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EDITORIAL

Only too faithfully has the *Heathen*, now in its thirty-sixth year, reflected the changes in the contemporary scene both within the School and without. The early issues, adorned with unsightly advertisements and perhaps a little crude in technique and design nevertheless carried a wealth of first-class contributions. No fewer than one hundred boys, almost half the school, helped to make it, in the first two years of its life "the largest (and probably the best) School Magazine in existence." The not inconsiderable cost of producing three issues a year was covered to a large extent by external benefactors.

To-day we have a slim, smart volume comprising a detailed official account of the many events of the School year; the original matter has been relegated to a few odd pages near the back. In the years immediately following the First World War the extra-curricular activities were so few that no magazine would have been possible on present lines. It is unfortunately equally clear that no magazine would be possible to-day if it were composed in the old style.

Several reasons spring to the mind for the decline in both the quantity and the quality of the original material that a boy is able and prepared to write. There have sprung up popular amusements which tend more and more to divert people's interests and energies to barren ends while demanding less effort, less imagination. We notice, too, the paramount position of the classics in education here thirty-six years ago and observe that their decline has kept pace with that of our own mastery over our own language and with the dwindling size of this magazine. It would seem then that writing has become a lost art. But not only is the ability necessary but also the will. Nowadays we are tempted to think, "Why bother with a School Magazine at all?" We look upon it as something we could easily do without. Not so a generation ago when the great joint effort was published of which the whole school could be proud. To what may we attribute this changed attitude? This year we have said farewell to those few remaining boys who at one time paid fees for their attendance at this school. Although the advantages of the new democratic system far outweigh the disadvantages it is nevertheless true to say that when higher education had to be paid for, or, for a very small minority, won after the fiercest competition, then everything connected with it was more highly valued. It may well have been an unconscious desire to get his money's worth that led the Heath scholar of former days to regard his magazine like his own school books which he had to pay for himself, as something of great importance. Just as valuable drugs and medicines were used more sparingly and with more discretion before they could be obtained for a mere shilling, so did the contents of the "*Heathen*" as one of the

school's institutions receive more care and attention before it became, as it were, common property. While we can be proud that our gates are now open to all, we must beware of destroying our heritage by sheer neglect.

SCHOOL NOTES

Founder's Day 1954, was celebrated on 12th June, when, as usual, we were favoured with fine weather. The preacher at the service, held at the Parish Church, was Mr. R. B. Graham, Headmaster of Bradford Grammar School.

We wish to congratulate D. Crowther, J. B. W. Edwards and D. V. Williams on gaining State Scholarships in Mathematics.

Through the generosity of the Old Boys' Association the hall has been enhanced by two new panels recording the names of the winners of the "C. E. Fox Memorial" and Athlete's Prizes.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Mautner, who has instituted a prize for Biology in memory of her husband, Dr. F. Mautner, who was Medical Officer for Schools. A prize has also been given for woodwork by Mr. J. R. Fielden to whom we tender our thanks. A. H. Jagger has generously provided a cup for swimming.

A successful S.C.M. conference was held this year at Calder High School, on 4th and 5th March. A small party from the School took part.

At Speech Day the Headmaster referred to the rising level of passes at "O" level in the G.C.E. The figures which he quoted are :-

	Total passes	% of entries
1951	176	66
1952	229	69
1953	350	77

The 1953 figures included a number of candidates who were under 16 years of age (it was remarked that none of them showed signs of excessive strain) so that we can hardly expect the rise in the total of passes to continue this year.

The discomfort of visitors in having to endure the hardness of the seats in the hall at School functions has long been a reproach to our hospitality. The Old Boys' Association has now kindly lent us free of interest a sum of money which has been used to purchase cushions of foamed rubber. These which are being covered by members of the Parents' Association (to whom we are very grateful for this effort) are expected to be ready well before the end of the year. It is hoped that the hire of cushions to outside organisations which use the hall will enable us to pay off our debt within a short space of years.

Three of our most stalwart prefects were present at the Town Hall on Tuesday, 29th June, to witness the presentation of the Freedom of the Borough to Lord Mackintosh. It was an impressive occasion and the recipient of the Freedom made an excellent speech. Our representatives must have been suffering from examination-fever as none of them realised that their invitation had also been for lunch!

A sale of lost property was held in the Hall, on Monday, 19th July, 1954. The auctioneers, starting with the sum of 10/7½ (collected as "cloak-room fees" at gym during the year) disposed of a wide and extensive collection of articles and achieved the magnificent total of £8 7s. 7½d., for which the School Club is extremely grateful.

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day was held on Friday, 20th November, 1953, at School. Councillor W. E. Horsley, Chairman of the Governors, presided over a gathering which was graced by the presence of His Worship the Mayor of Halifax with the Mayoress and of Councillor Dryden Brook, M.P.

After welcoming the Mayor and Mayoress, the chairman claimed a likeness to (a) Agag, who walked delicately, and (b) Odysseus or Aeneas, as he steered a course between the Scylla of the Headmaster and the Charybdis of the principal speaker. Reviewing the chief events of the year and the achievements of Old Boys in various fields and considering some recent remarks of the High Master of Manchester Grammar School on "the vision of the best which a Grammar School should provide in this age of manufactured opinion," he paid tribute to the thought, time, care and sympathy of the Headmaster and Staff—the real source of the spirit which pervades and emanates from the School.

The Headmaster apologised for the sameness of his report to that of last year and said that this indicated a return to stability in educational values which enabled us to compare one year with another without the necessity for a new set of definitions. There was an impressive list of successes, academic and athletic, to report for the past year and the number and percentage of passes in the General Certificate of Education continued to rise. We were, however, very short of accommodation and of furniture. The library should not have to be used as an extra classroom, if it was to fulfil its proper purpose, nor was it a good thing when two masters taught two forms in the same room at the same time. While we recognised that "Walls do not make the City," and did not envy the acres of glass seen in some recent educational buildings, our need was very great.

Speaking more generally, he said that the whole structure of the Grammar School system seemed likely in the near future to become the focus of the bitterest controversy. This was neither the time nor the place to debate this great issue but it was true that the Grammar

Schools had never been more democratic—the poorest child now had his opportunity. The audience could hear, read and see the achievements of boys and Old Boys of the School—products of a system which had served the nation well. It was his hope that these things would not be lightly set aside.

After the School Orchestra had delighted the assembly with a lively and enchanting performance of Haydn's "Sinfonietta in A," the prizes and certificates were distributed by G. E. Gunner, Esq., T.D., M.A., Headmaster of Rotherham Grammar School.

In his subsequent address he claimed that it was good occasionally to ask and to attempt to answer the question "What is this business of education for?" Time would be insufficient for a complete answer but he would like to suggest four important considerations. First, the answer was often given "to get a better job." This was only partly true as education did not train boys for particular jobs. Nevertheless the better one's education, the better the job one would be able to do. Secondly, education enabled one to make a better contribution to one's own town, area and country and fostered the ability to work with other people. As Brig. J. Hunt had remarked, it was the quality of the individual contributions to the common effort which was the secret of the conquest of Everest. Thirdly, education taught the right use of leisure. The Grammar School should provide resources upon which people might fall back for consolation, pleasure, or as a privilege. There were some things which could not be left till late to learn. Fourthly, it taught one to distinguish between what was good and what was not, to maintain the standards which were always endangered when vast numbers of mechanical achievements were being made. We tended to look but not to see, to hear but not to listen and we needed to be able to distinguish between the many sense impressions which fall upon us. In short we came to school to learn how to *earn* our living, to learn something of our social context, to acquire the ability to enjoy our leisure and to maintain the standards of civilisation.

A vote of thanks was proposed by His Worship the Mayor who emphasised his belief that the new Elizabethan era would be highly competitive and that education provided a real foundation for bearing responsibility in industry. The vote was seconded by Councillor J. P. Musgrave who urged boys not to waste a moment of their short time at school; "it is only the foot of the ladder which is crowded," he said, suggesting that there was a wealth of opportunity at the top where the shortage of executives of quality should encourage boys to keep their eye on their goal and go for it with all they had.

The proceedings concluded with the singing of "God Save the Queen." The time, we noticed with some surprise that it was so late, was 4.50 p.m.

PRIZE WINNERS

Form Prizes

	1st	2nd
1A	J. B. M. Jagger	G. P. Smith
1B	G. Fogg	R. F. Wilson
2A	K. M. Short	D. Bentley
2B	J. Standeven	A. C. Pendlebury
3A	D. P. Nestor	J. D. Broadley
3B	B. Hartley	R. S. Lee
4A	K. A. Mitchell	R. C. Akroyd
4B	J. A. Wilson	M. R. Wharton
5L	D. Watmough	R. F. Knott
5S	R. A. Hallam	J. D. Redman
5G	B. Maude	R. A. Jones

Sixth Form Prizes :

English, G. R. Sunderland	Physics, D. V. Williams
History, P. Anderton, J. R. Thomas }	Chemistry, A. H. Jagger
Modern Languages, D. W. Akroyde	Mathematics, D. V. Williams

Special Prizes :

Fifth Form Mathematics, P. Clayton

Middle School French, D. P. Nestor

Reading : Senior, G. R. Sunderland

Middle, R. W. J. Austin

Junior, J. R. Crossley

Prefects' Lesson Reading, A. Stott

"W. L. Dudley Memorial" (Geography) :

Senior, P. Anderton

Junior, G. A. Harrison, W. Shackleton

Art : First Form, G. Shaw

Second Form, J. A. Kirkman

Third Form, C. R. Barlow

Fourth Form, C. R. Ambler

Fifth Form, D. W. Thompson

Music (Instrumental), G. Hitchen. (Choral), D. S. Andrew,

J. R. Mallinder.

Special Consolation Prizes, R. Aspinall, W. A. Cook, D. Crowther,

J. B. W. Edwards, K. Jagger.

"Treacey" Scripture Prizes :

1A	J. B. Jagger, G. Shaw	1B	R. Sykes
2A	C. R. Dormer	2B	K. Fawthrop
3A	D. P. Nestor	3B	F. P. Mallinder
4A	M. A. Kirkbright	4B	R. W. J. Austin
5	R. A. Broadbent	6	J. Stoddart

"A. H. Stocks Memorial," A. Stott.

Athlete's Prize, J. P. Horrocks-Taylor.

"Reith" Classical Prize, K. Beaumont.

"C. E. Fox Memorial," T. D. Gamson.

THE SCHOOL CLUB, 1953-4

The Club barely paid its way in 1952-3, and the subscription has therefore been raised to eight shillings a year, or nine shillings paid in termly instalments. Members of the School teams now pay their own fares to places served by Halifax Corporation Buses.

The Club has been concerned for some years about the derelict condition of the Kensington Pavilion, and is delighted to learn that the Pavilion is now to be put into good condition, with an adequate frost-proof hot water system, and effective protection from outside damage. It appreciates the enthusiastic work of its President, the Headmaster, in securing this.

Members of the School may not appreciate how much work is done each year by the Club committees, especially by the House Committee, which regulates the various House Competitions. Some important decisions have recently been made. Next year both the Chess and the Bentley Cup Competitions will earn points for the House Championship, and the Fives competition will earn more than in the past. The full scoring table in 1954-5 will be :—

Rugby, Cricket, Athletics, Swimming..	..	15	10	5	0
Cross-Country, Fives, Gymnastics, Chess	..	12	8	4	0
Bentley Cup	.. .. .	9	6	3	0

Another small alteration which will clear up some misunderstandings, is that for all individual trophies in the Sports (Victor Ludorum, etc.), the scoring for each event is now 9, 6, 3. In addition a point will be given for 4th, 5th and 6th places, but only if there is a tie in the scores resulting from the first three places.

The Club has also discussed the advisability of House Competition in academic work, possibly by means of a Cup, and a decision will have to be made in the coming year.

OFFICERS, 1953-4

President : THE HEADMASTER
Vice-President : MR. C. O. MACKLEY
Treasurer : MR. D. M. HALLOWES
Sub-Treasurer : D. V. WILLIAMS
Editor of the "Heathen" : G. R. SUNDERLAND
Secretary : MR. E. J. TAYLOR

SPECIAL OFFICERS, 1953-4

Rugby : Captain—K. A. JOHNSON ; Vice-Captain—J. STODDART ;
Secretary—K. G. HARTLEY
Fives : Captain—K. A. JOHNSON ; Vice-Captain and Secretary—
J. STODDART
Cricket : Captain—G. A. TINKLER ; Vice-Captain, K. G. HARTLEY ;
Secretary—J. G. BLACKBY
Swimming Secretary : K. BEAUMONT
Athletics Secretary : K. A. JOHNSON
Auditor : DR. FLEET

HEATH HOUSE REPORT

This year, after a very promising start, was in many ways unsatisfactory. However, we did have our successes, notably in the Swimming Sports, the Bentley Cup and the Chess Cup, all of which we won. The latter two, unfortunately, do not count towards the House Competition. We won the Swimming Sports for the third successive year, though the margin was somewhat narrower than usual. Beaumont who has been the mainstay of our team since the war, Coward and Hargreaves (rB), who won the Open Dive, were outstanding. The Gym Competition was frankly a shock. The winning combination of the previous year was virtually intact, but over-confidence was followed by failure. The Bentley Cup was won for the third year running by a learned entry from our naturalist Watling, ably supported by R. A. Davies. If we wish to retain this for a fourth year, we will have to produce more entries. The Chess Cup was narrowly won by the Heath team, well led by D. C. Crowther.

The Seniors have had a moderately successful year, second places being gained at Fives and Rugby, and a third equal at Cricket. The effort in the Cross-country was not worthy of mention. A heavy pack and Carr and Clayton, two of the best backs in the School, augured well for our Rugby prospects, but, although we beat Queen's and King's, School's overall strength defeated us quite easily. At Fives we easily defeated King's and School, but a Queen's team which contained three of the School 1st IV proved too strong for us. A deplorable lack of cricketers in the House made the selection of a captain a little difficult, but despite this, Carr's great bowling (7 for 14) almost forced a victory over King's.

The Juniors have been exceptionally successful, winning both the Cricket and the Rugby, Coward the Rugby Captain and Wilson the Cricket Captain being just two of a strong third form contingent which swept all before it.

In the Athletic Sports a great House effort won for us second place.

Fearnley in the first form and Weston (3A) gave promise of many points to come. Clayton's performance also gives one hopes for next year. Carr won the Dalzell Trophy and the Inter-Grammar School 100 yards for the third successive year in 10.6 seconds. Who knows what time he might not have recorded if he had not stopped to adjust his spectacles?

Still, there has been too much slacking and evasion of duty this year, for it is one's duty to support the House. If our stars had received the support they deserved, there would have been no complaints in this report. See to it next year, and the best of luck.

J.S.

SCHOOL HOUSE REPORT

This year has again been a successful one, and the House, owing to the strength of its intermediates and juniors can afford to look forward to further triumphs in the future.

It is in the seniors that we have been most weak, and in spite of the fact that we have won the championship, many members do not

bear their full share of the burden. This applies particularly to the more intellectual members of the House, who should in future develop more enthusiasm for Chess and the Bentley Cup.

In the more strenuous and more important competitions, however, School House displayed great energy, winning the Rugby, the Athletics and the Cricket. Smith and Watkin must be mentioned for their commendable efforts in the athletics and Balmforth must be congratulated on his admirable but expected victory in the Cross-country, in which the House was second. School House came third in the swimming, fives and gymnastics. The latter was marked by a general lack of enthusiasm and we were fortunate in obtaining third place.

I must however, congratulate the House on its solid, sustained effort and wish them the best of luck in the future.

A.M.D.

KING'S HOUSE REPORT

Again the time has come to attempt to account for the failure of the House. Individually, just a few have failed in their duty; a last-minute absentee from a Chess Match meant the surrender of the Cup to Heath by one point, and if all the promises of the would-be naturalists had been fulfilled, the Bentley Cup would have been ours. Apart from these instances, however, there is no more evidence of general apathy in this House than in any other. On the contrary, a glance at the complete results in both Swimming and Athletics shows that the lesser places, of only nominal points value, were filled to a large degree by members of King's. Many were prepared to enter, try their best and achieve only moderate success but we have had a poor share of the born sportsmen on whom other Houses have come to rely so much. Without these success is hard to come by, though an exception this year was the Senior Rugby team's commendable defeat of Queen's. A few individuals have gained prominence, notably Pearce, our major strength on the so nearly victorious swimming team, Beaufort-Jones, champion miler and holder of the Fifth Form Athletics Cup, and Asquith, our most outstanding representative on the 1st XV.

Fives and Cricket this year were disappointing. If more people would try their hand at the one and greater interest were shown in the other, the prospects for next year might not look so hopeless.

Still, we can look forward to the future in the championship as a whole with genuine optimism. Firstly, the powers that be have very belatedly sanctioned the award of points for both Chess and Bentley Cups, in both of which competitions we have always been well to the fore; secondly, fewer men than usual are leaving us this summer; finally, the law of averages or Mr. Birchall's random pin has at last come down in our favour. Allan, Mallinder, Williams and Howell are but a few of the new members who give promise of great things to come.

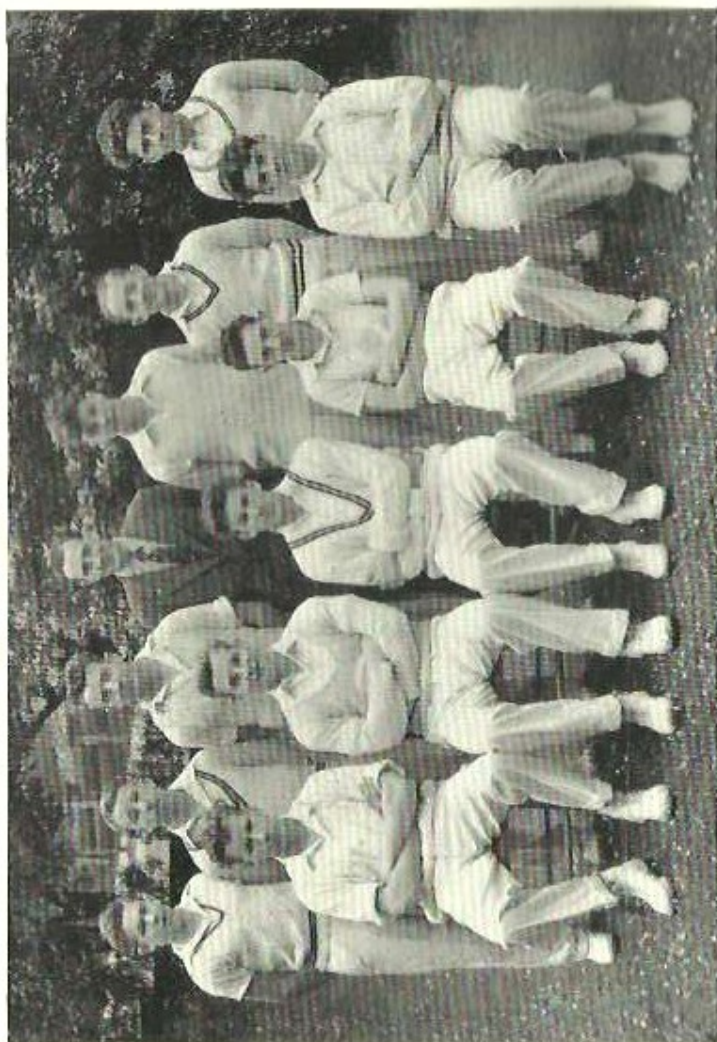
We have now said good-bye to our Captain, David Williams. The hard work he has put in with the Juniors and in particular the Gym Team which he almost led to victory will soon be bearing fruit. We wish every success both to him and to those he leaves behind.

G.R.S.



THE PREFECTS

Back Row : K. G. HARTLEY, A. M. DIXON, J. STODDART, W. G. NORMANTON, J. C. BLACKBERRY,
K. BEAUMONT, G. R. SUNDERLAND
Seated : I. COPELAND, K. W. REYNARD, P. ANDERTON (*Head Prefect*), W. R. SWALE, ESQ., (*Headmaster*),
D. V. WILLIAMS, G. CARR, D. O. BULTCLIFFE



CRICKET. 1st XI, 1954
 D. E. GILLION, D. E. PULCHER, I. FREEMAN, MR. A. E. CARTER, M. BINGHAM, R. BROADBENT,
 B. KERFOOT.
 R. S. LEE, K. G. HARTLEY (Vice-Captain), G. A. YINKLER (Captain), D. SKIRROW, T. SHARP.

QUEEN'S HOUSE REPORT

The past year has proved very disappointing. At times we reached great heights, but on other occasions we slumped badly and eventually came third in the Championship.

But, despite all, we managed to win three cups. The Cross-country was comfortably won. Ramsden, Mallon and Bingham must be congratulated for finishing in the first four, but it was essentially a team triumph with everyone finishing well up the field. Our Juniors performed well to win the Gym Competition against expectations. The Fives team, with three of the School Four, accounted for all opposition with considerable ease.

In other competitions we did not fare so well. Although there were some good efforts in swimming we were out of the running when the points were totalled up. In Rugby we finished fourth. For this the Seniors were to blame, for, although they had good backs, the forwards were outclassed and consequently we lost all three matches. Even the spirited efforts of the Juniors were of no avail. The Seniors showed a little better form in Cricket—only losing to the strong School team, and the results all round were encouraging. Heath just deprived us of second place in the Athletics Sports. The Seniors performed well but the Intermediates and Juniors proved rather a disappointment. The Bentley and Chess cups still elude us, but we are hoping for more success next year.

The results do not give pleasant reading to Queen's stalwarts. The main cause of our failures this year has been a certain lack of enthusiasm in sections of the House. The successes of Queen's this year have been dependent on too few. Particularly disappointing were the numbers of entries for Swimming and Athletics. We performed reasonably well in view of the sparse entries, but if we had had a bigger representation we would have done much better. If success is to be achieved a concerted effort must be made by all the House. If everyone pulls his weight next year the Championship will be brought back to the House in which it belongs—Queen's.

K.A.J.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP SHIELD, 1954

	H	S	K	Q
Swimming	15	5	10	0
Rugby	10	15	5	0
Fives	4	2	0	6
Gymnastics	0	4	8	12
Cross-Country	0	8	4	12
Athletics	10	15	0	5
Cricket	5	15	0	10
Totals	44	64	27	45

RUGBY, 1953-4

The School teams in general had a successful season. The First XV played as well as could be expected from a team whose main stalwarts had left the preceding year and in numerous games really excelled itself. At the beginning of the season it was noticeable that the forwards had their better days and the backs their better days but rarely did the two coincide. After a successful start against Heath Old Boys 'A' XV the team really went to pieces in the following match with Crossley and Porter only to redeem itself in the rout of Doncaster. The team played well against the Old Boys XV and Rochdale, Keighley and Ernymsted's Grammar Schools but the passing in many matches let the team down notably against Woodhouse Grove.

Special mention must be made of the younger players of the side—Capener, Ambler and Nellis who gave of their best in every match. The School this year was very fortunate to have a fast three-quarter line. Tinkler an elusive stand-off supplied his three-quarters well and made many openings for them. The centres Clayton and Hartley were forceful runners and worked well together. The side was captained by Johnson the left wing who, with his other wingman, Carr, the fastest man on the team, played hard both in attack and defence. Stoddart and Copeland were outstanding in the forwards and they both did their utmost to spur on the forwards in their moments of weakness. The forwards this season had one deficiency. Although their packing and backing up was good their line-out play at times was very scrappy.

During the Christmas holidays Stoddart, Carr and Hartley obtained Yorkshire Trials and Stoddart received his Yorkshire colours after he had played in the match against Durham.

The Under 14 team and Under 15 team went through the season without suffering defeat. All members of the Under 14 XV received their colours.

The support this season as usual was not good enough. If you have nothing to do on the Saturdays of the rugger season come along to Kensington and support the School teams. You will always be welcome.

SUMMARISED RESULTS

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points :	
					For	Against
First XV	16	9	1	6	274	171
Second XV	10	4	—	6	109	156
Under 15 XV	12	11	1	—	321	8
Under 14 XV	10	8	2	—	378	22
Under 13 XV	1	1	—	—	6	0
Totals	49	33	4	12	988	357

Colours : 1st XV Reaffirmed—K. A. Johnson, K. G. Hartley, J. Stoddart.

Awarded—G. A. Tinker, P. Clayton, I. Copeland, B. Capener, A. Dixon, G. Carr.

Colts A. J. Coward, J. Davey, S. L. Milner, D. Wilson, J. H. Payne, K. M. Short, D. W. North, T. Ward, B. Colbeck, C. P. Weston, C. R. Dormer, D. M. Tipple, J. G. Milner, G. Smith, K. Spensley.

ILKLEY, 1954

SCHOOLS SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY

Hopes for another win were not high this year, but the eight players who contributed to the Heath achievement of being the runners-up must be congratulated on a fine performance. The team seemed to be based chiefly on the tremendous speed of the backs and their ability to seize upon only half a chance. Previous suspicions about the forwards proved correct, but in spite of their habit of breaking slowly from scrums and their lack of a skilled line-out specialist, they did on certain occasions manage to play real football, but the final game proved that they were really not quite up to standard. As always individualism saved Heath, especially in the matches against Silcoates and Keighley, when first Carr and then Johnson brought off feats of strength and endurance which allowed Heath to go forward when perhaps they ought to have gone down. No one player however, except the captain, can be singled out for especial merit for this indeed was trained and performed as a team and it is as a team that it must be judged.

Johnson does deserve some special mention for he carried his responsibilities well and kept his team together just at those moments when defeat seemed certain, and encouragement from a captain most needed. It is disappointing that the team did not win, but they did really try their best and in the final they lost to a team who, of all the teams in the competition, most looked like winning. The team could not complain about support, for the School supplied loud and clear encouragement throughout, making easily more noise than all the other schools there.

Round One

HEATH V. COLNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

This match, although not a true test of the team's mettle, quite clearly showed just where Heath's strength lay and just as clearly their weaknesses too. Dixon scored the first two tries, and Stoddart completed a fine run by Clayton by crossing the line also, but the forwards were in general slower than they should have been, and the team in general did not seem happy. The fourth try, actual touched down by Johnson, had however, the real mark of class, resulting from a fine scrum to wing movement, which was fast enough to overlap the opposition. Tries like this one make rugby enjoyable to watch, and this particular one was of the type expected from a Heath side.

Result : Heath 12, Colne 0.

Round two

HEATH v. HEMSWORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The failure of the forwards to win the ball from scrums and line-outs immobilised the main attacking arm of the Heath weapon, and the first half was indecisive and scrappy. The Heath defence was hard pressed but the fierce tackling of the backs prevented any scoring. Tinkler hurt his shoulder in a particularly fine tackle on the left winger when a try seemed certain, and he had to leave the field for hospital. With only six men the second half was a thriller, but few expected a Heath win. Carr saved Heath by two magnificent runs and some very quick thinking when he kicked off from a twenty-five before anyone on either side had reached the line. His two tries and conversions, and some hard defensive tackling brought Heath into the third round.

Result : Heath 10, Hemsworth 0.

Round three

HEATH v. SILCOATES SCHOOL

The first half of this match was interesting because both sides seemed evenly matched and the eight points to five lead which Heath held at half-time was not sufficient to justify high hopes amongst the large crowd, and once more a defeat seemed likely. The rearranged team proved better than anticipated and the forwards did not seem to lose anything when Clayton went from hooker to stand-off, and Capener took his place. Indeed they improved, and the excellent backing up and strong running of the forwards helped Heath towards ten more points, through tries by Clayton and Johnson and conversions by Carr. The improvement of the forwards was very welcome, and nobody tried harder than Stoddart, who was a tower of strength at all times, but who in this match showed his understanding of tactics very well.

Result : Heath 18, Silcoates 5.

Semi-Final

HEATH v. KEIGHLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

For the first time, when the second half began, Heath found themselves five points down, and the pace of previous games now began to take its toll. In spite of their regular training, the team was tiring and now the value of the captain must show itself. Johnson rose to the occasion in two long dashes both of which resulted in tries, only one, however, being converted. These inspiring efforts by a great player and a fast runner roused the team and they kept the fierce Keighley team at bay. This indeed was no easy match, the opposition being fast and very strong in the forwards where they dominated. Indeed lady fortune supported Heath, and the team owed its appearance in the final to that good lady and their captain.

Result : Heath 8, Keighley 5.

Final

HEATH v. ROTHWELL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Earlier in the day Rothwell had beaten the only other side who looked like winning the competition, Crossley's. That match had been exciting and fast and no one doubted which way the issue would go if Heath met Rothwell. They were a strong and fast side, playing, as Heath had played earlier, a natural game of quick accurate passing, having no need of pre-arranged plans or movements, but depending on the inborn ability of each player. In every way they were the better side, but the deciding factor was their fitness and freshness. Indeed they played as if this were their first match that day. In contrast Heath were tired, and after they had let Rothwell through twice, they seemed dispirited and slow. At times the Heath defence was terrific but the understanding which Rothwell had between themselves made them a quicker and cleverer side. Eleven points down at half-time Heath made every effort in the second half to recover, but time and again they reached the last ten yards only to lose the ball and watch Rothwell skilfully turn defence into attack. The final score was twenty-nine points to nil, and Rothwell deserved everyone of them, but all Heathens must regret that we did not win once more. No matter how one argues no side from Heath could have beaten this Rothwell side, but in losing Heath were not disgraced. They did their best and after all someone has to lose.

P.A.

FIVES

The year has seen a great revival of interest in the game—there are now at least fifty regular players in the School. This interest is mainly due to the enthusiasm of Mr. Haigh and Mr. Littlefair whose organising of competitions and advice went a long way towards making the School team into what it was. Until it is realized that Fives is a full-time game and not an interlude from rugby we cannot expect to win many matches, but there is evidence of an improvement in the standard of Fives and in a few years' time the team should be as good as ever it was.

The strongest player has been K. A. Johnson, the captain, who is speedy, difficult to pass and equally safe with either hand. P. B. Mallon eventually combined with him to make the strongest pair. K. G. Hartley is occasionally brilliant but is far from being a steady player and needs to strengthen his left-hand play. He has combined with J. S. Stoddart who though rather slow is generally very sound and possesses a strong service.

THE CROSS-COUNTRY RUN, 1954

Tuesday, April 6th was an admirable day for long-distance running. The warmth of the sun was tempered by a light breeze, though under foot in Copley Woods the going was inclined to be somewhat slippery, after recent storms.

As usual, the leaders over the first obstacle made the pace for much of the way. First out of the wood was Balmforth (School), who proceeded to increase the distance between himself and a bunch of Queen's runners. Of these Ramsden and Mallon kept very close until over Savile Park the former broke away and ran Balmforth a close second at the finish on Linden Road. Fourth was Bingham, both he and Ramsden are to be congratulated on their successes against the more strongly fancied runners.

Balmforth returned the excellent time of 14 mins. 7.4 secs. to win the Rose Bowl. The Bilbrough Trophy for the winning House went to Queen's, who led comfortably from School and King's.

CRICKET

This year's first team has been composed mainly of the younger cricketers of the School and has done very well to lose only four out of the seven matches played. Only one colour and one other regular member of last year's eleven remained. Tinkler has been disappointing with the bat; together with Hartley he had been expected to provide the mainstay of the Heath batting. However, an injury sustained whilst playing in the Ikley Sevens kept Tinkler out of the first two matches of the season. Both Bingham and Freeman have bowled well. Lee's stumping was sound, but the other players did not acquit themselves very well in the field.

The first eleven was lucky to hold Calder High School to a draw in the opening game of the season. It was beaten by Keighley, Woodhouse Grove, and Whitcliffe Mount away, and by Crossley and Porter at home. It beat Rishworth at home by 7 wickets, Sowerby Bridge Grammar School away by 4 wickets.

That so many young players have appeared in this year's 1st XI when older and more experienced were available has been the cause of severe criticism in some quarters. It is to be hoped that this policy will bear fruit in future years. The prospects are good as both the Under 15 and Colt's teams were unbeaten.

SUMMARISED RESULTS

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
First XI	7	2	4	1
Second XI	8	2	3	3
Under 15 XI	3	3	0	0
Under 14 XI	4	4	0	0

First XI Colours have been renewed to Tinkler and awarded to Bingham, Freeman, Lec and Colt's Colours to Payne, Mayes, Clark, Milner, J. G., Davey, Priestley, Broadbent and Wilson.

THE SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

The School Sports were held on Thursday, May 20th, in rather better weather than usual. As a result of events already decided School held a slight lead over Heath.

In the Senior events there was very keen competition and consequently no one won more than two events. G. Carr won the 100 yards as usual, but failed to lower his own School record. M. Beaufort-Jones, although only in the Fifth Form ran well to record a double in 880 yards and mile races. The throwing events were to some extent dominated by J. Stoddart who won both the Shot and Discus events. Other doubles were gained by P. Clayton (Hop, Step and Jump and 110 yards hurdles) and K. A. Johnson (Long Jump and 220 yards). The latter also won the Victor Ludorum.

The Intermediate events proved to be almost a one man show. S. D. Watkin showed what an outstanding athlete he is by winning five events and helping School to win the relay. In the remaining events R. Greenwood did best by winning the High Jump and Cricket Ball.

The Junior Section was also dominated by one boy. G. P. Smith, although heavily built, won four events in convincing manner. G. M. Hitchen ran well to beat Smith for the Kiddle Cup (440 yards).

Among the First Forms D. Allan recorded good wins in the Long Jump and 80 yards.

Of the relays Heath won the Senior and School both the Intermediate and Junior easily.

Although the standard was perhaps not as high as in late years in some events two records were broken. R. S. Lee won the Intermediate 110 yards hurdles in 16.0 seconds and S. Hiley beat the First Form High Jump with a leap of 3 ft. 10½ ins.

School House, who easily won the Junior Shield, won the House Championship comfortably. Heath just beat Queen's for second place.

As usual we must thank everyone concerned for the smooth running of the Sports—especially Mr. Birchall. Mrs. Swale again kindly consented to present the Prizes and Certificates.

TROPHIES AND RESULTS

Victor Ludorum	K. A. Johnson
Connal Trophy (Field Events)	J. Stoddart
McDonald Cup (Jumping Events)	K. A. Johnson
Fifth Form Cup	M. Beaufort-Jones
Dalzell Trophy (Senior 100 yards)	G. Carr
Dudley Trophy (Senior Mile)	M. Beaufort-Jones
Kiddle Trophy (Junior 440 yards)	G. M. Hitchen

House Championship	1. School	439
	2. Heath	383
	3. Queen's	376
	4. King's	286
Junior Championship	1. School	95
	2. Queen's	37
	3. Heath	35
	4. King's	29

SENIOR :

100 yards—G. Carr (H), 10.8 s.
 220 yards—K. A. Johnson (Q), 24.4 s.
 440 yards—A. M. Dixon (S), 56.6 s.
 880 yards—M. Beaufort-Jones (K), 2m. 14.4 s.
 1 mile—M. Beaufort-Jones (K), 4 m. 54.8 s.
 110 yards Hurdles—P. Clayton (H), 16.6 s.
 High Jump—R. Watling (H), 4 ft. 9 ins.
 Long Jump—K. A. Johnson (Q), 19 ft.
 Hop, Step and Jump—P. Clayton (H), 37 ft. 0½ in.
 Putting the Shot—J. Stoddart (H), 36 ft. 10 in.
 Throwing the Discus—J. Stoddart (H), 104 ft. 8½ in.
 Throwing the Javelin—K. G. Hartley (Q), 130 ft. 10¾ in.
 Relay—1. Heath 2. Queen's 3. School.

INTERMEDIATE :

100 yards—S. D. Watkin (S), 11.0 s.
 220 yards—S. D. Watkin (S), 25.4 s.
 880 yards—S. D. Watkin (S), 2 mins. 28.4 s.
 110 yards Hurdles—R. S. Lee (S), 16.0 s. (record).
 High Jump—R. Greenwood (Q), 4 ft. 9 ins.
 Long Jump—S. D. Watkin (S), 17 ft. 4 ins.
 Hop, Step and Jump—S. D. Watkin (S), 34 ft. 4½ ins.
 Putting the Shot—I. Freeman (S), 36 ft. 1¼ ins.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball—R. Greenwood (Q), 78 yds. 1 ft. 2 ins.
 Relay—1. School 2. Queen's 3. Heath.

JUNIOR :

100 yards—G. P. Smith (S), 12.4 s.
 220 yards—M. Bussey (S), 29.2 s.
 440 yards—C. M. Hitchen (Q), 67.0 s.
 High Jump—T. Howsen (K), 3 ft. 10 ins.
 Long Jump—G. P. Smith (S), 13 ft. 7½ ins.
 Hop, Step and Jump—G. P. Smith (S), 28 ft. 9 ins.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball—G. P. Smith (S), 65 yds. 9 ins.
 Relay—1. School 2. Heath 3. King's.

FIRST FORM :

80 yards—D. Allan (K), 11.2 s.
 170 yards—M. Fearnely (H), 23.0 s.
 High Jump—S. Hiley (S), 3 ft. 10½ ins (record).
 Long Jump—D. Allan (K), 12 ft 1¾ ins.

INTER-GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS**27th May, 1954**

The Sports were again held at Spring Hall. The weather was beautiful, but a trifle warm for the runners. Although our superiority was not as pronounced as last year we comfortably won the championship for the sixth successive year. We were strong in all departments and only an unfortunate disqualification in the Junior Relay prevented us from retaining all four shields.

The final championship result was Heath 92 points, Crossley and Porter 71 points and Calder High 39 points.

Our jumping successes were rather fewer than usual and consequently our friends from up the hill gained a five points lead in these events despite a fine double by G. P. Smith in the Junior Long Jump and Hop, Step and Jump. These were the School's only wins.

At Spring Hall we fared rather better, although only winning the Senior shield by one point as a result of a fine effort in the last event—the Relay—in which the School team easily beat the existing record. In all events we were well placed—apart from gaining four first positions. G. Carr equalled the 100 yards record of 10.6 secs., Clayton beat the 110 yards hurdles in 16.0 secs. and other wins were recorded by A. M. Dixon (440 yards) and J. Stoddart (Shot).

The School won the Intermediate section much more easily. This was a very fine performance in which everyone pulled his weight. In every event we had at least one in the first three. Best performances were by S. D. Watkin who won both the sprints, and by R. S. Lee who scored a double in the Shot and 110 yards hurdles in which he set up a new record of 16.0 secs.

The Juniors also performed splendidly and a place was obtained in every event except the High Jump. The mainstay was Smith, who, apart from his jumping successes, was second in the Quarter Mile and third in the 100 yards.

In the relays the Senior and Intermediate teams won easily with record times of 46.8 secs. and 50.1 secs. respectively. Although finishing first the Junior team was disqualified for obstruction.

A fine victory and may it be repeated again next year, Heath!

SWIMMING REPORT

For some years now, swimming in the School has been a rather a low ebb. This has been seen in the somewhat infrequent Inter-School matches, especially those with Huddersfield College. What we lack of course is a bath close to the School which would provide a regular training system. The School does not offer such facilities, but, if you are keen enough, you can still become proficient by your own private efforts. Make no mistake: in this sport success is only achieved by constant training.

I think that last year's Gala showed signs of an improvement. A number of records were broken and a decided improvement could be seen in the junior and intermediate sections. In these the efforts of Bingham, and Hargreaves of the First Form were particularly noticeable. Both show signs of turning out very fine swimmers and with some support should be sweeping the board at Inter-School events. But they do need support.

This year's fixtures with Huddersfield College had to be cancelled as it fell on Sports Day. On the 23rd June, we attended a Gala at Sowerby Bridge on the invitation of the Secondary School. It now became obvious that the standard of swimming had improved and that individuals concentrating on one stroke only are better than the all-rounders. Our under 15 team beat Sowerby Bridge very well, failing to win only one race—the 25 yards Free Style in which not more than a yard separated the four competitors.

The results were as follows :—

		Points	
		H.G.S.	S.B.
MEDLEY RACE. (25 yards Back, Breast and Crawl)			
1. Bingham	2. Coward	3. S.B.	.. .. 5 1
25 YARDS BREAST STROKE			
1. Payne	2. S.B.	3. Costello	.. .. 4 2
25 YARDS FREE STYLE			
1. S.B.	2. Bingham	3. S.B.	.. .. 2 4
25 YARDS BACK STROKE			
1. Watkin	2. S.B.	3. S.B.	.. .. 3 3
SQUADRON			
1. Heath	2. S.B.	.. ..	.. .. 5 2

Total points : Heath 19, S.B. 12.

We would like to thank both Huddersfield and Sowerby Bridge for their invitations.

SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA

October 29th, 1953

RESULTS

UNDER 13 :

25 yards Breast Stroke—M. Parsons (K), 23.4 secs.
 25 yards Free Style—D. Hargreaves (H), 20.2 secs.
 25 yards Back Stroke—D. Hargreaves (H), 22.6 secs.

UNDER 14 :

25 yards Breast Stroke—J. H. Payne (S), 18.8 secs.*
 25 yards Back Stroke—J. Coward (H), 20.4 secs.
 25 yards Free Style—J. Coward (H), 16.6 secs.*

UNDER 15 :

25 yards Back Stroke—S. D. Watkin (S), 18.6 secs.*
 25 yards Free Style—M. Bingham (Q), 15 secs.*
 50 yards Breast Stroke—D. R. Sheard (S), 43.4 secs.
 50 yards Free Style—M. Bingham (Q), 33.4 secs.*

SENIOR :

50 yards Back Stroke—J. Stoddart (H), 40.6 secs.†
 50 yards Free Style—K. Beaumont (H), 35.4 secs.
 100 yards Breast Stroke—D. Oldfield (Q), 89.8 secs.*
 100 yards Free Style—E. Balmforth (S), 85.8 secs.

THE CORONATION TROPHY :

Plunge—K. Beaumont (H), 43 feet.

OPEN : Dive—D. Hargreaves (H).

JUNIOR HOUSE RELAY (The Pollitt Trophy), Heath, 88 secs.

INTERMEDIATE HOUSE RELAY : Queen's, 70.2 secs.

SENIOR HOUSE RELAY : (The Bouch Trophy), King's, 64.8 secs.

House Positions : Heath 145, King's 143, School 110, Queen's 90.

*New Record †Equals Old Record

THE CHESS CLUB

Chairman : D. M. HALLOWES, Esq., M.A.

Secretary : K. W. REYNARD

Captain : G. R. SUNDERLAND

The Chess Club has had its most successful season ever. After a disastrous start against Huddersfield College we remained unbeaten until the last match of the season, when, against Whitcliffe Mount we were narrowly beaten—more by good psychology than by any superiority in actual chess play.

Our best effort was the achievement of a draw with Huddersfield College in the return game. Hitherto this fixture has been approached more with hope than confidence ; we are now looking forward to next season with optimism hoping for an unbeaten record on a full fixture list.

This year both the knockout competitions have been completed. These were on a double entry system. In the Junior Competition G. R. Tillotson and M. C. Eagland both reached the semi-finals, as Tillotson won both games he became the Junior Champion. In the Senior section the semi-finalists were Sunderland and Shearing, Sunderland and Reynard. Shearing and Sunderland respectively won these games. The final was drawn and it was agreed to share the title.

RESULTS :

1st Team : Won 5, Drew 1, Lost 2, scoring 28 points against 21.
 U.14 Team : Won 1, Lost 1, scoring 5 points against 7.

K. W. REYNARD.

HOUSE CHESS :

Senior : Heath 15 pts. ; School 9 pts. ; King's and Queen's 6 pts.
 Junior : King's 12 pts. ; School 6 pts. ; Heath 4 pts. ; Queen's 2 pts.
 Total Results, Heath 19 pts. ; King's 18 pts. ; School 15 pts. ; Queen's 8 pts.

Heath won the Sowards-Shaw Cup.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting was held soon after term began and the first meeting was held at the home of Mr. J. G. Stirk. He demonstrated his Tellurion and Orrery and also gave us quite a long talk. A visit was paid to Stott Bros. printing works one Wednesday afternoon and we were conducted round their many and various departments.

Three fortnightly film shows were given in the Physics Lab., and the year's activities finished, as they began, at Mr. Stirk's, where this time he showed us his Constellarium. We had hoped to visit an I.C.I. but they were unable to accommodate us.

D.V.W.

LIBRARY REPORT

The year has seen many additions to the Library, notably the "Encyclopaedia Britannica," bought with two instalments of Mr. Dryden Brook's annual donation, which filled a gap in our reference shelves, and 46 bound volumes of "Punch" presented by Mr. Patterson, which provides some much-needed relaxation for our over-worked sixth-formers. These volumes, bound by the donor, are in excellent condition. "The Rommel Papers," by Liddel Hart presented by C. J. L. Bowes, an ex-librarian, and "The Nature of the Universe," presented by K. G. Hartley were welcome additions to our stock, as were "A Government By the People," presented by Mr. Mackley and "The Little Hill Farm," by W. B. Crump, M.A., presented by Miss Barbara Crump.

The Esso Company sent us "Oil for the World" which was added to the Careers Section. Among many other books received through the Halifax School Libraries were "World Drama," by Allardyce Nicholl, Poe's "Tales of Mystery and Imagination," "Aspects of Language," by Entwhistle, "Sir John Moore," by Oman, "The Oxford Dictionary of Place Names," "Michel Angelo," a profusely illustrated book on the great Renaissance artist, and the topical "Ascent of Everest," Brigadier J. Hunt.

We would like to echo the librarian's plea that books should be entered in the volume provided for the purpose when taken out, and also when they are brought back, and that they should be returned as soon as they have been read.

J.S., D.W.T.

SCIENCE LIBRARY

For the first time since at least 1946, as few as four books disappeared during the year, also almost twice as many books were borrowed this year as in any previous year. This gives every hope that next year there will be no abstractions.

A wide range of interesting books has been added this year, from two excellent books by G. Gamow on Mr. Tompkins' dreams of relativity and the atom, to several volumes on Inorganic Chemistry for the reference library. We are extremely grateful to those persons who have donated books, it is to them that we owe something of the diversity of the books in the library. Mr. H. C. Morris presented a further bound volume of "Discovery," this time for 1953. P. P. Carter also presented a large collection of "Discovery"; these periodicals contain a large number of interesting articles of a non-technical nature. J. B. W. Edwards presented the N.P.L. Jubilee Book; A. H. Jagger—"The Drama of Weather," by Napier Shaw and "The Exploration of Space," by A. C. Clarke; K. W. Reynard, "Textbook of Organic Chemistry," by Fieser and Fieser; and B. Whitaker, "Practical Organic Chemistry," by Mann and Saunders, and "A Direct Entry to Organic Chemistry," by J. Read. This book replaces one which disappeared after being in the library only a few weeks. It is hoped that this copy will have a longer stay.

Finally a complaint. Not all those who borrow books sign for them, or complete the entry correctly. It might be noted that some books now missing were last entered in the borrower's book with an incomplete statement—they have no date of return.

H.W.R.

"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST"

February 18/19/20th, 1954

We visited "The Importance of being Earnest" on the Saturday with a certain trepidation. We had a high opinion of the Dramatic Society, and we knew what Mr. Taylor can do, but we doubted the Society's capacity to carry off this play—a modern comedy which is already a period piece.

We need not have worried. The Society did carry it off—in fine style: indeed, we even found ourselves believing in the characters to an extent that would probably have surprised Oscar Wilde himself. Speed is of the essence of this kind of piece, and the action moved with the most efficient rapidity—yet nobody spoke through the laughs (which were constant) and nobody missed any cues.

Act I showed us a charmingly aesthetic flat in Half Moon Street. J. D. Redman played Moncrieff, its tenant, with a very engaging manner indeed; to be sure, he was a little rubicund, but perhaps his incessant consumption of cucumber sandwiches and toasted muffins had something to do with that. A friendly, hospitable fellow, we felt; one generous with his overdraft; John Worthing, on the other hand, played by G. R. Sunderland, is throughout the play suffering from something akin to an attack of conscience; it is doubtless embarrassing to have both a double (though apparently innocent) life and a family tree terminating (with the Brighton Line) at Victoria Station. He showed us this, and we sympathised.

D. Watmough was a very proper Gorgon as Lady Bracknell. Her complexion gave us to fear that she was suffering from some affliction of the liver, and we did not think that it was wise for her to swing her hips so much. However, we had no doubt at all of her ability to cope with her nephew and daughter.

Her daughter! We fell quite hopelessly in love with the Honorable Gwendolen—she was played with great confidence and success by J. R. Crossley. This matter-of-fact young miss, already likeable enough, blossomed still further in the second Act after she had changed her frock. We felt that Worthing was lucky to have secured her affection.

Act II introduced us to a very pleasing rose-garden, and also to Worthing's ward, Cecily, watering the roses with an empty watering-can. T. J. Mitchell was a pert, blue-eyed Cecily, very pretty to look at—though more so in repose than in motion. For a sheltered young lady of eighteen she was astonishingly well versed in the arts of flirtation and cattishness. Her tea-party with Gwendolen was a joy. This rather boyish Cecily was probably the right girl for the mannered, irresponsible Moncrieff.

J. A. Elliott was a dowdy and absolutely right Miss Prism. Poor soul! A hopeless passion for the Canon, and a three-volume M.S. unpublished after nearly thirty years! The Canon, by D. H. Hoyle, was very deservedly applauded on his entrance, but after a time we felt that his constant grin was somewhat vacuous for a D.D.

The set for Act III was applauded; understandably, for it was very good indeed. During the *dénouement* we were able to observe how carefully all the players had preserved their decidedly artificial characters, and there was not a single jarring note—except perhaps the shame-faced interpolation of a General Mackley into the Army List.

There were three flunkeys who played their parts with self-sacrificing competence. J. Stoddart as the austere butler in Act I with a vaguely ecclesiastical tonsure, and R. A. Broadbent and K. G. Hartley as the delightful pair in Act II.

In all, we found a great deal to commend and comparatively little to criticise. It is a pity that after all these years the Hall does not run to footlights—they would have solved the terrible problem of presenting ladies in wide-brimmed hats without shadowing their faces. It seemed a pity too that the Headmaster cut short the two or three curtains that we were proposing to give the cast at the end (we wanted to see the ladies curtsey)—though in the sentiments that he expressed we respectfully concur. In any case it seemed likely that the curtain would be too sluggish to oblige us.

For the Stage Manager we have nothing but praise. Back stage must have been a nightmare with all that furniture crammed in—and Mr. Littlefair in a corner apparently, making toast on a bunsen burner.

Costumes good, sets good, lorgnette drill good, and every word as clear as a bell. What more could we want? Only that when Mr. Taylor lurked in a corner after being called on to take his bow Lady Bracknell should have taken him by the ear and put him in his rightful place—Centre Front.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC PRODUCTION

On November 27th and 28th the Music and Dramatic Societies combined to give their annual production. The Music Society in an effort to provide something for everyone, made one innovation. The School Orchestra played music of a more popular nature than in former years. This was intended to replace that lighter side of the programme once supplied by Mr. Gain's choir. This quite obviously pleased some but left others unmoved; however it is only by trial and error that the best can be found and while being critical of the results we must welcome the spirit with which the experiments are made.

The Concert opened with the School Orchestra playing "Plymouth Hoe," by Ansell and continued with Percy Fletcher's "Bal Masqué," and a selection from Edward German's "Merrie England." These were performed with much enthusiasm but this was marred on the first night by some rather loose playing. One might have wished for something a little more serious in addition but this was not to be. From a completely classical programme we had changed to a light one.

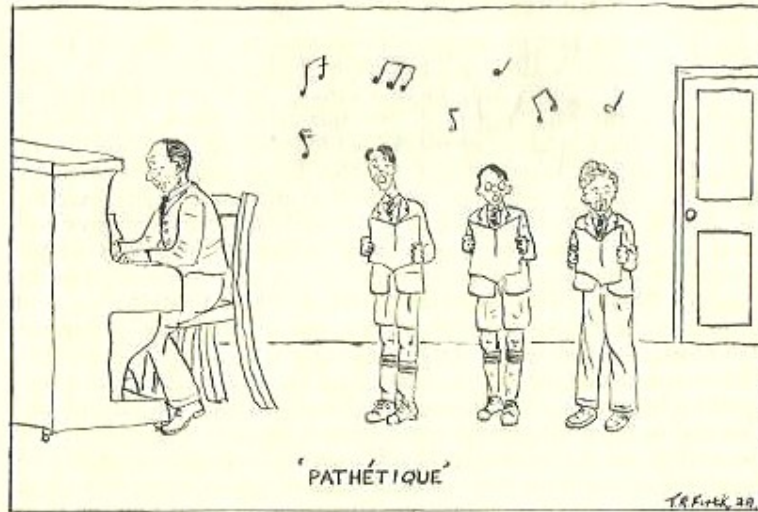
Perhaps next year there will be a combination of both. It must be explained that light music is not necessarily easier to perform than classical and the orchestra certainly gave a good exhibition of its talents.

D. Whatmough then played, "To Spring," by Grieg; this was a pleasant trifle quite well played. This was followed by the choral part of the programme. The School choir sang "Wake, O Wake," by Bach and "The Ash Grove." In a hall with very poor acoustic qualities the choir achieved a good tone and the Bach was especially well phrased. After an excellent solo performance of Vaughan Williams' "Linden Lea," by M. Robertshaw the choir continued with "Since first I saw your face," by Ford, "Love, fare thee well," arranged by Brahms and "Nursery Rhymes," by Adam Carse. The first two pieces were sung competently and in places with good expression, the last though sung with great vigour yet had a somewhat clouded effect due to mumbling of the words. The Treble Choir completed the musical part of the evening with "Spanish Ladies," arranged by Cecil Sharp, and Brahms' "Cradle Song," sung in German. Considering the inexperience of the majority of the choir, they succeeded in keeping up the tradition of good singing in the School, for this we have to thank Mr. Haigh and Mr. Holt in the case of the Orchestra for the hard work they put in. A word of praise is also due to T. B. Cruddis for his excellent accompanying on the piano in this and previous years; his absence will be felt next year.

The second part of the programme consisted of two short plays, "Chimney Sweep's Holiday," by Rachel Field, acted solely by first-form boys and "Thirty Minutes in a Street," by Beatrice Mayor from members of the Middle School. By this arrangement it is possible to pick out the new talent of the School in good time and provide the many enthusiastic members of the higher forms with an opportunity to become familiar with the stage before attempting more exacting parts in a major production. No fewer than thirty-six boys had speaking parts in these two plays. The "Chimney Sweep's Holiday," however, was not perhaps a very happy choice as a means of revealing budding talent. The plot was extremely thin, slow-moving and obvious, while the dialogue in places was most unconvincing. Moreover it is a little too much to expect a junior boy to do anything like justice to a part such as that of Sir Joseph Greenwood. C. R. Wilkinson had a very youthful look for a "Fine Gentleman," and although his manner was easy and he knew his lines he could scarcely do more than masquerade the part in an overwhelming gloom. The Chimney Sweeps of Old London were more in their element and were convincing enough in the rough-and-tumble passages but rather slow at other times in their movements and in the tempo of the dialogue. A good deal of very successful work had gone into the setting and dressing of this play and the spectacle was admirably contrived in all three scenes. The cast had been well trained and knew what to do and what to say, but all their very praiseworthy efforts could not make this play really come alive.

"Thirty Minutes in a Street" was not written specifically for young players but it proved to be the perfect vehicle for the exuberance

of the Middle Forms of the School. Such a wealth of talent is available at present that every boy seemed to fit into the play as if it had been specially written for this cast. Each one held the stage at one time or another and the producers who were nameless are to be congratulated on the way in which they maintained the interest throughout by their split-second timing. The great problem of presenting boys in the modern dress of the adult female was overcome by bold and unhesitating presentation. Of the individual cameos we would like particularly to mention D. M. Ogden and J. A. Elliott whose Professor-Student dialogues were ably maintained in the face of the overshadowing and hilarious behaviour of the Old Lady (M. S. C. Luckins). T. J. Mitchell and V. L. Clarke, too, provided a brief but delightful picture. D. Oldfield gave an excellent performance as the Elderly Gentleman (which part he assumed at the last minute) and managed his cigar with an air of great experience in such matters. Indeed the entire cast deserves (should space allow) individual mention, so well did they portray the varied gallery of parts. There was not a single weak link among all the twenty-four of them. The audience showed its evident appreciation throughout the play by uninhibited mirth which must have done a great deal to help the players in one of the best productions we have seen for a long while.



THE FAVOR-ITES, 1953-4

The Editor of the "Heathen" last year referred in his leading article to the inability of members of the Sixth Form to rise above the ridiculous or supposedly humorous at Favorite meetings. Whether or not this state of affairs has been remedied is not for us to say, but we can report that more meetings have been held this year than since 1946, when the Society assembled weekly. We have ranged from a most

instructive debate on National Service, which provided the Head with an opportunity to speak on his pet subject, to a Marathon General Knowledge Quiz in which the Scientists, with the aid of the Headmaster, somehow succeeded in scoring a narrow win over the Artists. Less successful, perhaps, was our own version of the Balloon Game, when Mr. Redman representing a Corporation dustman eventually triumphed over a motley collection of individuals, none of them selected from very elevated walks of life. The opening meeting of the season, a Hat Debate, was notable for a succession of bewildering sentiments delivered impromptu by all the members present, enough, in fact, to fill this magazine with "Who Saids?"

The Society met only once during the Summer Term, but the proceedings were in many ways the most satisfactory. A team of four speakers from the Favorites ranged themselves against a team from our rival body, the Lower Sixth Modern Discussion Group. Messrs. Broadbent and Reynard vied with each other in gravity and sincerity on the subject of British justice, the two secretaries were opposed on the money-value of Television, and Mr. Anderton delivered a speech on the Queen and the Empire worthy of Disraeli himself. The most entertaining duel, however, was between the Clerk of the Weather, Mr. Shackleton, and Mr. Hoyle, the stony-faced comedian; the one explained his pet science in words of one syllable to the unlearned audience, the other ruthlessly murdered it. In each case the question was put to the vote; the result does not matter, for the audience obviously voted regardless of the various speakers' merit.

Quite an unusual feature of the season's meetings was the generous support lent by the Lower Sixth, as compared with the Upper. We can only hope that they will continue to attend when they have reached higher status and that their successors will help to swell the ranks of this Ancient and Honourable Society.

G.R.S.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Society is at present in good health and during the year considerable progress has been made in the education of members in the science of photography. Seventeen members undertook courses in enlarging, the more experienced acting as instructors.

The winner of the open section of the Annual Competition was Biltcliffe, whose contribution, a portrait, was exhibited to the School along with other prize-winning entries. K. M. Tillotson assumed the position of runner-up in the open class, and the first prize in the beginners' section was won by K. Jagger with F. P. Mallinder second. The standard of contributions was not high, with the possible exception of the winning picture in the open-class. The contest was judged by the chairman, Mr. Morris, who has, during the year, been an active influence in the Society.

The far-sighted policy of the invitation of younger members will, it is hoped, ensure the perpetuation of the Society.

A.M.D.

2nd (H.G.S.) HALIFAX SCOUTS

The Troop has had quite a busy year since the Coronation activities. The numbers have decreased slightly but nearly all those remaining have (or have very nearly) passed the Second Class Badge. During the year we gained more proficiency badges than any other group in Halifax. The latest achievement was the winning of the Scout Sports in which Stan Watkin and David Armitage played a big part.

Last year's summer camp was held at Wray Castle near Ambleside. The weather was rather poor but this did not prevent us spending most of our time in the boats (or stopping Bert falling into the lake!). Other activities during the summer included helping in a search with the police and assisting at the road courtesy rally.

Since the School year began we have had thirteen new recruits. A hike over the Scammonden area, a visit to Police H.Q., a film show on Scouting for the parents and finally the Christmas party were the highlights of their first term.

Last term we paid a visit to the works of Butter's Machine Tool Co. Later, during Bob-a-Job week, the group raised twenty-one pounds. Two patrols camped at Mytholmroyd in Easter week, four camped at Whitsuntide and a troop week-end camp was held a fortnight later. This year we hope to hold the Summer Camp at Tanfield near Ripon.

At present we are endeavouring to clear some of the debris, bricks, cricket balls, etc., from under and around the hut which we gather is liable to comment of a kind not pleasant to the ears of either a certain gentleman's mother or the Chief Scout.

Our Scouter strength suffered early in the year, Pete Allatt and Mike Roper starting at University and John Iredale being transferred to the Seniors. As a sideline, we have obtained a printing-press and are ever ready to accept orders.

Finally, may I invite any new Heathens who so wish, to come to one of our meetings any Friday night and see what we do?

D.V.W.

SENIOR SCOUTS

After being driven from Salterhebble by the British Waterways who subsequently razed our canal-side headquarters to the ground, we have spent most of our time in caves and the open air. At Christmas we visited Ribbleshead, climbing Ingleborough and Whernside, noticing here that several members were showing symptoms of speliology.

The major event of the year was the six-day expedition by trek-cart to Bransdale, Farnedale, Rosedale and Rievaulx, climbing among other things the notorious 1 in 3 Rosedale Chimney.

After Easter the speliological epidemic really established itself. At Whitsuntide and Wakes Week a large proportion of the troop descended Gaping Ghyll, parts of the Alum Pot system, Lancaster Pot and several minor holes.

A very pleasing feature of the year's work was the winning of the Local Association Senior Athletics Cup held for several years by our brother Scouts at Crossley and Porter.

We have had the usual full supporting programme of Thursday evenings, midnight hikes and week-end camps together with an expedition to the uppermost parts of the Victoria Hall to hear a Y.S.O. Concert. Instead of the usual Christmas orgy we held a "stag" cocoa and biscuit festival.

It is with regret that we must say good-bye to both our Scouters who have been such a great help during this very successful year.

D. H. HOYLE.

THE ROVER CREW

After many years of inactivity which have seen the numbers rapidly dwindling, the Crew has been re-formed under the leadership of Ted Stafford. The need for such a body has become increasingly evident as the supply of potential scoutmasters for the Juniors and Seniors has now completely exhausted itself. Although the Universities and Her Majesty's Forces constitute a perpetual drain on our resources, we are confident that the enthusiasm of the newly promoted Seniors will help to keep in existence a regular force of ready servants of both the Group and the community at large. After all our motto is "Service." This word, the younger Scouts may have noticed, is prominently displayed above the fireplace in the Rover Den, which we hope to make into a smarter and more private sanctuary.

One word to anybody who may have left the School and the Group during the last few years; why not pay us a visit some time? We have not yet settled on a regular time for meeting but some members can be found at School. A hearty welcome awaits all who care to return.

SWITZERLAND, 1954

The party consisting of three masters and thirty-four boys left Halifax at 9 a.m. on Tuesday the twentieth of July and arrived at Les Marécottes at 2.30 the following day after a very calm Channel crossing but an extremely tiring train voyage across Europe. The rest of the day was spent in exploring Les Marécottes and Solvan perfectly situated alongside the Trient Gorge. The party retired early to make up for the sleep lost in the train the night before.

THURSDAY, 22nd JULY

Breakfast was served at 8.30 and after this the party split up into different groups. One group explored La Creuraz and another the Triège Gorge very near Les Marécottes. The whole party met at Les Marécottes station at 12.20 where the train to Martigny was caught. From Martigny we took the post bus up the narrow, hair-raising bends from Martigny to La Forclaz, the nearest place to the Trient glacier. We then walked about three miles to the very bottom of the glacier and took snaps. We recaptured the bus after some refreshment and sped down the bumpy road finding the descent far more death-defying than the journey up. At Martigny the party bought souvenirs and drinks in the shaded outdoor cafés. Two of the party had to return for a missing rucksack left at one of these cafés and as a result missed the train. When told by a very unsympathetic porter that that had been the last train they resigned themselves to their fate and walked the four miles back to Les Marécottes.

FRIDAY, 23rd JULY

After early breakfast at 7.45 a.m. we caught the train down to Martigny at 8.30 a.m. Here we transferred into two luxury coaches which were to take us to the Grand St. Bernard. After speeding up tortuous winding roads very similar to those seen on the day before we reached the Grand St. Bernard. We walked along the road near the Hospice and crossed over the Swiss border into Italy. The party split up on its return to the Hospice. Some took the chairlift, the highest in the world, to the top of a rock pinnacle near the Hospice and had a wonderful view of many Alpine peaks including Mont Blanc, the Monte Rosa and the Matterhorn in the distance. Others visited the Hospice and paid fifty centimes to look at the famous St. Bernard dogs and puppies. On the way back the party visited Lac Champex where the hardier ones bathed and the less hardy rowed. After sight-seeing in the village the party returned to Martigny and caught the train back to Les Marécottes arriving at 6.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, 24th JULY

This day was a free one. The majority of the party visited the shops in Martigny, La Batiatz the old Roman fort, and bought many souvenirs. Others visited the Triège Gorge with Mr. Morris. Mr. Carter and Mr. Haigh led a party of three Sixth Formers to the top of Le Luisin (8,400 feet) one of the highest peaks in the neighbourhood and from the top they had a marvellous view of the Trient Gorge and Mont Blanc. After dinner the Sixth Form contingent visited a fête at Solvan and had their first sample of vin rouge.

SUNDAY, 25th JULY

The party set out at 10.15 a.m. for Chatelard and then took the funicular which was very crowded to Emosson. From there we took the road leading through many tunnels in the hillside to the Dam of Barberine one of the main power plants for the Swiss Federal Railways. The dam is very big being 300 yards long and 80 yards high. The party walked the four miles back to the Hotel des Marécottes and had many adventures en route.

MONDAY, 26th JULY

The day was overcast with clouds when we set out for Chamonix and it remained so for all the day. The train passed through the French and Swiss customs at Vallorcine and travelled on to Chamonix in France. We immediately made for Le Mont Brévent funicular and reached the top in two stages. At the top it was extremely cold and the summit of Mont Blanc could not be seen due to low lying cloud. The party returned to Chamonix and were able to spend Swiss francs on postcards and souvenirs and to look around the town.

TUESDAY, 27th JULY

As this was a free day the morning was spent in playing table tennis and cards (most of the party became very adept at the game by the end of the holiday). In the afternoon many of the party visited Martigny and bought souvenirs.

WEDNESDAY, 28th JULY

In the morning some of the party visited the villages around Les Marécottes—Solvan and Les Granges and in the afternoon the party took the chairlift to La Creusaz. From the restaurant in La Creusaz Mont Blanc could be seen. After having a short game of skittles the party returned by devious routes to Les Marécottes. Some thought that the quickest way down was straight down but they were sadly disillusioned when most of the ground was covered on the posterior.

THURSDAY, 29th JULY

The morning was spent in playing cards in the hotel garden and skittles in a little alley near Les Granges. At 3 p.m. the party had their last look at Les Marécottes and travelled for the last time by rack and pinion to Martigny. The Basle train was already in the station and after a hundred yard sprint down the platform we took our seats just in time. After dinner at Basle station we sped on through the night and early morning to Boulogne. The crossing contrary to expectation was calm. London was reached at 2.30. Some caught an early train home, others went sight-seeing around London and caught the 6.30 train which arrived in Halifax at 11.45. The holiday had been a most enjoyable one due to the glorious weather and the excellent organisation of Mr. Morris and the travel agency.

THE YORK MYSTERY PLAYS—1954

A party organised by the School (which in the event contained only six members of L.VI—the remainder being adults) escaping from the electric tension of examination time visited York by coach on Wednesday, 23rd June. On arrival the party broke up to pursue its own devices—some to wander at leisure through the old streets, some to evensong at the Minster, some to find more solid refreshment—but at 6.30 p.m. we were all assembled to see a fine performance of one of the plays, "Noah's Flood," in the medieval manner on a cart in the street. It was a lively and ingenious production which held the attention of some 300 spectators for nearly half an hour before the company passed on to play again at their next station. It was a wonderful foretaste of the main programme which we had come to see.

We were in our places on the tiers of seats erected in the ruins of St. Mary's Abbey some time before the start of the performance at 8 o'clock when the last few late arrivals of a full "house" were trickling up the gangway. The plays, performed with a minimum of scenic effects (the architectural beauty of the ruins produced the only atmosphere needed), presented a superb spectacle and the acting was of the highest class. The individual performances of the principal characters were a joy to observe and the religious theme of the plays, sincerely presented, ensured the rapt and undivided attention of the audience. From Satan's banishment from heaven to the Final Judgement, the performance lasted until 11.35 p.m. and not even the discomfort of hard wooden benches had been able to mar the evening's entertainment.

We left York a few minutes before midnight. At first an occasional scathing comment on "ownerless vacuum-flasks" was heard, but soon

a solemn silence settled on all. A tired, yet vastly satisfied party reached Halifax at 1.30 a.m. at which moment at least one person trembled at the thought of the five miles which separated him from home.

B.M., L.VI.

MATHEMATICAL CROSSNUMBER

1	2	3	4	5	6
7		8		9	10
11	12	13		14	
15		16			17
18			19		20
21		22	23	24	25
26			27		

CLUES ACROSS

- Year of a King's accession, also a square.
- Highest prime factor of 14d.
- One seventh of the square of half of itself.
- Three times 25a reversed.
- A prime number.
- Three times the square of the sum of the digits of 26a.
- Square of the lowest prime over 100.
- Three times the sum of the digits in the third row.
- Number of the beast.
- See 6d.
- Number of inches in a mile.
- Five times the sum of the digits of 23d.
- The cube of its last digit.
- Sum of the digits in the fourth row.
- See 26a.
- Sum of 25d reversed and 25a.
- See 6d.

CLUES DOWN

- See 21d.
- Differs from 100 by the same amount that 15a differs from 24a.
- Palindromic number sum of digits a square.
- Multiple of the sum of the digits of 18a.
- Product of digits is 15a.
- Product of 17a and square root of 27a.
- A Square, product of three of its digits a cube.
- Cube of the sum of its digits.
- Height of Everest in feet.
- Reversed, the square of the product of middle digits.
- Product of 8a and its difference from 100.
- Reversed, a product of 1d.
- See 20a.
- See 26a.

The sum of all the digits in the puzzle is a cube reversed.
Solution on page 37.

KEITH ONE.

THE HEATHEN IN HIS BLINDNESS WANTS TO KNOW

- How much was that kettle in the window ?
Is Everest really 29,000 kilometres high ?
Who *is* Wattis ?
Does she do everything in duplicate ?
Did he actually lead the charge of the Light Brigade ?
Did Benny really take his tie ?
Who went without his dinner ?
Is he a Spaniard ?

Who Said ?

- Has anybody seen my pumps ?
How are we for time ?
I can sit here on my Scout's honour . . .
Won't there be a few spare men ?
Has anyone lost a right-handed gym shoe ?
Chess is a quiet game.
Lessink.
. . . Which is to be found in the Apocrypha . . .
I feel too tall.

THE HEAD PREFECT'S XI v. MR. D. A. GILLETT'S OLD BOYS' XI

Mr. Anderton won the toss for the Head Prefect's XI and decided to bat on the sloping wicket. Mr. Skirrow and Mr. Hartley were sent in to open the innings and if possible to knock up a few hundred runs for a first wicket partnership. After fifteen minutes the score was only 8, Mr. Hartley having scored all his runs by strokes not to be found in any cricket manual. Soon however, the Upper Sixth cricketers had the chance to show their ability with the bat. Mr. Anderton played a solid captain's innings and Mr. Davies and Mr. Johnson were unfortunate to be out just when they were getting the better of the quite accurate bowling. Mr. Dixon sprang out to a slow ball, missed it completely, and the umpire, being undecided as to whether the batsman was trying to swot a stray butterfly or attempting a cover drive, had to give him out, stumped. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Kerfoot after seeing most of their comrades' wickets fall in playing defensive strokes came to the conclusion that if the bat is thrown in the general direction of the ball then runs should follow. This idea seemed to work and Mr. Anderton was proudly able to declare after these two gentlemen had added 34 runs.

The Old Boys' XI had an unfortunate start when they lost their opening bat, Mr. Macdonald in the second over. Mr. Anderton had

conceived the notion that if he gave each member of his side two overs each, the batsmen might become unsettled. This worked like a charm and most of the bowlers got wickets either by skill or mostly by pure luck. The most spectacular catch of the match was taken by Mr. Anderton. Mr. Fletcher of the Old Boys' XI snicked one to the slip, Mr. Davies, who hurled himself skywards, got his hands to the ball but failed to hold the catch. Mr. Anderton who had been watching the proceedings with interest sprang five yards to his left and snatched up the ball before it hit the ground. The Reverend Blackledge after hitting a glorious six was out to one of Mr. Pilcher's deceptive balls which almost bounced three times. Mr. Dixon was the most versatile bowler of the Head Prefect's XI, often beating the batsmen and also Mr. Lee keeping wicket. He mingled his slow donkey drops, his wides, his tricklers and his rare straight one with the skill and precision of an artist. Mr. Brook goaded into action by one of Mr. Dixon's specials four yards wide of his off stump opened his shoulders and tried to hit one over the General Hospital. Unfortunately for him the ball claimed a new altitude record and Mr. Hartley unable to get out of the way quick enough had to make a catch. Mr. Dixon thus had the satisfaction of claiming the wicket of the highest scorer on the Old Boys' side. In the next over Mr. O'Keefe smashed one in the direction of the boundary. Mr. Hartley sped to the ball and picked it up. The batsmen thinking it had been a four ambled across the wicket. The ball was thrown from the boundary, smashed the wickets and ran out Mr. Sunderland. (Mr. Hartley afterwards confessed that he was supposed to be throwing the ball to the wicket-keeper twenty-two yards further up the hill). Mr. Reynard claimed the wicket of Mr. "Tich" Greenwood and Mr. Johnson won the match for the Head Prefect's XI with a magnificent off-break. The Head Prefect's XI won the game, thoroughly enjoyed by players and spectators alike, by 13 runs.

K.G.

CONVERSATION

I met a man
 With watering can
 To him I said,
 ' Does water spread
 On flower bed,
 Or on your head ?
 He then replied,
 From deep inside
 Beyond his pride.
 ' I've never tried
 This brand new thing
 I swiped from 'Tring.'*

A.M.D.

COCOA

Cocoa was known in Britain before either tea or coffee, and in Spain, Holland and Switzerland it is thought to be a necessity.

The Cacas or Cocoa tree was discovered in South America, but is now grown in other tropical forests. The world's output of cocoa is about four hundred and ninety thousand tons. The Gold Coast produces the most and might well be called the "Cocoa Coast"; but the Central American trees yield the best quality.

The scientific name for the Cacas tree is Theobroma (Greek for "food for the gods"). The flowers and fruit grow only on the trunks and principal branches of the trees. The pods are as big as a man's fist, i.e., about eight inches long. They are green at first, but turn red, then yellow as they ripen, and when dried their colour becomes chestnut brown. Natives go around the plantations with a long rod, which has a small "boxing-glove" shaped cutter at one end. When the pods have been cut down, they lay them gently on the ground. Later, women and children collect them and pile them in heaps with plantain or other green leaves. Then they are left for a few days to ferment. "Breaking pods" is then done with a cutlass. The beans number about forty in each pod. They are white and very bitter at first, though they soon lose their bitterness. As a rule the moist cocoa beans are put in a sweating house and laid on laths to allow the juice to escape. Afterwards they are dried in the sun or artificially by hot air. The beans are then roasted to remove the thin outer shells, leaving nibs. The broken and roasted shells are not wasted, but are made into a cheap coffee sold in Spain and Italy called "miserable." About half the weight of a cocoa bean is fat, which, when extracted is known as cocoa butter. This is used in perfumes, cosmetics and soft toilet soap. The cocoa butter is extracted for the normal drinking cocoa; but if some, or all of the butter is left in, and sugar and flavouring added, the product is known as chocolate.

ALLEN CLEGG, V.Sc.

THE COMPETITION

The B.B.C. was giving commercial television a week's trial and this was our first chance of seeing it. The advertiser's trade-mark flashed on the screen and the announcer's face became apparent. He began to announce (as they do) the merits of a wonderful new soap-powder which contained no soap—and then introduced a competition with a long list of prizes over each of which the camera hovered for a moment. By now only Dad was paying attention (competitions always attracted him). "Now, have you a pencil and paper ready?" asked the charming announcer. "Pencil? Paper?" mused Dad, observing that all the rest of the family had deserted him. He remembered that he had left his pencil in the kitchen where he had been doing the cross-word puzzle in the evening paper over his tea; the paper was in the dresser drawer, too. It would not take a moment to collect them. Swiftly he leapt from his chair and made a dash for the door, tripping over a buffet which he had not noticed on his way. He got back to his feet and reached the kitchen without further incident. Now, where had he put that pencil?

On the table, he thought; but the table had been cleared and there was no pencil on it. He scanned the empty window-sill, looked in the "present from Blackpool," the tea-caddy and the old-fashioned brass vase which adorned the mantelpiece but still no pencil could be seen. Where could it be? Perhaps he had better get his paper first. He opened the drawer with some difficulty after pulling and tugging at the handle, for the drawer was so full that it was not easy to open. Ah! there was the pencil (Mum must have put it back into its proper place, of course!), but where was the paper? Note-book, recipe-book, a fine collection of used paper bags (too shiny to write on), various lengths of string of all thicknesses and colours—all this he turned out on to the floor in feverish haste. Then came a letter which he had mislaid a fortnight ago but he was too agitated to rejoice over its finding now. Two out-of-date library tickets, a selection of smaller kitchen implements, some jam covers bursting out of their container of cellophane and at last one sheet of paper, crumpled, it is true, but paper! In triumph he returned to the T.V. without losing paper or pencil on the way. He was ready at last; "And I haven't taken so long after all," he proudly thought. The announcer was still there on the screen with the glittering prizes in the background. "And now," the voice said in smiling, pleasant tones, "send your entries to..." Dad heard no more. If looks could kill, the announcer's remains would, not have filled a match-box—and there was all the mess scattered about the kitchen floor.

M. G. C. LUKINS, 2A.

I
 am told
 that I'm bold
 I may seem coy
 As I shout Hoi! Hoi!
 Hoi, Boy! Hoi, Boy! Hoi, Boy!
 But with my Brolly
 I'm so jolly
 Debonair
 Ne'er a
 Hair
Who am I?

(DICAST).

WAR

Crimson flashes star the air,
 The snarling of the guns,
 Clear the bugles' noisy blare,
 Rumble go the drums.

The cannons thump, the rifles crack,
 The cries of dying men,
 All these hateful sounds of war
 Ring in my ears again.

But oh! for peace, for gentle sounds
 To waft on scented breeze,
 There are on earth, most men have found,
 No sweeter sounds than these.

J. S. PEARCE, 3B.

BATTLE ROYAL

I had been running about all afternoon trying my utmost to evade my enemies. The sun blazed down, my thirst was growing tremendous and my legs felt like lumps of lead. My enemies surrounded me gradually creeping forward for the kill. I knew this was it, I would have to break out and then... There could be no retreat—no retreat whatsoever! I had to go forward. I broke into a sweat and tried to break their ranks and escape, sprinting as never before. They grappled with me, I hurled them to the hard, bony ground, I dashed forward—would I never get through—and more converged on me. Where were my comrades? I knew we together could take on the enemy. I glanced back but they were hopelessly surrounded. I was on my own. Only twenty yards to go now and then safety—could I make it? One solitary foe dashed up from the place where I was heading for. I shot him a glance and saw the grim determination on his face and I knew then that this was the end. Never mind I'd had a good run for my money. I would never regret it. But no! who was this running on my left? One of my own men, who had had the same idea as I. Together we could overcome him. The enemy rushed at me, but before he felled me to the ground winded and exhausted I threw the ball out to the winger who scored a peach of a try in the corner.

K.G.

"THERE GOES A CREEP..."

(In memory of a learned man)

Amid his books
 There sits a man
 Behind the table,
 Pale and wan,
 Alone.

His youth is past,
 His hopes are gone;
 There he chants
 His mournful song,
 Alone.

"Oh, you who harked not to my words
 Will suffer long, but yet succeed.
 Away you go with carefree heart
 But this old man you never heed."

HEATH OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

An association such as ours must, of necessity, be scattered not only throughout England, but through the rest of the World as well. And, short of our private correspondence, the only way in which we can keep in touch with one another—not to say with the School—is through this magazine. It seems a pity, therefore, not to take advantage of it. But it seems that no one wishes to do so, at least, no one has written anything for us!

May I appeal to those of you who could write us anything of interest to do so? Especially if you can tell us something about the way other peoples live and work, or articles about your own craft—you might gain a number of recruits from the School.

Please—we would like to hear from you. The address of the Editor is:—

Michael Taylor,
"Blakiston,"
So Plane Tree Nest Lane,
Halifax,
Yorkshire.

THE YEAR REVIEWED

Your President and Secretary, both having been instructed, as usual, to write separate articles for the "Heathens," took the unusual course of conferring with one another as to what each should write about. It did not take them long to reach the obvious conclusion that both could only say the same things in different words and so they decided (without the Editor's permission) to pool their resources hence this contribution appears over their joint signatures.

It has been an uneventful year but that does not mean an unsuccessful one. Both the Annual Dance and the Dinner were considered to have reached new peaks of success but let us take the three main events in order of sequence. The Annual Meeting was very sparsely attended, sixteen people in all forming a very thin meeting in the School Hall. This makes it very difficult for the administrative side of the Association to be carried on competently. The same officials cannot be expected to continue year after year and they would welcome fresh faces with something fresh to say at that meeting.

The Dance at the Alexandra Hall was very nearly an unqualified success. If one excepts certain little incidents due to the unfortunate admittance of two or three undesirable characters at a late stage of the evening, everything went off really well and a handsome profit shared equally by the Rugby Club and the Association resulted. The Committee intends that for next year's dance admission will be by ticket only and that should help to maintain the tone of what a Heath Old

Boys' dance should be. And now, the great news for University men. Due partly to the persistence of the Secretary and a stroke of good fortune, the date for the 1955 dance which had been booked for some time as January 21st, has now been brought forward to January 14th and this, it is calculated, will enable many of last year's malcontents (not without good cause) to be present this time and thus help to swell the number and contribute, we hope, to the success of the evening. We had 330 people present this year—can we make it 400 next time?

The Dinner seems to get better every year and for once there were no empty seats. Delicious contrast in speeches was provided by C. J. Collinge, Rev. A. R. Blackledge, P. G. Smith, E. Rowe, aided and abetted as usual by the Headmaster and the President. Atmosphere abounded and the proceedings lasted just long enough for us to want a little more before we went home.

Now for sundry matters. You Annual Members who are in arrears with your subscriptions for two years have been automatically scrubbed from membership in September this year and so if you have received this Magazine you will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that you are a paid-up member. Those who don't receive a Magazine may eventually discover the reason why. Membership at present is close on 500 and as a result the Association's finances are reasonably healthy. In case some of you are inclined to ask what we do with all our money, may you be reminded that we pay half the cost of producing this Magazine, thus rendering the School Club a great service—else it could not continue. We have too from time to time made grants and loans to the School for various little items which the Headmaster is unable to cajole from the Education Committee and we have good reason to feel that all this is deeply appreciated in the right quarters.

The Association has given its unofficial blessing to the production of an Old Boys' Blazer Badge which may be had in the near future from Sam Stocks Ltd. The price is, at the moment, unknown.

And so on we go. Not doing quite as much we would like to do, but we think doing as much as we can reasonably hope to do, all things taken into account. Those of you who don't agree can always say so at the Annual Meeting in October and they can be assured of a sympathetic hearing, but he who dares to raise his voice, must be prepared to sit on the Committee—there are places waiting for such as he.

A. BOTTOMLEY (President),
A. SUNDERLAND (Joint Hon. Sec.).

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

EXAMINATION RESULTS

LONDON

- K. Gaimster, B.Sc., Ph.C., A.R.I.C.—Ph.D.
R. Whitehead, Ph.D.
E. Lassey, B.Sc. (Econ.).

OXFORD

- M. Butler, Final Honours School of Modern History, Class II.
M. Macdonald, Final Honours School of Modern History, Class II.
K. E. Sowards-Shaw, Final Honours School of Modern History, Class II.
D. Connelly, Final Honours School of Modern Languages, Class II.
D. F. Sharp, Classical Honour Moderations, Class II.

CAMBRIDGE

- J. M. Collis, Mathematical Tripos, Part II, Wrangler.
N. A. Hunter, Natural Sciences Tripos Part II, (Chem.), Class II, Div 2.
J. H. Fielden, Natural Sciences Tripos, Part I, Class II, Div. 1.
M. Taylor, Natural Sciences Tripos, Part I, Class II, Div. 1.
R. Beaumont, Natural Sciences Tripos, Prelim., Class III.

DURHAM

- D. Gledhill, B.Sc. with honours in Biology.

MANCHESTER

- P. Robertshaw, B.A. with honours in Modern Languages, Class II.

LEEDS

- P. G. Smith, LL.B., Class II.
D. A. Huddleston, B.A.

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- J. M. Collis has been elected to a Foundation Scholarship of Queens' College, Cambridge.
M. Pollit (Worcester College, Oxford), has been awarded a Squire Scholarship.
H. Pitchforth, Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Food.
J. A. Allen has passed the examination for Membership of the Pharmaceutical Society.
G. R. Lawrence has received the diploma of the British Institute of Embalmers.
W. C. F. Hartley has passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

St. Catharine's College,
Cambridge.

21st July, 1953.

SIR,

Once more . . . once more the yearly screed from Katherine Hall arrives in the hands of our Editor, to confound, confuse, confide and condemn.

On the brighter side, Michael Collis is to be congratulated on his academic achievement, and also on introducing a young lady from Hebden Bridge to the Cambridge Society, without our realizing it—at least for some twenty-four hours. We can do no better than wish him the success in this, that he has had in Mathematics.

Mr. Allatt has had a vigorous year attending Yorkshire Society functions, and has been much interested (no doubt as an engineer) in the design of a toolshed.

Once again, I have seen little of Messrs. Brook and Hunter—though I do not doubt that they have flourished. "Murg" has had a very successful year. He took no examinations. This is a feat that would fain be repeated by many another undergraduate—be he from Heath or Hong Kong.

At the beginning of the year, we welcomed also Mr. Ralph Beaumont. He has had a very energetic year playing rugger for his College, and ringing bells.

Mr. Ashworth has devoted much time to Bridge, and played for his College against (among other opponents) the ladies of Girton. Mr. Taylor has played squash and tennis, and was delayed at the end of the Michaelmas term to take part in a very sporting event. No doubt his prowess in singing to his guitar were a great help!

I have performed much at the bell-rope, doubtless to the annoyance of those who heard, but did not appreciate.

Mr. Eric Smith is to join us next year, and we wish him all happiness and success.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN HENRY FIELDEN.

OXFORD LETTER

Worcester College,
Oxford.

9th July, 1954.

SIR,

There has just been a "quorum" of old Heathens at Oxford during the last academic year—Bryan Fletcher and myself at Worcester, Ralph Best at Queen's and David Sharp at Exeter. John Capindale, who had been in residence for some seven years, sailed for sunny

California with his wife in March. After a most successful career in the laboratory and on the Isis he has departed for this strange desert land to discover, no doubt, the source of the cold torrential rains which have caused the Isis to flood its banks and which made "Eights Week" this year uncommonly miserable. Kenneth Seward-Shaw, who almost daily calls on the keepers of the Clarendon building hoping to persuade them to accept his valuable services in the underworld of university administration, spends several pleasant hours each week tutoring the younger historians of Lincoln College in the finer elements of historical geography, or the art of getting through the preliminary examinations without actually cheating.

David Sharp is to be congratulated in gaining second class honours in Classical Moderations. This can be appreciated as an even more admirable achievement when one recollects that he spent most of his time and energy on the Isis helping his Eight to win a Bump Supper. Ralph Best has pursued his studies—if not Les Belles Dames of the New Theatre (apologies)—with ardour and devotion. Both he and Bryan Fletcher have kept up their interest in Fives. Bryan, indeed, has distinguished himself, having played regularly for Worcester and occasionally for a University team. But Bryan passes his time wisely, keeping a constant vigil beneath the Ancient History shelves of the musty college library. The library is really his second home. Who could blame him? One can find good companionship and warmth in the library, a welcome escape from the cold and dreary shilling-in-the-slot gas meter contraptions of an East Oxford garret.

For myself, this has been a sober and contemplative year, or should I say that many an uneasy hour meditating "Finals" has had a sobering affect on me? Edward Gibbon said: "I spent fourteen months at Magdalen College; they proved the fourteen months the most idle and unprofitable of my whole life." I feel that my sojourn at Worcester has been the very converse of this, whatever the examiners might conclude. It might be of interest to old Oxonians to know that in friendly rivalry to the famous Magdalen deer, Worcester have started a Wallaby stud. On more than one occasion has the Dean been seen puffing up Beaumont Street in pursuit of father Wallaby who had jumped the Provost's fence in a vain bid for freedom. Wallaby soup, I believe, is delicious.

Oxford hardly changes. Even Billy Graham failed to convert the "Heathen" in the City of Spires. Unfortunately, for other reasons, Heathens are disappearing from the university. At the moment there will be only one new Heathen to add to the depleted numbers within the next two years. Is it that Heath boys are falling to the attractions of an easier entry into one of the modern universities, or have the scientists at Cambridge abducted all the most promising material for later service in the Pyc television works? None the less, Heath remains a School with a sound and respectable reputation at Oxford. This tradition must not be allowed to die out.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL POLLIT.

LEEDS LETTER

The University,
Leeds.

June, 1954.

SIR,

An unfortunate result of the faculty system in this University is that Old Heathens have no corporate existence, and the bond between them is acknowledged only by a nod in passing. Alternatively, this lack of unity may be due to the possibility that we all hate each other. However, the real purpose of this preamble is to form an excuse for any accidental omissions which I might make, due to my ignorance of our exact numbers.

Beginning, as is customary, at the low end of the scale, with the Medics. (and fellow-travellers), I know of two: Brian Whitaker, who has just polished off his 2nd M.B., and is now about to be unleashed in the wards, and the Karloff of to-morrow, Jim Farrar, who has completed his second year in the Dental School.

Stalwarts of the powerful Engineers group are Ralph Sykes—complete with Morgan 4/4, in which he eats, sleeps, and makes love, and Mike Rhodes, a Fuel Technologist who hasn't got the faintest idea where the coal is kept. To my knowledge, the latter has a two year old electric razor, almost unused.

The Arts are followed by Trevor Mann, reading German, in his second year, and spaghetti-eating David Huddleston, (now minus "beard") completing his third. These two gentlemen, like solar eclipses, are rarely seen by mortal eyes.

The cream of the university is naturally to be found in the faculty of Law. J. P. Baker has completed his year as a freshman, and P. G. Smith has managed to fight off the men from Menston long enough to sit for his Finals.

In the University sport, Heathens are conspicuous by their absence, which goes to prove how high the standard is, although the situation is to be deplored. Smith has played for the University IV during the past season, but now that High Summer has come, the scene is barren, and I can only remark trenchantly that Heathen's Sport misses Alan Barker's Crap School in the Bar.

Yours, etc.,

P. GRAHAM SMITH.

MANCHESTER LETTER

SIR,

The last letter to you from this University which we can trace is dated December, 1944. Since then our numbers have increased from two to twelve, half of whom live in Hulme Hall. As a result of this increase we have recently remedied one of the major omissions in the adornment of the University Union by providing a School crest to hang on the walls of the Union Bar. This with due ceremony and libations has now been placed alongside the crests of other more and less famous Schools.

Academically the year has been successful and we congratulate J. G. Lee and P. Robertshaw on their success in final examinations. Lee, who will return for a Teaching Diploma, now sports a luxurious growth of "face fungus" which drew the attention of the press at the time of the Rag beard-growing competition. D. A. Howarth, J. Schofield and E. Donnelly are on the threshold of their final year. P. P. Carter our senior member soon starts his clinical training but still finds time for an occasional game of Fives and is a leading member of the Guild of Change Ringers. Of our six Freshmen J. R. Hooson is specially to be congratulated on his first in the preliminary Mathematics examination.

We have also figured in University sport. A. H. Jagger has been a member of the Cross-Country and Athletics teams, A. E. Greenwood has played regularly for the second XV and sometimes for the first, while I have appeared in the second and first teams at Basket Ball. We have each been awarded Club Colours.

May I advise any prospective members of this University to try to obtain admission to a Hall. Only from residence in a Hall can you get the corporate feeling which should be so much a part of University life. As to work, lodgings have no advantage: the Halls produce more than their share of first and seconds and less than their share of failures.

Wishing every success to all Heathens, especially past, present and future Mancunians,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

M. ROPER,

Hulme Hall, Manchester.

COLOGNE, 1954

Our train steamed in, ten minutes late as usual, and after a glance at the locomotive, whose every gadget seemed to be an afterthought, we climbed from the low platform into the carriage. Here in Germany the local trains are made up of box-like coaches on six wheels, furnished with wooden seats, and unpartitioned inside so that the ticket inspector can reach everyone. A false impression of luxury is given to the interiors by a smell of cigars, which here cost little more than cigarettes. The trains, too, are usually crowded, as 'bus services are few and infrequent.

We were conveyed slowly across the plain of the Rhine, which surrounds Cologne. It looks strangely bare to English eyes. There is little livestock farming, and thus no necessity for fences. So, as in mediaeval England, the land is farmed in strips. The consequent absence of variety of view over wide areas makes one feel dizzy, and only the tree lined highroads here and there provide a windbreak. I have seen cows in the hillier districts, wandering free with bells round their necks, or in the lowlands, being lead by the wayside or along the uncultivated edges of fields by old men.

Soon we reached the suburbs of the city, and crossed the Autobahn, the superb double track highway with a minimum speed limit, which

serves the whole land. Like a railway, it is independent of the general road system, and crosses any obstacles it encounters by bridge: thus even heavy lorries with trailers attached can average 35 m.p.h. A noble suspension bridge is nearing completion to take a branch of the road across the Rhine to Bonn, the Federal Capital.

We passed many large factories, and were soon over the river, looking down between the girders at the strings of barges being towed along, and at the trams crossing the road bridge further upstream. There are no double decker trams on the Continent: instead, they draw as many as three trailer cars behind, looking like trains strayed into the roadway.

The Main station of Cologne is just on the other side of the bridge, in the shadow of the great Cathedral. The nave vault of this latter edifice is as high as the normal church tower, and the twin spires themselves are the highest in the world, each well above Salisbury. It is the goal of very many tourists, for most German churches are extremely plain, and not very old, and it is a change to see such Gothic glory.

Having heard reports of the thousand bomber raids during the war, we were surprised to see little trace of destruction immediately apparent. The atmosphere of prosperity is, in the circumstances, amazing. The city has a heavy traffic problem, and, moreover, all the cars look new. Small cars, especially the Volkswagen, are the most popular. The men are well dressed, favouring long, broad shouldered, military style overcoats, often of leather. Almost all wear hats. Shop windows are resplendent with cameras and electrical goods, whose prices are well within range, as they carry no surtax. Nor is food much dearer than in England. It is in fact far cheaper than in France or Belgium, and is, of course, unrationed. We noticed, however, that behind the line of shops bordering the main streets were many expanses of rubble still uncovered.

It was a pleasure to look at the architecture of some of the larger buildings, which, though in the style of the South Bank Exhibition, are taken for granted here. Large areas of plain white concrete and glass form the cubic exteriors, while sloping walls, glass doors, and seemingly unsupported curving staircases are the mode inside.

We sat at a café table and drank glasses of beer—still the staple drink, although wine comes a close second, and is little dearer. There are hillside vineyards only a few miles up the Rhine from Bonn. We rose to leave, and hastily sat down again. It appears that the drink is recognised to be three times as strong as in England!

Before returning to our quarters, we drifted through the evening crowds still thronging the High Street. Here, when it is dark, the neon lights of the shops transform the way into some jewel-studded Aladdin's cave. And indeed, the avenue of winking colours is as pleasing to the eye as one of the Blackpool tableaux. It was quite a time before we could bring ourselves to seek the train once more, below the black silhouette of twin spires against a navy sky.

Germany, we thought, as we joined the streams of people entering the station, is very much alive.

J. K. DENRILEY, B.A.O.R. 19.

HEATH OLD BOYS' R.U.F.C.

Season 1953/54 was not one of outstanding success. The playing results of the 1st XV reads: Played 29, Won 10, Lost 18, Drawn 1. Points for 180, against 222.

For the first time since re-forming the number of games lost exceeds those won, but it is true to say that the Old Boys were never really thrashed and many of the games were lost by the odd few points after stirring struggles.

Perhaps the most outstanding game was against Bramley Old Boys, a strong Club, who at that time had gained thirteen overwhelming victories in a row and were playing superb football. It was played on the Bramley ground and not a point was scored until the last five minutes, each line having had miraculous escapes. The large Bramley crowd just could not believe that their free-scoring side had not made any impression. The game had been played at a terrific pace and then with the bounce of the ball Bramley obtained a goal which cracked Heath's spirit for Bramley then ran in a brilliant try and added a penalty to make the final score 11-0.

Some of the hardest and most enjoyable games have been played this season, but also with a team hit by injuries and unsettled members there were also some of the scrappiest.

The 'A' XV had a very unhappy time and towards the end players were so few and unloyal that the remaining fixtures had to be cancelled.

The Annual Meeting discussed the future and decided that only one team could be run during the coming season.

These were some of the comments:—

"The Old Boys' Club exists to provide football for all Heath Old Boys, can it be that Heath cannot provide three or four new members each year"?

"Why do some schools seem to have many loyal members in their Rugby Clubs and Old Scholars' Associations"?

"Are young people these days becoming ardent tele-viewers on Saturday afternoons"?

The Meeting then elected its Officers for Season 1954/5 the President being Mr. Allan Sunderland. 1st XV Captain, Brian Robinson, Vice-Captain, Nigel Morton.

The Sutcliffe Cup was this year won by a sevens team of the Old Crossleyans R.U.F.C. who played brilliantly and thoroughly deserved their success.

It is with regret that we report the sad loss of one of our playing members: David Reakes aged 21 years, who died 13th July, 1954.

David, who played many times in the forwards last season and was a loyal member of the Club, will be sadly missed.

A.H.

FIVES REPORT

The Fives Club has now reached the position where the members who have been the mainstay of the Club for the last twenty years, have almost all given up playing. We enrolled a few new members last year, but for the Club to continue as the force which it has been in the past, we do need a number of new members in the coming season. The appeal is therefore again for new members if the Club is to continue.

Play is on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons, and the Secretary is:—

J. S. Brearley,

26 Clifton Road,

Halifax.

Telephone: 4683.

During the last season we played six matches, won two and lost four. In three of these cases we lost on points only. For the first time for many years we could not manage a trip.

The season starts in October next, and old and new members will be welcome.

J.S.B.