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EDITORIAL

"A loss of years, of irrevocably lost years," said the German pessimist, Kleist, on looking back on his service in the Prussian army. Although these words were uttered some 150 years ago they may be said to represent the present attitude of the majority of National Servicemen towards their two years subjugation. And the National Serviceman has a certain justification if this is his attitude. If he is an idealist with desires of "doing his little bit for the good of his country," he is soon disillusioned when posted to the latrines. If he is a realist influenced by army propaganda before he enters the army the joys of square-bashing and the helpful, guiding influence of his superiors will soon lead to equal disillusionment. The National Serviceman's bitterness is due, in many cases, to the length of the compulsory service. The first year is generally spent doing something useful, however back-breaking it may be, but in the second year the training is less intense with the result that it leads to indolence, dissatisfaction and restlessness.

There are however, an enlightened few among National Servicemen who realise that the advantages of this service outweigh by far its disadvantages. First of all it comes at a time when a youth is trying to find a footing in the world. His military service widens his horizons and gives him priceless experience of his fellow men which will stand him in good stead when he recontinues his work in civil life. It teaches him discipline, tolerance, self-abnegation and also gives him a sense of responsibility which helps the immature youth to attain full maturity. The boy who enters the forces straight from school has an advantage over his working colleague for he is accustomed to discipline and responsibility. Although possessing less practical knowledge and perhaps even less mature than the working boy, the schoolboy will be less inclined to revolt and will settle down the sooner in his new and strange environment.

The advice given to the colonialists of a past generation is most appropriate here: "Go out with nothing, make the best of it and return with as much as possible." This is no enticement to pilfer the Naafi's silverware but is one of the healthiest ways of regarding National Service and indeed the only way if fullest benefit is to be acquired. If the Serviceman can overcome his rebellious, resentful attitude and decide to make the best of things he will find that his two years service will not necessarily be unhappy.

With the advent of a more peaceful spirit of coexistence between the world powers and the encouragement given to National Servicemen to stay on in the regular army, it may be that in the very near future this Editorial will be hopelessly out of date.

SCHOOL NOTES

Founder's Day was observed on Saturday, 9th June. There was a rather larger congregation than in recent years at the service in the Parish Church where the sermon was preached by Rev. T. R. Wilkinson, Vicar of St. Augustine's who has a son at the School. The service was conducted by the Archdeacon and prayers were led by Rev. J. E. Norton and the Headmaster.

The repairs to the Memorial Gates which were proceeding as we last went to press were completed by the time we were published. They stood for less than six months before they were severely damaged for the third time by a visiting lorry. Repairs which were put in hand some time ago were still proceeding at the time of going to press.

From Tuesday, 24th to Friday, 27th January the School was subjected to a full inspection—the first since 1930. The report has subsequently been published and we gather that, except in matters beyond our control, it was generally favourable. We are precluded from quoting from it, as it may only be reproduced "in toto" and we doubt whether the School Club and the Old Boys' Association would favour our doing that.

For several years there has been talk of the erection of new buildings for the School. We have even heard of plans, at least, in preparation and on Speech Day there was vigorous thrust and skilful parry by the Headmaster and the Chairman of the Governors who being also Chairman of the Borough Finance Committee might be expected to have the best knowledge of the prospects. Rumour now has it that the Ministry of Education is stirring and that the dining-room in the near future has to give place to a highly interesting commencement of the permanent extension.

It is three years since there was any change in the membership of the Staff at Heath, but this year we have to say farewell to Mr. J. E. Charlton and Mr. G. Hopwood. We do so with real regret but wish them well in their new posts. Mr. Charlton who has been with us for nine years, serving the School nobly, particularly as a successful business-manager for our shows and as the moving spirit behind the Stamp Club, goes to Grimbsy to take up a senior post. Mr. Hopwood who came to us three years ago is going to a new Grammar School at Slough. His help in the choir and on the cricket field will be greatly missed. In their place we extend a cordial welcome to Mr. G. L. Bottomley, of Jesus College, Oxford and Mr. K. J. George, Pembroke College, Oxford, who comes to us from Sutton Valance School in Kent.

We offer our belated but sincere congratulations to R. A. Hallam on his obtaining a State Scholarship in the University of Manchester.

We have during the course of the year received two visitors with considerable experience of education in Africa. The first was Mr.

Ganira Iung 'Aho, the Headmaster of Livhanda Intermediate School in Kenya. He was in this country to study educational methods and in exchange gave us some interesting information especially about matters educational in his own country. On 16th June, the fifth and sixth forms heard an entertaining and informative lecture given by Brother Roger of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, and for thirty years on the staff of their school in Sophiatown, South Africa. He told us a good deal about the racial problems of that country.

K. G. Hartley was captain of the Yorkshire Schoolboys' XV and is to be congratulated on leading it to victory.

Our readers will be aware that the death of Ald. P. N. Whitley occurred during the summer term. He had been for many years Chairman of the School Governors besides being Chairman of the Education Committee. The School lost a good friend and Halifax a great figure by his passing.

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day was held at the School on Tuesday, 22nd November. The Chairman of the Governors, Councillor W. E. Horsley, LL.B., was in the chair, and the Mayor and Mayoress were among the unusually small platform party. The proceedings began in some slight confusion as the Mace-bearer's announcement of the entry of the Mayor and Mayoress was lost in the noise of chatter and movement from the gallery which was unaware of the course of events below.

The Chairman after reporting the apologies for absence paid a tribute to the late C. H. Fox, a man of complete and utter integrity whose recent death had ended a family association, either in the School or in the Board of Governors, which went back to the 1890's. He then commended the Editor of the "Heathen" and reminded us that a Grammar School was more concerned with standards of scholarship, thought and values than in achievement of high honours and good jobs or the production of the nation's leaders.

The Headmaster's report—"more of an explosion than a report" dealt less extensively this year with the School's feats in the past twelve months and concentrated on the inadequacy of the present buildings to present needs. No provision, he said, was being made for the so-called "bulge." "Bulge" did about describe conditions at Heath. Facilities for storing and drying out pupils' outdoor clothing and for storing pupils' other belongings were provided in a subterranean dungeon 26 feet by 23 feet, which also contained wash-basins and showers and was regularly used as a changing room for games. Medical inspections took place in the library whose only connection with running water was confined to the presence in one corner of the roof of the main storage tank. The dining-room floor was hygroscopic and at most seasons of the year was better adapted for a skating-rink than a dining-room. Science teaching took place in mediaeval conditions. The progress of Heath Grammar School read like some of the darker passages of "The Pilgrim's Progress."

In selecting these few typical remarks we make no apology for not producing our usual succinct précis of the report. We feel that the general tenour is obvious enough. Certainly the Chairman readily recognised himself in the rôle of Apollyon and offered the Headmaster at least a skeleton key of Promise about the new buildings.

Before the distribution of the prizes D. A. Carter and D. Watmough played the "Romance" from Wieniawski's "Violin Concerto in D Minor."

Our visitor, Dr. H. S. Ruse, M.A. (Oxon.), D.Sc. (Edin.), F.R.S.E., Professor of Pure Mathematics in the University of Leeds, said that the theme "The Aims of Education" produced more platitudes on Speech Day platforms than anything else. Nevertheless it was at this particular moment more than ever necessary to think where we were going. The acquirement of knowledge was a necessary part of education but the least part of it. More important was the training of the mind which it gave. The chief aim, however, was the formation of character. This was the biggest platitude of all, but was of supreme importance to-day because we were entering upon a period which was difficult and dangerous by reason not of the threat of the atomic bomb but of the new Industrial Revolution—the industrial use of atomic energy and of automatic control. Large scale social adjustments would be necessary and there were considerable problems to be faced in the use of leisure. Basically and fundamentally education should develop the manly virtues of kindness, unselfishness and modesty as against the animal virtues of toughness, self-seeking, boastfulness and pride.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Mayor, who reminded us that even a fool is considered wise if he keeps silence, and seconded by Mr. J. S. Brearley. The proceedings closed at 4.30 p.m.

PRIZE WINNERS

Form Prizes

	1st	2nd
1A	D. L. MacDonald	K. W. Culley
1B	D. R. Nelson	J. A. Farrar
2A	D. S. Hollas	J. Hainsworth
2B	P. K. Jubb	G. S. Gledhill
3rd Forms	English and History : J. M. B. Jagger Geography : B. Goodison Languages : J. M. B. Jagger Mathematics and Science : M. Broadbent Art : J. B. Ingle.	
4th Forms	English and History : P. C. Turner Geography : B. Colbeck Languages : R. S. Freeman Mathematics and Science : K. M. Short Art : R. Broadbent Oral French : R. G. Davidson	

5th Forms	Classics : B. Hartley English : V. L. Clarke History : D. A. Carter Geography : J. W. Wiggen Modern Languages : I. Mason Mathematics : J. D. Broadley Science : H. S. Barrett Art : C. J. Barlow
Lower 6th Forms	Classics : D. P. Nestor English : M. A. Kirkbright History : M. A. Kirkbright Modern Languages : T. R. Sutcliffe Chemistry : J. A. Wilson Physics : J. A. Wilson Mathematics : D. E. Gillion
Upper 6th Forms	Classics : G. R. Sunderland English : B. Maude History : K. Kelly Geography : K. Kelly Modern Languages : D. W. Renton Chemistry : R. A. Hallam Physics : J. D. Redman Mathematics : R. A. Hallam Art : D. W. Thompson

SPECIAL PRIZES

Scripture :

1A	D. L. MacDonald	1B	D. R. Nelson
2A	D. S. Hollas	2B	P. K. Jubb
3A	J. M. B. Jagger	3B	M. D. Knott
4A	D. F. Bentley	4B	K. Fawthrop
5th	D. S. Andrew	6th	D. P. Nestor R. W. J. Austin

Reading : Junior, D. R. Nelson ; Intermediate, G. Fogg ; Senior, D. P. Nestor.

Prefects' Lesson Reading : A. D. Sykes.

Special Upper 6th Prizes : I. C. Copeland, G. A. Harrison, J. A. Spencer.

Bottomley Prizes : F. P. Mallinder, J. Standeven, G. P. Smith, D. R. Sheard, A. Aspinall, R. F. Wilson.

Historical Essay : K. Kelly. Biology : R. Wating.

Woodwork : K. Spensley. Athlete's : M. Bingham.

Music, Choral : G. Fogg, R. Sykes ; Instrumental, D. A. Carter, A. H. Stocks Memorial : L. J. Woodhead.

C. E. Fox : G. R. Sunderland.

SCHOOL CLUB, 1955-56

The profit for the year 1954-55 was £19, and the accumulated balance in September, 1955, was £56. It was decided, in view of possible extraordinary expenditure, such as the engraving of Cups, to keep the subscription at the same figure as previously, 8/- a year, or 9/- if paid in instalments.

House points have been awarded this year for the first time for the Seven-a-side Rugby Competition: first 12 points; second 8 points third 4 points.

The future of the "Heathen" has been discussed. The general feeling is that the "Heathen" should be kept free from advertisements, but that the Club and the Old Boys' Association should try to produce at least two issues a year as soon as possible.

OFFICERS 1955-56

President: THE HEADMASTER
Vice-President: MR. C. O. MACKLEY
Treasurer: MR. D. M. HALLOWES
Secretary: MR. E. J. TAYLOR
Sub-Treasurer: P. N. BRIER
Editor of the "Heathen": K. G. HARTLEY

SPECIAL OFFICERS 1955-56

Rugby: Captain—K. G. HARTLEY; Vice-Captain—I. C. COPELAND;
Secretary—R. S. LEE
Fives: Captain—K. G. HARTLEY; Vice-Captain and Secretary—
R. WATLING
Swimming: Secretary—A. J. COWARD.
Cricket: Captain—G. A. TINKLER; Vice-Captain—K. G. HARTLEY;
Secretary—B. KERFOOT

HEATH HOUSE REPORT

Although Heath House finished in third position in the House Championship this year, this placing very much belies the hard work and enthusiasm volunteered, for the most part, by every member of the House. In the Swimming Sports we were worthy winners of a cup which has rested with the House for many years now and which, there is no doubt, will do so for many years to come. In the Rugby Competition we occupy a second equal position with Queen's—a very fair result. As regards the Sevens Cup, however, we were rather thwarted by fortune into second equal, instead of gaining an undisputed second place, which we deserved. In both the Chess and the Gymnastic events we were worthy runners-up. In this last event mention must be made of P. Clarke and the very fine and skilled manner in which he both trained and led a band of eight stalwarts from the Junior section of the House.

We did not enjoy our usual success in the Bentley Cup Competition this year, being in second place, but there is every reason to believe that we will once more prove ourselves the victorious masters of this art. The Athletic Sports and the Cross-Country were a disappointment and we fell far short of our merit. Whether this is because these two events call for more stamina and endurance than the larger members of the Rugby XV's in our House possess or whether it is due to apathy is difficult to divine. For the House as a whole, and most especially the Juniors, was pitifully lacking in strength in this section. In fact, the only bright spot of Sports day, from the point of view of Heath House, was T. Ward's wonderful winning run in the mile. We were, however, beaten into a fighting fourth position in the Cricket Cup more by inclement weather and circumstances than real lack of ability.

The year, as a whole, has been quite successful and we have pulled ourselves out of the disgraceful and undignified position which we occupied last year. The appeal for House support and team work has been successful. A spirit of eager enthusiasm once more pervades the whole House and its members. Once more Heath House is in a healthy and thriving state and in the very near future, if not next year, will rise to the head of the House Championship Table and again occupy a position which is worthy of our unity and strength.

I.C.C.

SCHOOL HOUSE REPORT

School have again retained the House Championship and all its members deserve congratulation for their enthusiasm and support. The Rugby Cup, "Sevens" Cup, Athletics Trophy, Gym Cup and Fives Cup have been won and we were runners-up in the Swimming and Cricket Championships.

The well-nigh invincible Rugby team consisting of such stalwarts as Capener, Lee, Watkin and Gillion was splendidly backed up by a virile Junior "Seven's" side, ably led by Hollas, that augurs well for the future. The Fives team was well balanced and gained a creditable victory as did the Gym team. No praise is too great for the spirit with which Short and his well-drilled team gained us the latter cup.

Unfortunately this spirit was not conveyed to the Bentley Cup enthusiasts and our failings here, as in the Chess Competition, are very evident. If our less athletically talented House members would seriously take up the last two activities, School would achieve a more balanced success. Armitage won an exciting cross-country in which his team supported him well in a meritable team victory. The Athletic Cup was retained by all-round ability although Watkin, as Victor Ludorum, and Smith deserve special mention. We were obliged to take second place in the Cricket Competition and were unfortunately upset by the elements.

Altogether the year has been highly satisfactory, however, and Pollit's opinion expressed so long ago in which the "House must feel

a corporate body and persevere in everything with a more determined will" should still dominate the minds of our members as we look to continued success and even greater achievements.

G.A.T.

KING'S HOUSE REPORT

At long last we have woken up! This year the House, partly through team work and largely through the enthusiasm of the Juniors has proved of what feats sleeping dogs are capable when they arise. The team spirit brought its rewards in good second places in the cross-country and in the athletics. The second in the Sevens Tournament was entirely due to the Juniors. Congratulations to Eagland and the Chess Team who gained in traditional style our single first place; and to the Junior Cricket Team. Condolences and thanks to Messrs. Colbeck and Tipple for the good work they did training the Gymnastic team. Many thought that our gymnasts deserved a higher position in the points table than third. Our young rugger team which tried hard but gained nothing should do better next season.

In general we have done well this year. Will it be possible for David to slay Goliath next year? Let us ALL try. Keep it up King's!

D.A.C.

QUEEN'S HOUSE REPORT

It is a long time since Queen's suffered the ignominy of being bottom House. On the face of things it is something of a mystery why we did not gain second place; for we have a strong core of athletes, footballers and cricketers around whom to build a decent team. We have failed because of a general lack of enthusiasm present among those who perhaps are not of the first rank in sporting activities. Next year the House will rely even more upon the "mass" of the House, when it has lost such willing and versatile servants as K. G. Hartley. It seems that each year we enter the sports far behind in points won by sports standards, which are after all, a general representation of the prowess of the House. It is, in consequence, left to the nucleus to save the House from a total swamping.

I find I must complain, especially about the nonchalance of our Junior members who only rose to any great height in securing for us the Cricket Cup and this was mainly due to the individual skill of Sheard. The Seniors have however, given a sound performance and were unlucky at times.

Thus the writing is on the wall and it is necessary for the Juniors to give of their best (for nothing less will do) in order to re-establish the true position which Queen's deserve in the future.

T.R.S.

RUGBY, 1955-56

This year the First XV enjoyed quite a good season, although it was not as successful as at first had been expected. The First XV still contained the main stalwarts from last year, and it was thought that these experienced players would be the mainstay of the team, but by the end of the season a few of the newcomers were playing as fierce as their more mature brethren.

The most noticeable change from last season was that the backs had possession of the ball more often, this being due to the very good hooking of Maude and also the combined shove of the forwards.

At the beginning of the season only three members of last year's pack remained, and at first much of the work was left to these veterans, but gradually the new arrivals, under the leadership of Copeland and Capener, began to form themselves into a fighting force, and at the end of the season the pack was better than that of the previous year. The forwards were inferior in weight and height to many of their opponents, and in the line-outs they were beaten again and again, but by constantly harrying the enemy they often managed to stop the ball reaching the backs. They obtained the ball from the scrums at a very constant rate with an excellent combined shove, which mastered many heavier packs. They were also noticeably superior in the open, being both fast and good ball handlers. At the end of the season Copeland, a fine leader at all times, had under his command a well-drilled bunch of forwards.

The backs were again this season, as last, dangerous, especially as this year they found they had a plentiful supply of the ball. Brilliantly led by K. G. Hartley, who at all times was the mainstay of the team, they were competent in both defence and attack. They were not on any occasion shown to be inferior to their opponents, but often good moves and "break-throughs" came to nothing, being spoiled by last minute mistakes and over confidence. The danger men of the back division were the right wing pair, who were helped by the fast, accurate passing of Gillion from the base of the scrum.

On the whole the team was much improved on last year, playing well on some occasions, but on others not finding their best form.

Of the other teams the Second XV had a very good season. They lost only one match, this being against Q.E.G.S. in which they were completely swamped by a very strong side.

The Under 15 XV and Under 14 XV also met with a reasonable success, but the Under 13 XV did not manage to gain a win from their two fixtures.

Congratulations must be offered to K. G. Hartley, who gained the honour of captaining the Yorkshire Schoolboys' XV, and to Capener, Watkin and Gillion who took part in the trial match. Others who must be congratulated are Copeland, Lee and Carter, who played, with the above-mentioned, in the Halifax and District XV against Sheffield.

Colours : 1st XV. Payne, Maude, Gillion, Coward.

Reaffirmed : Hartley, Tinkler, Copeland, Lee, Watkin, Capener.

Colts : Hollas, Howell, Fearnley, K. G. Hainsworth, Sheard, Brearley, D. H.

ANALYSIS FOR SEASON 1955-56

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
First XV	16	10	1	5	201	105
'A' XV	1	1	—	—	10	9
Second XV	7	6	—	1	121	90
Under 16 XV	1	—	—	1	0	6
Under 15 XV	12	8	—	4	140	65
Under 14 XV	9	5	—	4	80	81
Under 13 XV	2	—	1	1	3	6
Totals	48	30	2	16	555	362

R.S.L.

ILKLEY, 1956

Heath's record of five finals in six years is one that is likely to remain unbroken for some time. This year no one had very high hopes of success, but as soon as the team had warmed up, our greatest fears were dispelled. From the very beginning they appeared to be playing like winners; two things especially will stay in our memory—the superb bursts of speed from our Vice-Captain, I. C. Copeland and the great defensive work of D. E. Gillion who brought 'em down like ninepins.

In the first round against West Hartlepool we were a little dismayed at first by constant loss of possession, but after the first try Heath was on top and went on to win 11-0. The second round, against Middlesbrough, followed the same pattern but a Copeland burst soon showed our superiority. We eventually won 10-3. In the next round we took the lead early but Coatham fought back and looked about to equalise when one of their backs broke through only to be stopped in a flying tackle by Capener. The final score was 5-3. In the semi-final we were glad to see that Tinkler who had damaged his shoulder was fit to play. Queen Elizabeth's, Wakefield, the holders, were not so strong as last year but gave us a close game which we won 11-8. In the final we met Keighley G. S. who had played strongly all day and appeared the fresher team as they had had considerably longer rest after the semi-final than Heath. It would be difficult to imagine a more dramatic game. At half-time Heath led by 10 points to nil and had been playing confidently. Good handling had brought a try by Capener and Hartley had made a superb run to score the second, both being converted by Gillion. In the second half the strain was telling on Heath who had already played extra time in earlier rounds. A collapse occurred when Keighley suddenly

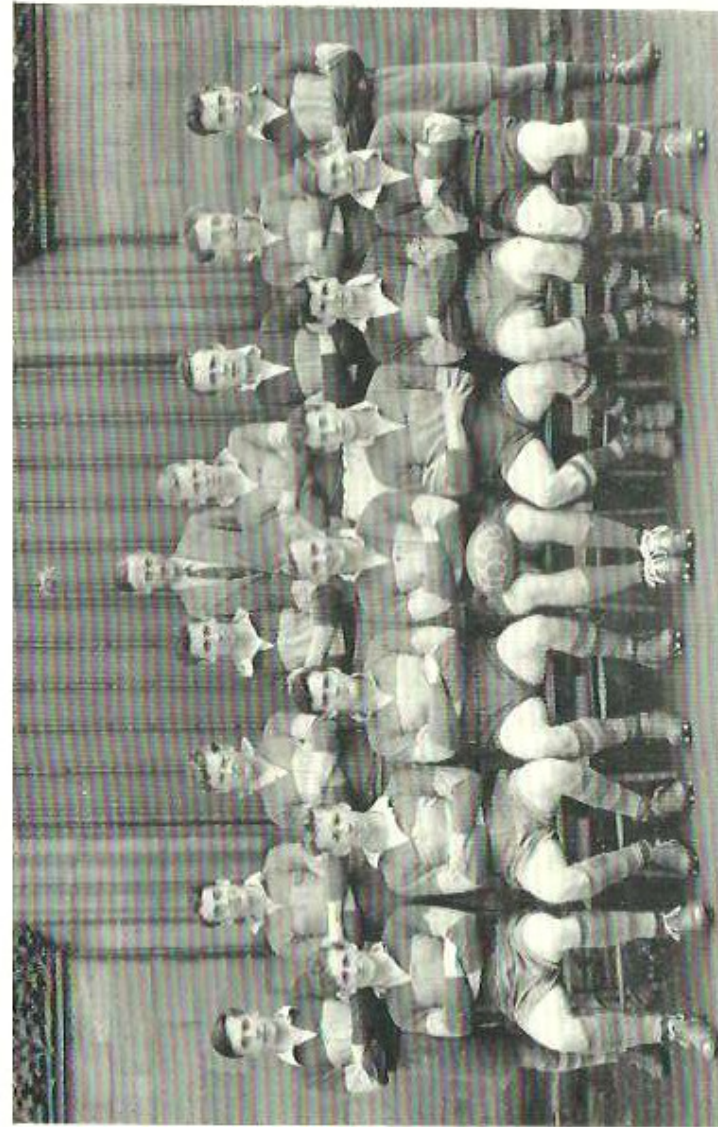


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FIRST XV, 1955-6

Back Row : J. W. WIGGEN, J. H. PAYNE, G. P. SMITH, A. LAYCOCK, MR. BIRCHALL, T. R. SUTCLIFFE, A. J. COWARD, B. MAUDE, D. A. CARTER
 Front Row : S. D. WATKIN, R. S. LEE, I. C. COPELAND, K. G. HARTLEY (Capt.), G. A. TINKLER, B. CAPENER, D. E. GILLION

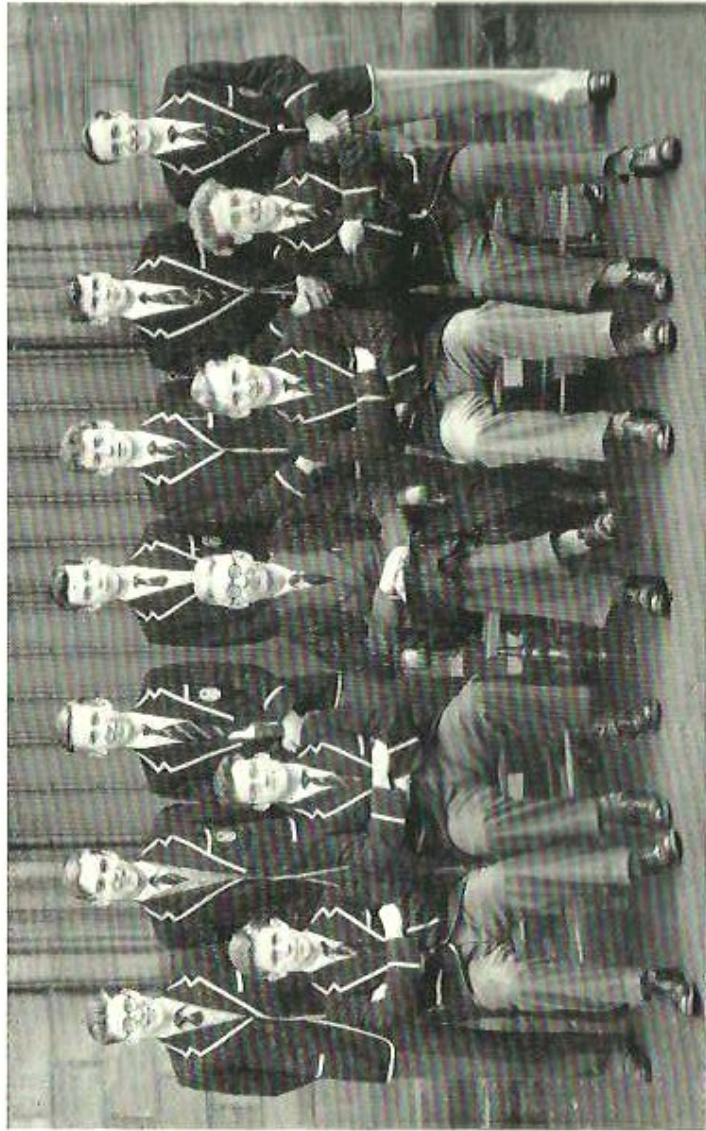


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PREFECTS, 1955-6

Back Row : K. JAGGER, D. WATROUGHT, D. H. HOYLE, G. A. HARRISON, G. A. TINKLER, B. CAPENER, R. F. KNOTT

Front Row : D. E. GILLION, I. C. COPELAND (Senior Prefect), THE HEADMASTER, K. G. HARTLEY, B. MAUDE

broke our defence and noticeably fresher now fought back. Despite the feverish efforts of our supporters Keighley pressed home their advantage and won 16-10.

Team : G. A. Tinkler, R. S. Lee, K. G. Hartley, S. D. Watkin, D. E. Gillion, B. Capener, I. C. Copeland.

THE SUTCLIFFE CUP

Of the fifteen teams taking part in the Tournament only two were school sides, Heath and Crossleys. In the first round on the Monday evening the school team played brilliantly and beat a strong Old Crossleyan side by 11 points to 3. In the second round the team started off very slowly but came back strongly in the second half and emerged victors over the Old Brodleians, 15 points to 3. In the semi-final the team met Huddersfield and once again after a slow start were saved by magnificent runs by Tinkler and Watkin in the second half and by the strength of the forwards, Capener, Lee and Copeland. The score was 13 points to 3. The team played the final against Halifax after only ten minutes rest. The team won the toss and started very strongly. Soon the team was eight points up through tries by Capener and Hartley (converted by Gillion) and maintained this lead to the interval. In the second half Halifax attacked very strongly and were only held out by brilliant tackling by the now very tired Heath defence. The final result was an 8-6 victory for Heath. After the game the team was treated to champagne and to a dinner at the White Swan, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Collins, a Heath old boy and the Halifax R.U. President.

CROSS-COUNTRY, 1956

The Cross-Country Race was run in warm sunny weather, but it had been raining in the morning, and the ground in the woods was very wet, although the fields had dried. The course now included a new barbed wire fence, about 100 yards from the start.

The four teams set off at about 3.20 p.m., everyone sprinting to gain a good position in the field. The new fence spread the field out, so that it was much easier to run across than it had been in previous years. At the top of the cinder track, Nash was in the lead, with the field already well spread out. The first wood was very wet, and at least one competitor lost his footwear in a bog. In the second wood, the path was fairly slippery, and half-way through, Nash was twenty yards clear, with Davey second, about twenty yards in front of Armitage and Colbeck. Now, however, Armitage and Colbeck began to catch up on the leader, and passed him on Copley Hill, Davey going into third place, and Ward moving into fourth place on New Lane. The leading positions remained unchanged all the way to Manor Heath Road, when Colbeck began to come away from Armitage, these two having been together all the way. Colbeck now held the lead to half-way along Clifton Road, when Armitage went into a finishing burst to win a few yards in front of Colbeck. J. Davey was third.

S.D.N.

CRICKET, 1956

Although there were great hopes that the 1st XI would have a very successful season this year they have remained, for the most part, unfulfilled. We have, however, managed to finish the season with more victories than defeats, having won four, lost three and drawn two, both of which would have probably ended in our defeat. Of last year's 1st XI eight members still remained but this was further reduced to five and Lee was promoted to Captain with three matches still to be played. Let us hope that the fact that all three matches were won is a happy augury for next season.

Our strength would, we hoped, lie in the batting, for in most of the matches the 'tail' was non-existent, but of the recognised batsmen only Lee has maintained his form and reputation throughout the season. Against Whitcliffe Mount and Rishworth he batted magnificently, especially on the first occasion, carrying his bat, and earning us a draw. Payne, in the first match with Calder, Kerfoot against Rothwell, Wilson against Rothwell and in the return match with Calder, Ward against Rishworth and Smith against Sowerby Bridge G.S. have all shown flashes of brilliance but failed to sustain it.

The bowling has been the weak point of the side. Hartley, Broadbent and Clark have shared the burden of opening the bowling with Kerfoot, Milner and Wilson (the best bowling discovery of the season) to back them up if and when possible. Butterworth was tried but after one good return he failed to fulfil the promise he showed.

The standard of fielding has improved over that of last year but at times has suffered some costly lapses—the match with Crossleys being a good example of this. If we could find another slip fielder to partner Smith the bowlers would be much happier and consequently bowl better.

Now that the majority of the 1st XI have represented the School on one occasion or another for two seasons we look forward to next season with optimism and hope that it will prove more successful than the present one.

RESULTS

Calder H.S.	Won by 6 wickets	Away
Keighley G.S.	Drawn	Away
Whitcliffe Mount G.S.	Drawn	Away
Crossley and Porter	Lost by 47 runs	Home
Rothwell G.S.	Lost by 4 wickets	Away
Hipperholme	Lost by 21 runs	Away
Calder H.S.	Won by 55 runs	Home
Rishworth G.S.	Won by 4 wickets	Home
Sowerby Bridge G.S.	Won by 7 runs	Away

1st XI AVERAGES

Batting (4 completed innings)

	M.	Inn.	No.	Hghst.	Runs	Ave.
Lee	9	9	1	*32	140	17.50
Wilson	6	6	1	22	60	12.00
Tinkler	4	4	-	18	46	11.50
Kerfoot	9	9	-	25	83	9.22

Bowling (30 overs)

	O.	M.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
Kerfoot	52	8	141	15	9.40
Clark	83	25	217	23	9.43
Hartley	50.3	11	119	9	13.22
Broadbent	67.5	13	172	12	14.33

Colours were reaffirmed to Lee and awarded to Broadbent and Kerfoot.

The Second XI began the season well under the captaincy of Wigen by winning the first three matches but of the last four matches one was a draw and the remainder were defeats. Ward and Milner gained promotion to the First XI by their performances in the first three games whilst Spensley has served the team well for the whole of the season.

Sheard was undoubtedly the outstanding player in the Under 14 XI and finished the season with a batting average of 49 and returned two performances of 5 wickets for 5 runs. Storey and Butterworth also played promisingly in a very successful season, for the eleven won two and drew four of their six games.

The Under 13 XI played two and won one of them.

FIVES REPORT

Although the School Fives team has enjoyed all the matches played this year they have not been as successful as in years before. Through the kindness of the School Club the team entertained the First IV of Durham Public School and travelled to Manchester for two away matches.

From last year's team came K. G. Hartley who again captained the team and is still our strongest player. Also from last year's team was R. Watling who combined with the Captain to form as strong and skilful a first pair as in former years. The second pair included last year's reserve D. Carter who had improved considerably to form a notable player and B. Capener who was very keen and by the end of the season a capable player. As last year, unfortunately, K. G. Hartley was again temporarily absent for some of the matches and K. Short, the team's reserve joined R. Watling in the first pair. Although young and inexperienced in Match Fives he indeed showed his worth as reserve and shows great promise for the future.

Nearly half the fixtures had to be cancelled this year due to the rearranging of rugby matches coupled with the bad condition of the courts. Even those which were played at home were often carried out under poor conditions.

The team this year was introduced for the first time to Eton Fives and was lucky to beat Hulme Hall, Manchester, at this game.

The results of last year read :

Away 3 : Won Away 1 ; Lost Away 2.

Home 4 : Won Home 0 ; Lost Home 4.

Game Points : Heath 13 ; Opponents 71.

Fives has again this year been taken with indifference by the Senior School and the House matches were not completed without difficulty. However, it is good to note that more interest is being taken in this fine game. The Juniors under the help of Messrs. Haigh and Littlefair, show great enthusiasm and we hope that they all will not be lost to Rugby. There is no doubt that the future success of the School Fives Team depends upon this keenness. School won the House Fives Competition and indeed had a strong team. A Senior and Junior Fives knock-out competition was arranged. When the Senior finals were run off, K. G. Hartley was the winner after playing Mr. Haigh.

As Secretary of the Fives Club I would like to thank on behalf of the team, Messrs. Birchall, Haigh and Littlefair, concerning equipment and fixtures and Messrs. Hallaver and Jackson and Mrs. Robinson concerning help in Secretarial and Financial Business.

R. WATKIN.

HEATH GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS

In the events decided before Sports Day, no records were broken although a high standard was maintained. Unlike last year's Sports Day itself was blessed with fine but rather dull weather. Three records were broken during the course of the afternoon. Smith threw the Javelin 142 feet—a magnificent throw for an Intermediate. Bussey broke the Intermediate 440 yards record and Queen's House succeeded in breaking the Senior Relay record clipping 1.4 seconds off the old record and returning the new time of 48.2 seconds.

Broughton, Shannon and Miller, who won all the first form events between them, were outstanding. Smelt, Eastwood and Small, Smith, Bussey and Spensley held the limelight in the Junior and Intermediate events respectively.

In the Senior events the surprise of the afternoon was Ward's well-judged victory in the mile event. Watkin recorded a hat trick by winning the 440 yards, 100 yards and Discus and Tinkler, Lee and Hartley all had doubles.

Watkin was a well deserved winner of the Victor Ludorum Shield. Tinkler won the Macdonald Cup for Jumping and Hartley the Connal

Trophy for Field Events. The newly presented Beaufort-Bronze was won for the first time by Bussey, after a fine victory in the Intermediate 880 yards race.

HOUSE ATHLETIC POINTS

School 520

King's 411

Queen's 398

Heath 297

RESULTS

SENIOR

100 yards—S. D. Watkin—10.8 seconds.
220 yards—A. M. Mendoza—23.2 seconds.
440 yards—S. D. Watkin—56.8 seconds
880 yards—G. A. Tinkler—2 mins. 18.2 seconds.
Mile—T. Ward—5 mins. 15.2 seconds.
110 yards Hurdles—R. S. Lee—16.2 seconds.
Long Jump—B. Capener—19 feet 5 inches.
High Jump—G. A. Tinkler—5 feet 3 inches.
Hop, Step and Jump—K. G. Hartley—37 feet 10½ inches.
Javelin—K. G. Hartley—126 feet 8 inches.
Shot—R. S. Lee—33 feet 2½ inches.
Discus—S. D. Watkin—87 feet 3½ inches.
Relay—Queen's—48.2 seconds (New Record).

INTERMEDIATE

100 yards—J. S. Hoyle (K)—11.2 seconds.
220 yards—J. S. Hoyle (K)—25 seconds.
440 yards—W. M. Bussey (S)—59 seconds.
880 yards—W. M. Bussey (S)—2 mins. 13.9 seconds.
Long Jump—S. A. J. Hiley (S)—16 feet 4½ inches.
High Jump—D. Irving (K)—4 feet 7½ inches.
Hop, Step and Jump—G. P. Smith (S)—34 feet 11¼ inches.
Javelin—G. P. Smith (S)—142 feet 6½ inches (New Record).
Shot—G. P. Smith (S)—37 feet 6 inches.
Relay—School 51.8 seconds (New Record).

JUNIOR

100 yards—M. Smelt (K)—12.4 seconds.
220 yards—M. Smelt (K)—27.8 seconds (New Record).
440 yards—R. F. Eastwood (Q)—68.2 seconds.
Long Jump—N. Small (Q)—14 feet 1 inch.
High Jump—R. F. Eastwood (Q)—3 feet 8 inches.
Hop, Step and Jump—R. Broughton (H)—28 feet 5½ inches.
Cricket Ball—N. Small (Q)—59 yards 2 feet 6½ inches.
Relay—King's.

FIRST FORMS

80 yards—M. Miller (S)—10.6 seconds (Record Equalled).
170 yards—R. Broughton (H)—22.2 seconds (New Record).
High Jump—T. Coleman (K)—3 feet 8½ inches.
Long Jump—M. A. Shannon (H)—13 feet 1¾ inches.

INTER-GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS

After holding the Champion School Shield for seven successive years, it was a great disappointment to lose it by only two points to Calder High School, at this year's Inter-Grammar School Sports. It is the Intermediate team which deserves thanks for winning our one remaining shield although Heath came second in the placings for both Senior and Junior events.

Smith brought off a really fine achievement by throwing the javelin 146 feet 8 inches to beat the existing Intermediate record by some 38 feet and the Senior record of 140 feet, set up in 1953.

Before the Intermediate Javelin we saw Watkin beat the record for the Senior 100 yards, with a time of 10.5 seconds, and Mendoza outpace all opposition in the Senior 220 yards to win in 23.6 seconds. Smelt and Broughton were outstanding among the Juniors and Spensley and Bussey did well in the Intermediate events. Heath won all three relays, and the Seniors even equalled the record—an excellent performance considering the unfavourable conditions.

The team upheld the rather awesome tradition established by our past athletes and it was no disgrace to lose the Championship Shield to a school much bigger than our own. Next year's meeting is eagerly awaited.

Senior Shield: Crossley and Porter 38; Heath 31.

Intermediate Shield: Heath 31; Calder High 30.

Junior Shield: Calder High 21; Heath and Hipperholme 17.

Championship Shield: Calder High 81; Heath 79; Crossley and Porter 75.

B.M.

SWIMMING REPORT, 1955-56

This year's Gala was held at Woodside Baths on the 20th October. Heath House won the House Championship for the fifth successive year, not, however, without a strong challenge from King's House who until the final relays were leading by a narrow margin of points.

It was obvious by the number of entries for the events and the times recorded that there had been a great improvement throughout the school, as compared with previous galas, with the result that five new records were established, and there were close finishes to all races.

In the Senior Events, K. Dicke, our popular German visitor created a new record for the 100 yards Breast Stroke, while H. J. Coward did likewise for the 50 yards and 100 yards Free Style events. The 50 yards Back Stroke was keenly decided between D. Carter and

Watkin, the former narrowly winning after swimming neck and neck with Watkin. D. Irving and M. Jagger dominated the Intermediates, the latter established a new record for the 50 yards Breast Stroke. D. Hargreaves won the Open Dive for the third successive year.

We were very grateful to have Mrs. Stoddart present the Cup and Trophies which were distributed as follows:

House Championship Cup: Heath

Bouch Trophy (Senior Relay): Heath.

Pollit Trophy (Junior Relay): King's.

Stoddart Trophy (Champion Swimmer): D. A. Carter (K), A. J. Coward (H).

On October 8th, our Relay Team, consisting of Irving, Broadbent and Hargreaves, despite their noble efforts, failed to reach the final in the Halifax Inter-Schools Gala. However, at the Huddersfield College Annual Gala we were a little more successful when the Junior Relay Team and the Senior Relay Team both finished third.

SCHOOL GALA RESULTS

SENIOR

100 yards Free Style—A. J. Coward (H)—74.8 seconds.*

100 yards Breast Stroke—C. Dicke—88 seconds.*

50 yards Free Style—A. J. Coward—32 seconds.*

50 yards Back Stroke—D. A. Carter—41.8 seconds.

25 yards Butterfly—D. A. Carter—21.2 seconds.

Plunge—M. Fielden (H)—43 feet 5½ inches.

UNDER 15 EVENTS

50 yards Free Style—D. Irving (K)—35.8 seconds.

50 yards Breast Stroke—J. B. M. Jagger (S)—42 seconds.*

25 yards Free Style—D. Irving (K)—16.4 seconds.

25 yards Back Stroke—J. B. M. Jagger (S)—19.8 seconds.

UNDER 14 EVENTS

25 yards Free Style—D. Hargreaves (H)—17.8 seconds.

25 yards Breast Stroke—D. Brearley (H)—21.2 seconds.

25 yards Back Stroke—D. S. Hollas (S)—21.2 seconds.

UNDER 13 EVENTS

25 yards Free Style—P. Francis (K)—17.6 seconds.

25 yards Breast Stroke—M. Smelt (K)—18.8 seconds.

25 yards Back Stroke—R. S. Gidley (S)—22.2 seconds.

OPEN DIVE—D. Hargreaves.

RELAYS

Senior—Heath—64.8 seconds (Equals Record).

Intermediate—School.

Junior—King's—75 seconds (New Record).

THE CHESS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting was well attended, but there was less interest in subsequent meetings throughout the season. The Juniors showed considerable promise and enthusiasm in School time, but few were prepared to give up their own time to play.

No Junior matches were played, but the Senior team enjoyed what was probably one of its most successful seasons in the existence of the club. Of the eight matches played, five were won, one drawn and two lost. The team was in no way outclassed, the lost matches being closer than the points suggest.

The Senior and Junior "Knock-out" Competition was unfinished.

RESULTS

Huddersfield College	Lost	2—4
Elland Grammar School	Won	3½—2½
Calder High School	Won	5—1
Heckmondwike Grammar School	Won	6—0
Elland Grammar School	Drew	3—3
Heptonstall Chess Club	Won	4—2
Huddersfield College	Lost	1—5
Calder High School	Won	4—2

Total: 28½ Games for.

19½ Games against.

The School Team was picked from the following boys:

M. A. Kirkbright (Capt.), M. C. Eagland, G. R. Tillotson, R. Broadbent, J. J. Hunter, H. S. Barrett.

King's won the House Chess Cup.

The results were:

1st King's; 2nd Heath; 3rd School.

M.C.E.

G.R.T.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

	H.	S.	K.	Q.
Rugby	7½	15	0	7½
Cricket	0	10	5	15
Athletics	0	15	10	5
Fives	6	6	2	4
Cross-country	0	12	8	4
Swimming	15	10	5	0
Seven-a-side	4	12	4	4
Gymnastics	8	12	4	0
Chess	8	4	12	0
Bentley Cup	6	0	9	3
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	48½	96	59	42½
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LIBRARY REPORT

During the summer holidays glass panels were added to the Library, for the purpose of protecting those books newly acquired and preserving, in a reasonable state, those volumes whose residence has been of a much longer duration. It was hoped that they would provide a permanent defence against dust and defacement, while affording library-users a smooth and easy access to the books themselves. These hopes have been disappointed, as the panels, if not frequently used, effectively debar access to certain parts of the library. The biography section, containing a fine selection of works of real interest to the student of History and English and the shelves on Travel and Exploration have both laboured under this disadvantage. When the physical effort of moving a glass panel or replacing it on its groove is added to the mental pleasure of reading, it is the latter that will always suffer.

However, this School Year has seen the acquisition, despite rising expense, of a wide and rich variety of books. To the History section have been added "Cortez and Montezuma"—Maurice Collis, "The King's Peace"—C. V. Wedgewood, "The Expansion of Elizabethan England"—A. L. Rowse, "France, Fourth Republic"—Dorothy Pickles, "Gladstone"—Philip Magnus, "Bismarck"—A. J. P. Taylor and the third volume of Carr's "The Bolshevik Revolution 1917-23." This selection adequately spans four centuries in English and European history, tracing a thread of progression from the Conquistadors to Lenin. Poetry has been well represented in the works of Laurie Lee—"My Many-Coated Man," Laurence Durrell—"The Tree of Idleness," Robin Skelton—"Patmos and Other Poems," and Sir Hubert Reade's—"Mooncake." The splendidly edited "Journals of Captain Cook" and well-illustrated "Black Lamb and Grey Falcon" and "South Col" by Rebecca West and Wilfred Noyce, have enhanced, to a certain degree, the over-stocked and neglected shelves of the Travel section. It is perhaps a pity that a library containing such a judicious selection from the Schools of English, History, Fiction and Travel, should exert so weak an influence over those forms lower than the sixth.

G. A. HARRISON (Librarian).

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC CONCERT

Friday and Saturday, December 2nd and 3rd

Once more the Muses have frolicked within the walls of Heath and brought the Music and Dramatic Societies together again in the annual joint production "A Programme by the Music and Dramatic Society."

An innovation was made this year in the fact that the Music Society chose to sing one work, a musical adaptation by Parry of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin."

It was a happy choice for the story is well-known, and there is no doubt that the audience was interested in, and entertained by, the musical version.

The choir, augmented by D. C. Horsfall, and masterfully conducted by J. D. Holroyd, rose to the occasion magnificently, and every word

fell distinctly on the ear, bringing out beautifully the assonance and alliteration which play such an important part in the work.

D. C. Horsfall sang the part of the Mayor and gave an accomplished rendering in a mellow bass voice. It is pleasing to see "Old Boys" still have an active interest in the School.

Mr. Haigh not in his usual capacity of conductor, sang a technically excellent performance of the Piper.

The general impression given to the audience was one of complete competence, and as the melodies welled over the audience, one felt a beautiful warm, full sensation, just as one who has taken of a full bodied port.

The second item in the programme was a rendering of "Avisons Concert in E Minor," by the School Orchestra which was supplemented very kindly by friends of the School.

Unfortunately this piece did not meet with the same unstinted success as the choir's choice. It lacked melody and rhythm, two important factors which appeal strongly to the layman's sense of musical judgement, and it must be remembered that a large percentage of the audience were laymen, and not true classicists. Nevertheless we have nothing but praise for the orchestra's performance which was technically good through itself and through J. D. Holroyd's masterful conducting.

Finally a word of praise for D. Watmough who again took on the rôle of pianist.

The third and final item was a dramatised version of a part of "Nicholas Nickleby" by Dickens given by the Junior members of the School. It was an amusing and most entertaining play and provided scope for hearty, exuberant acting, admirably contained and directed by "Officers of the Society" who doubtless were Mr. Taylor and Mr. Littlefair. Mr. Wackford Squeer's comically harsh cynicism was very well portrayed by D. R. Nelson, who never failed to hold the audience by both his diction and actions.

J. S. Donahue played the part of Nicholas Nickleby both knowing and speaking his part well. One fault, however, lay in the fact that he did not appear to be really at home on the stage and did not know how to use his hands to the best advantage. This is a common failure and can be easily overcome with experience.

C. N. E. Simpson played a heartless Mrs. Squeers who obviously relished dosing her boys with "brimstone and treacle," all of which delighted the audience. Fanny and Wackford Squeers were ably played by B. Russell and G. Seamen respectively. John Browdie by A. C. Oakes and Tilda Price by J. A. Farrar, whose voice was rather quiet. The rest of the cast supported well and the final scene gave the Dotheboys Hall pupils a real opportunity of releasing their pent up zeal and so Mr. and Mrs. Wackford Squeers received some of their own medicine: liberal helpings of brimstone and treacle, liberally administered.

Having said so much it only remains for one to look into the future in anticipation of the next Musical and Dramatic evening, when once again it is hoped that the excellent standard of entertainment is maintained.

R.S.

SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER

It is difficult to recall a School production which sustained the interest of the audience to a greater extent. They were genuinely amused, rather than merely summoning up an occasional chuckle for the sake of the hardworking actors. Yet "She Stoops to Conquer" is anything but a well-constructed play, and its success was largely due to the skill of the actors themselves.

The now familiar scenery, based on the cunning arrangement of scenes was soon recognised as yet another variation on the old theme. Whilst admiring the ingenuity of Mr. Peace and his assistants in producing this "very well-looking house," with its strikingly realistic Hogarth paintings, we venture to suggest that perhaps some other form of setting might be tried, before the accumulation of paint on these faithful screens becomes really embarrassing! Though the effectiveness of the two interval sets was not to be questioned, the dimness of the lighting during the garden scene was perhaps a blessing in disguise.

After a quiet beginning, the actors soon found their volume and confidence mounting, and with the hurricane entrance of Tony Lumpkin, appropriately attired in vivid red jacket, the play really got into its stride.

Maude's entrance was greeted with appreciative laughter, and it was noticeable that from this point his every appearance was the signal for an expectant chuckle from the audience. He has the happy knack of lending something of his own personality to the characters he portrays, rather than merely speaking the printed part. Thus, he always seems ideally cast. Austin showed us Mr. Hardcastle, at times sorely tried, but always sentimentally kind at heart. Even at the height of his tirades, he never sacrificed his admirable lucidity, and his performance well deserved the applause of an appreciative audience. J. R. Crossley's portrayal of Mrs. Hardcastle improved as the play progressed. Initially, he tended to be rather incomprehensible, but soon improved as he gained confidence, giving us an accomplished portrait of the society woman and splendidly melodramatic mother which seemed, even to-day to strike home. D. Watmough commanded the moods of bashful hesitancy and imperious nobility with equal skill, maintaining the high standard of his previous performances. His friend Hastings, played by J. A. Elliott, wore his costume with Eighteenth century grace, and made the best of his somewhat limited opportunities. Faced with the recurrent difficulty of adequately supporting the women's rôles, R. I. Akroyd and G. S. Gledhill showed up well as Kate Hardcastle and Constance Neville, though at times they tended to break into a somewhat incongruous gallop on leaving the stage. Nevertheless, they brought a certain attractive vivacity to their parts, and we felt they well deserved their captures.

The minor rôles were admirably supported, with no sign of the lack of interest which often mars more eminent productions. There were several delightful cameos—V. L. Clarke's indulgent Mr. Marlow, the sly Innkeeper of D. H. Hoyle, M. G. C. Lukin's loquacious Diggory and J. Davey's gloriously inebriated Jeremy.

The costume was generally adequate, though we felt that the two girls came off rather poorly here, and the make-up might have been improved all round. But these were minor faults in an undoubted success. All went smoothly, and no one obviously forgot their lines. Despite the work which must have gone into the production, there was no sign of strain, and the actors seemed to enjoy themselves just as much as the audience.

L.J.W.

[Because of illness R. W. J. Austin and I. D. East shared the part of Mr. Hardcastle, but it is unfortunately not possible to comment on both interpretations].

CAST

Mr. Hardcastle	R. W. J. Austin or I. D. East
Miss Kate Hardcastle	R. I. Akroyd
Mrs. Hardcastle	J. R. Crossley
Tony Lumpkin	B. Maude
Miss Constance Neville	G. S. Gledhill
Sir Charles Marlow	V. L. Clarke
Marlow	D. Watmough
Hastings	J. A. Elliott
Diggory	I. D. East or M. G. C. Lukins
Roger	T. J. Mitchell
First Servant	D. H. Sutcliffe
Second Servant	J. S. Kaye
Third Servant	S. C. Horner
Pimple	P. K. Jubb
Jeremy	J. Davey
Landlord of "Three Pigeons"	D. H. Hoyle
Fellows	B. Collins, J. H. Payne, R. H. Earnshaw, M. Robertshaw

FAVOR-ITES . . .

PAST AND PRESENT

A disappointing year, and a wicked waste of talent! Several programmes—notably the proposed United Nations debate—had to be suspended because of the general apathy of otherwise loyal members who seem to prefer the smiling pleasantries of Commercial Street to the verbal cut-and-thrust of the School Library. Messrs. Hoyle, Austin and Watling have never had a chance to get into their stride, for the sole highlight of the year was the "Who Game"—an undisputed success, thanks to Mr. Hoyle's sober disquisition on "Canoeing on Polluted Water" (in search of the elixir of life!), and to Mr. Akroyd's

anecdotes about "female children moving with measured steps" (i.e., Dancing Girls).

But what has happened to the Favor-ites of old? To those meetings which often continued well into the small hours—perhaps deciding if a live bullet was dead after it had been shot; or considering whether or not to erect a windmill—"preferably on the London model"—in the bottom yard (Favor-ite Archives, 1951). Or perhaps members would be solemnly assured that a local school catered for wholly girls—"and that's why they call it a convent." Even last season's programmes have not been emulated this year. The truth is that the transactions of this Ancient Society during the past year, if they have not been absolutely negative, have at least been positively lethargic, and we hope that next year's activities will take on a less passive air.

B. MAUDE.



SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

I should say the past Session has been a happy one for the Society, the meetings and visits have on the whole been better attended than for some years past, our huge array of Lower Sixth Formers largely contributing to this.

Proceedings got off to a quick start, the General Yearly Meeting being held on the 16th of September, when the Committee was elected and the usual suggestions for meetings and visits were received and discussed.

The opening item of the Session was a visit, on September 28th, to the local Carpet Works of Messrs. Crossleys Ltd., Dean Clough, three masters and twenty-eight members attending. This was extremely interesting and instructive although perhaps cut a trifle short. Subsequent dates, in the Autumn Term, were as follows: A film show consisting of two films on Plastics on October 21st, a visit to the Machine Tool Works of Messrs. Asquiths Ltd., on November 9th, and a further film show of two very good films on December 1st. These were "The Grinding of a 98-inch Telescope Lens" and "The Discovery of a New Pigment." Finally on the 18th, this half of the Session concluded with a talk by Mr. A. Dean, M.I.C.E., of the British Railways on "Civil Engineering in connection with the Railways." This was illustrated by lantern slides and was very instructive.

The Spring Term brought further meetings. Firstly, on January 19th, for the showing of the Unilever film "The Tree of Life" which despite my very lamentable mistake (which I will keep within the bounds of the Society) turned out quite well. Secondly, on February 1st, we had an extremely interesting visit to the local Gasworks. The Session was finally concluded on March 1st with a further film show this time concerning the work connected with the "drilling for oil."

In conclusion may I apologise to all those ardent members who were desirous that our activities should continue into the Summer Term and plead that the pressing demands of the coming A. & S. Exams. made this impossible.

JOHN A. WILSON, U.V.I.Sc., Secretary.

SCIENCE LIBRARY

Although the Science Library may appear more like a museum than a library (when compared with Big Brother) this is no excuse for its contents to be maltreated. It is a depressing fact that while the rate of disappearance of books is not very great the number of our books strewn about the School in odd places is alarming and very discouraging. On the more cheerful side, however, may I sincerely thank all those who have kindly contributed books this year and in particular Mrs. Hirst who so generously presented her late son's University text books, these are much appreciated.

J.A.W.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Society has had a very successful year. The enlarging course for beginners was taken by twenty-seven boys, who were instructed in two series of classes by more experienced members. A demonstration, given by Mr. Morris, showing the procedure employed in developing a film, was well attended.

The dark room has been regularly used throughout the year; a fact which shows the strong interest of many members in achieving good results themselves.

The practice of inviting an outside speaker to address the Society was continued, and Mr. E. Hildreth, of the Halifax Photographic Society, gave a very interesting talk with the title "Hints on Photographing Churches." The lecture was illustrated by some of Mr. Hildreth's photographs and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

Several members of the Society were guests of the Halifax Photographic Society when Mr. A. Gregory gave an illustrated lecture on mountain photography, under the title "Photographing the Roof of the World." This lecture was also greatly enjoyed.

Two of the Kodak Postal Lectures, one a set of enlargements on "Tracing Troubles in Prints," and the other a film-strip entitled "Making the most of your Camera," were obtained during the year, and were very instructive.

In the Annual Competition, judged by the Chairman, Mr. Morris, the number of entries was good and the standard reasonably high. The first prize in the Open Section was won by K. Jagger, with F. P. Mallinder second. I. R. Hunter was highly commended. In the Beginner's Section, J. S. Freeman won the first prize and D. Bentley the second.

This has been a full year, and if the present increase in support continues, the Society, in its younger stages as yet, will go from strength to strength.

K.J.

2nd (H.G.S.) HALIFAX SCOUTS, 1955-56

In ye monthe of December in ye year of grace (Not Kelly), 1955 a Meeting of ye Moste Grande Council of ye group was called, and it was decided to split, rend, or, for better, for worse, tear apart the Group into two troops, Badgers and Beavers. (First Formers and other uninitiated ones may be interested to know that a troop is here referred to as a body of Scouts, not as a body clad in battledress, on the look-out for cordial peaches). This has probably been the most outstanding event this year.

The Christmas Party was, as usual, very boisterous and afterwards, in all probability, very billious. A few brave souls set out for camp at Easter though this season was chiefly reserved for hiking, Whitsuntide

being passed at camp. We were rather let down over the Scout Sports by lack of attendance, not gaining any points. Last year's Summer Camp was held at Grinton, and this year's will be held (will have been held by the time this is published) at Windermere. We have optimistic views concerning the Beadon Cup for which we have entered two teams. It is worthy of note that Badgers have adopted an official camp site at Cragg Vale, just above the official Girl Guide site.

The parents seem to be taking more interest in their and our activities recently, though more support will be readily appreciated, as will the membership of many more new recruits, from 1st, 2nd and 3rd Forms.

Finally, we extend most grateful thanks all round to (Not " to all round ") Mr. Charlton for the copies of " The Scout," and to all the other kind ones, who have helped or donated to the Group.

P.K.J.

SWITZERLAND, 1956

Twelve boys under the supervision of Mr. Morris and Mr. Haigh set out from Halifax Town station on Wednesday, July 18th, their destination being Zweisimmen, Switzerland, a small holiday resort in the Bernese Oberland. The journey was uneventful except for a rather uncomfortable trip across France. However, this was soon forgotten in a traditional breakfast of crisp rolls, cherry jam and coffee at the buffet on Basle station.

Following this, a visit to the Rhine and a short tour of the city was made before boarding a train for Spiez, by way of Berne and Thun. Zweisimmen was reached in pouring rain just after midday on the Thursday, and the rest of the day was spent in getting accustomed to the Swiss money and the village itself.

JULY 20th

The morning was passed by most of the party in wandering around the neighbourhood of Zweisimmen. After lunch the masters obtained a season ticket for each member of the party at the swimming pool, where the attendant was so surprised to see so much custom that he did not charge anything for the first bath. However, not many remained in the water long, since it was rather too cold for comfort. The day was showery, but there was more sun than rain.

JULY 21st

In the morning the majority went swimming, making good use of their tickets, despite the coldness of the water and the persistent attention of the horseflies, a predicament which kept everyone on the move. Those not so occupied climbed part of a neighbouring peak, but finding the path rather waterlogged soon abandoned the walk. Following lunch everyone travelled to Lenk on the narrow gauge line and walked from

there to the source of the river Simme, which gushes from the foot of the Wildstrubel at a point called the " Seven Fountains." A spectacular waterfall, the Simmenfalle, was also visited on the route.

JULY 22nd

The weather changed for the better on Sunday and everyone went swimming and sunbathing. Later in the day, many took advantage of the beautiful weather by climbing the Rinderberg (6,827 feet), one of the peaks near Zweisimmen. The path, clear in the early stages of the ascent, became less obvious on the higher slopes and the party reached the summit by varied and devious routes. One member, afflicted by corns, struggled up the last stages without his shoes. From the summit there were clear views of Zweisimmen and the Simmental.

JULY 23rd

After an early breakfast the party left Zweisimmen by rail en route for Montreux, a popular holiday resort on Lake Geneva. On arrival a second train was boarded for Lausanne, also on Lake Geneva. Here an hour was spent in looking around the shops before embarking on a lake steamer which sailed passed numerous vineyards on the surrounding slopes, to the mediaeval Chateau de Chillon. It is a picturesque castle situated on a tiny islet and connected to the mainland by a short covered bridge. An interesting conducted tour of the chateau was made, and the less classically minded of the party were reminded of its connections with the poet Byron.

On the return journey one member of the party unintentionally prolonged his sail by failing to disembark at Montreux. He eventually returned to the rendezvous, where the masters were waiting to escort him back to the hotel on a later train.

JULY 24th

Another beautiful day dawned and most people indulged in swimming before lunch. In the afternoon the party went by train, via Spiez, to Mulenen at the foot of the Niesen. The summit was reached by a spectacular funicular railway. There was hesitancy on the part of some, who doubted the strength of the cable, but their fears were soon dispelled. Although it was not exceptionally clear there was a magnificent view of the surrounding Alps.

JULY 25th

The day was spent on a walking trip to the Seebergsee, a picturesque little lake behind the mountains to the East of Zweisimmen. A wrong path was taken on the way up, and this led through private property. However, after taking at least one well defined path which ended abruptly near the top of a very steep slope, a local herdsman indicated the way along a precipitous path. The lake, prettily situated, was reached in the middle of the afternoon and an alternative route taken on the return journey. On reaching the hotel many found that the sun had been too strong for them.

JULY 26th

This was a free day and was spent in a leisurely fashion. In the afternoon a group playing cricket aroused the attention of a local cine-camera enthusiast, who filmed a few seconds play for his record of Zweisimmen. After dinner, a few visited a local hotel to watch a Swiss television programme, and found it quite interesting.

JULY 27th

An excursion was made to Berne in glorious sunshine. The express lived up to its name and the party reached its destination in the mid-morning. The masters led a conducted tour around the old quarter of the city, and pointed out the main objects of interest, including the many gaily painted fountains, the unusual clock with its moving characters, and the bear pits. After eating a packed lunch the party split up into groups to explore the city in greater detail. The return train arrived in Zweisimmen in time for a quick refreshing swim before dinner.

JULY 28th

Most of the party spent the day in swimming and playing cricket, but unfortunately it rained heavily after lunch. However, three boys and one master walked to the summit of the Hundsruck (6,722 feet). Though dull, many far distant mountains could be seen including the Jungfrau (13,642 feet). In the evening there was a thunder storm, and the neighbouring peaks were illuminated by violent flashes of sheet lightning.

JULY 29th

Another leisurely morning was spent, but in the afternoon the party travelled by coach to the Jaunpass, not far from Zweisimmen. The road was unmetalled and had many characteristic hairpin bends as it zig-zagged up the hill side. From there a few climbed the Baderhorn (6,526 feet), an easy ascent from the pass. On reaching the summit, the climbers were confronted with a sheer precipice falling away on the far side. A hurried descent was made in a fruitless attempt to reach cover before the weather broke.

JULY 30th

After packing, and spending the last few centimes, an early start was made following lunch and an hour and a half was passed in Spiez before boarding a lake steamer which sailed to Thun. There, an express was caught for Basle, where, as usual, an excellent evening meal was had at the station buffet. The return journey across France was more comfortable, and the Channel was relatively mild. Halifax was reached at 9.30 p.m., concluding yet another successful School holiday abroad.

J.S. and R.C., V.Sc.

THE HEATHEN IN HIS BLINDNESS WANTS TO KNOW

Is she really the blind side prop forward for Batley ?

Will his last words be " Kiss me, Rachel ?"

Does he live in Copley Woods ?

What follies did the shepherdess commit ?

Do they really hold hands in town ?

WHO SAID ?

" Per suavitatem ad lunam."

The emotional life of an oyster is almost nil.

I've no time for 'em.

. . . and now there abideth these three.

Shut your mouth and eat your dinner.

My figure is all out of proportion.

Hello ! Hello ! the result of the lost event . . .

You're entitled to your own ideas but if they differ from mine they're wrong.

LETTER LOUTS

a POST mortem

solemnly dedicated to the Postmaster General

who, I am sure, can take a joke.

What's this ? Temporary postmen wanted at Christmas ? 1/9 an hour ? Now let me see, if I work seventeen hours a day, seven days a week, I'll earn . . . er . . . er . . . just think of that bulging pay-packet !

Sounds good, doesn't it ? By the time the first day of a week of hard labour has arrived you have begun to change your mind. You wake up bright and early (5.30 a.m.) and look out of the window . . . it is snowing. Snowing with a capital S. The stuff isn't coming down in flakes, but in heaps. And you've got to crawl to Shelf and back six times to-day. Ah well . . . just think of that bulging pay-packet.

When you arrive at the post office you are given :—

1. A black arm band (don't be discouraged by the colour). This proclaims to all that you are a proud (?) member of that gallant band of postmen and postwomen, the willing (?) servants of the British public. (The arm band also performs the unnecessary and unwanted function of preventing any blood still unfrozen from reaching your poor, numb, deathly-white fingers)

and

2. Two tickets (net value 6d.) with which you are to buy enough nourishment to last you through the long, hard, weary day. Do not spend it all at once, and do not buy too much . . . you may die of surfeit.

Thus armed and prepared, you are handed an enormous bag, packed to its spacious brim with crisp morning mail, all tied up neatly with little pieces of string (net weight sixteen tons). With a cynical smile your letter-sorter cum bag-packer gives you explicit directions concerning the whereabouts of your "walk" . . . by the time you have collected your bus fares (always ask for 6d. too much), you have forgotten every word.

You arrive at your destination. You step off the bus. You extricate yourself from six feet of pure, white, freezing, unadulterated snow. You proceed to examine the contents of your bag (always wear this on your chest . . . it acts as a snowplough). In the murky depths you find several bundles of letters, each marked clearly (sometimes) with a number. You take out bundle number one (if you can find it). All you have to do is undo the string, place it in your pocket, and deliver the letters (raucous, sarcastic laughter from the experienced). Have you ever tried undoing string with a hand carefully protected by six pairs of gloves? This is your first task. Having picked up the letters, and having rearranged them in (what you hope) is the correct order, you attempt to put the string in your pocket . . . no matter what you do it always comes back out attached to your comfy, woolly gloves. But never say die, and when you are struggling through mountainous drifts of snow; when you are climbing up icy hills, and (unintentionally) sliding back down them; when you are hopelessly lost, or are stuck in a snowdrift with no sign of help; when you slip and loose all those carefully arranged letters out of your bag; in fact, in any hour of frustration . . . just think of that bulging pay-packet.

Lastly may I offer a few words of advice to aspiring temporary postmen :—

1. The G.P.O. provides you with everything you need . . . except skis, snow-shoes, compass, distress signals, emergency rations, and instruments for prising dog's teeth from your leg . . . so be prepared.

2. Suitable clothing must be worn. May I suggest (a) a good hat (the Davy Crockett type is quite suitable); (b) at least three coats; (c) anti-snow-blind goggles (sun glasses will suffice); (d) six pairs of gloves (indispensable); (e) one pair of trousers (equally indispensable); (f) one pair of Wellington boots (preferably with built-in, retractable ice-skates).

3. Remember you are strictly forbidden to solicit Christmas gratuities (call them tips and you're dead safe).

4. BEWARE of all dogs, children, registered letters, helpful old ladies, spiteful old gentlemen, fellow temporary postmen (especially the female type), klepto-maniacs, and letter boxes (especially the fierce come-back-and-catch-you kind, that will have your fingers off before you can say "long live the postman's union").

5. Never forget the temporary postman's motto :—

"Do as little as possible in as long a time as possible."

Remember you are paid by the hour, and think of that bulging pay-packet.

signed (reluctantly)

V.L.C.

POST-SCRIPT :—

Should this article discourage anyone from becoming a temporary postman, I heartily commend his good sense. May he sit and swot while I gloat over my bulging pay-packet!

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A schoolboy stood at the Golden Gate,
His head was bent and low
He meekly asked the Man of Fate,
The way that he should go.

"What have you done," St. Peter said,
"To seek admission here?"
"I went to school on earth,
For many and many a year."

St. Peter opened wide the gate,
And gently pressed the bell,
"Come inside and choose your harp,
You've had enough of . . . !"

ANON.

HEATH SCHOOL CLUB

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1954-55

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance b.f.	37 0 10	Fares : Football	42 10 6
Subscriptions :		Cricket	2 12 4
322 @ 8/-		Other	8 5 1
20 @ 9/-		Teas : Football	23 14 4
4 @ 6/-		Cricket	16 3 0
8 @ 3/-	140 4 0	Other	3 4 9
L.E.A. Grant	37 0 4	Football Sundries	2 8 0
Parents' Assn. Grant	10 0 0	Photographs	13 19 0
Programmes	2 10 5	Printing	8 1 0
Donations	2 1 9	Sports Days	5 4 0
Music Society	1 7 0	I.G.S. Sports	17 5 0
Lost Property Auction	10 10 4	Fives Balls	2 8 0
Sundries	1 9 0	Half "Heathen"	30 4 0
		Xmas Cards, Loss	3 10
		Science Society	4 6
		Stamp Club	18 6
		Postage, Bank, etc.	4 10 4
		Sundries	3 12 0
		Balance c.f.	56 15 6
	£242 3 8		£242 3 8

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

The mountaineer :

I hope this bl — dy rope holds.

Pedestrian at zebra crossing :

I've got the right of way.

Airman :

It's a cloud not a mountain, you chump.

Big Game Hunter :

Just stare them straight in the eye.

Hiker :

They're only cows.

At the Zoo :

Mummy, it says we haven't to feed the animals.

Motorist :

I'll just nip through before it turns red.

Trapeze Artist :

We'll do it without the net this time.

Aged Cavalry Officer :

They can't scalp a bald man.

Swimmer :

It's only a log.

Heroine :

You wouldn't dare !

HAKNODA.

MON EGASQUE !

Once upon a time there was a very handsome prince who travelled to every corner of the globe, seeking his perfect princess.

Now in one of these distant lands across the sea, there lived a maiden—a maiden so fair that the prince was blonded by her beauty. Paramount chiefs and potent tates from many lands had sought the hands of this PAGE ONEDER girl, but, wisely she had refused them all, for is it not written, " Si insanorum visis fides non est nabenda, cur credatur somnientium visis, quae multo etiam perturbatiora sunt, non intellego?" And, therefore, with a heavy heart, each pur-suitor returned to his native fields there to join the other weeds.

The prince's heart was Gaulled when he remembered all the other admirers, so that he reasoned, " where they have failed, how can I succeed." But the prince was the most cent-sational of all her admirers,

and many were the lavish banquets and feasts he held in her honour . . . and he little knew what the fêtes had in store for him.

And when the prince, approaching the maiden, offered her his palace, his yacht, himself, his casinos and his field (" If Aly Khan, so can I, if Holly would, I will," thought the prince) the maiden's heart swelled within her and she wept. But she thought of the pocket handkerchief principality and her tears stopped; she laughed, and said " Yes." So that the prince, exulting, said " from this day hence, you will be known as her Royal Aye-ness."

So, to crown it all, the maiden got her prince, while the prince was Graced with a beautiful princess for the rest of his days (future prospects a little rainier!). They made a compatible connubial team, living happily ever after.

J. de Z. McS.

BEAU PEPYS

I am one of those people—I'm sure there are heaps,
Who prefer to refer to friend Samuel as PEEPS :
Yet still there are many uncultured decrepits
Who seem to have named the old diarist PEPPIS.
And although there are others whose purposeful steps
Are converting the world into calling him PEPS,
One cad now declares, to arouse further japes,
That PEPS was not PEPPIS nor PEEPS—he was PAGES !

J. A. ELLIOTT.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We beg to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of the following contemporaries and apologise for any inadvertent omission from the list :—

" Rishworthian " (3), " Morleian " (2), " Leodiensian " (2), " Danensis " (3), " Keighlian " (2), " Crossleyan " (2), " Rochdalian," " Wheel," " Whitcliffian," " Centralian" and the magazine of Sowerby Bridge Boys' Secondary School.

HEATH OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I can appreciate how Mr. Swale feels when he has to stand each year at the Old Boys' Dinner and respond to the toast of "The School"—it's damned hard to think of something new to say. That's just how I feel about reporting our activities to this magazine, a job which I have had to do for quite a number of years now. But on this occasion, fortune has come to my aid. I have been privileged to read the President's message before committing my own pen to paper and that's helped a lot. The President has made two very constructive suggestions and that's quite enough to be going on with. Let's hope some positive action and response accrues. Moreover, the President, having been told to confine his remarks to about two hundred words, promptly enlarges himself to six hundred, thus giving your Secretary a good excuse almost completely to efface himself in view of the high cost of printing to-day.

The attendance at the Annual Meeting, always held on the first Monday in October, decreases yearly. This time we were down to fourteen all told barely enough to form a committee! This is about 3% of the total membership—very encouraging indeed for those willing to take office. Quite frankly the Annual Meeting does little else but implement the Association's promise (nearly an obligation) to maintain the financial support which it gives to the publication of this magazine and discuss the necessary mundane details about the forthcoming Dance and Dinner. Even the committee has only had one meeting during the past year. Obviously some new blood is needed somewhere to liven things up. Nor would your Secretary be averse to someone twenty years his junior popping up and relieving him of a task for which, although not dead, he is growing old.

You were told all about the Annual Dance in the Easter Bulletin. Here again our renewed thanks to W.R.S. for his continued ability to produce this terminal effort which I have a feeling is more appreciated than he knows.

The President has told you what a good Annual Dinner we had. It really was the best yet. Make no mistake, you chaps who don't come, you miss a "really good do." Unfortunately both social functions this year have resulted in financial loss but your committee cares nought for this. We can afford it. Any member wishing to challenge this carefree attitude is invited to the Annual Meeting about which he will in due course receive notice. But don't forget, the Committee have got all the answers ready.

It is refreshing to see how the O.B.'s section of the "Heathen" has enlarged itself. It has never been bigger or better.

A. SUNDERLAND,
(Hon. Secretary).

NEWS OF OLD BOYS EXAMINATION RESULTS

OXFORD

R. Best, Final Honours School of Modern Languages, Class II.
D. F. Sharpe, Literae Humaniores, Class II.
C. B. Fletcher, Literae Humaniores, Class III.
J. K. Denerley, Classical Honour Moderations, Class II.

CAMBRIDGE

J. P. Allatt, Mechanical Sciences Tripos, Part I, Class III.
E. Smith, Natural Sciences Tripos, Part I, Class III.
R. Beaumont, Natural Sciences Tripos, Part II, Class III.
D. A. Earnshaw, M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Lond.).
A. G. Daurant, M.B., B.Chir.

DURHAM

B. J. Adamson, French and German, Class II, Div. 2.
J. B. Esmond, Politics and Economics, Class II, Div. 2.
J. R. Thomas, Politics and Economics, Class II, Div. 2.
P. Benson, Chemistry, Class III.

MANCHESTER

M. Roper, History, Class I.
J. R. Hooson, Mathematics, Class I,
J. B. W. Edwards, Mathematics, Class II, Div. 1.
A. H. Jagger, Chemistry, Class II, Div. 1.
A. E. Greenwood, Mechanical Engineering, Class III.

LONDON

B. Greenwood, Physiology, Class I.

LIVERPOOL

G. D. Hindle, B.A., Hons.

BRISTOL

C. J. L. Bowes, Accountancy.

EDINBURGH

F. D. Bottomley, Geography, Class II.

B. Hollos, A.R.I.B.A.
F. R. Barrett, Qualifying Examination of the Pharmaceutical Society.

W. C. F. Hartley, Part A of final examination of the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants.

D. Horsfall, intermediate examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

J. R. Mallinson, final examination of the British Optical Association.

APPOINTMENTS, Etc.

G. Rushworth, B.M., M.A., Trinity College, Oxford—Schorstein Research Fellowship in Medical Science.

D. S. Ashworth—Foundation Scholarship, Clare College, Cambridge.

M. Pollitt—Ordained Deacon at Lichfield to serve in the Parish of Cannock.

M. Taylor—King Edward VII School, King's Lynn.

J. H. Fielden—Wallasey Grammar School.

P. Maylor—Old Hale Way School, Hitchin.

M. Lumb—Marine Staff, Cable and Wireless Ltd.

NATIONAL SERVICE

G. R. Sunderland (R.A.F.), has been commissioned and posted to Oldenburg in Germany. D. Davies (R.A.F.), is serving in Jordan. J. Gaukroger (R.N.) and A. J. M. Peace (Royal Marines) were both last heard of heading for the Arctic Circle.

We hear that Barrie Ingham has been playing in repertory at St. Helens and that Geoffrey Riley has been busy in the undercroft of St. Martin's in the Fields, designing and painting sets for a revue. C. A. Marsh has recently been on a visit to Chicago as a Civic Representative of Manchester, and Eric Smith is travelling to Kenya this summer on a metallurgical holiday. Tony Hearn is said to be endeavouring to measure the absorption co-efficient of ozone at certain wave lengths in the ultra-violet while J. M. Collis has of late been showing interest in medicine.

We offer our felicitations to A. D. Thomas on his marriage to Miss Shirley Gaukroger and to Philip Ashworth on his engagement to Miss Mary Crossley.

The Editor will be glad to receive information about Old Heathens for publication in the magazine. We apologise for any inadvertent omissions and regret that some examination results just too late to get into the last number are now practically a year old.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

53 Savile Mount,
Halifax.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I understand that my remarks should be confined to two hundred words or less, which cuts out funny stories and anything in the nature of a discussion on the place of the "Old Boy" in the future scheme of things now that the status of his embryo has been so clearly outlined in the latest egalitarian concept.

The activities of the Old Boys' Association during the past year cannot be described as particularly hectic, but we have simmered amiably enough. Those whose shape does not preclude the operation danced on one occasion, and those who no longer care about either had a very pleasant evening together at the School, where the food was good, the wine better, and the conversation and fellowship best of all.

This brings me to the only important thing I want to say, and I will compress it into the minimum possible space. As a Governor of the School I have recently read one of the most interesting and searching of documents that has come my way for some time. It is the report of Her Majesty's Inspectors. I felt to be really re-connected with the place of my youthful joys (and torments) as never before.

I felt something else, which I wish to pass on, and that is a glow of pride and pleasure at the contents of this report. One discerns within it the existence and condition of a living and very lively thing compounded of tradition, ambition, esprit de corps, in fact esprit of everything that is good in Grammar School life.

There is a reason for this. Assuming that the raw material is roughly the same as it always was, the body responsible for the happy state of affairs is the Staff and their cheerful chief. Boys do not always recognize, but Old Boys do, or should, that the Staff is composed of men; in our case vocationally dedicated and devoted men.

If I were a schoolmaster, I should feel frustrated and hurt by much of what I read, and saw, and heard, about me and my job, by so many ill-informed, prejudiced and ignorant people.

We Old Boys know better, and I think it would be a splendid idea if we invited the Staff to meet us for an hour or two occasionally, and between a mouthful of pie and a jar of ale, really get to know one another under conditions conducive to the good fellowship and appreciation which we all at heart feel for them, but lack the opportunity to express. I am sure they would have encouragement for their job as a result, and the School would be all the better for it. It would not do us any harm either—I have no doubt that a few "classics" would be exchanged.

We have also a field for future service of a practical nature in connection with the School Library. This will be the subject of a further communication to the members after consultation with the

C.O. as also will the announcement of a suitable excuse and date for the gathering of the clans.

One final word—my best thanks to Allan Sunderland and the officers for all the work they have done during the past year, and every success to you all.

Ever yours,

C. M. WHITHAM (President).

OXFORD LETTER

To the Editor of

The "Heathen."

Sir,

Four Heathens have spent the year here, and since the others through human bashfulness are reluctant to tell me just what to say about them in this annual epistle, you will have to endure having the space filled up with more about yours truly. I can perhaps parade myself as a typical undergraduate—and since no such thing exists, no harm will be done.

My day starts at 7.30 with the delivery of a jug of hot water. This is a cunning device to see that you get up in the next few minutes; if not, you have to suffer the torture of shaving in cold water. Chapel from 8 to 8.15 (voluntary); then breakfast until 9. Two courses are then open for the morning: if I am feeling conscientious, or, more cogent, a tutor expects some work for that afternoon, I work in the libraries or in my room until lunch at one; light entertainment too is laid on in the form of lectures, for those who like that sort of thing. Alternatively, if you are interested in current affairs, or don't like work, a wide variety of morning papers is available in the Junior Common room.

So to the afternoon—a rowing outing for the more athletic type, a game of tennis for the less, or even a field game if you prefer it, to follow. After this there may well be an invitation to tea at one of the Ladies' Colleges, where males are only allowed indoors in the afternoons (and here, to prevent slander, I must emphasise that I speak in a typical capacity and not necessarily personally). The obvious alternative is, as before, work, as it is too in the evening.

The hour from seven until eight, unless I am going out to an early cinema or theatre show, is occupied with Evensong and dinner. The standard evening activity then is to attend a society meeting, whether political, religious, aesthetic, or simply social with a veneer of activity such as cheese-fancying as an excuse. My particular line is country dancing. W. Brown, Esq., his usual self now with no worries this year, was something to do with the Monte-Negro division of the Labour Club last time I heard of him.

I couldn't be certain whether David Sharpe looked a trifle wistful at having to leave this blissful existence, since his course is ended; at any rate the luxuries of the New World should prove adequate compensation, for that is where his job is to take him. Ralph Best also goes down this time, but since it's into teaching, I suppose that is a similar sort of thing. His year has been comparatively restful, learning from the Ministry department here just what is expected by the modern pupil of the man before the blackboard.

Readers will now be in a position to see just what has happened when I go to call on a friend some evening, and find his door heavily barricaded, and bearing the legend "Danger—Do Not Disturb—Keep out—Essay crisis." His typewriter slaps away well into the small hours, and breakfast is known occasionally as supper. They will also realise how it is that this letter was nearly never written.

Yours sincerely,

KEITH DENERLEY.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

The Editor,

Dear Sir,

The University of Cambridge has survived this academic year despite the fact that there have been twelve Heathens in residence.

J. P. Horrocks-Taylor, W. Normington, A. Stott, K. Reynard and R. Sykes joined us at the beginning of the year and we "weesh" them all success.

Philip Horrocks-Taylor has played for the University first fifteen and was on the French tour. This is a very fine achievement and I'm sure all will congratulate him on this.

Billy Normington and Arthur Stott have both played rugger for their Colleges, and Ralph Beaumont was unfortunately unable to finish his last season's play in Cambridge owing to an injury.

Eric Smith is to be congratulated on his engagement earlier this year. His other interests appear to be second-hand cars, and he recently acquired a share in a very impressive taxi.

Congratulations are also due to David Ashworth on his being elected to a Foundation Scholarship at Clare.

Michael Collis has started research in mathematics while Michael Taylor and myself have had a year in the Department of Education.

Peter Allatt, Ralph Beaumont, Michael Taylor and myself will be going down this year and Ralph Sykes, who has been doing research in Engineering for a year in Cambridge, will also, I believe, say good-bye to 'centre o' Kulture.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN HENRY FIELDEN.

MANCHESTER LETTER

To the Editor,
"The Heathen."

Hulme Hall,
Manchester.

Dear Sir,

It has been a boiling hot May in Manchester—perfect weather for swotting! In between "Mad dogs and Englishmen" type games of soccer on the Hall's punt-about ground, tennis, and swimming in the McDougall Centre's fine bath, some work was done. Rodney Hooson, Mike Roper and Tony Greenwood must be feeling the greatest strain seeing that they are sitting their finals this year. Roper has distinguished himself in the basketball sphere by being Secretary and a playing member of the University team, this year's U.A.U. champions.

It has been a hard first year after the mental soft spot of the R.A.F. The Arts Faculty here believes in plenty of Intermediate subjects to accompany an Honours course. If you cannot either master gerunds or become interested in Agricola's merry larks with the Ancient Britons, then consider carefully before choosing your provincial university. Nevertheless, University life is a tonic by comparison with the restricted existence under military discipline. It seems that beards may be worn; and if you are really carefree, you need not clean your shoes for a whole week.

Unfortunately for Hulme and for them, Dave Williams and Don Crowther will have to find accommodation in digs for their final year. The Governors have found it necessary to enforce a rule which states that if a student is over twenty-one before the first term of his third year, then he can be asked to leave. When the Trustees laid down this rule no doubt there were bright kiddies matriculating at a disgustingly early age, and graduating at twenty. In these days there are attractions such as women students and sport, which tend to retard one's mental growth. (I am casting no aspersions on either the mental capacities or the private lives of Mr. Williams and Mr. Crowther!)

There was an unsuccessful attempt in the Lent term to amalgamate the Men's and Women's Unions. Perhaps the building of a new Union might force the hands of the die-hard misogynists. Those in favour of amalgamation find themselves supported by the Medical World. The University Medical Officer frowns on those who will not mix with the opposite sex.

In spite of all this, the Union has offered a galaxy of good things this year, including speakers ranging from Sir John Gielgud through Neddie Seagoon (who was captured by a Sherman tank during Rag Week), to three students from Communist China.

As we round off another academic year, with Hooson's basson still "faintly blowing," the Old Heathens in Manchester wish the School another successful year.

Yours sincerely,
T. D. GAMSON.

EDINBURGH LETTER

To The Editor,
"The Heathen."
Old College,
University of Edinburgh.
June, 1956.

Sir,

Browsing through back numbers of the "Heathen," I could find no reference to this University until I came upon the issue of 1947, recording the success of H. A. F. Dudley who carried off numerous prizes in the Faculty of Medicine: no mean feat in such a famed school. However, there should have been subsequent mention of the University because D. Nicholl was an assistant lecturer in History before moving to Keele, and at least one other Heathen has passed through the portals: Winston S. Roberts who graduated three years ago.

Edinburgh University suffers from numerous misconceptions: it is not a "Provincial University," Edinburgh being the capital of Scotland; nor is it "Red Brick"—being built of good, solid Craigleith Sandstone! It is not modern, being fifteen years older than Heath Grammar School. It was granted its charter in 1582 by King James VI.

In the "Old Town," where the Old College, more familiarly the "Old Quad," built by Adam, is the hub of the University, and academic buildings are scattered throughout the adjacent streets and squares, one can never lose the feeling that this is truly a University City. This will be even more evident when the undergraduate gown (a vivid red in Scotland) is more generally worn than at present.

Heath has several representatives in the north: J. R. Sutcliffe and J. Blackeby have just completed their second year at the University, studying Engineering. Sutcliffe is an active member of both ski and mountaineering clubs, and has conquered many of the Scottish Bens. He is also to be found most Thursday evenings in the Old Quad Common Room, practising the mysterious art of Scottish Country Dancing. Blackeby is a keen cyclist—in fact he seems to do nothing else, and is often to be seen pedalling frantically out of the city to the surrounding countryside. He is doubtless looking forward to the last tram and the lifting of those fiendish rails which plague all cyclists.

I have just completed four years reading for an M.A. in Geography, and have found time to help numerous societies, one of which should interest all Heathens coming up to Edinburgh—the Yorkshire Society.

The Rev. W. A. Roberts, M.A., although now assistant minister at Moredun Kirk, he finds it difficult to leave the Varsity and is to be found most lunch times in the New College Dining-Hall.

Finally, to any Heathen who does not fancy either Oxbridge, or Redbrick, I can recommend Edinburgh. Burns has written a poem, too long to write here in full, entitled an "Address to Edinburgh." . . . But I will quote two parts . . .

"There learning, with his eagle eyes,
seeks science in her coy abode."

and

" Thy sons, Edina, social, kind,
With open arms the stranger hail ;
Their views enlarg'd, their lib'ral mind,
Above the narrow rural vale ;

Thy daughters bright thy walks adorn,
Gay as the gilded summer sky,
Sweet as the dewy milk-white thorn,
Dear as the raptur'd thrill of joy !"

What more could a Heathen want ?

Yours sincerely,

F. DAVID BOTTOMLEY.

WHAT MARX REALLY MEANT, REALLY

Leslie Groom

Worked at his loom
Every day
For very little pay,
But each night—
For the lad was bright—
And no fool
Assiduously attended
The local night school.

Now Leslie Groom

Sits on a stool
Head held high
(Wears collar and tie)
Working all day
For even less pay,
But he doesn't regret it
He's no longer proletariat
Between you and *moi*
He's *petit bourgeois*.

WALLACE BROWN.

A CORNISH TRAINING SCHOOL

Driving down to view one of Cornwall's lovely beaches, many visitors are surprised when they have to pass a number of white buildings, interspaced with tennis courts and gardens, complete with palm trees, reminiscent of some tropical area. These buildings are the property of Cable and Wireless Ltd., who operate overseas the huge network of telegraph circuits that link this country with the Commonwealth and other parts of the world. It is from Porthcurno beach, which is about four miles from Land's End, that the undersea cables reach out to such places as Gibraltar and Newfoundland, carrying, say,

messages containing the latest Test score or some order for raw wool for one of Halifax's mills. Included in the buildings at Porthcurno is the Company's Engineering Training School, where young men, who have either just left school or completed their National Service, come to be trained to maintain and operate the Company's system of both cable and wireless routes.

The initial requirement for entry is a G.C.E. with four "O" level passes including English and Mathematics, an aptitude for technical work and a desire for an overseas career. On application to the Company's Head Office in London, the new recruit is first interviewed by the Selection Panel. The visit also includes a medical examination, a test in Mathematics and general technical aptitude. If successful he is appointed to the Engineering School which has courses starting every January, April and September.

He spends the first six months in the Basic Training Laboratory, where he is given a thorough grounding in the theory of Electricity and Magnetism as used and applied to the Company's work, together with training in reading morse signals, both orally and visually, typing and general operating procedure. The next two months or so may then be spent in the workshops learning the general principles of the use of lathes and other machine tools, and in the process making himself a set of tools necessary for his future work.

It is at this stage that the students are separated, those intended for work with the radio side of the Company going onto further theory and radio work whilst those for the cable side going into the more practical and mechanical instructional sections of the School.

Those on the cable side are now given an intensive course on the care of the instruments used and become in effect reasonably skilled instrument mechanics. After some months of this training, which also includes some instruction in the testing of faulty or broken cables, the young student is posted to one of the Company's stations for a period of consolidatory training. This is usually carried out at either Porthcurno or Gibraltar, and during it he is expected to absorb most of the essential practical methods of the day to day routine maintenance of a cable station. After this period of training on the job, he is posted to one other of the Company's stations; for example, Rio de Janeiro, Singapore, Ascension Island or Seychelles Islands.

On the radio side much the same applies, and after the workshop training the student is instructed on the operation and setting up of the transmitters and receivers used in the Company. He also is given a period of consolidation, normally at either Barbados or Nairobi, and is then posted for duty to one of the many overseas radio stations.

The first overseas tour of duty for all the Company's mobile staff is usually a maximum of four years, during which time the young engineer is expected to attempt some of the examinations appropriate to his work, on completion of which he is eligible to apply for a further course at Porthcurno, and subsequent promotion.

From time to time the visitor to Porthcurno finds, on arrival at the beach, that a ship, looking rather like a large private yacht, is anchored in the bay. This would be one of the occasions when one of the Company's fleet of eight cable repair ships had arrived to renew one of the many cables leaving Porthcurno. These ships, based on several ports throughout the world, carry out the repairs and renewals to the whole of the Company's system of submarine cables, for which they have a group of specialist officers on board. It frequently happens that, when a trawler is working in the area of a cable, the trawl, which drags along the sea bed, damages the cable and makes it unusable. The cable ship is then called to the area, the position being plotted from various tests by the shore stations at both ends of the cable. She will then lower a grapnel or hook and steam at right angles to the lay of the cable. This is repeated until the cable is hooked and brought to the surface where it is repaired and then relaid in the sea.

To operate, maintain and repair all these cables a considerable sized staff is needed and it is small wonder that the visitor to Porthcurno is surprised when he finds such a large community in, apparently, such a lonely part of Cornwall.

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