C.I.E., a Deputy-Chairman of the National Coal Board who attended the school from 1911 to 1915. The Chairman of the Governors, Councillor W. E. Horsley, presided. Apologies for absence were read from Alderman P. N. Whitley, Mr. C. E. Gent, and Mrs. Shoemith who was recovering from illness.

Councillor Horsley, in his opening remarks, paid a compliment to the editor of the 1951 edition of the *Heathen* for a very fine leading article, and proceeded to range so freely over the School's activities during the past year that he encroached somewhat upon the Headmaster's report. Especially he remarked upon the number of flourishing school societies, the success of the football teams and the academic successes, which were a very good index of character in the school and showed that it opened to its boys the highest and most responsible posts that this country had to offer.

The Headmaster began by presenting to Sir Eric Coates as a token of the occasion a photograph taken by the School Photographic Society of the Honours Board which contained the entry, "1914 E. T. Coates. Hastings Exhibition, Queen's College, Oxford." In his report he referred to autumn as the season of harvest festivals and school speech-days and of the mellow fruit of self-congratulation. There was a good deal upon which the School could rightly congratulate itself, including more than double our "ration" of State Scholarships, successes on the football field and at athletics, flourishing societies, and visits to the Continent. Of the General Certificate of Education our results did not reflect any undue hardship from the raising of the standard; the age limit was, however, a futile regulation, as was also the abolishing of a "Distinction" at the Advanced level. Premature leavers were little over 3 per cent at Heath, compared with an average of 30 per cent over the whole country. It had been a successful year, due largely to the continued good efforts of the staff, but our thanks were also due to the Old Boys' and Parents' Associations, without whose help we should have missed a good deal of what makes life worth while.

A choir of nineteen boys, conducted by Mr. Haigh, then delighted the assembly with their sweet rendering of Orlando Delassus' "Matrona, Lovely Maiden" and R. J. S. Stevens' "Ye Spotted Snakes."

After distributing the prizes, with a personal word for every recipient, Sir Eric said that he remembered as a boy sitting at the back of the Hall on such occasions wondering what sort of a speech was coming and in duty bound to applaud. This was the first occasion when he found himself wondering *from* the platform. One day some of his younger hearers might find themselves in his shoes and he would offer a tip or two in the necessary art of being tedious. The main themes of the reminiscences of senile bores were first that the School isn't half the place it was and second that the modern youth were a soft lot and that the nation was going to the dogs. The School was, in fact, about twice the size it had been when he was there—but it had been ruined: in place of a building without paint inside, where you could make as much mess as you liked without Collins being able to tell, we had paint (and what a colour!) and the attempt to keep clean. We had pulled down the finest old timbered school roof in this part of the country and erected this Trocadero! How much more useful was the old hall where fives could be practised, or inkpots aimed into a waste paper-basket in freedom from the jaundiced eye of passing masters. For playground they had an open space nicely covered with good honest mud where they could bounce colleagues without fear of permanent damage. The Masters' Room was downstairs, furnished in a serene and dignified way and populated by serene and dignified gentlemen.

Such of the audience as were literate would realise that the second theme (the softness of modern youth) had been reiterated since Queen Elizabeth's time. The great change is that a lot more is being done for people—free schools and doctors, cheap food and houses, while television encouraged the practice of passive gaping. What we get free we do not particularly value, expect more and start going soft with the idea that "the world owes me a living" as a birthright free to all. In fact, nothing in this world is free; somebody has to work and pay. In the past this was our parents; now it is the community, Mother England, England making great sacrifices and bearing heavy burdens to provide for her sons their freedom, England shouldering more than she can bear, bowed down and lonely, slipping from her proud high place.

What can we do to help? First try to realize that England is sick, weak and in need of help, and that we owe her something even if only our devotion and loyalty. Secondly, be determined to use ourselves to the maximum in her service. "Opportunities are freely given to you of freedom, work and advancement in life. Stand firmly on your own feet as soon as possible. Cease leaning on her and let her lean on you. Else she will not be able to give to your sons the freedoms she gives you." Thirdly, in danger resolve to stand by her and defend her if needs be with your lives. "Thus she will recover health and happiness and live to laugh gently and kindly at you when as grandfathers you say she is going to the dogs."

A vote of thanks was proposed by His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Miss Mary Pickles, and the proceedings, the most successful for many years, concluded at 4.50 p.m.

## PRIZE WINNERS

Form Prizes	1st	2nd
1A	D. P. Nestor	J. D. Broadley
1B	J. M. Balmforth	B. Hartley
2A	K. A. Mitchell	R. C. Akroyd
2B	J. A. Wilson	D. E. Gillion
3A	K. G. Hartley	G. Hitchen
3B	D. W. Thompson	K. Jagger
4A	G. R. Sunderland	G. Shearing
4B	J. M. Hoyle	J. G. Sihver
5L	E. Lord	J. B. Esmond
5S	Donald Crowther	A. H. Jagger
5G	R. L. Brown	N. G. Hulley
Sixth Form Prizes :		
Modern Languages, N. T. Broome	English, M. Roper	
History, M. Roper	Physics, J. M. Collis	
Chemistry, E. Smith	Mathematics, J. M. Collis	
Special Prizes :		
Fifth Form Mathematics, K. W. Reynard		
Middle School French, D. Watmough		
Reading Prizes : Senior, M. Taylor		
	Middle, J. D. Redman	
	Junior, M. Beaufort-Jones	
Prefects' Lesson Reading, B. Whitaker		
W. L. Dudley Memorial (Geography) :		
	Senior, R. A. Hoyle	
	Junior, P. Hardwick	
Art : Fifth Form, A. E. Greenwood		
	Fourth Form, P. O'Brien	
	Third Form, D. W. Thompson	
	Second Form, M. J. Such	
	First Form, B. Lee	
Historical Essay, A. Stott		
Music (instrumental), J. D. Holroyd. (Choral), M. Balmforth.		
Special Prizes, J. Schofield, D. W. Akroyde, M. Taylor, J. B. W. Edwards.		
A. H. Stocks Memorial, N. T. Broome.		
Treacey Divinity Prizes :		
U6	K. E. Humphreys	L6 J. P. Allatt
5	D. N. Gray	
4A	J. Stoddart	4B P. Furness
3A	J. A. Spencer	3B J. Hanson
		D. H. Hoyle
		R. W. Austin
2A	G. Ramsden	2B A. K. Pritchard
1A	J. D. Broadley	1B
	D. P. Nestor	
Athlete's Prize, B. Smith.		
Reith Classical, J. K. Denerley.		
C. E. Fox Memorial, R. Crowther.		

## HOUSE REPORTS

### QUEEN'S.

The main strength of the House this year has been in the Seniors, who have done remarkably well in rugger, fives, and athletics. The Juniors, we are glad to note, have improved steadily and are now showing a renewed interest and enthusiasm.

This year our triumph was rugby; the seniors, despite the absence of their injured skipper, swept all before them, and did not encounter any real opposition. The Juniors gave them great support and showed definite promise considering that their ranks were completed by a contingent of First Formers. Gaukroger led his gym team to victory again and must be congratulated, along with all his charges, for a very efficient performance. The Fives Cup, regained by an all-conquering four, at last has resumed its normal position among our trophies.

We were second in the Sports. Next year let us be victors. All who participated acquitted themselves extremely well, especially Philip Horrocks-Taylor who brought the Victor Ludorum again to Queen's and who distinguished himself by winning the cricket ball event for the seventh successive year! In the cross-country we were not very successful although a little better than last year. Perhaps next year, when the all-powerful King's team will have diminished in strength, we might make a more decisive bid for the Championships. In the Cricket Cup, as in the cross-country, we did not give of our best, and we hope that the Juniors will bear it in mind when summer returns again, for a more strenuous effort is required.

Next season we need more entries for the Swimming Gala. We were second this year, but could have been first. It was all left to a handful of seniors who made a valiant effort, but who lacked younger support.

This term we have to bid farewell to our Captain, Gaukroger, and his deputy David Horrocks-Taylor who are to pursue their studies in higher seats of learning; and it is their ardent desire to see Queen's once again not leading in a few competitions, but topping the lot as in 1950. Let them not be disappointed! There is a grand spirit prevalent throughout the House; may that flourish and preserve the title "la Reine de tous les lauriers."

D.H.-T.

### SCHOOL.

This year has been quite successful on the whole, although only one first place was gained. The swimming competition was closely fought out, and although the House finished only third, the margin of points between first and third was very slight. The Rugby competition was a disappointment because the Senior team was rather weak, winning only one match. The Junior team was, however, outstanding, and won all three matches to gain the House second place to Queen's. The usual second place was won in the Gym competition. We did better in the Bentley Cup than in previous years, gaining second place. It

is gratifying to see some interest being taken in this competition. Second place was gained in the Cricket Cup due again mainly to the Junior team, well trained by M. Horrocks-Taylor. It was in the Athletic Sports that we gained our one victory. The foundations of victory were laid by the Juniors who won the Junior shield by a huge points margin. The Seniors and Intermediates supported the Juniors well, especially the Intermediates. There seemed a lack of interest among a certain section of the Seniors, but some showed admirable keenness.

As a result of all these efforts, the House gained second place in the House championship.

With such promising Juniors as Lee, Watkin, and Payne ready to uphold the prestige of the House, we can look forward to a bright future for School House.

K.E.H.

### KING'S.

This year has been rather disappointing on the whole. The Seniors were defeated in all their rugger matches, the Juniors managing to draw one of their games.

Our greatest triumph of the year was the winning of the cross-country trophy; this is the first time for nine years that the house has been awarded the trophy. We must congratulate P. Kiddle and A. Jagger on finishing 1st and 2nd respectively in this event.

We have failed this year to regain three cups which we have held for the past two years, namely the Fives, Bentley and Chess cups. This I regret to say is due to lack of enthusiasm by members of the House who could do well in the events concerned.

At sports day the honours were again carried by individuals in the House, there being a disgusting shortage of support. We must especially congratulate Kiddle, Greenwood and Jagger for their successes in the Senior events. The Juniors must realise that success on the sports field will only come through hard work.

We were more fortunate in the cricket matches this year, the Seniors winning two of their matches and drawing the third, the Juniors lost two and drew the third. This creditable performance by both Juniors and Seniors has won the cricket cup for the House. We must remember during the next year that King's must climb to first place. Get down to the job, chaps, and make a good and determined effort.

Finally, we would all like to thank Mr. N. J. Gain, our house-master, for his energetic and determined efforts to bring the house out on top. Mr. Gain together with Mr. Atkins, the assistant house-master, are leaving this year and we all wish them good luck in their new posts.

PETER KIDDLE.

## HEATH.

"A bit o' this, a bit o' that, does a power o' good." According to this quotation, Heath House has done a "power o' good" in the last year. Actually we have done more than this, we've done a bit o' this, a bit o' that, and a bit o' what comes in between.

As to our successes: we won the Swimming, Chess and Bentley cups. The House is fortunate in possessing one or two fine swimmers. K. Beaumont and Stoddart worked very hard and were admirably supported by all sections of the House. The Chess cup victory was in many ways the most convincing, and we are lucky in having so fine a coach as Mr. Hallowes. In the Bentley cup competition it was pleasing to note that entries came in from all parts of the House, and not just from Watling, whose entries did, however, once again give our complete entry some solidarity. I feel that for some years to come, with a little hard work, these trophies will remain ours, and form a strong foundation for the task of putting Heath House in its rightful place, at the top.

In football the Seniors contrived to form a team from very mixed talent. Considering that we were unfortunate as regards injuries, and that we had quite a number of youngsters in the team, I think we did quite well to win two games out of the three. The junior XV proved rather too young and inexperienced, losing two games and drawing the third, but should improve next year.

In cricket the story is similar. The Seniors drew all three games (being thwarted against King's only by rain), whilst the Junior XI lost two games and drew one. Again the Junior team was too inexperienced and should do better next year, whilst the Senior XI necessarily contained too many with no pretensions.

The House Fives IV came second in the competition, with two convincing wins, and one equally convincing defeat. Lawrence and Farrar were a capable pair, but Fielden and R. Beaumont were very shaky.

In athletics we came third, a performance which is just not good enough. Apart from some individuals who did well in one or more events, our team was weak, the Intermediate section lacking the will to win. In the annual cross-country we did even worse, finishing fourth. Kirby and Farrar ran well together to finish third and fourth, but the next Heathens were "miles behind." The failure here can, I think, be put down to a lack of talent and of keenness to train for a sport in which a little training makes a world of difference.

Lastly, we failed in the Gym. competition, coming third. Boys who are keen on Gymnastics should make themselves familiar with the basic exercises (handstands, rolls, etc.), before the official practices begin, for the time allowed is barely sufficient. In the three above events a great effort will be required next year if we are to make any bid for the House Championship.

The House offers its congratulations to the following boys on being awarded colours—

First XV: Farrar and Donnelly, both re-affirmed.

First XI: Lawrence and Farrar (re-affirmed).

Fives IV: Farrar.

Finally let us wish the best of luck to all leavers, too numerous and uncertain to enumerate, and invite them to come and see us some Thursday mornings.

As to next year, get cracking now, and Good Luck.

J.G.F.

## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP 1951-2

	Heath	School	King's	Queen's
Swimming .. .. .	15	5	0	10
Rugby .. .. .	5	10	0	15
Cross-country .. .. .	0	10	15	5
Gymnastics .. .. .	4	8	0	12
Fives .. .. .	8	2	2	12
Athletics .. .. .	5	15	0	10
Cricket .. .. .	0	7½	15	7½
	37	57½	32	71½

## SCHOOL CLUB

Most members of the School realise that it would be impossible to carry on the many activities of the various Societies and the Teams without the support of the Club. The School would soon lose its dignity and character, from which every boy in the school benefits. The Club only just manages to pay its way, and full support is essential.

The Club has made a serious attempt to encourage Fives—a game in which this school has an outstanding tradition—by the purchase of gloves. A popular Christmas Card was again produced.

Pleasant records of sporting triumphs have been provided by the presentation of a miniature cup to P. Kiddle, who won the Cross-Country for four successive years, and by the framing of the illuminated scroll presented by the Ilkley Club for the school's victory in the 1951 Seven-a-Side tournament.

The Club Officers for the year were:

*President*: The Headmaster

*Vice-President*: Mr. Mackley

*Treasurer*: Mr. Hallowes

*Secretary*: Mr. Taylor

*Sub-Treasurer*: J. M. Collis

Editor of the "Heathen" : M. Taylor

Rugby : Captain—K. E. Humphreys; Vice-Captain—D. Horrocks-Taylor;

Secretaries : D. Horrocks-Taylor, R. Smith.

Fives : Captain—P. Kiddle; Vice-Captain and Secretary : M. Taylor.

Secretary for Swimming : J. A. Gamson.

Cricket : Captain—J. Farrar;

Vice-Captain and Secretary—J. P. Horrocks-Taylor.

Athletics Secretary : K. E. Humphreys.

Dr. Fleet again served as Auditor.

#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1950-51

Receipts	£	s.	d.	Payments	£	s.	d.
Balance b.f.	64	4	4	Fares, Football	47	6	1
Subscriptions 294 @ 7/6				,, Cricket	20	7	9
21 @ 5/-				,, Other	4	5	11
32 @ 2/6	119	10	0	Teas, Football	14	18	0
L.E.A. Grant	54	14	6	,, Cricket	6	13	0
Parents' Association				,, Other	2	13	7
Grant	10	0	0	Sports Day	1	13	7
Spectators	2	12	6	Sports Day programmes,			
Lemonade, profit	2	11	9	loss	3	10	6
Music Society profits	18	19	6	Founder's Day	19	6	
Sundries	2	11	0	Subscriptions	1	5	6
				G.S. Joint Sports	17	5	0
				Xmas Cards, loss	4	13	10
				Swimming Certificates	11	7	6
				Half Heathen	22	6	3
				Fives Balls	2	3	9
				Photographic Society	29	6	1
				Music Society	9	9	0
				Stamp Club	18	6	
				Science Society	7	10	
				Photographs	11	3	0
				Printing, etc.	7	13	6
				Bank charges, etc.	3	15	5
				Sundries	4	12	2
				Balance c.f.	46	8	4
	£275	3	7		£275	3	7

#### RUGBY, 1951-1952

As last year the 1st XV has enjoyed a good season. Three teams only have beaten them, Leeds University "B," Wakefield, and Silcoates. It was very pleasing to be able to play against Wakefield as a friendly acquaintance was made in last year's Ilkley final, and we are glad to know that the fixture will henceforth be an annual event. We were beaten soundly by both Wakefield and Leeds University, but it was

unfortunate that in the Silcoates game we had to field a weakened team. The Old Boys put up a very stubborn resistance in our match with them and succeeded in forcing a draw.

The 2nd XV have also had quite a good season and were only beaten once, by a strong Wakefield side. Of the Under 15 and Under 14 teams, the former won as many as they lost, but the latter were hard hit, only winning two out of a possible eleven.

The 1st XV forwards were beaten on few occasions in the tight and were very mobile in the loose, though perhaps not quite as furious as last year. Dixon hooked well, and Gamson's play was of a very high standard, especially after Christmas. Gillet worked like a Trojan, and was never to be seen the last "on the ball." This example ought to be followed by all other would-be forwards. Although they were deprived of last year's leading try-scorer Normington, who unfortunately had to undergo a serious operation, the "threes" were still successful. Humphreys and D. Horrocks-Taylor (who moved up from wing forward) were sound centres, adequately supported by Greenwood and Johnson, two free-scoring wing men.

The half-back pair who were the mainspring of the attack continued to play up to expectations. The full-back position was disappointing, as there was no really great player to fill the vacancy. Humphreys gave an inspired display all the season, and was a good captain. His steadying influence on the team in its weaker moments was particularly noteworthy.

This year 1st XV colours were re-awarded to those who gained them last year and also given to Smith, Greenwood and Johnson. Congratulations must be offered to Gamson and J. P. Horrocks-Taylor, who assisted the Yorkshire Schoolboys, and also to Farrar and Johnson, who played in the trial matches. The Halifax and District XV had a contingent of nine Heath men who are to be praised on a fine achievement.

#### 1st XV RESULTS

Morley G.S.	..	..	..	..	..	Won	53—0
Hipperholme G.S.	..	..	..	..	..	Won	71—0
Leeds University "B"	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	9—15
Rishworth	..	..	..	..	..	Won	30—13
Keighley G.S.	..	..	..	..	..	Won	11—3
Baildon R.U.F.C.	..	..	..	..	..	Won	45—6
Leeds University "B"	..	..	..	..	..	Won	30—0
Skipton G.S.	..	..	..	..	..	Won	12—0
Crossley and Porter	..	..	..	..	..	Won	17—0
Keighley G.S.	..	..	..	..	..	Won	23—3
Wakefield G.S.	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	12—16
Silcoates	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	3—8
Bingley G.S.	..	..	..	..	..	Won	60—0
Rochdale M.H.S.	..	..	..	..	..	Won	43—3
Crossley and Porter	..	..	..	..	..	Won	9—5
Bradford G.S.	..	..	..	..	..	Won	13—5
Heath Old Boys	..	..	..	..	..	Drawn	14—14

## 2nd XV RESULTS

Morley G.S.	.. .. .	Won	14—9
Hipperholme G.S.	.. .. .	Won	81—0
Huddersfield R.U.F.C. (Colts)	.. .. .	Drawn	20—20
"	" .. .	Won	6—0
Keighley G.S.	.. .. .	Drawn	3—3
Crossley and Porter	.. .. .	Won	3—0
Bingley G.S.	.. .. .	Won	11—3
Wakefield G.S.	.. .. .	Lost	3—44
Hillhouse M.S.	.. .. .	Won	8—3
Crossley and Porter	.. .. .	Won	22—6

## "UNDER 15" XV RESULTS

Thornton G.S.	.. .. .	Lost	0—32
Sowerby Bridge M.S.	.. .. .	Won	29—3
Rishworth	.. .. .	Won	38—0
Keighley G.S.	.. .. .	Lost	0—42
Rishworth	.. .. .	Won	19—3
Crossley and Porter	.. .. .	Lost	0—21
Woodhouse Grove	.. .. .	Lost	6—15
Sowerby Bridge M.S.	.. .. .	Won	80—0

## "UNDER 14" XV RESULTS

Sowerby Bridge M.S.	.. .. .	Drawn	3—3
Thornton G.S.	.. .. .	Won	20—9
New College	.. .. .	Lost	3—10
Whitcliffe Mount G.S.	.. .. .	Won	14—9
Woodhouse Grove	.. .. .	Lost	6—11
Keighley G.S.	.. .. .	Lost	0—57
Bingley G.S.	.. .. .	Lost	3—19
Bradford G.S.	.. .. .	Lost	0—20
Whitcliffe Mount G.S.	.. .. .	Lost	6—16
Clare Hall	.. .. .	Lost	8—20
Rochdale M.H.S.	.. .. .	Lost	9—33
Crossley and Porter	.. .. .	Lost	0—9

## "UNDER 13" XV RESULTS

Rishworth Preparatory	.. .. .	Won	30—0
Sowerby Bridge M.S.	.. .. .	Won	17—0
Rishworth Preparatory	.. .. .	Won	42—0

## ANALYSIS 1951-1952

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points :	
					For	Against
1st XV	17	13	3	1	455	81
2nd XV	10	7	1	2	171	88
Under 15 XV	8	4	4	0	172	116
Under 14 XV	12	2	9	1	72	216
Under 13 XV	3	3	0	0	89	0
Totals	50	29	17	4	959	501

Congratulations must be extended to Gillion, Nellis, and Parry who were awarded the Colts XV colours.

Again we want to thank the Parents Association very sincerely for providing us with teas, and also the mothers who so kindly prepared them.

As a conclusion, the Rugby teams have one grumble. Not enough support is forthcoming from the boys of the school. To you of the lower school, the best way to learn and improve is to watch!

D.H.-T.

## ILKLEY 7-A-SIDE COMPETITION, 1952

We are again pleased to record our victory in the Schools' Seven-a-Side competition at Ilkley. Humphreys, Horrocks-Taylor, Johnson, Farrar, Gamson, Dixon, and Gillett are to be heartily congratulated on a praiseworthy effort. For the second time in two years they are the victors of the games. The team was lucky, however, in that there were no injuries, but it might also be noted that their opponents, too, kept their own ranks intact, unlike last year. Enough praise, however; let us rather thank all those teams we met for providing the best competition of the season, and the most enjoyable football; and let us praise the Hemsworth seven for such a fine display in the final round. For those who were so unfortunate as not to see the team in action, here is a short resume of the round games.

## ROUND I.

Bingley G.S. failed to turn up at the kick-off, so in accordance with the rules, Heath were awarded a walk-over.

## ROUND II. Heath 14, Harrogate G.S. 0.

Throughout the first half the Heath backs monopolized the play and tries were scored by Johnson, Humphreys and Farrar: Humphreys converted one of them. After the interval Harrogate retaliated but were again foiled by Farrar who slipped round the blind side to score wide out. Towards the end the Heath forwards were definitely on top, and gaining a great share of the ball.



### ROUND III. Heath 13, Barnard Castle 3.

This was really a first class game. The first item of note was a strong dribble up the field by the Heath forwards, and Barnard Castle only saved a dangerous situation by kicking dead. The first score was made by Humphreys who side-stepped his way to the posts; Horrocks-Taylor converted. The latter then led a pioneer movement up the centre, but Barnard Castle provided the next thrill. Their left wing made use of a mistake and scored underneath the posts after a long run. Shortly after half-time, Heath were penalized, but the kick at goal failed. Dixon flung out a long pass to Horrocks-Taylor, who beat his man with a deceptive change of pace and sent Johnson over in the corner. Heath gave away yet another free kick, but this also was not put to any advantage. Farrar broke away on the blind side and cross kicked. Gillett, who was backing up, gathered well and galloped over under the posts. Horrocks-Taylor added the extra points.

### SEMI-FINAL. Heath 18, Keighley G.S. 0.

Horrocks-Taylor fielded a high kick to set the backs in motion. Humphreys was tackled in possession, and from the ensuing loose scrimmage Gamson burst over under the posts. Horrocks-Taylor converted. Keighley made a fierce counter-attack, but Heath scored. Heath scored again when Farrar went blind to begin a movement from which Humphreys scored; Horrocks-Taylor kicked the goal. At half-time there was not much between the two teams; Keighley were gaining the ball both from the set scrums and from the line-outs. Dixon was prominent, but Keighley retaliated. On one occasion Humphreys had to touch down over his own line to save a try. From the "25 drop" Gamson broke through, handed off a challenger and passed to Horrocks-Taylor who scored a beautiful try. From the kick-off Horrocks-Taylor side-stepped through the whole Keighley side to score again under the posts, and then converted. Towards the end of the match Heath were much the stronger of the two sides.

### FINAL ROUND. Heath 11, Hemsworth G.S. 6.

Hemsworth fly-kicked into the Heath 25 and play was forced to the Heath line. From a line-out Hemsworth crashed over in the corner. This was the first match in which Heath had failed to score first. The try was not converted. At this period play was scrappy and Heath were not getting the ball. Farrar scored an opportunist try by doubling back and bursting through the Hemsworth forwards—the kick at goal was just wide. At half time the score was a tie, three all, and Heath were maintaining a continuous attack on the Hemsworth line. Shortly after half-time Heath were penalised, but the attempt at goal fell short. In clearing the line the ball was fumbled, and from the scrum a yard out, the Hemsworth winger went over in the corner, but the conversion was yards wide. Heath were certainly having to fight at this period and full-time was approaching. Heath were again



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SEVEN-A-SIDE TEAM, 1952

K. A. JOHNSON, D. A. GILLETT, T. D. GAMSON, J. G. FARRAR  
J. N. DIXON, K. E. HUMPHREYS, J. P. HORROCKS-TAYLOR

penalised, this time for offside, but the score was still 3—6 with four minutes to go. Then Johnson beat three men with an inspired run and scored a magnificent try, which in a moment of tense excitement, Horrocks-Taylor converted. The Heath forwards were now gaining the mastery. Farrar drew the wing man on the blind side and sent Humphreys over in the corner. The kick at goal, which narrowly missed, coincided with the final whistle, and Heath won 11—6.

The teams made their way to the stand where the scroll for last year's victory was duly presented to Bamforth, last year's Captain.

This was a momentous occasion for Heath, and the Seven would like to thank the Staff and the boys of the school who came to encourage and support them, and especially Mr. Birchall who made the arrangements for a grand day's Rigger. It was a pity that the weather was so adverse, for it spoiled the goal-kicking. But no complaints; it was fine last year, and perhaps will be next season.

D. H.-T.

### FIVES REPORT

The fives team consisting of Kiddle (capt.), Taylor, Smith and Horrocks-Taylor, have this year kept up the high standard set by the previous years team captained by P. G. Smith.

After an unfortunate defeat by Hulme Hall due to lack of practice at the beginning of the season, the team made a successful trip to Durham in Smith's so-called automobile, to beat St. Bede's College 11—1. The journey home was infinitely more exciting than the game itself.

At this early stage of the season Kiddle was playing with consistency, Taylor showing many brilliant spells though troubled with his elbow, and Smith, a useful player with a sound knowledge of the game, was a little slow-moving in the court. This was more than compensated by his knowledge of Taylor's idiosyncrasies. J. P. Horrocks-Taylor was playing with Kiddle and it was evident from the start he would be a brilliant player with practice; this turned out to be true.

Due to football matches the team was somewhat weakened for the next two matches, thus accounting for our defeat by Leeds University, though the same team easily beat Durham on the return game at Heath 10—2.

At this point in the season we lost Smith, who was replaced by Farrar, a somewhat faster player than Smith but lacking his experience. At half-term the team played its best match of the season against Sheffield, the first pair, Kiddle and Horrocks-Taylor, winning five of their six games in an 8—4 victory. In the return match with Leeds the team was again weakened, and a reshuffle of pairs before the game proved to be very wise as the team won on points, the games being drawn 6—6. Kiddle and M. Taylor played together in this match, and it was through Taylor's brilliant play in the first half of the match that the school won.

The first match with Crossley's was disastrous, the School losing 5-7, the team immediately got down to training as they were obviously not fit because of examinations, and the return match the School won 11-1. The season was rounded off by defeating Leeds C.T. College in a singles match, Leeds scoring 23 points to the School's 135.

I hope that all fives players leaving this year will join the Old Boys Fives Club, and that with the help of J. P. Horrocks-Taylor and of Farrar, who has greatly improved, the team will have another successful season.

Colours were awarded this season to Kiddle, Taylor, Horrocks-Taylor and Farrar.

Games played 10; School Won 7; Lost 3. The School scored 1,334 points against 1,009.

P.K.

### THE FIVES HOUSE MATCHES

This year the House matches were played late in the Summer term, the various teams having been sadly depleted by football matches earlier in the year.

Heath won two of their three matches, losing only to the strong Queen's side, who won the competition without undue difficulty. The results are:—

Queen's :	..	..	30 points
Heath :	..	..	20 points
King's :	..	..	5 points
School :	..	..	5 points

### CRICKET, 1952

This season has been more successful than recent years. This was mainly due to the fact that, at last, a slow bowler has been discovered in J. H. Mitchell, whose slow left-arm deliveries have taken more wickets, during the season, than any other bowler in the team, and have placed him second in the averages. Our opening attack of Normington and Farrar was the same as last season, and both have constantly attacked the stumps. They have generally managed to remove the opposing opening batsmen; a notable feat was Normington's 6 wkts. for 19 against Rishworth, including the "hat-trick." The other pace bowlers, Jagger and Lawrence, have bowled with great enthusiasm, if not with great accuracy, and both, at times, have been extremely dangerous on account of their ability to swing the ball both ways. Special mention must also be made of K. G. Hartley, who, although very young, has bowled really well, especially against Calder High School and the Wakefield Clergy XI.

The batting, on the whole, has been stronger than last year, and figures of over fifty have been recorded by Horrocks-Taylor, J. P. (56 n.o.), Lawrence (54 n.o.), Normington (64 n.o.) and Esmond (60). These scores of Lawrence and Normington were obtained in the match against the Wakefield Clergy XI and together they shared the highest partnership of the season (122 unbroken).

The opening batsmen in all the matches were Esmond and Mitchell, who scored freely and quickly, and thus gave confidence to the following batsmen, most of whom have made good scores. Great promise was shown by another young player, Tinkler, who although joining the side late in the season, has batted confidently, and has made runs when others had failed, as in the match against Almondbury G.S.

The fielding, especially on the ground, could have been improved, and in this respect the team would have done well to follow the example of Farrar, the captain, whose tactics, incidentally, have had much to do with the team's success.

We are very sorry to learn that Mr. S. R. Atkins, who has been the hub of school cricket for the last six years, is leaving to take up a post at Bingley G.S. He has been the main inspiration of the team, and it is largely due to his keenness for net practice that the school batting has improved so noticeably. He has instilled enthusiasm into the team, and the school will miss his leadership. We wish him the best of luck in the future.

#### RESULTS

##### 1st XI

Calder H.S.	..	..	Home	Won by 6 wickets
Woodhouse Grove	..	..	Away	Lost by 8 wickets
Crossley and Porter	..	..	Away	Drawn
Rishworth	..	..	Home	Won by 9 wickets
Sowerby Bridge G.S.	..	..	Away	Drawn
Calder H.S.	..	..	Away	Won by 7 wickets
Wakefield Clergy XI	..	..	..	Won by 127 runs
Crossley and Porter	..	..	Home	Won by 6 wickets
Almondbury G.S.	..	..	..	Lost by 14 runs
Keighley G.S.	..	..	..	Drawn
Doncaster G.S.	..	..	..	Drawn

Played 11, Won 5, Lost 2, Drawn 4.

##### 2nd XI

Thornton G.S.	..	..	Away	Lost by 4 wickets
Almondbury G.S.	..	..	Away	Won by 22 runs
Crossley and Porter	..	..	Home	Won by 8 wickets
Rishworth	..	..	Away	Won by 3 wickets
Keighley G.S.	..	..	Away	Lost by 90 runs
Crossley and Porter	..	..	Away	Won by 12 runs

Played 6, Won 4, Lost 2, Drawn 0.

### UNDER 15 XI

Calder H.S.	..	Away	Lost by 53 runs
Crossley and Porter	..	Away	Lost by 5 runs
Sowerby Bridge G.S.	..	Away	Drawn
Woodhouse Grove ..	..	Home	Lost by 8 wickets

Played 4, Won 0, Lost 3, Drawn 1.

### UNDER 14 XI

Sowerby Bridge M.S.	..	Away	Won by 4 wickets
Woodhouse Grove ..	..	Away	Lost by 10 wickets
Sowerby Bridge G.S.	..	Away	Won by 36 runs
Bradford G.S.	..	Away	Lost by 9 wickets
Thornton G.S.	..	Away	Won by 17 runs
Carlton G.S.	..	Away	Won by 5 wickets

Played 6, Won 4, Lost 2, Drawn 0.

### 1st XI AVERAGES

	No. of appear- ances	No. of innings	Times not out	Highest score	Total runs	Average
G. R. Lawrence	8	7	5	54*	70	35.00
G. A. Tinkler	4	3	1	19	45	22.5
J. P. H. Taylor	11	10	3	56*	149	21.29
A. H. Jagger	8	4	1	24*	55	18.33
F. W. Normington	10	6	1	64*	90	18.00
J. B. Esmond	11	11	1	60	171	17.1
M. H. Taylor	11	11	2	20	81	9.00
J. H. Mitchell	11	11	0	23	94	8.55
J. G. Farrar	10	8	0	26	66	8.25
A. E. Greenwood	11	5	3	3	6	3.00

Also batted : Gamson, 0, 4; Hartley, 7; Verity, 0; Thompson, 3, 0; Gillett, 0\*, 8\*; Halet, 1, 9\*.

### BOWLING ANALYSIS

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Runs per wkt.
K. G. Hartley	34	13	55	9	6.11
J. H. Mitchell	78.6	23	199	27	7.37
G. R. Lawrence	37.6	15	52	8	7.75
J. G. Farrar	68	19	150	15	10.00
F. W. Normington	88.5	17	208	20	10.40
A. H. Jagger	22	4	46	4	11.50

Also bowled : Greenwood 2-1-5-0, Horrocks-Taylor, M. 3-1-7-0, Verity 3-0-13-0.

1st XI Colours were re-awarded to J. G. Farrar, J. P. Horrocks-Taylor, F. W. Normington and were awarded to J. H. Mitchell, G. R. Lawrence, and J. B. Esmond.

Colts XI (Under 14) Colours were awarded to Sharp, T., Lister H., White, J., Pearson, E.

### THE 1952 CROSS-COUNTRY

This year we were blessed with a warm sunny day which was ideal for the spectators if a trifle warm for the runners. The going was excellent except for a few boggy patches in the first wood.

As usual, immediately after the start there was a general stampede across the first field to the wall and despite careful placing and repeated warnings, several competitors contrived to fall over odd bricks and stones. Fortunately there were no casualties and everyone soon settled down to the serious task of putting the remaining miles behind them in the shortest possible time.

Even at this early stage the field was considerably spread out and developing a "tail." Kiddle was leading, as he had done from the start, but there was a large bunch of runners immediately following.

By the time the bank into the wood was reached the runners had spread out into what appeared from a distance like a giant caterpillar, wriggling its way up the valley. At the head was Kiddle, leading Jagger by a couple of paces, with M. Horrocks-Taylor third another three or four paces away. Farrar, Kirby, and Taylor were also well up at this stage.

Through the woods the caterpillar lengthened and broke up into small groups, the only changes in position being in individual groups. Kiddle was still leading by a few paces from Jagger.

And so out of the woods and up Copley hill which, as always after a mile or more of heavy uphill going, proved a severe test, several competitors dropping back badly. The leaders ran up and round the corner, if at a somewhat diminished speed; but a large number of runners, particularly those already well back, were reduced to walking during part of the climb.

Along New Road it was seen that Kiddle had increased his lead from Jagger to about twenty yards, whilst Kirby had come up to third place another fifty yards away.

These positions were unaltered at the finish. Over the intervening ground the first three merely became more spread out, and Kiddle won from Jagger by one hundred yards in 14 min. 35 secs. with Kirby third, a further hundred yards behind. Farrar was fourth, and J. N. Dixon beat M. Horrocks-Taylor for fifth place with a burst several m.p.h. faster than his usual 440 finishing spurt.

Runners were now arriving in quantity and the next five minutes were given up to the continuous cheering and counter-cheering customary on these occasions; whilst several masters, perhaps too dignified to cheer and having no official job, attempted to keep a clear path for the runners. This is a harder job than it looks as one after another found to his cost.

In conclusion, we must heartily congratulate Kiddle on his outstanding performance in winning this event for four years in succession. It will be a long time before this feat is equalled—if ever. Kiddle holds the record for this course, set up two years ago, and it is a great pity he had no-one to compete with this year, or he would almost certainly have bettered his previous best. As it was he had to make all his own running, and led from start to finish, the result never being in doubt.

J.M.C.

### THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

The weather was dull but, fortunately, dry for the School Sports on Thursday, 22nd May. Events decided before Sports day had been evenly distributed and only 50 points separated School House, who were leading, from King's who were lying fourth. School House, managed to retain their slender lead to win the House Cup with 441 points, Queen's having 420½ points, Heath 340½, and King's 332½.

The Junior and First Form sections were completely dominated by School House representatives, R. S. Lee, Watkins, and Payne being particularly successful. Watkins must be complimented on his fine display in winning the Junior 440 yards with a well-judged finishing burst.

The Senior and Intermediate Sections were, to a lesser degree, dominated by Queen's House. Hartley, K. G., was outstanding in the Intermediate section, gaining four first places. Mention must be made of Claytons' fine effort in the 110 yds. hurdles, when he knocked more than a second off the record time.

Although the Senior sprints and Field events were hotly contested, the longer distance events were a complete triumph for P. Kiddle of King's who won the 440 yds., 880 yds., and 1 mile events. The School can never have had as fine a distance runner as Kiddle, who adds his three victories to his fourth successive Cross-Country win.

Of the three relays, the Junior and Intermediate were both won by School House, the Senior being won by the well-nigh invincible Queen's team.

The Victor Ludorum Shield was won by J. P. Horrocks-Taylor with 30 pts., second Kiddle with 19 pts., and third A. H. Jagger with 18 pts. Horrocks-Taylor also won the Connal Trophy for Field Events.

Other trophies were won by G. Carr (Dalzell Trophy, Senior 100 yds.), A. E. Greenwood (Macdonald Cup for Jumping), K. A. Johnson (Fifth form Cup) and P. Kiddle (Dudley Trophy for the Senior One Mile). The Junior House Shield was easily won by School House.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Swale for presenting the Certificates and Prizes, and to Mr. Birchall for his hard work and successful organization.

### RESULTS

Times or distances of New Records included

#### SENIOR :

100 yards—G. Carr (H)  
220 yards—K. A. Johnson (Q)  
440 yards—P. Kiddle (K)  
880 yards—P. Kiddle (K)  
1 mile—P. Kiddle (K)  
110 yards Hurdles—J. P. Horrocks-Taylor (Q) (17.2 secs., equals record)  
High Jump—J. Allingham (Q)  
Long Jump—K. A. Johnson (Q)  
Hop, Step, Jump—A. E. Greenwood (K)  
Shot—J. P. Horrocks-Taylor (Q)  
Discus—C. Bowes (K)  
Javelin—A. Jagger (K)  
Throwing Cricket Ball—J. P. Horrocks-Taylor (Q)  
Relay—Queen's : King's : School

#### INTERMEDIATE :

100 yards—K. G. Hartley (Q)  
220 yards—K. G. Hartley (Q)  
880 yards—K. G. Hartley (Q)  
110 yards Hurdles—P. Clayton (H) (17.0 secs.)  
High Jump—R. N. Fawcett (S)  
Long Jump—P. Roper (K)  
Hop, Step, Jump—K. Campbell (K)  
Shot—A. Peace (K)  
Throwing Cricket Ball—K. G. Hartley (Q)  
Relay—School : King's : Heath

#### JUNIOR :

100 yards—R. S. Lee (S) (12.6 secs.)  
220 yards—R. S. Lee (S)  
440 yards—S. Watkin (S)  
High Jump—D. Sheard (S)  
Long Jump—R. S. Lee (S)  
Hop, Step, Jump—R. S. Lee (S)  
Cricket Ball—C. A. Wood (Q)  
Relay—School : Queen's : Heath

#### FIRST FORMS :

80 yards—J. Payne (S) (10.6 secs., equals record)  
170 yards—J. Payne (S)  
High Jump—A. J. Coward (H)  
Long Jump—J. Payne (S)

K.E.H.

#### INTER-GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS, 29th MAY, 1952

For the first time, the Sports were held at Spring Hall, our home track. This year has seen greater all-round ability from the Heath team. With luck, all four shields might have been won. As it was, we had to be content with two, the Champion School Shield, and the Senior Shield. The Intermediates were second by only three points, and the Juniors were beaten into second place by only one point.

A new rule, limiting the number of competitors from each School in the Senior events to one, was brought in to handicap the larger schools. The Heath Juniors and Intermediates responded by pulling out that little bit extra which wins points.

Individual winners were not numerically overwhelming, but there were innumerable seconds and thirds.

In the Senior Section we won the 100 yards for the first time through G. Carr, J. P. Horrocks-Taylor won the 110 yards hurdles, breaking the School Record in 16.8 secs. P. Kiddle arrived from Manchester in time to win the one mile with effortless ease in 4 min. 49.3 secs., a new School record.

The only winner in the Intermediate section was K. G. Hartley who won the 220 yards, but there were no disappointments as all the other competitors were well placed, and the team can be proud of its performance.

The Junior Section amazed all by their performances. Here again, there was only one individual winner. S. D. Watkin won the 440 yards with his usual brilliant finishing burst. The other Juniors ran and jumped as well as they have ever done, with the result that many points were gained from second and third places.

It was in the Relay events that the School showed its superiority. The Juniors ran brilliantly to break the Inter-School record. Their baton changing was excellent, a true reflection of the good work done by Mr. Birchall. The Intermediate team ran very well, and was only just beaten on the post by Hipperholme. The Senior team won very easily and broke its own record. This is the third successive year in which the Senior team has broken the record. With the encouraging displays from the younger sections we can look forward to the continued supremacy of Heath.

K.E.H.

#### SWIMMING REPORT

The Annual Swimming Gala was held on 18th October, 1951, at Woodside Baths. Heath House deservedly won a keenly contested match. Before the relays Heath led Queen's by only 8 points, but fine team work finally gave them a comfortable lead over their nearest rival. No records were broken, but, in the Under 15 25 yards Free Style event, N. Sutcliffe was only 0.6 seconds outside the record, which was established by J. Gibbs in 1938. Perhaps the most exciting event of the afternoon was the Open Dive. In a tense atmosphere P. Boocock (H) fought it out with D. Horrocks-Taylor (Q) for second place, which Horrocks-Taylor gained with a perfect dive, the event being won by P. T. Haley.

Mrs. Birchall kindly consented to present the trophies and certificates. Heath House received the Championship Cup. Queen's House was presented with the Bouch Trophy for victory in the Senior Relay.

#### RESULTS

##### SENIOR :

50 yards Free Style—1st P. T. Haley (S) ; 2nd K. Beaumont (H) ;  
T. D. Gamson (Q). Time 37.6 seconds.  
100 yards Breast Stroke—1st A. H. Jagger (K) ; 2nd J. Stoddart  
(H) ; 3rd D. Horrocks-Taylor (Q). Time 99.4 seconds.  
50 yards Back Stroke—1st J. Stoddart (H) ; 2nd R. Beaumont (H) ;  
3rd W. Brown (H). Time 46.6 seconds.  
Plunge—1st J. H. Brearley (Q) ; 2nd K. Beaumont (H) ; 3rd  
J. Stoddart (H). Distance 36 feet 2 inches.

##### UNDER 15 :

50 yards Breast Stroke—1st R. Fawcett (S) ; 2nd A. J. M. Peace  
(K) ; 3rd G. A. Tinkler (S). Time 43.4 seconds.  
50 yards Free Style—1st N. Sutcliffe (H) ; 2nd G. Hitchen (K) ;  
3rd K. M. Tillotson (Q). Time 40.6 seconds.  
25 yards Free Style—1st W. Sutcliffe (H) ; 2nd R. Fawcett (S) ;  
3rd K. Mackie (H). Time 16.6 seconds.  
25 yards Back Stroke—1st A. J. M. Peace (K) ; 2nd G. Hitchen  
(K) ; 3rd K. G. Townley (S). Time 22.2 seconds.

##### UNDER 14 :

25 yards Back Stroke—1st E. Balmforth (S) ; 2nd D. Oldfield (Q) ;  
3rd B. Seal (K). Time 22.4 seconds.  
25 yards Breast Stroke—1st D. Oldfield (Q) ; 2nd B. C. Chapman  
(H) ; 3rd K. Mitchell (S). Time 21.8 seconds.  
25 yards Free Style—1st A. Edwards (Q) ; 2nd E. Balmforth (S) ;  
3rd M. Jeffreys (Q). Time 19.4 seconds.

#### UNDER 13 :

25 yards Free Style—1st M. Bingham (Q); 2nd E. M. Fielden (H); 3rd D. Mitchell (H). Time 18.2 seconds.

25 yards Back Stroke—1st A. J. Coward (H); 2nd C. A. Wood (Q); 3rd G. Farrar (Q).

25 yards Breast Stroke—1st J. H. Payne (S); 2nd M. Bingham (Q); 3rd E. M. Fielden (H). Time 21 seconds.

#### OPEN :

Dive—1st P. T. Haley (S); 2nd D. Horrocks-Taylor (Q); 3rd P. Boocock (H).

100 yards Free Style—1st F. Best (Q); K. Beaumont (H); 3rd J. R. Thomas (H). Time 89.4 seconds.

#### RELAYS :

Junior House Relay (Under 13)—1st School; 2nd Heath; 3rd Queen's. Time 89.4 seconds.

Intermediate House Relay (Under 15 and Over 13)—1st School; 2nd Heath; 3rd Queen's. Time 79.4 seconds.

Senior House Relay—1st Queen's; 2nd Heath; 3rd School. Time 68 seconds.

#### FINAL RESULT :

1st Heath 164; 2nd Queen's 148; 3rd School 132; 4th King's 46.

Two swimming matches have been held with other schools. Heath entered an Over 15 and an Under 15 team, on 13th May, to compete against Huddersfield College, Batey G.S., and Morley G.S. We came last in both Medley relays.

On 25th June an Under 15 team, just lost to Sowerby Bridge Secondary School by 15 points to 12. Up to the final race both teams were level; for in the 25 yards Breast Stroke, 15 yards Back Stroke, 25 yards Free Style, and 75 yards Medley race Sowerby Bridge obtained first and fourth places, while Heath gained second and third. The races were so closely contested that the judges had difficulty in adjudicating the winners. After having his nose in front all the way, D. Oldfield just failed by inches to touch the side of the bath before a rival from Sowerby Bridge. In the 100 yards Squadron race, however, Sowerby Bridge gained the ascendancy, and so ran out worthy winners by 3 points.

T. D. GAMSON.

#### CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club have had a most successful year. The Club has held meetings every Monday in Room "S" and the attendance has been reasonably good. The result of the knock-out competition seems to be between Hooson and Shearing in the Seniors, and Pickard and Tillotson (4A) in the Juniors.

The House Competition was played during the Spring Term. All houses seemed to be able to arrange full teams. The result was: 1st Heath; 2nd Queen's; 3rd King's.

The School team have also had a most successful season. In all, thirteen games were played, of which we won six, lost three, and drew four. Two of the games lost were to old rivals, Huddersfield College, and the other to Keighley. The Chess Team Recorder Band amused more than one bus-load of passengers when travelling to away matches, and at home our teas have been excellent. The teams results are as follows:—

Huddersfield College	..	..	..	Away	Lost	4—2
Heckmondwike	..	..	..	Away	Drew	3—3
Keighley	..	..	..	Away	Lost	4½—1½
Calder Valley H.S.	..	..	..	Away	Won	5½—½
Crossley and Porter	..	..	..	Away	Won	3—1
Elland G.S.	..	..	..	Home	Won	5½—4½
Sowerby Bridge G.S.	..	..	..	Home	Drew	3—3
Calder Valley H.S.	..	..	..	Home	Won	4—2
Elland G.S.	..	..	..	Away	Drew	6—6
Huddersfield College	..	..	..	Home	Lost	6½—1½
Sowerby Bridge G.S.	..	..	..	Away	Drew	3—3
P.M.H.S.	..	..	..	Home	Won	6—0
P.M.H.S.	..	..	..	Away	Won	5—2

Total 49 games for; 40 against. The last two matches played were, if not very difficult matches, most entertaining and the tea we had when we played away was certainly worth playing for. We are looking forward to another season of good chess next year.

J.P.A.

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

During the past year our darkroom has been used a good deal, some good work being produced, but mostly, I fear, by members of the sixth form. Our financial position is secure and has shown promise of improving: the society has a sound foundation on which to build. I hope that the younger boys in the school will realise that this is firstly a practical society, not depending upon lectures for its activity. It exists so that you may learn about the fascination of photography by your own efforts.

This summer it became very obvious that the black-out curtains in Room E were imperfect, to say the least, and though there were ideas of lining them with curtains recently removed from the Physics Laboratory, the idea was promptly quashed. Consequently unless someone knows of the whereabouts of some other old curtains we must rely upon the latitude of modern materials to keep fog from the print, so to speak.

Our grateful thanks to B. J. Adamson, our very efficient treasurer, to John Dixon, who took up the job when Adamson left, and to Mr. Morris, both for the loan of his masking frame and for the use of a stop-clock, the rightful property of the Physics Lab.

M.T.

### THE FAVOR-ITES

Once again we are able to report a successful year. Our only disappointment was that there were no meetings after Christmas. This was due mainly to the sudden realization of the nearness of the examinations. Before Christmas we had some enjoyable meetings. The attendances have been good and the standard of speaking has been at the usual high standard.

The General Meeting was held on Friday, 28th September. There was a certain amount of arguing over the night on which the meetings should be held, and it was finally decided to alternate between Thursday and Friday evenings. The first meeting, on Thursday, 11th October, was a series of "One Minute, Please." This proved both amusing and informative, the only discontent being caused by some of the decisions of the jury.

Friday, 19th October, brought a debate "that this house would welcome a return to power of the Present Government." This motion was defeated by twenty votes to five despite a glorious speech by Mr. Gillett, the Labour Champion.

Another debate was held on Thursday, 6th December, when the motion "that this house considers Halifax to be a good town in which to live." was carried by twenty votes to two. The victorious team, Mr. Mackley and W. Brown proved to be a good combination, the former's eloquence and intelligence combining well with the wit of W. Brown. So we leave the Society, confident that the usual high standards will be maintained in years to come.

K.E.H.

### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

This year has been very disappointing for the Society though the few meetings held were certainly interesting. Trips to Jowett Cars, Ambassador Radio Works and British Oxygen Works were politely refused by those firms after the secretary had spent much time in letter writing. Due to the shortage of support the trips to the *Courier* office and the Post Office had to be cancelled, it being disgusting to find that very few members of the Science Sixth were supporting their own society.

A film entitled "The history of the Helicopter" was shown at the first meeting, this was very interesting and a good audience attended. At the next meeting the films "Birth of an Oilfield" and "Malaria" were shown, the first being in technicolor and dealing with the whole process of drilling for oil. The next meeting was not held until the Easter

term when Mr. F. Adams gave a lecture on Meteorology and local weather, this was very interesting and afterwards Mr. Adams forecast the best weather periods between Easter and Christmas.

So ended a poor season for the society and as a last wish as secretary of the society I ask all members of the Science Sixth to give the society their best support during the next year.

PETER KIDDLE.

### THE LIBRARY

This year has seen fifty-three additions to the School collection. These have covered a wide variety of subjects. As usual, we are indebted to some kind donors for their handsome presentations. R. A. Hoyle presented "A History of Geographical Discovery" by Baker, and M. Roper presented two volumes by Bernard Shaw. On the lighter side, Mr. E. J. Peace presented a novel "Galleons' Reach" by Tomlinson, and G. L. Bowes presented two books, "More Sketches of Kenya" by Lord Baden Powell, and "Ben Hur" by Wallace. To all these people we offer our grateful thanks.

Over forty books have been either purchased by the School Club or presented by the Halifax Schools' Library. We are deeply indebted to the latter for its help and generosity. The books are both valuable and interesting. A new volume of "Who's Who" was obtained, as was a further volume of the "Oxford Junior Encyclopaedia." Several additions were made to the History Section, notably Rowse's "England of Elizabeth," "A History of the English People" by Mitchell and Leys, and Halévy's "Liberal Awakening." For the sportsmen, books were purchased on Rugby, Cricket, Athletics, and Basketball.

The complete autobiography of Osbert Sitwell is a valuable possession to any Library, and this has now been added to the School collection.

For the young boys and the not-so-young boys, five of the "Hornblower" Series were purchased. They have already proved to be very popular.

So much for the new books. Just a word now for the boys. Remember to use the Library Register in the correct way, and so lighten the burden of the poor Librarian.

K.E.H.

### SCIENCE LIBRARY

It is a pity that this Library is not used with the same sense of responsibility as the Main Library. The Librarians are becoming more than tired of the way books are constantly disappearing from the shelves: at the last check, more than thirty books were found to be missing: last year it was over forty. No doubt a good many of these will find their way back next term, but many will not. With prices of books at the present level, we cannot hope to continue against such a drain.

So please, you people who use this library, help us to carry on by putting the borrowers' book to its proper use, and making sure that you return every book you borrow.

M.T.



## SWITZERLAND, 1952

The party assembled at Halifax station on Wednesday morning at the unearthly hour of six o'clock, and the Bradford train was boarded amidst fond farewells from doting parents. The journey to Dover was made without incident, Mr. Haigh joining the party at Wakefield. The Customs at Dover passed us without comment and we boarded the boat. The crossing was smooth and on arrival at Ostend we negotiated the Customs, and met our first slight hitch. The seats reserved for us were wooden, and appalled at the idea of spending fourteen hours on them, we got ourselves installed in more comfortable surroundings. The hour or so wait before our departure was spent in looking around as much of Ostend as was visible in the dark. The train left with its full complement of rather tired Heathens, who settled down to what they thought would be an uninterrupted sleep until the frontier was reached at 4.30 in the morning. However, on arrival at Brussels and later at Luxembourg our compartments were invaded by hordes of voluble Belgians and Italians who waved tickets for the seats we occupied and unleashed torrents of French at us. Mr. Morris poured oil on troubled waters, peace was restored and they retired to find other berths.

Basle was reached at last, and we ate our first Swiss meal on the station in awestruck silence. There is still doubt as to whether it was a pork or a lamb chop which we had. We caught the train to Interlaken and for the last fifteen minutes hung out of the windows gazing at our first awe-inspiring sight of the mountains. A 'bus conveyed us to our hotel, where we unpacked and then had dinner before we retired to bed.

The following morning some of us were late for breakfast after our 34-hour journey. We went our various ways in the morning, and in the afternoon a party went up the Heimwehfluh and the Abendberg with Mr. Morris and Mr. Haigh. One member of the party left a trail of mangled benches behind him as he progressed up the mountain.

Saturday morning was fine, and we were wakened at seven o'clock, to catch the train for our expedition up the Jungfrau. The train was packed with skiers, who were on their way to Kleine Scheidegg. We caught the train from Scheidegg to the Jungfrauoch, and we were in the  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -mile tunnel cut in the rock for about an hour. On arriving at the top, one of our members had to be restrained from attempting to continue the tunnel further. We made our way to the observation terrace of the Sphinx Observatory and were rewarded with a magnificent view. On the right was the Jungfrau, with two parties of climbers on it. In front was the immense snow-covered Aletsch glacier stretching as far as you could see, and on our left was the Mönch, with minute skiers on its slopes. Turning round, we saw scores of mountain peaks, and in a gap at the foot of two ridges we could see Matten-Interlaken. We went out onto the terraces, but soon came back inside as there was a thin, biting gale blowing. After a short time we set off back to Kleine Scheidegg and came back via Grindelwald.

On Sunday, we had the morning to ourselves, and in the afternoon a party went to Saxeten, where it split up. Some walked on through Saxeten and the others returned on the other side of the gorge through which we had come. Sunday night was free, as were all other nights, though for some rather dubious reason practically the whole party passed through Wilderswil, about a mile from Matten, that night.

Monday morning was our own, and in the afternoon we caught the funicular up to Harder Kulm. The more energetic members walked along the ridge to the Wanniknubel, from where we had a marvellous view of Interlaken, the lakes, and the surrounding mountains.

We had an early lunch on Tuesday, and caught the train to Meiringen. We walked from there to the Aareschlucht, a deep gorge cut through the mountain by the river. We walked through the gorge on a small balcony which was attached to the cliff face; the return journey along this balcony was made a lot quicker than the outward journey. We spent about an hour in Meiringen before returning home.

On Wednesday we caught the train to Lauterbrunnen and from there the funicular to Murren. We walked along the top of the cliff and down into the valley in blazing sunshine, each water point being greeted with cries of joy. We went up the Trummelbachfalle on our way back. These falls are a number of cascades cut inside the limestone cliff face by the fast-moving water from the melting snows above. We returned in the train from Lauterbrunnen to Wilderswil and when the hotel was reached it was half-an-hour before anybody left his bedroom. On Thursday morning the party assembled at ten o'clock outside the station to catch the Post-bus to Beatenberg. The first part of the journey was the ascent of the mountain side. The road was a series of hairpin bends which were negotiated with apparent ease by the driver, each bend being heralded by a blast on his horn; this was no common or garden horn but had three notes of high pitch and great volume. From Beatenberg we walked down to Beatenbucht; on the way the party disturbed some deer which dashed across the patch in front of us. We progressed to Thum from Beatenbucht by means first of the post-bus and then an ancient tram. We occupied one section of this and sang the school version of "Comin' round the Mountain" to daunt any would-be invaders. Whilst in Rhun we had our first rain, but the shower was fairly light and of short duration. Along with about three other parties we caught the boat back to Interlaken. K. G. Hartley had his birthday today, and at dinner he occupied a post of honour, and an immense cake appeared bearing the requisite number of candles.

Friday morning was spent in doing the last of the shopping by those who had any money. Lunch was eaten, and then we caught the train to Basle.

The journey home was quite uneventful and we had another calm crossing. The train to Halifax was safely boarded at King's Cross just before midnight on Saturday.

A.H.J.

## ST. MALO, 1951

By the time this appears we shall be talking about our 1952 holidays, but this is my first opportunity, on behalf of the party, to set down in the *Heathen* some impressions we received.

Towards the end of the summer holidays Mr. Morris and his party of nine set off bright and early for London, where we were joined by Mr. Haigh. London in Festival Year was impressive to us, although we did not yet visit the Exhibition. In six hours we managed between us to pack in everything from Battersea Park to the Changing of the Guard! Eight-thirty found us at Southampton, where there was scarcely a breeze. This was fortunate, for only four of us could obtain bunks on the S.S. "Palaise." A perfectly calm crossing was enjoyed between blankets on the open decks or on the restaurant floor, either of which can be quite an experience!

We saw at dawn the Emerald Coast breaking through the mist, but we were to lie at anchor in St. Malo bay for four hours waiting for the tide, with the tantalizing sight of the busy town, with the sun shining its brightest on the majestic battlements, just out of reach.

L'Institution de St. Malo (not to be translated as "Institution," please!) is a huge, modern, granite building, a few yards within the city walls. It is a boarding school used in the holidays by parties from schools. We were impressed by the hospitality shown to us and felt at home immediately.

St. Malo is difficult to describe. It incorporates the old walled city, in the process of being rebuilt after war damage; the modern "front" with its gardens and casino, its cinemas and shops; the huge dockland (not in the least unsightly), with water three times the area of the old city, and the rocky beach with its fortress-islands.

We were personally conducted on most of our excursions by Monsieur Jacquin, who was staying at the school for that purpose, and from him we learnt a great deal of geographical information and folklore. The most memorable trip was to the famous Mont St. Michel (featured in the film "The Elusive Pimpernel"). It is a huge mass of rock rising like a great cone from the sea just off the Normandy coast, thirty miles from St. Malo. On the top is an abbey, six hundred years old. It would have taken days to explore the romantic building with its centuries-old coffins buried in the massive walls, its great courtyard with a gutter down the middle for rain—sole source of drinking water for the mediaeval monks . . . but I could go on for ever.

The same excursion was noted for our "packed lunch" of two boiled eggs, a two-foot roll of bread "inlaid" with local butter, two bars of French chocolate and a bottle of cider each!

We went on to Dol Cathedral, Mont-Dol and the famous Cancale oyster-beds. On other days we took a coach to Cap Fréhel, the Breton Flamborough Head, up the River Rance to Dinan on our one rainy day, a tour on foot of fashionable Dinard, and a five-mile sea trip to the Island of Cézembre, the last outpost of the Germans after retreating

from St. Malo in 1943. Eight years after we could still see signs of the hardships they underwent while being besieged by the British—underground shelters strewn with mussel shells, bottles of beer, cartridges and gas-masks. The twisted metal of former anti-aircraft guns and the battered ramparts told their own story.

Besides these excursions, we got to know the city by frequenting the cafés (an instructive pleasure), by patronising the traditionally dressed Breton women who displayed their wares in the square (another pleasure), but not by visiting the Casino!

The food at the Institution was not at all "English-ized" for our benefit. Many of us had our first taste of the salads liberally garnished with garlic and chicory, the soup made from bread, macaroni and onions and clear broth and, of course, that "appetizer"—the Continental breakfast!

We all had our amusing or embarrassing moments. While one of us bargained long enough with a street-vendor to buy a wallet for 200 francs, marked at first at 1,200 francs, another found himself buying a Mars bar for 50 francs, a shilling! One's first attempt at conversation in French, too, is always a trying moment. *Example*: Heathen: "Excusey-moi, pouvey-vous me direr au bureau de poste, monsieur?" Monsieur: "Sorry, cock!"

We were all extremely sorry to leave St. Malo, Messrs. Haigh and Morris in particular who, among others, had another night "roughing it" ahead of them. Once more it was calm, but in London we spent rather a long time dodging from one Pavilion to another at the Exhibition, because of rain.

A very merry journey back to Halifax was enjoyed. Merry, either at the thought of school in a few days or, more likely, the after-effects of the "Café de l'Ouest!"

## "AS YOU LIKE IT"

Of course, we all know "As You Like It," but do we always look at it in the right light? It was based directly on a romance called "Rosalynd," put straight on the stage by a popular dramatist and adapter, William Shakespeare, who added a couple of characters of his own, Jaques and Touchstone. It is, as it were, as if an "Oklahoma" had been based on a novel by Daphne du Maurier and it is pretty clear that we need not bother too much about the plot: Shakespeare didn't, but what the old money spinner did make quite certain we *should* see on the stage was the attractive, determined, scheming girl, whose personality and name in the book had caught his dramatic eye. How right Shakespeare was in his estimate of drawing power was proved by the fact that during this School production no seat was empty on any of the three nights.

Mr. Taylor's brisk disposal of the rather clumsy plot development was, therefore, absolutely right. His production gave us the whole of Shakespeare's popular comedy play with scarcely a pause to distract attention. It was, rightly, against the simplest of indications of court

and greenwood (in the latter with the most commendable help of Mr. Peace's fine forest scene) that the company spoke their lines. The producer's care and patience were evident in the fact that those lines were in every case audible, intelligible and sensible, and that of nineteen principal speaking characters, not one insincere performance and but two or three ineffective ones, marred the general level.

On what might be called the technical side the actors' movements were sound and forthright. Gestures were perhaps too often made ineffectively below the waist instead of more sweepingly above it; swords were not always carried with the casual unconcern which should convey unnoticed habit. A lesson or two in the handling of skirts and in the fully executed curtsey would greatly aid boys forced by looks or unbroken voices to borrow for a time their sisters' arts, but, in general, the magnificent clothes were carried convincingly.

Mr. Hewson's stage management was most slick and competent, and K. W. Reynard's arrangement and control lit the stage with beauty and without a hitch. Behind these most successful performances went a hundred-and-one tasks capably done by many willing helpers, some anonymous, some, like the rock-like accompanists, Mr. Holt and T. B. Cruddis, appearing in the open, but all contributing to the background of efficiency before which the actors gave of their best.

Orlando (D. P. Davies), then, a pleasant personality, sincere in delivery and admirable in movement, made a confident rush through the opening scenes with a shaggy and likeable old Adam (B. J. Adamson) with a powerful and impressive Oliver (T. D. Gamson), and, in an effective and well-arranged bout, with a most convincing wrestler Charles (J. Hoggard), who breathed the very sawdust air of the prize ring. The villainous usurping Duke (D. A. Gillet) bursting—and at times speechless—with rage, uttered his decrees of exile and "heigh-ho for the greenwood."

Here the production faced the first test for a popular comedy—the leading lady—and D. Watmough made a most creditable shot at an extremely exacting task. Looks, the intelligence and comprehension of spoken lines, were all beyond praise; perhaps variation of mood and pace, the telling repose which rivets an audience's attention, cannot be expected of an actor necessarily younger than the rest. His Celia (G. R. Sunderland) had caught a tendency to fidget, but displayed quiet charm and considerable humour.

They were fortunate in their companion in exile. The part of Touchstone (W. Brown) is not all as funny to us as it was to Shakespeare's audience, but the actor took the part in his teeth and played it for all it was worth. He has the ability, not common in young actors, to "point" lines; he realised that the lines were not as familiar to all in the audience as to himself, and he handed them the stuff, quite rightly, on a plate. They liked him accordingly.

The woodland exiles, under the leadership of their banished Duke (J. P. Gaukroger playing with great unselfishness and real dignity) were a very high-minded lot, for twice during the evening we saw them

spread appetizing meals and never get bite or sup, though fainting old Adam tucked in convincingly. However, they shared with us their consolations in the singing of the lovely lyrics which are a feature of this play and of which Mr. Gain, W. G. Normanton and their two companions (K. E. Humphreys and P. Anderton) in a quartet made the most. I am not sure that the lyrics were not sung a little too obviously to the audience in the Hall rather than to the audience placed for them on the stage.

Here came the second test—Shakespeare's own character Jaques (M. Taylor), rightly given to the most experienced actor in the cast. Is Jaques a real misanthrope or is it all an artificial and amusing pose, well known to his forest companions, greeting the carefully arranged melancholy of his speeches with indulgent smiles? The producer and actor, as they were well entitled to do, took the first view, bringing out clearly and with sick sincerity his recollections of vanity and ingratitude. But another test faced Jaques, the "Seven Ages" speech, so well known as to be as difficult to speak as "Dr. Livingstone, I presume," and coming so early in the part that it is as if a Grand National runner had to face Becher's Brook as the starting gate lifts. With technical accomplishment, far in advance of his years, Taylor made no mistake with the speech, taking it bravely and delivering it well, though he was a bit hampered, as were some others, but the conventional setting of the Duke's chair bang centre up stage, which caused him to turn his back either on Duke or audience and made the speech a trifle static. The outfacing of Orlando and his drawn sword was well imagined and executed.

Then came the scenes of light-hearted love in which Orlando and his Rosalind were joined by Corin (J. B. W. Edwards, in a permanently sitting position), and by a far more serious pair of lovers, Phebe (J. D. Redman) and Silvius (J. C. Allingham). Allingham's was in some ways the most praiseworthy performance of all, bringing real wit to bear on the hapless swain's outpourings of his feelings, and he was well matched by Redman's lovesick girl. This enjoyable nonsense was heightened by D. F. Oldfield's Audrey, an unconscious, roguish and enchanting minx who, with an infectious grin, and almost without a line, carried the audience by storm, and by William (D. H. Hoyle), for centuries the comic yokel of English entertainment. (What sort of man *did* Shakespeare intend Sir Oliver Martext (G. M. Kirby) to be?) I felt during this period that some of the savour to the audience of Rosalind's disguise was being lost because the characters used the (to them) jocular name of Rosalind too straightforwardly, and Watmough's control of the play was a little shaky until it was firmly restored by Touchstone's confidence and that arrival of the solid crimson figure of Oliver, with his strange story of serpents and lions and an almost overwhelmingly gory strip of material to turn poor Rosalind's squeamish stomach. (By the way, isn't there warrant for thinking that Oliver smelt a rat at this point and passed on his suspicions to Orlando, whose later speeches may well betray that he has penetrated her disguise?)

A delightful rendering of "It Was a Lover and His Lass" and the appearance of the most magnificent court suit, inhabited by Jaques le

Bois (D. M. Allingham), with his Fairy-Queen-like settlement of all difficulties, rapidly and competently wound up the play. One rather envied that shadowy holy man who is going to be joined by two such diverse types as the rugged Frederick and the melancholy Jaques.

Queen Victoria once made the actor MacReady play "As You Like It" for a Command Performance, when he, despite his extremely good playing of Jaques, wanted to do "Much Ado." I think Queen Victoria would have liked this production at Heath; we in the audience certainly enjoyed it, and I have a shrewd suspicion that William Shakespeare would have enjoyed it very much indeed.

Others taking part were R. A. Broadbent and G. Fox (Lords), D. Fawcett (Page), A. Stott (Le Beau), and E. A. Bunney (Dennis).

## MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC CONCERT

Friday and Saturday, May 23rd and 24th

As is quickly becoming traditional, the Musical and Dramatic Societies combined together to give us an excellent evening's entertainment. The first item was a song by the Madrigal choir, "Matrona, lovely maiden." They then went on to sing "Awake, sweet love," "The Silver Swan," "Sing we and chant it," and "Eya, resurrexit," an old carol, under Mr. Haigh's skilful guidance.

This was followed by J. B. W. Edwards, J. K. Denerley, and Hooson playing movements from Divertimento No. 1 by Mozart, on the flute, clarinet and bassoon. Their rendering afforded ample evidence of the practice they had put in during the previous weeks.

They were followed by the Treble choir, singing three songs, "Shepherd, shepherd," "Londonderry Air" and "The Dance." W. G. Normanton then sang, "Art Thou Troubled" by Handel, as a solo item. Normanton has a lovely voice, and used it to the best advantage.

As the fifth item, the School Orchestra gave a spirited performance to three English Dances, and imbued the audience with some of their own enthusiasm.

The evening would not have been complete without a contribution from the full school choir, of which we are justly proud. They sang a group of songs, including "The Ash Grove" and "Heraclitus."

We then had an excellent piano solo by D. Watmough, who played the Rondo Alla Turca from the Sonata in A minor by Mozart. Watmough is going to be very much in demand at our concerts for many years. He was followed by a duet for violin and piano, by P. Furness and B. Cruddis, who played "Ritornello and Allegro," by Veracini.

Mr. Gain's Senior Choir then made their awaited appearance, and sang a group of songs in fine style, "Gaudeamus Igitur," "Great Tom is Cast," "Drink to me only," "The Oak and the Ash," "Ben Backstay," "The Keel Row" (in strict B.B.C. dialect), and "Green Broom." The audience always enjoys this item, but perhaps next year they will be

more adventurous in their choice of song. We personally would like to hear their renderings of such things as "Riders in the Sky" and "Around the Corner."

This brought the musical half of the performance to an end. We were next to see some scenes from "Tom Sawyer," dramatised by Miss D. Scott.

They gave us four scenes, "Aunt Polly's Kitchen," "Outside Aunt Polly's Garden," "School," and "Sunday School." Every one taking part played with refreshing life, so often absent from Junior productions, and with a sense of fun which largely contributed to their success. Tom Sawyer himself (J. H. Payne) managed to be both mischievous and serious, and Becky Thatcher (J. R. Crossley) was the perfect foil to him, giving a very good portrayal of feminine guile.

Aunt Polly herself (D. E. Gillion) gave another good performance. In the school scenes R. C. Akroyd and K. A. Mitchell as Mr. Walters and Mr. Dobbin, gave vehement performances, "coming across" very well. Lawyer Thatcher, too, showed some knowledge of characterisation, and was ably backed up by Mrs. Thatcher, who never once slipped into the unladylike attitudes she had been wont to assume at rehearsal. They were played by S. A. Clough and V. L. Clarke.

The scene "Outside Aunt Polly's Garden," had been slightly handicapped by an unavoidable lack of space, but the whitewash brush was wielded happily, the steamboat came in without any inhibitions whatever, and Jim had great fun with his accent.

We must pay tribute to Mr. G. H. Littlefair, the producer, whose handling of the very difficult crowd scenes was excellent. The production as a whole was capably handled and its timing gave evidence of painstaking rehearsal.

Other parts were played—very well—by J. Davey (Sid), J. A. Elliott (Jim), B. Lee (Alfred Temple), I. D. East (Ben Rogers), A. P. Briggs (Billy Fisher), D. A. Armitage (Johnny Miller), and P. Mosey, R. H. Earnshaw, J. S. Kay, T. J. Mitchell (Children), and D. Pickles as Amy Lawrence.

After a second interval we then came to a production by the Prefects, who proved to be a very talented company. J. M. Collis and K. E. Humphreys opened the play at a delightful rate (O, that others would learn their parts as well as they did!), and made a hurried exit upon the stroke of ten, not a moment before a gorgeously disguised P. Kiddle, clad in chain mail from head to foot, made a dignified entrance. His abrupt change of character, as he found no one to haunt, raised one of the biggest laughs of the play. After his exit, the scene, which up to now had been set on the battlements of the castle, changed to somewhere outside the castle.

John Henry Fielden and John Dixon made a fine entrance, and began to fool with reckless abandon, though the sight of a certain kettle may have helped them more than somewhat. After the reappearance of Messrs. Collis and Humphreys they made two undignified exits,

John Henry obviously scenting cooking sherry. The ghost of Shakespeare made his appearance in the middle of the second green spotlight of the evening, inducing in Humphreys a suitable display of mortal terror. Should these players at any time wish to abandon their academic careers, I feel sure that they would take the West End by storm—but not, I fear, in any other way.

M.T.

### WHO SAID . . . ?

- "Parabola!"  
 "Make an astonishing move, Mr. Brown!"  
 "Shut up, laddie."  
 "We have lowered the standard of infant morality in backward countries."  
 "My God! It's Darbey!"  
 "Personally, Old Man, I couldn't care less."  
 "The purpose of punishment is to act as a deterrent."  
 "Now just a minute, Sir!"  
 "Which witless loon said that? . . . You're too pert, Dixon!"  
 "Oh! Give me your answer, do!"  
 "Near Huddersfield . . . somewhere over there . . ."  
 "Williams!—"  
 "They're as different as Chorleton and Charleton!"  
 "In a large population you're bound to get some smooth figures."  
 "I mean it!"  
 "Put more wood on the fire, please."

### THE HEATHEN IN HIS BLINDNESS WANTS TO KNOW. . .

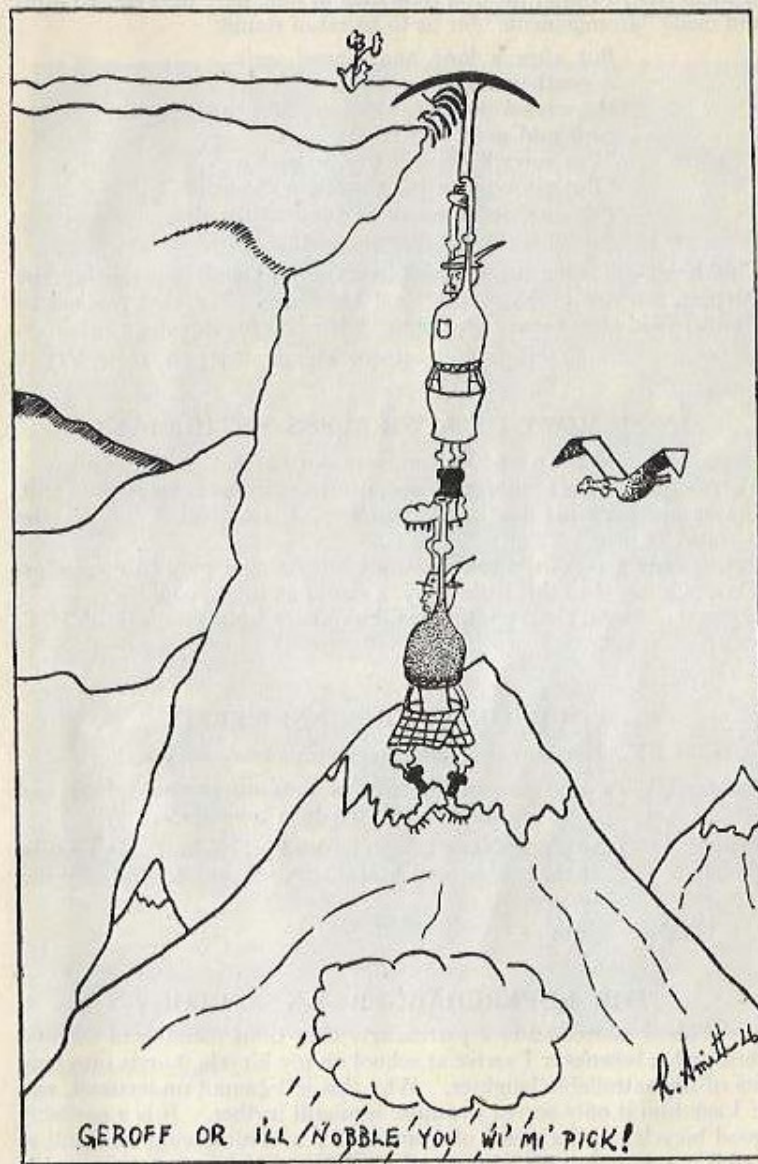
- Does he play the zither with bed socks on?  
 What is a Morris Minus?  
 Who is Bubbles?  
 The signal having been given, what *did* the soldiers do?  
 Is she glass-proof?

### I.C.I. HUDDERSFIELD

On Monday, 21st July, several members of the sixth and fifth forms set off after an early lunch for Huddersfield, nearly filling a whole bus. Jokes like "do I see eye to eye with you" were duly made and with about two exceptions the party got half fares, being convinced that this was school business.

In Huddersfield we were shepherded off the bus by one of those zebra things (ablative of place where, not agent or instrument) and after crossing a few streets and walking in single file round the edge of a flower bed were taken by bus to the I.C.I. This is an enormous place and a road runs into it with a policeman on guard:—

A road runs into the I.C.I.,  
 And that road is straight and wide.  
 It looks like part of Commercial Street  
 With gas-works on each side.



Here we waited while the gentleman who had organized the trip spoke to the men in blue uniforms and went into a little hut with one of them (not, I think, the first time men in blue have interviewed him) and made "arrangements" for us to be taken round.

But after a long and dismal wait  
A gentleman hove in sight.  
He wasted no time, came straight to the point  
And told us of our plight.  
"I'm sorry," he said to our leader,  
"But your party must straight depart,  
For you never wrote to confirm the date  
And it's too late now to start."

This being the case we split into two groups and, ours being the thirstier, we made use of the local amenities. We then walked to Huddersfield centre and visited a snack bar before returning to Halifax.

JOHN HENRY FIELDEN (U Sc. VI).

#### IN MEMORY OF A WIRELESS ENTHUSIAST

In the little old town of Electron, way out beyond Anode bend,  
There's the grave of a radio mechanic, who lies earthed at his positive end,  
Let us give him his due in all fairness—he was good at his job; he  
had brains,

But he once was a little too careless while fixing a plug to the mains.  
There's a moral to this little story, a moral an infant could see,  
If you don't want short circuits to Glory, don't frolic around with H.T.

PETER KIDDLE.

#### YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Question : Explain how to make Oxygen on a laboratory scale.

Answer 1 "To make mercury, mix permosium permongabate and magsum dioxide and oxydgen together. . . ."

Answer 2 "Take a pneumatic trough with a beehive in it. Put a tube in the beehive and heat it. Put a cylinder full of water on top."

Need we continue ?

#### THE SUPERCHARGER—AN APOLOGY

This is addressed to a particularly obnoxious member of the first form, who, whenever I arrive at school on my bicycle, bursts into long fits of uncontrollable laughter. Why this is I cannot understand, and if I ask him it only serves to amuse him still further. It is a perfectly good bicycle, with a speed of from 35 m.p.h. with a wind downhill to —0.5 m.p.h. going up, and its all-black livery is far more respectable than those ostentatious finishes of tinted aluminium, except where a brownish colour mysteriously appears after rain. Black is also easier



Photograph—M. Taylor

SPORTS DAY, 1952

Mrs. Swale is presenting a Certificate to P. Kiddle

to keep looking clean as dirt does not show up on it very prominently. The other cyclists at school put on a strange smile of pity when they lift my machine, but I point out that a heavier bicycle is more difficult for any one to steal, besides being safer to ride, since (so the scientists inform me) the gyroscopic effect is proportional to the mass of the revolving components. Its extra weight both gives it more speed downhill when going into a wind, and will take it just as far up the other side, as a lighter machine, disregarding of course, any "Halt" signs or traffic signals at the bottom. The weight also steadies it when passing over the atrocious surfaces of the Halifax roads, on which, though an alarming rattling is produced, no part has so far dropped off.

I have often been out for the day and been surprised to find that none of the boys such as come to school, bent double on shiny but flimsy machines, manage to overtake, and seem to prefer to walk up the hills up which I glide (in low gear). Indeed, not one of the pleasures of cycling is denied me:—overtaking a lorry going downhill, exploring places you have never before seen; stretching out by the cool roadside at your destination; the view after a strenuous climb up a steep hill; the coffee for which you stop on the return journey; and switching on the lamps at sunset. (I even count it a pleasure when this last operation is difficult to perform, my headlamps tending to dip when not intended to do so.) The pleasure of showing a great mileage on the meter is empty when you realise that the same effect can be achieved by turning the bicycle upside down and placing the meter on the rear wheel.

So much enjoyment do I derive from my notorious contraption that I am beginning to think that its name of the "Super-charger" has been acquired because it is after all superb.

J.K.D. (U VI).

#### HONOR QUIBUS TORTI PEDES

All hail, O noble scion of the Ancient House of Twang  
With your feet a-kicking idly in the breeze,  
How many ploughed opponents there your lordly praises sang,  
Have you broken many shins this year or cut down many trees?

Is your coat of arms still blazoned on your 90 horse Rolls-Royce?  
Is the Duchess (sadly dowager) at Home?  
Of your twenty country houses have you still got any choice.  
Are you calling your solicitor to sue me for the poem?

Oh! Oh!

#### HOW TO PASS THE GEN. CERT. or FUN AND GAMES WITH FOOLSCAP

First of all let me make it quite clear this examination is public, therefore you may make a thorough nuisance of yourself. They can't touch you for it.

You will, of course, be the last to enter the examination room. Stride hurriedly to your seat, unscrewing your pen as you go. After expressing audible disgust at the hard seat (others have those nice green ones), you pick up the question paper, scan it and put it down. Now raise your hand for some ink. The sleepy gent on the platform will no doubt prefer to ignore you; rather than disturb everyone by calling out you will get your own ink out, slamming your desk-lid in the process. Fill your pen (even if it's already full), take off your coat and start filling in all the silly details at the head of each sheet of foolscap. On the space marked "No. of question paper" you will write the date. On the long dotted line you will already have put SANSKRIT ORAL before you realise that your name is needed. Having crossed this out heavily there will be no room for your name so write it in the space marked "Index Number." If you happen to know your number you had better shove it under "Number of Sheet." If not, write your age here.

Pour out a cup of coffee from your flask, then knock it over on to your question paper. Borrow some blotting-paper to mop it up and throw the soggy mess into the waste-paper basket, i.e. at the invigilator. Now sit back, sigh, and when you have caught a fellow candidate's eye shrug your shoulders. He will shrug his and start his third sheet, the swot. Your pen will by this time be leaking so press the nib hard into your blotting-paper. It's fascinating to watch the blue blob spread. Three minutes may be profitably spent in removing the whisker which has, in consequence, become lodged in the pen nib.

"Half-an-hour left, Maths. candidates."

Well, you had better start question one. (Incidentally, you may possibly notice a whole paragraph enclosed in square brackets, before the first question. The brackets mean you need not read it. A friend once did, just for fun, and he told me it went something like this: "Answer in Section A either 1(a) or 2(b) or 1(b) and 2(a), in Section B any three and as many as you can in Section C." Personally, I do the easiest one).

If, when the invigilator comes round, you feel like a spot of model aircraft flying, hand in two pieces of scrap paper, some blotting-paper and an empty sheet of graph paper. (Do not crease the foolscap—it won't fly so well.) You are now at liberty to say to the world in general, "Dead easy," and walk out whistling. Why whistling? Because the rest of the school is still working.

R. SUNDERLAND (VL).

### THE AUCTION SALE

On the last day of term, anyone passing the Hall might have become aware of an atmosphere suggestive of Christie's. On the steps of the stage, in front of a motley collection of valuable antiques, stood the auctioneers, Mr. Haigh and Mr. Birchall. Bidding was brisk, a pair of pumps fetching as much as twelve-pence. One pair brought the fabulous sum of twenty-one pence, believed to be a record for this class of article.

A game of "Tiddly-Tennis" was sold to the first bidder for two-pence. A pair of dividers brought the same, but a comb in a handsome leather case appealed to the vanity of the assembled multitude and sold for sixpence. At this point the treasurer to the firm was seen entering the Hall and even joined in the bidding, we fear with the idea of running up prices. He was, however, hoisted with his own petard and was left with a pen-knife of ferocious aspect and an ancient bicycle pump.

Combs had by this time fallen in the public's valuation, and were fetching only a penny. What is believed to be the original design for the Palomar 200 in. telescope went for ninepence, and a number of leather schoolbags were sold to a dealer, who afterwards made a handsome profit on at least one of them, by private sale.

The treasurer then took a hand in flogging the rest of the rubbish and sold the most useless articles with an easy grace, fountain pens bringing as much as three shillings at first. So far only one person has asked for his money back.

The total sum realised was £3 9s. 5½d., so more and better lost property next year, Heath!

M.T.

### SENIOR SCOUTS

The Seniors have had a most enjoyable and successful year. During the year our members have increased from a handful to a total of seventeen, although some blokes seem to have drifted away during the course of the year. At the beginning of the year, meetings were held at Salterhebble, but as our numbers have increased, we have moved into the hut in the School yard. During the winter we have been hard at work building the canoe, which is now looking in fine shape, although not yet covered with canvas. At Christmas the usual party was held in the School Hall and a very good time was had by all, in fact it was the best party we have had for several years.

At Whitsuntide about eight of us went up into Lyttondale camping. Although we appeared to have moved into the district where the weather was wettest, we had a good time. During this term, our meetings have been out of doors and activities have included athletics. The troop has never before entered the Scout Sports, and taking that into consideration, they did very well in gaining second place.

This summer we hope to hold our annual summer camp at Stainforth, and there is promise of a good time being had by all.

Good Luck, Look Wide and Good Scouting, Seniors.

J.P.A.



## HEATH OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

1951-52

I look back on a year which has been satisfactory. I can hear someone murmur that I am jolly soon satisfied. Perhaps I am. Let me explain. In five years of life since its re-formation after the war, our Association has cherished many lofty aspirations which have quickly been disappointed. I hardly think it is necessary for me to recite the short, but in part painful, history over again—everyone but the youngest Old Boys know it full well. Yet I know that I lay myself open to all sorts of charges ranging from indifference and laziness, to smug complacency, when I say again that this Association can be primarily only an Association in name. Whatever disbelievers may say it has been proved that we cannot flourish as a really active social organisation; when I say that, I mean active beyond the holding annually of three or four events, i.e. an Annual Meeting, a Dance and a Dinner, with possibly a supplementary cheaper dance at the School for younger members. My point is that every Old Boy should be ready and proud to be a member of the Association just because he is an Old Boy and not for what he can get out of it. It should come naturally to him to seek membership. If it doesn't then I say we don't want him as a member.

On the other hand it is necessary that all should realise the potentialities of the Association. It is a greater friend to the School than many realise; to be such a friend is, I maintain, its primary function. How many Old Boys are aware that this magazine would not make an appearance at all were it not for the substantial subsidy which the School Club receives from us? The Committee is constantly asking the Headmaster what the Association can do to help the School. It is only a few weeks ago that a flag-pole, complete with flag to be flown on appropriate occasions, made its appearance over the School main entrance—a gift from the Old Boys. Such are the little ways in which we can contribute.

Not always have our dinners, dances and other events been successful, either socially or financially—and it is therefore a cause for considerable satisfaction that the events which we have held this year have been most successful. A review of these in another column will confirm this. The Rugby Club report, to be seen elsewhere, makes pleasant reading, too. Please do not forget that the Rugby club is an integral part of the Association; if you like, it is the Association's only really active section. It is to our credit therefore, if it flourishes, and you may be assured that its success is the result of hard work and is not merely accidental.

My thanks once again to Mr. Swale—a real enthusiast, not a professional one just because it is his job. He *believes* in the Association—if only there were ten times as many Old Boys like him in this! For my part I believe that the Association will grow in stature as the constant influx of new members comes in, infected by the enthusiasm which the Head, the real link between the Association and the School, imparts to them.

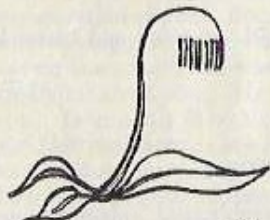
A. SUNDERLAND.  
*President.*



HAIRCUTICUS SWALEII.



IMPEDIMENTA BRIAR.



CAPUT MACKLII.



GRASS:-

EYEBROWUS TISHI.



PEDES SINII.



KETTLE OSCARI.

J. C. ALLINGHAM

HEATHEN FLORA

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

A few words are expected of me on the doings of our Association. This is not an easy task to undertake with any wit or originality because the activities of the past year are almost a duplication of those of the previous year except that the profit or loss on each event altered slightly. But, on reflection, I realise that a major change did occur this year. We did not have our Annual Cheap (or Half-Crown Flannel) Dance. That, I suppose, means we did less than ever! The Annual Dance at the Queen's Hall was without doubt a major success. Almost every age group was represented and the balance sheet showed a comfortable margin on the credit side. It is perhaps inevitable that the Annual Dinner makes a financial loss each year, and this year has not proved an exception. Despite the fact that we moved to licensed premises on a dark and wintry night for this feast the support was no better. From this emerges no useful conclusion except that *enthusiastic* Old Boys do not mind whether they drink beer or dandelion-and-burdock so long as they can meet one another each year at dinner.

On the first Monday in October each year we hold our Annual General Meeting. You may not be thrilled with our last year's programme, in which case you have a strong argument for some changes in your Association's Officers and Committee. Or you may be perfectly content with things as they stand—an even stronger argument in favour of an attendance at the General Meeting because contented people never attend meetings just to say "thank you" and thus your side is bound to be outnumbered. My own view is that such a meeting should be a very lively affair and should result in not a few changes being made. Quite off the record I can tell you that as a voluntary worker my enthusiasm diminishes as my length of service increases. It is obvious even to the lay-man that the easiest way to avoid criticism of one's efforts is not to do *anything*—so carrying this theory to its logical conclusion you will readily appreciate that after the "Pie Supper Fiasco" and two year's minor disappointments this Honorary Secretary has reached the "Zombi" stage as far as active participation in new projects is concerned.

Of course you have seen through my feeble attempts to provoke you into an *active* disagreement with what I have written—but please don't let that stop you from supporting our Association's activities. To be absolutely serious for a moment, may I remind you of the real purpose of our Association? Firstly we do all we can to help the School and secondly we do all we can to help one another. Those two activities are really enough to make membership worth-while.

D. A. CARLIN.

### EXAMINATION RESULTS

OXFORD  
C. G. Kaye  
O. Smithies

Final Hon. School Mod. History. Class III.  
Ph.D.

### CAMBRIDGE

D. A. Earnshaw Natural Science Tripos, Part I. Class II, Div. 1  
I. S. Manson Law Tripos, Part II. Class II, Div. 1

### DURHAM

D. G. Martin B.Sc. (Mech. Eng.)

### LEEDS

R. Fawkes A.R.I.B.A.  
D. M. Jackson B.Sc. (Civ. Eng.). Class II.

### LONDON

D. Swift B.Sc. (Biol., Botany and Zool.). Class I.

### MANCHESTER

M. G. Crowther B.A. (Classics). Class II, Div 2  
D. H. Fielding B.Sc. (Phys. and Chem.). Class I.  
G. Wilkinson B.Sc. (Mathematics). Class III.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

A. B. Wade F.D.S.

### NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Dr. E. Neil has been appointed University Reader in Physiology at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School.

D. G. Martin of King's College in the University of Durham, is taking up a post in the University of Toronto this autumn.

K. E. Sowards-Shaw has had his Scholarship in Modern History at Lincoln College, Oxford, extended for a fourth year.

A. B. Wade writes from London with news of himself and others. Mr. B. Young, who left the staff at the end of the war, lives near him and is very busy teaching at night school and writing books in addition to his ordinary school work. J. H. Shoesmith is working as Casualty Officer at the University of London Post-graduate Medical Institute and is engaged on work for his final examination for F.R.C.S. John Broadbent, he writes, is Lecturer in Pharmacology at Ibadan, in Nigeria. Of himself, Wade tells us that he is Assistant Director of the Department of Periodontology in the School of Dental Surgery at the London Royal Dental Hospital. Periodontology was derived as follows by a junior clerk of his bank: period: an interval of time or space. ontology: the study of things in time and space. The real derivation should provide no difficulty to those who remember anything of their Greek and should not be too hard for those who don't. (?? Ed.)

R. J. H. Collinson writes at some length to explain why, though a one-time editor of this magazine, he is unable to provide a contribution. He is now a barrister in Liverpool, and would be happy to meet any Old Heathens who may find themselves in that city. He might also be able to help anyone who has leanings towards the Bar.

Arthur Davies (1929-31) writes of his life in Kenya. After 11 years in the Burma Frontier Service before and during the war, he found post-war life in London rather uncongenial and so in 1950 flew off to Nairobi with his wife and two children. He is now one of three Assistant Secretaries at the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources—his own branch covers all aspects of the working of the Forest Department, the Water Department (Conservation and Irrigation), Game and Fish Departments, "and sundry other odds and ends." His wife is a Paediatrician and her practice is steadily growing. Despite the inordinately high price of land and materials and the defalcations of local builders, he and his wife are now living in a large and comfortable bungalow; and the climate is such that the gardens are already flourishing. Nairobi, he says, is growing fast; in 50 years it has grown from a jungle swamp to a well laid-out town of 150,000 people. The rich farming areas greatly resemble the English countryside; quite otherwise is the fascinating game sanctuary in the Nairobi National Park, where almost any of the wild life of Kenya may be seen a mere couple of miles outside the city. He has decided to settle in Kenya for good, though he will take his holidays (not leave!) in England. He concludes by saying that he will be delighted to give assistance and information to anyone contemplating going to East Africa.

G. H. Boocock has spent the last year in Arras; his impressions of a French Lycée at work appear on another page. The picture he paints is perhaps a little bewildering, but, as he writes, somehow from the confused mass of secretaries and "bulletins de sortie," the Lycée continues to turn out its fair share of Jean-Paul Sartres, its Aragons and Apollinaires. So the system apparently works. On his return from France, Boocock is to take up a position in Manchester.

E. W. G. Birch, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.F.M., has been appointed house physician at the Bradford Royal Infirmary.

R. T. Gaukroger, B.A., M.B., B.Chir.(Camb.), has passed the final examinations of the Royal College of Physicians, London and the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

#### RUGBY, 1951-52 SEASON

The Rugby Section of the Old Boys' Association enjoyed another successful season and the playing record again showed an improvement on the previous year, with 22 games won, 9 lost, and three drawn, with 402 points scored against 174. Several of the games which were lost were decided by narrow margins and might easily have ended in our favour if our goal kicking had been more accurate, for, out of 101 tries scored during the season, only 24 were converted.

For the third year in succession our interest in the Yorkshire Cup ended in the third round, when we were beaten by Old Thornensians by 14 points to nil after we had eliminated Rotherham and Halifax Vandals in the two previous rounds.

Our victors went on to reach the semi-final when they were beaten by Halifax, but in the subsidiary competition they were worthy winners of the Yorkshire Shield.

From our fixtures with local rivals we derived satisfaction from beating both the Old Crossleyans and Halifax Vandals twice while after beating the Old Brodleians and Halifax "A" we narrowly lost the return encounters by three points each.

We were again invited to enter the Barnsley Seven-a-side Competition, which always provides a grand afternoon's football for the rugby enthusiast, but on this occasion we were put out in the first round by Old Roundheyians, who snatched a lead in the last minute with a try in the corner.

Our second team commenced well under the enthusiastic leadership of Gordon Brear, and we were often indebted to members of the School fifteen who frequently turned out for us, but in the closing stages of the season we were often unable to field a fully representative side and our record deteriorated.

One of our hardest games of the season was the annual fixture against the School and it was not until the closing stages of the game that we managed to snatch a draw at 14 points each.

An interesting feature of the season was the inauguration of our own Seven-a-Side Competition, which was held on two evenings in the last week in April. This was the first time that such an event had been held in Halifax, and it proved to be a great success with a large crowd witnessing some exciting rugby on both evenings. Our thanks are due to all the local clubs who gave us their whole-hearted support. Two teams were entered by the Old Crossleyans, Old Rishworthians, Old Brodleians, Halifax Vandals and Halifax "A", and two of our own teams competed. The trophy was a handsome silver cup which has been donated to the Club by the family of our secretary, Mr. Sam Sutcliffe. The cup had originally been won by the late Mr. Sam Sutcliffe, senior, in a goal-kicking competition, when he was a scholar at Heath over 60 years ago, and it is a happy thought that the cup is still fulfilling a useful purpose in further promoting the School's sporting activities.

At present the Cup is in the possession of the Halifax Club who beat our number two team in the final but we are hoping that it will return to us when the competition is staged next year.

Our social activities were limited and our only event was a pie supper, which was attended by Mr. Swale and over 70 other guests, including several former players who recalled many happy memories of the club's earlier days.

The past season saw a great improvement in our financial affairs, when a considerable debit balance was wiped out, and we now have a useful credit balance after having discharged all our liabilities. We thank all the Old Boys who rallied round to make this possible and particularly to Mr. Swale who took a leading part in the organisation and to Allan Sunderland for the work which he accomplished in his first year as treasurer.

Our leading points scorer for the season was Palfreeman who did not make his debut with the first team until December, and due to muscular trouble he was unable to play after the end of February. In

this short period he scored no less than 26 tries, including 9 in one game and 7 in another, to give him a total of 78 points, his nearest rivals being Gordon and Short with 15 tries each.

In the coming season we shall be celebrating our Silver Jubilee and we are arranging suitable events to mark the occasion accordingly, details to be announced at a later date.

Our only concern now is our slender list of playing members and we are still having to rely mainly on our older stalwarts, who will be difficult to replace when the time comes for them to retire from the game.

We have at West Vale better accommodation than any other similar club in the district, and we are steadily gaining a favourable reputation in all parts of the county. We have a standing invitation to all Old Boys who wish to play rugby to come and join us at any time during the season.

E. H. BUTLER.

### FIVES REPORT

So far as matches were concerned the Fives Club had a good season in 1951-2: 7 were won out of 9 played. The Annual Trip was to Cambridge, where we lost to a strong Cambridge side after a good match.

The membership was, however, disappointingly small, and unless some new members join, there is a danger that the Club will have to cease its activities. This report usually finishes with an appeal for new members, but this year the appeal is even more urgent. We play on Tuesdays at 7.30 and on Saturdays at 2.30 and anyone wishing to play should get in touch with the Secretary, J. S. Brearley, 26 Clifton Road, Halifax (Tel. 5858 or 4683 [home]).

Although our numbers are small there is no doubt that all members enjoy their exercise, and find that Fives is a very pleasant way of keeping fit during the winter. The game is strongly recommended to anyone who is giving up Rugby and wishes to continue with some energetic form of exercise.

J. S. BREARLEY.

### SWEETNESS AND LIGHT

From a soldier away at the wars

I tried to seek the meaning  
And distill from choric ode and epode  
The Sophoclean daemon;  
But even as the page  
(And lexicon) Brings Antigone to life,  
I'm brought back from my dreaming  
By the clash of drunken strife,  
The cacophony abounding all around;  
And the thought I've got to blanco for the morning.

### FOR THOSE TO WHOM B.A.O.R. IS SOMETHING CONNECTED WITH FAMILY FAVOURITES!

A soldier is the last person on earth given to idealism. High sounding words about his role as a bulwark of civilisation fall for the most part on uncomprehending ears. Life here is spent without such grandiose conceptions—the taste of the NAAFI tea is a subject much nearer the heart. The army for the majority is a time—far too long—spent, in that delicious army term, in suspended animation. And it is small wonder that in an existence such as this the day-to-day exigencies triumph over the lofty ideals of the politicians.

However, life in B.A.O.R.—in the anomalous position of an overseas theatre regarded as a home posting. Possibly from his basic training, a young soldier coming over expecting an attitude of *Vae Victis* to prevail is soon disenchanted. He has certain privileges but is kept strictly to them. He will find most Germans co-operative and some friendly, and is probably insensitive to the feelings they have about paying, so that he can travel in 1st Class carriages at much reduced rates, spend holidays in German hotels, have fatigues and maintenance round camp performed by Germans, and visit their cinemas run by the Army showing recent British films. Though most large towns have a club to promote Anglo-German understanding, we are regarded as representatives of a somewhat alien civilisation.

Barracks on the whole are better than at home. The Germans seem to have shown rather more consideration for their soldiers than we did. Food is *à la militaire*, as always, with no fresh milk, only tinned and dried, so that you do not have a good cup of tea from one month's end to another. The W.V.S. are here to arrange entertainments and recreation and, of course, there is the ubiquitous NAAFI.

Cost of living here for smokers and drinkers is much cheaper. Cigarettes are one shilling for twenty and no more do you see about half a dozen people smoking one cigarette. We have two currencies, BAFSV, Army money of English denominations, and marks. This arrangement leads to numerous rackets connected with coffee and cigarettes, both of which are very dear for Germans. Apart from those two items and food, goods here compare favourably in price with those in England.

But the purpose of this halcyon life? Manoeuvres—to ensure that we are a well trained little flag at SHAPE. We are part of Gen. Ridgeway's twenty-five divisions. Every effort is made in this training to make it as realistic as possible; but after the first their value to a Private (Yours truly) is small, though they no doubt have their uses from the point of view of planning by H.Qs. We have slept out in the snow for hardihood, marched miles for endurance, crossed lakes in assault boats, but above all there is still the inescapable trench to be dug—not outdated yet. The climax of schemes by Brigades and Divisions is SHAPE manoeuvres to which you can supply all the appropriate superlatives. Undoubtedly a life with a purpose.

But list! The bugle on the evening air. Ah well, Defaulters.

### AND THEY NEED ASSISTANCE . . . . ! !

A grey stone building, barred windows, oven doors which click open in response to the formula SONNEZ S.V.P.; DEFENSE D'AFFICHER. LOI du 18 Juillet 1932, surmounted by the white-washed legend "Les Americains en Amerique—à bas les 18 mois." Such is the Lycée National de Garçons d'Arras. If you stroll down the Boulevard Carnot and enter the Rue Aristide Briand, you will not give the school a single glance, for it shares a common invisibility with Banks and Insurance Offices. But if you are sufficiently observant to notice it, and so lost for something to do as to feel a desire to enter it, you will immediately be challenged by the Concierge.

A drooping character, cigarette in mouth, and head lost in an enormous Beret Basque, he will confront you. For your part you will feel a slight ebbing of confidence. For he is trained to destroy your self-reliance, it is his job to make you feel certain you have no right whatsoever to be there. And he loves his job. And he will speak to you in Patois, fluently, purposefully, and you will marvel how his Gauloise remains, trembling, in his mouth, and you will not understand him, and you will take a chance and say "Ben, oui!" and you will immediately regret it, and you will feel that you have no right whatever to be there, and the concierge will have done his job. "Battons la retraite." "Au rendezvous des écoliers" you sip a Pernod Fils and wonder about this strange species, which Darwin omitted to categorise—the Concierge—and you are blissfully unaware that the drooping cigarette is the personification of the bottom rung of the hierarchical ladder which is the French Educational System.

Actually I exaggerate a little. It is no ladder, it is a remarkable fire-escape, and the man at the top, who has arrived there by dint of heaven knows how many supra-human examinations, is worthy of the greatest respect. Monsieur le Proviseur. He it is who reigns supreme, bowing only to the Rectorat; he it is who locks all the little boys in and lets them out again at holidays. His influence pervades the school, his "prestance" is sufficient to make even a Professor think twice before treading out a cigarette in the Cour d'Honneur or shying it at the "de" of Défense de Fumer. I repeat his "prestance," because his presence is not in great evidence. He moves in wider spheres at Lille and Paris. It is not unknown for young Lyciens to be in continual doubt as to which of the bearded gentlemen is actually the Headmaster. He does no teaching, but I am told he can be seen in his office between 10 and 10.30.

Passons à Monsieur le Censeur—the fascinating and energetic—the oiler and engineer of the big machine. He makes out timetables, comes, goes, orders, alters, goes, comes, whirls from class to lab. from lab. to study to foyer to dormitory to refectory, signs, gives permission and dictates to his secretaries. I don't know if he eats. He speaks as he lives, like a whirlwind. I do not often see him because it is he who arranges my work. He does no teaching.

Monsieur l'Intendant deals mostly in food, bedclothes and secretaries, and disposes of quantities of each. In lesser quantities he

distributes money, and I contrive to see him on that pressing account not less than once a month, and whenever I receive a fresh "\*Déclaration d'Impôts" to fill up. Monsieur l'Intendant does not teach.

Monsieur le Surveillant Général—C.S.M. i/c Discipline. His job is generally difficult. It is not so much that the boys are difficult to control, not at all. They are impossible. But the job has added hazards because of the maturity of the boys. When the latter wear beards and moustaches and smoke English cigarettes, they are not easily distinguished from the Professeurs (except that the latter more often smoke the cheaper Gauloises), and the Surveillant Général is in imminent danger of giving a Sunday "Consigne" to the Prof. de Philo! I do not need to mention that Monsieur le Surveillant Général does not teach.

And at last we reach Messieurs les Professeurs. Their job consists of coming to the school in time for their class and departing instantly at the stroke of a bell. They come in two varieties—"agregés" and "certifiés". The former category, being the most qualified and experienced teachers, do the least teaching and get the most money, leaving the bulk of the work and the residue of the money to the less qualified "certifiés" or "licenciés." Neither kind is to be found when wanted, unless it be at the end of the month. "La Salle des Profs." is temporarily being used by the boys as a ping-pong room, while their own room is being re-decorated. Messieurs les Professeurs do not teach much.

I have not the space to devote a paragraph to each and every official. I shall now be brief. "Surveillants" supervise at dinner time, study, and evening prep., and continue their own studies during this time. Such studies generally embrace the "Illustrés" which they borrow permanently from the boys. They do not teach, although it is widely known that they run a poker school. The Adjoint d'Enseignement is there in the obscure capacity of substitute—in case a class should prove too much for a "Prof," or in case of illness. By a strange coincidence you often find that when a "Prof" is ill his adjoint is ill too. Very strange. But the basis of the whole system is undoubtedly "le ponica"—the dozen or so maîtres d'Internat who work 46 hrs. per week at the school; supervise, sleep in dormitories, sort out wrangles, take boys for walks on Thursdays and Sundays, do Breakfast, Dinner and Supper duties. And that is not all, because they have their University exams to prepare at the same time. "Chapeaux bas, Messieurs." No word of explanation is necessary for Mlle l'Infirmière, for whose delicate touch many a boy has been "pris de vertige," the cooks, the lab. assistants, the servants, the bedmakers, the Concierge's wife, cat and children, and the bevy of secretaries. Nor is any word required for the boys themselves. Boys are boys everywhere, but perhaps more so in France. As for the "assistant de langue anglaise," he is still waiting for an explanation of *his* job.

GORDON H. BOOCOCK,  
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\*A kind of Intelligence Test game devised by the local Income Tax people which they send fortnightly to their "fonchiounaires." It costs 15 francs to play.

## "IKE'S" FAREWELL

As you read this, either Senator Taft or Gen. Eisenhower will have long since been eliminated in the race for the Republican candidacy for the Presidency of the U.S.A. Indeed, another more important race will have started between the successful Republican and the successful Democrat, whoever he may be. But, at the time of writing, the end of April, 1952, enthusiasms and strifes are still more or less confined within the respective parties. "Ike" has already announced his resignation from his present position as Supreme Commander in Europe to return to the States to contest the presidential election. He is at present engaged in a series of farewell visits to the different forces under his command, and it is of one of these that I wish to tell you, not merely because of the spectacle it provided, but rather as an illustration of the efforts being made to form a European army.

General Eisenhower's farewell to the British Commonwealth Forces in Germany took the form of a parade, which was fully representative, at Elizabeth Barracks, Minden, on April 28th. The barracks were then the station of the 1st Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regt., who will at the time this reaches you, be almost ready to go to Korea. Their barracks were chosen for their central position and above all else for the size of the drill square. This square, by the way, is the apple in the eye of one Sergeant-major Corke, who was on leave at the time, much to his dismay I should imagine.

The first time I personally heard anything of Ike's visit was the Tuesday before, as I was coming back from leave at Bad Harzburg.

There were a number of Germans erecting a wooden platform the whole length of one side of the square. On our questions being answered we pooh-poohed the idea that Ike should come to Minden. Ha-ha, big joke! We were soon made to realise that such indeed was the reason for all the enthusiastic carpentry of the Germans. Enthusiastic! We awoke at six in the morning to the sound of saw and chisel and idly watched them out of the windows until eight in the evening. We ourselves were employed in mowing the grass patches and ensuring that the place bore no resemblance whatsoever to Hampstead Heath after a Bank Holiday. Soon the camp was inundated with the Queens and 5th Royal Tanks Regiments, and the artillery was represented by a troop of Sexton's from No. 10 Field Regiment R.A. The square was taken up every day by the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, also stationed in Minden, doing their queer drill in preparation for their task as markers. Detachments from the Navy, Royal Marines and the R.A.F. arrived on the day of the parade.

The morning of Monday, the twenty-eighth, dawned with a promise of a fair and sunny day. We were early out on the job of making finally sure that the barracks were completely clean and tidy. Very soon the press and newsreel men began arriving, shortly to be followed by a mass of staff officers and their assistants. Just after lunch the sky began to cloud ominously and as the crowd of spectators

began to arrive the rains came. They proved to be nothing more than an April shower, and by two o'clock the parade was drawn up on the square and the crowd seated. I and my friends had found ourselves an excellent vantage point just behind the saluting base where Ike's car would draw up. The route from the gate was lined by the D.C.L.I. and first arrived an air marshal of whose name I regret to confess my ignorance, and likewise a vice-admiral. Then arrived Sir John Harding, commanding B.A.O.R. The commander of the parade was Brigadier Graham, D.S.O., who is known to the men as "Just Jake." He looked as proud as a turkey cock in his kilt and sporan, and with his knee-length boots gleaming with pipe-clay.

From left to right in the parade was the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. Then came representatives of all branches of the army including Canadians, and on the right a detachment of the R.A.F. Regiment. The Queens represented the infantry and the 5th Royal Tanks the Armoured Corps, and these two combined their bands for the occasion.

On the stroke of two-thirty Gen. Eisenhower stepped out of the car which had brought him from Buckeburg, where he had been met by a Guard of Honour from the Welsh Guards. He was greeted by Sir John Harding and escorted on to the saluting base. From the moment he stepped out of the car until the car bore him away, the cameras clicked and the flash-bulbs popped continuously.

The parade was brought to the present by Brig. Graham while the band played the General Salute. A five-star flag was unfurled at the back of the saluting base by the Drum-major of the D.C.L.I. The artillery fired a 17-gun salute from 25-pounders mounted in Sextons. After the salute came the General's inspection. He was preceded by two extremely smart stick orderlies from the King's Own Regiment and accompanied by the Brigadier. The three Service Chiefs in Germany remained on the saluting base. Perhaps the smartest piece of the whole proceedings was the slow marching of the two orderlies to music as they proceeded along the ranks in front of General Eisenhower, who was, by strict contrast to the British brass-hats, dressed as anything but a technicolor soldier. The inspection completed, Ike addressed the troops.

His opening words were "Comrades in Arms." He went on to record with pride the cordiality of his last years' work in the European Command and he further expressed the feeling of soldierliness which the British Army impressed upon him. The main burden of his short speech of farewell, which he delivered slowly and deliberately as though weighing each word, was that the forces in Germany were an outpost of Western civilisation. Further that we in Germany had the most important task of anyone in uniform, namely that we should be ambassadors of our way of life and all that it implied. He also laid emphasis on the point that the occupation forces should not be arrogant in their attitude towards the people they had conquered. His speech

concluded with the wish that in the years to come he could meet at least some of those present individually.

Ike then took the salute in the march past. The Navy marched past to the strains of "Heart of Oak," the army to the "British Grenadiers," and the R.A.F. to the R.A.F. March Past. Only a few moments were allowed him for informal conversation before he was swiftly borne away in a Rolls Royce, which was the end of what will probably be the most memorable parade in my short time in the Army.

D.A.H.

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