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EDITORIAL

An editor, however obvious and apparently irrelevant the statement may seem, must edit, and while his editorial may only be a concentrated display of marking time, a condemnation, or simply an admission that he, for this year at least, has nothing to say, his magazine's original contributions ought theoretically to be partly a result of a judgment of taste, effected by his own character and present feeling. For this to be true in practice, however, he must have a wide and reasonable range of entries to judge, his magazine thereby being not the dialogue of a few uncontested wits, but the genuine, vital expression of one certain talent which all boys of the School possess to some degree. When a boy becomes uneasy about contributing to the magazine because he feels that somehow his work, either serious or humorous, would thereby be slighted or earn an unsympathetic and disheartening kind of regard for which he has a natural wariness, this is made impossible. Yet if enough of the School held the actual contribution of original matter as something more than the duty of the "intellectuals," or the frequent fools who step in where the more apathetic angels fear to tread, the magazine's original entries could begin to become a real and organic part of school activity, instead of something to fill in the back pages and to produce some laughs, intentionally or not.

Editorials are, it must be admitted, like obituaries, inevitable and necessary, and at the same time extraordinarily and disproportionately difficult to compose. But an editor with a magazine including more than the airy imagination, wishful thinking and other varied incantations frequenting the House Reports, the Favorites' ungainly abandon, and the sometimes inordinate hilarity of disenchanted and disillusioned secretaries, may begin his prologue of hatchet-faced facts, his cavalry charge of moral observations with at least some hope that the magazine will not suffer from not being taken seriously.

It has been claimed that the disinterested tolerance with which many boys now view the idea of submitting their own work is largely due to the fact that all boys now receive and take for granted free schooling, and thus do not regard the School's magazine as anything to be taken seriously or held in any active semblance of respect. That we are destroying a valuable tradition may or may not be true. But although no one would really object if a boy was unwilling to contribute because of a genuine feeling of inadequacy or unsuitability, we must surely expect that if the magazine is to justify its existence as more than a reiteration of results and automatic praise and blame, boys

from all forms, within each range of ability and potential, ought to show more actual, material interest in its construction. This is not at present the case. No one expects a conversation of prodigious poets, prose writers and humorists, but a real and reasonable portrait of the original thought, wit, and talent of the School, admitting not only its faults, but its values.

SCHOOL NOTES

Progress on the School's extension has been better than was expected and the completion date has been advanced by about six months. At the time of our going to press the shell of the laboratory block had been finished some time and most of the structure for the gymnasium and dining room had been done. There remains, of course, a good deal of equipping and fitting to do, but we expect to be using some of our new accommodation before the end of the Winter Term.

The annual Founder's Day service was held at the Parish Church on Saturday, 7th June, when the preacher was the Rev. D. E. Marrs, Vicar of St. Jude's. The weather was poor but there was quite a number of friends and parents in the congregation.

We bid farewell to Mr. J. Peters and Mr. J. Thingee, who have left the staff. Mr. Peters is taking up a post at Wellington High School, Shropshire, and Mr. Thingee is returning to Durham University to continue his mathematical studies. We wish them all happiness and success in their new courses. In their places have been appointed Mr. Hunter and Mr. Herring, to whom we offer a very hearty welcome.

Our congratulations are proffered to C. J. Barlow on winning an Open Exhibition in English at Emmanuel College, Cambridge; to J. A. Elliott on a Dalton Hall Scholarship at Manchester University, and to J. D. Broadley, F. P. Mallinder and G. R. Tillotson who were awarded State Scholarships on the results of the 1957 G.C.E.

We are most grateful for the kindness of the late Dr. Frederick Clegg, formerly Medical Officer of Health for Elland, who died on 24th November, 1957. In his will he left £100 to the governing body of Heath Grammar School, Halifax, the income to be used for awarding an annual prize to the pupil in the Fifth Form of the School who attains the highest place in science, such prize to be known as 'the Frederick Clegg Prize'.

Fr. Whitnall of the Community of the Resurrection visited the School on Friday, 7th March, and spoke to the Lower Sixth Form on his experiences in South Africa.

Heath Grammar School Scouts hit the headlines on 14th April, 1958, when G. Shaw and A. Stansfield, members of a party of the Troop on a walking and camping holiday, rescued a couple from drowning in Lake Windermere.

The Parents' Association and the School Clubs were associated in a new venture to raise money for the latter body on Thursday, 23rd January, when a "Bring and Buy" sale was held at the School. Parents and Prefects manned the stalls which included a number of interesting competitions. Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the auction sale which closed the proceedings. The auctioneer, perched on a table, coped very successfully with a rather noisy circle of bidders (?) and disposed of a variety of unlikely objects. The considerable efforts of all those who took part in the arranging and running of it brought the affair great success and are much appreciated. We understand that they felt it had all been very worth-while.

SCHOOL CLUB, 1957-58

In the Treasurer's Report for the year 1956-57 expenditure by the Club showed a rise from £220 to £272, but at the Annual General Meeting it was decided to maintain the subscription at its present level of 8/- per annum and to seek to augment funds by other means, in order that the Club might carry out its usual commitments. To this end a "Bring and Buy" sale, proposed by the Headmaster, and most ably managed by members of the Parents' Association, was held, and was notably successful, realizing approximately £120. Warm thanks are extended to all those who assisted in this venture.

OFFICERS 1957-58

President	THE HEADMASTER
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SPECIAL OFFICERS 1957-58

Rugby	..	Captain, R. S. Lee ; Vice-Captain, S. D. Watkin ; Secretary, W. M. Bussey.
Fives	..	Captain, K. M. Short ; Vice-Captain and Secretary, G. P. Smith.
Swimming	..	Secretary, A. J. Coward.
Cricket	..	Captain, R. S. Lee ; Vice-Captain, B. Kerfoot ; Secretary, K. Spensley.

SPEECH DAY

On Thursday, 28th November, 1957, in the presence of his Worship the Mayor, the Mayoress, Governors, and a limited selection of parents, the Chairman of the Governors, Counc. W. E. Horsley, LL.B., opened the proceedings at 3.5 p.m. by explaining that Speech Day this year was necessarily to be an expurgated edition on account of the building operations. Mr. Horsley advised the company that he and his fellow speakers had been asked, though not ordered, by the Headmaster to keep speeches short, and continued by referring to the outstanding achievement of the year, the G.C.E. results, which had been remarkable; three State Scholarships and thirteen Borough Awards had been gained. After congratulating the Staff for producing this display he regretfully explained that he had reached his time limit.

The Headmaster began his report by repeating the apology for the austerity of this year's Speech Day which was "almost without speeches". He was somewhat surprisingly able to admit his delight in the fulfilment of last year's optimism over the building project but lamented that the tempo of reconstruction had hardly kept up with our early enthusiasm. Nevertheless

"In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly!
but Westward, look, the land is bright."

Illustrating the effects of the new building on science, teaching, gymnastics and dinners, he proceeded to thank the builders for their comparative silence during the speeches, and remarked on their notable willingness to stop work altogether when necessary.

Mr. Swale then reinforced Mr. Horsley's praise of the Ordinary and Advanced level examination results, of which the latter were unusually good. Fifteen distinctions represent a very high all round achievement, 58 per cent of last year's Fifth Form remaining in the Sixth, and one-third of the Upper Sixth staying for the valuable third year.

Two changes in the Staff had taken place since last year, Mr. Bottomley and Mr. Bain being replaced by Mr. Mawson and Mr. Mackey, and again, as usual many Senior Boys had been lost. Then, to some several rows of blankly amazed faces, many exhibiting pure disbelief, he publicly thanked the Prefects, especially the Form Prefects, for their help and interest in the School.

The School's sporting activities this year had been "modestly satisfactory," and five new records had been set up in the Inter-Grammar School sports, Heath winning seven events. The Headmaster also congratulated J. P. Horrocks-Taylor for his success and triumph in Rugby at Cambridge. Ending on an optimistic note, he reported the Classical Society's continued success and influence on the School, obvious in its entry into the Public Speaking of Latin verse at Leeds and the choice of "Antigone" for last year's play.

At only 3.20, Alderman Mary Pickles, Chairman of the Halifax Education Committee, rose, and immediately set to by embarrassing Mr. Horsley, who, she revealed, had advised her that three minutes was a reasonable limit for her speech. She pointed out that the "make-do and mend" environment of the last year had apparently not affected the performance of the boys present, and that despite the disadvantages, the School would ultimately emerge bigger and better. The steel, she reported, which was promised for November, had still not arrived; perhaps modern architectural processes can overcome this minor administrative oversight.

Thanking the Headmaster for his report she spoke on the uniqueness and challenge of the age in which we live, an age whose science is already speaking in terms of man on the moon. Cultural pursuits, she said, should supplement this science, and, making the most of her own incomplete opportunity in the shortened Speech Day, pointed out that the wise man makes his hay while the grass grows under other people's feet.

After an epilogue of votes of thanks and leg-pulling between the Mayor and Mr. Horsley, Mr. Horsley thanked Alderman Pickles and the unnaturally brief proceedings ended at 4 p.m.

PRIZE WINNERS

1A.	1st Prize	..	..	..	..	C. Gledhill
	2nd	..	..	..	..	C. Holmes
1B.	1st	..	..	..	..	A. C. Dawrant
	2nd	..	..	..	..	D. J. Swift

SECOND FORMS

English, History and Geography	..	..	P. M. J. Aspinall (2B)
Languages	..	..	P. A. Robinson (2A)
Mathematics and Science	..	..	R. A. Booth (2A)

THIRD FORMS

English and History	..	..	..	D. R. Nelson (3B)
Geography	..	..	..	J. Firth (3A)
				J. I. McCarroll (3A)
Languages	..	..	..	D. R. Nelson (3B)
Mathematics and Science	..	..	..	D. R. Nelson (3B)
Art	..	..	..	H. S. Greenwood (3A)

FOURTH FORMS

English and History	..	..	..	G. S. Gledhill (4B)
Geography	..	..	..	J. Greenwood (4A)
Languages	..	..	..	D. S. Hollas (4A)
Mathematics and Science	..	..	..	D. S. Hollas (4A)
Art	..	..	..	A. R. Graydon (4A)
"Young" Oral French	..	..	..	D. S. Hollas (4A)

FIFTH FORMS

Classics	R. F. Wilson
English	D. S. Millward
History	D. S. Millward
Geography (Junior "Dudley" Prize) ..	R. M. Oates
Modern Languages	J. S. Hoyle
Mathematics	G. Fogg
Science	M. Broadbent
Art	J. E. Horrocks

LOWER SIXTH FORMS

"W. E. HORSLEY" Prizes for :

Classics	No Award
English	No Award
History	D. N. Carter
Modern Languages	No Award
Chemistry	D. W. North
Physics	K. M. Short
Mathematics	K. M. Short
Art	No Award

UPPER SIXTH FORMS

"Reith" Classical Prize	D. P. Nestor
"Treacy" English Prize	C. J. Barlow
"The Mayor's" History Prize	M. A. Kirkbright
Senior "Dudley" Geography Prize ..	D. Hallett
"Stocks" Modern Language Prize ..	T. W. Sutcliffe
"Rouse" Chemistry Prize	R. Watling
"Laycock" Physics Prize	D. M. Herbert
"Horrocks-Taylor" Maths. Prize ..	J. D. Broadley
"Peel" Art Prize	C. J. Barlow

SPECIAL PRIZES

UPPER SIXTH FORM PRIZES	G. R. Tillotson
	F. P. Mallinder

"TREACY" SCRIPTURE PRIZES

Sixth Form	F. P. Mallinder
Fifth Form	C. R. Wilkinson
4A	B. K. Collins and J. Hainsworth
4B	G. S. Gledhill
3A	J. P. Blackburn
3B	D. R. Nelson
2A	M. A. Shannon
2B	H. Blakebrough
1A	C. Gledhill
1B	A. C. Dawrant

"SMITH" READING PRIZES

Upper School	G. Fogg
Middle School	G. S. Gledhill
Lower School	A. C. Dawrant
PREFECTS' READING PRIZE	G. R. Tillotson
"BOTTOMLEY" PRIZES	T. Rees

	P. K. Jubb
	M. Broadbent
	D. J. Brittain
	R. P. Bond
"FIELDEN" WOODWORK PRIZE	K. Spensley
"MAUTNER" BIOLOGY PRIZE	R. Watling
LATIN READING PRIZES	D. P. Nestor

	D. R. Nelson
First Forms	A. M. Webster
"SHOESMITH" HISTORICAL ESSAY PRIZE ..	R. W. J. Austin
"E. M. HORSLEY" CHORAL MUSIC PRIZE ..	D. P. Nestor
	R. D. Horner
"WITHAM" INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PRIZE ..	J. R. Crossley
"A. H. STOCKS MEMORIAL" PRIZE	F. P. Mallinder
"HEATH OLD BOYS' ATHLETE'S" PRIZE ..	No Award

"C. E. FOX" PRIZE

P. N. BRIER

KING'S HOUSE REPORT

Let us make no bones about it ; this has been a highly unsuccessful year for King's House. We are almost as low down on Championship points as it is possible to be. We have, however, been saved from complete disgrace. Our outstanding success of the year was the intermediate relay at the Swimming Sports, in which our team of Macdonald, Smelt, Travis and Robinson put up a truly magnificent show, not only smashing the intermediate record by seven seconds, but also breaking (unofficially) the senior record by four seconds. They all have our heartiest congratulations.

Our Rugby teams also put up a hard fight, and played some extremely good football, although the nearest we came to victory was a 9-9 draw by the Juniors against School House.

Our congratulations are due to D. Mallinder, who finished third in the Cross-Country; the House Team also finished third, but judging by the potentialities of our team as a whole we could have done better with just a little more effort.

We found ourselves to be the weakest House of the four at Cricket, Athletics, Chess, and Fives, besides Rugby (including the Dixon Sevens); quite an ignominious array. The reason, you might say, is obvious. We are suffering from an acute shortage of Sixth Formers, who normally carry the House along. That is probably a major cause ;

but the body of the House has this year been far too content to accept an explanation, and leave it at that. Admittedly, the deficiency is difficult to remedy; and not everyone is a good sportsman or a chess brain. But that is not our main trouble. The chief disappointment this year has been the general lack of loyalty to the House. This is exemplified by the heats of the Athletic Sports: quite a few of our competitors did not turn up for their heats, the excuse being in almost all cases that they forgot. Lack of loyalty is what should worry us, and that can be quickly remedied. Let us make sure that next year it will be.

To conclude on a happier note, our entries for the Bentley Cup gained for us second place. We had several more entries than last year—notably from the Lower School, though had we had more from the Upper School we might have secured the Cup.

Next year must see more effort. King's House can do better than this.

J.A.E.

SCHOOL HOUSE

This year we have had reasonable success in the House Championship. I am sure, with a little more combined effort, that we could have been champions. As usual the good name of the House has been upheld by a small minority, who had they had the support of just a few more enthusiasts would have put us in our rightful place as first house.

As usual we did well in the Rugby, Cricket and Fives, although possibly this was due to the large number of first and second team men we have in the House. We also came top in the Athletics, and I must congratulate G. P. Smith on once again being Victor Ludorum.

Only last year B. Armitage, the House Captain, appealed to the House members for an increase in the Bentley Cup entries. This year we came first, and I must congratulate the House on this splendid performance, especially Barlow, without whom we would probably be in our customary last position.

In the House Chess competition we did reasonably well, gaining second place, but we really must try harder in the swimming and cross-country. The swimming would certainly benefit from more competitors, and a little more keenness in the cross-country would help considerably. If we can improve our positions in these two events I am sure the House will once again be on top.

R.S.L.

HEATH HOUSE REPORT

It would have been an impossible task to outshine the success of last year when we won five championship cups, yet although an anti-climax was anticipated, the final result was rather disappointing. It was quite disheartening to lose the Swimming Cup, which the House had held by united efforts for the last seven years—a school lifetime!

After that, last year's maxim "non sibi sed domo" seemed to have abandoned the House. The Senior rugby team won two of their matches under the able leadership of Ward, who brought honours to the House by representing the Yorkshire Schoolboys' XV against Wales. The Junior team, however, was not so strong and the House was finally placed third.

In spite of much encouragement the House as a whole was content to take second and third places in the other events until both Junior and Senior teams responded to an all out effort and won the Seven-a-Side's Cup in magnificent style. Broughton in the Juniors, and Ward and Wilson proved to be enthusiastic leaders in most sporting activities but support miserably failed them. Finally, when we could have finished second in the House Championship, when only a few points separated us from Queen's, instead of everyone putting in an entry for the Bentley Cup we looked to the other chap to do all the work, and so took third place despite the Housemaster's threats.

This has been disappointing, Heathens! When conversing with Old Heathens the House's position is always predominant. Therefore, Heathens, go to it next year and as a parting request, put the House in its rightful position—first!

Valete.

A.J.C.

QUEEN'S HOUSE

For the first time for six years Queen's have won the House Championship and it is an achievement of which every member of the House can be justly proud. By observation of the table of results it will be seen that we won four cups, were second in three events and finished third in the other two. Consistency is the way to retain the trophy next year, for it was without the least doubt consistency which put us at the top. The Intermediates and Juniors did most of the hard work and won most of the honours and the Seniors are not unappreciative of their fine performances in the Cross-Country, Swimming and Cricket. The Seniors did their best without great success, but now, with such able and willing successors coming along, Queen's can look forward to a future that, we hope, will be the best for some considerable time. Despite our success there is still room for improvement and every single member of the House can find something to do in one or another of the events. A few members are still letting the House down by not taking any interest in anything that the House does. With their help Queen's can keep the trophy where we believe it belongs—with Queen's! Let us see that happens next year!

B.K.

RUGBY, 1957-58

With only four vacant positions left from the previous year, a good season was anticipated: Boldy and Bussey filled the left centre and wing berths, and after many changes, Herbert and D. Mallinder secured their places in the pack.

For many years there have been woeful tales in this column of weak Heath packs. This season, however, the pack has been noticeably stronger, only being beaten once, by Q.E.G.S., when it was going through an experimental stage, the two props, Smith and Coward, filling the wing-forward positions, for which they were too slow and heavy. Creditable victories were scored; the mighty Keighley pack were defeated and the Hemsworth eight suffered their only setback this season against us. Smith led the pack with his usual gusto, and was ably helped by Milner, Coward, and Collins.

A strong pack in front, Ward and Wilson had a much easier task than last year, and had ample opportunity to show their attacking powers, much to the discomfort of the opposition. Wilson was an excellent link and the three-quarters saw more of the ball than in previous seasons, and managed to give all opposition a hard time. Lee was a tower of strength throughout, a hard-running, strong-tackling centre, always looking for the half-opening.

The School were again undefeated at home, having among their victims a powerful Duke of Wellington's Regiment XV containing many Rugby League players. However, the touchlines at Kensington were in their usual naked state, and except for a slight increase in staff support the attendances were disappointing for a team which always endeavoured to play an open game.

The First XV losing only two games (the long lay-off after Christmas can be blamed for one of them) and drawing two, ended the season with an admirable record.

The Second XV, along with the Under 15 XV, met with mixed success, while the Juniors were all-conquering, with Broughton developing into a very useful player.

The School supplied seven representatives for the Halifax team which beat Bradford on Boxing Day; they were Lee, Watkin, Ward, Bussey, Smith, Coward and Collins. From these, Lee, Watkin, Ward and Bussey were selected to play in the County Trial at Kirkstall, and finally Lee, Ward and Bussey were chosen for the Yorkshire Schoolboys' XV which was beaten in Newport by Wales.

The team would like to thank Mr. Birchall for his untiring efforts and tolerance, Fogg for his services as touch judge, and also Walton for being the only loyal Kensington supporter.

Colours.—1st XV: W. M. Bussey, J. G. Milner, R. Collins, D. Herbert. Re-affirmed: J. H. Payne, S. D. Watkin, R. S. Lee, D. Wilson, T. Ward, G. P. Smith, A. J. Coward.

Colts: R. C. Broughton, J. E. Hoyle, J. A. Eddleston, I. P. Booth, G. M. Strickland, G. V. Drake, A. J. Weston, C. J. Peckett, R. W. Lyon, A. R. Wilkinson, J. English, M. Miller.



THE "ILKLEY" CUP 1958

Photograph: R. M. Gates, L.V.I.

ANALYSIS FOR SEASON 1957-58

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
First XV	15	11	2	2	225	72
Second XV	13	7	0	6	134	108
Under 16 XV	1	1	0	0	8	0
Under 15 XV	12	2	1	9	65	212
Under 14 XV	10	10	0	0	251	25
Under 13 XV	5	2	2	1	33	27
Totals	56	33	5	18	716	454

W.M.B.

ILKLEY SEVENS TOURNAMENT, 1958

Competition for places this year was very keen and our supporters, more numerous than ever, braved the customary deluges highly confident of the team's success. The School Seven: Lee (Capt.), Watkin, Bussey, Ward, Smith, Milner, Coward, although a comparatively small, light team, proved to be a very fit and fast one in which the high individual talents (the "backs" all having been chosen to represent Yorkshire Schools XV) had been welded into a brilliant combination.

In the first round the School team proved too fast for their opponents, Archbishop Holgate's, whom they defeated 11-0 with tries by Watkin and Bussey (2) and a conversion by Smith. The next round was played on the smaller number two pitch against Roundhay, who had defeated Crossley's in their previous game. The School took an early lead when Lee made a beautiful break through to score near the posts for an easy conversion, and played the rest of the game on the defensive, using the wind well to alleviate the Roundhay pressure which produced some uneasy moments but no score.

In the third round the School once again attacked strongly and from a handling movement Watkin took a high pass to score wide out. The School forwards monopolised possession of scrums and line-outs, and Ward, with a blind-side break, outpaced the opposition down the touchline to score, Smith's conversion giving us an 8 point lead at half-time. Lee pursued a similar policy to the two previous rounds, conserving the team's strength by judicious kicking once a substantial lead had been obtained, but a third try was snatched by Lee to give the School a 13-0 victory.

In the semi-final the opposition, Hemsworth G.S., was looked upon as a stiffer test for our team but were found to be inferior in speed and football ability, the School passing into the final with two good tries by Watkin and Bussey, a brilliant kick through and touch-down by Ward, two conversions, and a penalty attempt that hit the crossbar by Smith.

Our opponents in the final, West Hartlepoons, had trounced the favourites, Queen Elizabeth's, Wakefield, by 21—0 in the third round and, after playing extra time in the semi-final, were obviously too tired to cope with the Heath team, which displayed remarkable stamina in the very soft, tiring conditions. A passing movement swept from left to right and back again for Watkin to outpace the cover and score. Smith converted and landed a good penalty goal to give the School an 8—0 advantage at half-time. For the first time Heath played at top pressure, giving their opponents no respite—Bussey eventually finding the way through by jinking to draw all the defence, Watkin taking his pass to run in unopposed, Smith kicking a wonderful conversion to give the School a 13—0 victory.

The School Seven had played strong, exciting Rugby throughout having no weak link, the hard-working trio of Coward, Milner and Smith providing their exceptionally fast backs with a plentiful supply of the ball and a sound cover-defence. The achievement of passing through the tournament without giving away a point, the only team to have done so, is a fitting testament to the class and standard of the side.

J.H.P.

THE SUTCLIFFE CUP

The Sutcliffe Cup Tournament was held this year at the Old Boys' ground, West Vale. Heath were unable to field the same seven as at Ilkley due to an injury to their captain and full-back, R. S. Lee. The captaincy was taken over by S. D. Watkin, J. H. Payne coming into the team as full-back.

In the first round Heath met a team from the Y.M.C.A. in Huddersfield. The School Seven, using orthodox passing movements, gave Watkin a good supply of the ball. They were never troubled by the Y.M.C.A. attack and won comfortably by 14—0.

On the following evening, Heath were opposed by last year's winners, Huddersfield. A. J. Coward was injured in the first round match, his place being taken by R. Collins for the remainder of the tournament. This was a much harder game for Heath, but their greater fitness and superior tactical play resulted in a justified 8—3 win.

In the semi-final Heath met the Old Boys, who had played well on the previous evening to vanquish the Old Crossleyan Seven. Both teams played fast open football throughout and it was therefore an excellent game to watch. The Old Boys' forwards gave a good account of themselves in the loose but their backs were not quite fast enough to contain the School backs. Heath scored two fine tries by Watkin and Bussey, winning by 8—0, and so advanced into the final in which they made their third consecutive appearance.

The School's opponents in the final were the favourites, a very strong seven from the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Heath were forced on to the defensive throughout the majority of the game. But

it was none the less exciting as Heath twice took the lead and with scarcely a minute to full time were sharing 12 points with the Dukes. Then came the winning try as the School's cover defence failed for the first time. Saville converted the try to make the final score 11—6.

The Duke's team were undoubtedly worthy winners but full credit must go to the School Seven for holding so powerful a team so well.

D.M.H.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

At last, this sport is receiving the respect, enthusiasm and interest which it deserves. There can be no dispute that this is the oldest sport in the world. This sort of running requires the same stamina as is needed in a game of Rugby, but one does not usually suffer many accidents (unless one happens to slip on the canal bank down at Calder, or try to run through barbed wire fences).

Enthusiasm was fired by Mr. A. Wortley, an Oxford graduate, who helped organize a semi-official race between ourselves, Crossley and Porter's, and Calder, and then another, away, against Calder. It should be mentioned at this point that all through the season all runners were volunteers, though the "just for a lark" attitude soon made way for keenness. An official return match against Calder, with an Intermediate and Senior race later on in the term was won by one point, the Intermediates pulling the School through.

In January, the School entered for the first time the Halifax and District Cross-Country Championships. Running against crack club teams from the West Riding (they must have been cracked to come running in those conditions: three inches of snow and the temperature just about at freezing!), they acquitted themselves fairly well, though if both teams could have worn spikes they would have done decidedly better.

After a trial race, Kenyon, Marney, Smith, and Standeven, among others, were selected to represent Halifax in the Yorkshire Schools' Championships at Leeds. In the latter, Smith ran very well, as indeed did Marney, but Kenyon failed to reach the position expected of him. Standeven also did well, and helped Halifax to win the senior race, while Smith was selected as a Yorkshire reserve.

In the Inter-Grammar School Championships the Intermediates again did very well, winning the title by a clear eleven points from Crossley's. They might have done even better and placed their six counters in the first ten if certain boys had stirred themselves and run in the trials. The Senior team did moderately well. Hitchen, Kenyon and Smith ran for Halifax in the Yorkshire Youth Organisation's Championships and ran well against much older boys.

The School Cross-Country was held in perfect conditions and was won by Marney of School House by some fifty yards. At the top of Manor Heath, D. Mallinder, leading a bunch of runners which included

Marney, Tatham and Smith, held first position until after the long descent into Copley Wood. By the time the field had come to Copley Hill, the runners were well spread out after the first five, despite good running conditions. This first group, however, kept together until the finish, Ward and Kenyon being unable successfully to threaten the first three, Marney, Smith and Mallinder.

The Bilborough Trophy (House Team) was won by Queen's. It augurs well for the future that three out of the first five, Marney, Smith and Kenyon, were Fourth formers.

RESULTS

Halifax and District's Cross-Country

Boys: 27, P. Sutcliffe; 39, H. W. Smith; 42, J. P. C. Kenyon; 49, B. R. Marney. Team, 9th.

Youths: 26, G. M. Hitchen; 37, J. Standeven; 37, W. A. Cook; 40, B. Ingle. Team, 7th.

Inter-Grammar Schools' Cross-Country

3, H. W. Smith; 4, J. P. C. Kenyon; 6, D. C. Adams; 7, J. E. Hoyle; 15, R. G. Fox; 21, B. Crowther. Team, 1st.

J.P.C.K.

CRICKET, 1958

With last year's team still available, it was expected that the 1st XI would have a successful season. Instead, it has proved to be the worst season for many years, only one match being won. The side for the opening match was weakened by the calls of Rugby, and Whitcliffe Mount G.S. won by six wickets.

Rugby having finally finished, the team was at full strength for its game against Calder High School. The School team batted first and were all out for 24, the highest score being "extras" with six.

After three matches had been cancelled, the team scored a very good win over Rothwell G.S. G. P. Smith being undefeated at 53 when the innings was declared at 129 for five wickets. Rothwell in reply scored 80.

The team then lost in the four remaining matches. Kerfoot struck good form and had an innings of 34 against Crossley's, who won by six wickets. He followed up this score with 46 against a very powerful Duke of Wellington's XI who also won by six wickets.

After totals of over a hundred in the two previous matches the team only scored 42 in reply to 73 by Whitcliffe Mount G.S. and lost by 31 runs.

The team then suffered their second eight wicket defeat of the season against Woodhouse Grove School in the final match.

The Second XI, with a changed team for every match, has done well to win two of its matches, two being lost and the other drawn.

The batting has been adequate, with Shaw the most successful run scorer. The opening bowlers have not had accurate support from the change bowlers, nor from the fielding, which has lacked anticipation, but experience will eradicate this.

The Colts XI have played four matches, one of which was won, the others being lost.

Colours.—1st XI: Lee, Kerfoot, J. G. Milner, Sheard (renewed), G. P. Smith.

Colts XI: Broughton, Peckett, Strickland, Brittain.

CRICKET, 1958

April.	1st XI v. Calder High School	Away	Lost
"	2nd XI v. Thornton 1st XI	Home	Lost
"	Under 14 XI v. Thornton 1st XI	Away	Won
May.	1st XI v. Keighley G.S.	Home	Cancelled
"	2nd XI v. Keighley G.S.	Away	Cancelled
"	Under 14 XI v. Sowerby Bridge G.S.	Away	Cancelled
"	1st XI v. Almondbury G.S.	Away	Cancelled
"	1st XI v. Sowerby Bridge G.S.	Away	Cancelled
"	Under 14 XI v. Sowerby Bridge G.S.	Home	Cancelled
"	2nd XI v. R.A.O.C.	Home	Cancelled
"	1st XI v. Rothwell G.S.	Away	Won
"	2nd XI v. Junior Technical College	Away	Cancelled
June.	1st XI v. Crossley and Porter's	Home	Lost
"	Under 14 XI v. Calder High School	Away	Lost
"	2nd XI v. Bradford G.S. 3rd XI	Away	Lost
"	1st XI v. Whitcliffe Mount	Away	Lost
"	1st XI v. Rishworth	Home	Cancelled
"	2nd XI v. Rishworth	Away	Cancelled
"	Under 14 XI v. Rishworth	Home	Cancelled
"	1st XI v. Duke of Wellington's Regt.	Away	Lost
"	2nd XI v. Whitcliffe Mount	Away	Won
"	1st XI v. Woodhouse Grove	Home	Lost
"	2nd XI v. Woodhouse Grove	Away	Won
"	Under 14 XI v. Woodhouse Grove	Home	Lost
"	Under 14 XI v. Calder High School	Home	Lost
"	2nd XI v. Crossley and Porter's	Home	Drawn

FIVES REPORT

The season 1957-58 has not been very successful for the Fives Club, since out of 10 played, only three were won, and six lost, while one match, drawn in games, was a win on points for Heath.

The team, which remained quite constant except when its members were called away for the needs of Rugby, was expected to do well, since of the four regular players (Short, Smith, G. P., Turner, J. D., and Wilson, J. S.) the first three had played regularly in the previous

year, but the opposition which came mainly from Universities and older and more experienced players, proved generally to be too good. The season opened in a blaze of glory with victories over Dalton Hall and Crossley's. This gave great cause for elation since it was the first victory for many years over the school "up the road," but as the season progressed the rot set in. We met strong teams from the Old Boys, Leeds University, Durham and Manchester, and were decisively beaten by each of these. Our fortunes continued to wane, but finally we registered a fine win over the Old Boys which cheered us once again for next season when Short, Smith and Wilson will still be available.

Many combinations were tried but the prevalent pairing was Short and Wilson, while Smith and Turner played together. Andrews and Graydon provided the reserve strength and both played quite satisfactorily in their matches although they tended to be erratic.

Short, K. M.—A fine captain, the most brilliant player in the School, has equal strength and skill in both hands. Having played for three years, he was awarded colours.

Turner, J. D.—An excellent, young left-hander, a player of great natural ability but has unfortunately to leave this year.

Wilson, J. S.—Next year's secretary, a new-comer to the team who blended well and became a very useful player. Should do well in coming years.

Smith, G. P.—A good vice-captain and secretary, strong right hand but inclined to be rather erratic.

Throughout the School there has been something of a revival of this great game of Fives and there has been enthusiasm shown in the lower forms especially. It is to be hoped, however, that this enthusiasm of these prospective first team players will not flag.

In the House Competition School ran out the winners, beating Heath in the final.

Thanks, once more, to Messrs. Haigh, Birchall and Littlefair for their supervision and interest.

RESULTS

Crossley and Porter	Won	9-3
Dalton Hall	Won	8-4
Heath O.B.	Lost	11-1
Sheffield University	Lost	7-5
Manchester University	Lost	8-4
Durham University	Lost	10-2
Leeds University	Lost	10-2
Crossley and Porter	Lost	11-1
Manchester University	Drawn	6-6
Heath O.B.	Won	10-2

G. P. SMITH.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

The Annual School Sports were held on Friday, 30th May, in more or less neutral weather conditions, the expected torrential rain which has lately become something to be expected holding off successfully. After the early events, held on the preceding days, had been decided, School House entered the sports with 91 points, a lead from Queen's (86) which was slightly smaller than had been expected by some. By the eighth event of the afternoon, however, School had increased this lead considerably in the Seniors and, despite vacillations in the Juniors, retained the overall lead right to the end.

In the Seniors, as in the Juniors and Intermediates, there was a high quality of competitive spirit, although this produced only one new record, 47.9 seconds by the School Senior Relay team. Indeed, the only other new record of the afternoon was made, perhaps significantly, in the First Forms 80 yards, won by B. Jackson (King's), who promises to be a useful athlete in future years.

As outstanding in the Seniors as last year was G. P. Smith, who gained both the Victor Ludorum and the Connal Trophy for field events, but who nevertheless did not threaten any of the field event records, or even lower his own record for the javelin. S. Hiley and J. H. Payne in those field and jumping events held before Friday were less successful, perhaps, but equally notable.

In the more popular and dramatic running events, especially in the Senior 440, 220, 100 yards and the mile, Bussey and Watkin were outstanding; Watkin winning the Dalzell Trophy for the 100 yards and Bussey the Balmforth Cup for the 440. Even more than either, however, D. Mallinder excelled himself and fulfilled the promise he showed in earlier years by gaining both the Dudley Trophy for the Senior Mile, and the Fifth Form Cup. Although, again, his time did not approach the record, Mallinder won the mile with remarkable ease and confidence from T. Ward and G. M. Hitchen.

Another athlete who succeeded in retaining his former pre-dominance was R. Broughton, who won the Intermediate 220, 440 yards and the Beaufort Bronze for the Intermediate 880 yards. An Intermediate somewhat overshadowed by this was J. A. Eddleston, who won the Intermediate 100 yards and was three times placed in other events, including the Intermediate shot. Runners-up such as he often go unnoticed or unmentioned when set beside the more outstanding competitors.

With B. Jackson, among the Juniors the most notable figure was M. J. Griffiths, who won the Kiddle Trophy for the Junior 440 yards and the Junior Victor Ludorum. In common with the other competitors throughout the day, his times were short of the record for his events by several seconds. Whether or not it is a good thing to judge only by stop watch performance I do not know; among his fellow runners, however, he was certainly outstanding.

The sports ended with the three relay events, once again the real climax of interest and tension in the afternoon. Despite King's disqualifications in the Intermediates, it was School's magnificent team work in the Senior which held everyone's attention, gained a convincing win and established a new record.

Despite being confronted by an assortment of "ferocious hair-do's," Mrs. W. R. Swale presented the prizes on Saturday morning.

RESULTS AND TROPHIES

SENIOR

100 Yards—S. D. Watkin (S), 10.8 secs.
 220 Yards—W. M. Bussey (S), 23.8 secs.
 440 Yards—W. M. Bussey (S), 53.6 secs.
 880 Yards—D. Mallinder (K), 2 min. 18.2 secs.
 One Mile—D. Mallinder (K), 4 min. 49.3 secs.
 110 Yards Hurdles—D. S. Hollas (S), 15.7 secs.
 High Jump—S. Hiley (S), 4 ft. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.
 Long Jump—J. H. Payne (S), 18 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.
 Hop, Step and Jump—S. Hiley (S), 37 ft. 7 in.
 Putting the Shot—G. P. Smith (S), 36 ft. 7 in.
 Discus—G. P. Smith (S), 124 ft. 10 in.
 Javelin—G. P. Smith (S), 139 ft. 8 in.
 Relay—1, School; 2, Heath; 3, Queen's. 47.9 secs. (Record).

INTERMEDIATE

100 Yards—J. A. Eddleston (Q), 12 secs.
 220 Yards—R. Broughton (H), 25.4 secs.
 440 Yards—R. Broughton (H), 60.2 secs.
 880 Yards—R. Broughton (H), 2 min. 20 secs.
 110 Yards Hurdles—G. M. Strickland (Q), 19.4 secs.
 Long Jump—N. A. Small (Q), 15 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
 High Jump—A. R. Wilkinson (Q), 4 ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.
 Hop, Step and Jump—R. F. Eastwood (Q), 33 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
 Shot—D. L. MacDonald (K), 38 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
 Javelin—D. Nuttall (K), 83 ft. 5 in.
 Relay—1, Queen's; 2, School; 3, Heath. King's disqualified.
 53 secs.

JUNIOR

100 Yards—B. Jackson (K), 12.6 secs.
 200 Yards—M. J. Griffiths (H), 28 secs.
 440 Yards—M. J. Griffiths (H), 65 secs.
 Long Jump—M. J. Griffiths (H), 13 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
 High Jump—C. Holmes (S), D. Backhouse (H), 4 ft.
 Hop, Step and Jump—M. J. Griffiths (H), 28 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
 Cricket Ball—J. Helliwell (S), 54 yards 2 ft. 1 in.
 Relay—1, School; 2, Heath; 3, Queen's. 59 secs.

FIRST FORMS

80 Yards—B. Jackson (K), 10.4 (Record)
 170 Yards—B. Jackson (K), 22.5 secs.
 Long Jump—B. Jackson (K), 13 ft. 7 in.
 High Jump—J. Crossfield (S), 3 ft. 10 in.

SENIOR.—Victor Ludorum, G. P. Smith; Connal Trophy for Field Events, G. P. Smith; McDonald Trophy, S. Hiley; Fifth Form Cup, D. Mallinder; Dalzell Trophy, S. D. Watkin; Dudley Trophy (Mile), D. Mallinder; Balmforth Cup, W. M. Bussey; Capener Trophy (Relay), School House.

INTERMEDIATE.—Beaufort Bronze, R. Broughton.

JUNIOR.—Kiddle Trophy, M. J. Griffiths; Victor Ludorum, M. J. Griffiths.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.—1, School; 2, Queen's; 3, Heath; 4, King's.

JUNIOR HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.—1, School; 2, Heath; 3, Queen's; 4, King's.

INTER-GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS, 1958

First I must congratulate Jackson and Bussey on setting up new records for the 100, Under 13, and the Senior 440 respectively; also the other Heath winners, Watkin, Lee, Payne, Smith and Broughton.

In the jumping events held at Crossley's on the Monday previous to the sports, we put up a rather disappointing performance. Payne won the Senior Long Jump, and we gained five fourth places, a total of 9 points, compared with Crossley's 25.

The afternoon of the sports kept fine, though appeared to be about to break on one or two occasions, dark clouds lowering over us for much of the time.

The first events were the relays, which unfortunately have been removed from their rightful position of climax. In these events we started off well, gaining two seconds and a first, though not as well as Crossley's who gained a second and two firsts. The Juniors and Intermediates came second in their relays, the result of fine running hampered somewhat by rather slow handing over.

The Senior Relay was won by Watkin, Lee, Bussey and Weston in such fine style that by the time Weston came into the straight of the last leg there was nobody to touch him—a grand team effort.

The senior events now proceeded as happily as they had begun, Heath winning the 100, 220, 440 Hurdles, Javelin and Discus. Bussey and Smith performing the double. Mallinder was third in the 880, and in the Mile Ward immediately took third place, the first three kept together for the first two laps, then the Sowerby Bridge man broke away to win in a very fast time, while Ward dropped back into fourth place on the last lap. In the Shot, Smith was second to a much

taller man from Calder. Nevertheless it became clear that the Senior Shield was coming to us, but Crossley's had narrowed down our effective margin by gaining seven second places.

Meanwhile, the Intermediates had not had such good fortune, winning the 440 only. Broughton completed this only one second outside the record. Second place was gained in the 220 and third in the 880, Hurdles and Javelin. Crossley's won this shield easily with a large margin of 17 points.

The Juniors fared a little better, winning the 100 and Griffiths coming a good second in the 220 and 440. Crossley's had now won both Junior and Intermediate Shields by too large a margin for our having any hope of winning the School Championship.

C.R.W.

SCHOOL SWIMMING REPORT

The Annual Swimming Gala was held as usual at Woodside Baths on the 31st October, and Queen's House won the championship from Heath, who had held it since 1951 and who were narrowly beaten into second place, although leading until the final relays in which the Queen's House teams were strong in all sections.

The standard of swimming was mediocre in the Senior Events and only one new record was established. There seemed to be a lack of enthusiasm in the Sixth Form in general, perhaps due to the fact that they do not have a regular swimming period at all and when the time for the Gala arrives those who wish to be successful try to cram all their training into the fortnight beforehand—which is just not good enough: to be a really good swimmer one must train regularly throughout the year.

The Under 14 and 15 Events, however, were keenly contested, with the result that two records were broken and one equalled. The Under 14 Free Style event was exciting to the final touch and M. P. Travis and A. Blakeborough were equal winners with a record to their credit. Strickland won the Back Stroke in convincing style to set up a new record.

D. Hargreaves, who has now won the Open Dive for the last five years, was compelled to share his title with G. Lawless, who although not physically gifted for this event dived beautifully. A new event was introduced for first year boys who have learned to swim during their first term at school, the purpose of which is to give confidence to boys for future races.

The relays were the highlights of the Gala, however, particularly the Intermediate Relay, when the King's team consisting of MacDonald, Smelt, Travis and Robinson, smashed the Intermediate and Senior record with a time of 62.2 seconds.

Mrs. Swale kindly consented to present the prizes to the winners, which were distributed as follows:

SENIORS

100 Yards Free Style—A. J. Coward (H), 75 secs.
100 Yards Breast Stroke—J. D. Turner (H), 90.4 secs.
50 Yards Free Style—A. J. Coward (H), 31 secs. (Record).
50 Yards Back Stroke—A. D. Boldy (S), 42.8 secs.
25 Yards Butterfly—D. S. Hollas (S), 18.4 secs.
Plunge—A. Walton (H), 42 ft. 11½ in.

UNDER 15

50 Yards Free Style—D. McDonald (K), 33.4 secs.
50 Yards Breast Stroke—J. S. Donohue (S), 43.6 secs.
25 Yards Free Style—D. McDonald (K), 15.2 secs.
25 Yards Back Stroke—P. S. Hare (K), 19.8 secs.

UNDER 14

25 Yards Free Style—M. P. Travis (K), H. Blakeborough (Q), 15.2 secs. (Record).
25 Yards Breast Stroke—J. E. Hoyle (Q), 18.6 secs.
25 Yards Back Stroke—G. M. Strickland (Q), 18.4 secs. (Record).

UNDER 13

25 Yards Free Style—L. Hiller (Q), 17.3 secs.
25 Yards Breast Stroke—P. G. Holden (H), 21 secs.
25 Yards Back Stroke—L. Hiller (Q), 21.6 secs.

OPEN DIVE—D. Hargreaves (H), G. Lawless (S).

25 YARDS BEGINNERS BREAST STROKE—P. Day (1A), 24.6 secs.

STODDART TROPHY (Champion Swimmer)—A. J. Coward.

RELAYS

Junior—1, Queen's; 2, School; 3, King's. 76.3 secs.
Intermediate—1, King's; 2, Queen's; 3, Heath. 62.2 secs. (Record).
Senior—1, Heath; 2, Queen's; 3, King's. (No time taken.)
House Championship—1, Queen's; 2, Heath; 3, King's.
A. J. COWARD (Secretary)

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

	H.	S.	K.	Q.
Swimming ..	10	0	5	15
Rugby ..	5	15	0	10
Cross-Country ..	10	0	5	15
Dixon Sevens ..	12	4	0	8
Fives ..	4	6	0	2
Chess ..	4	8	0	12
Athletics ..	5	15	0	10
Cricket ..	5	10	0	15
Bentley Cup ..	0	9	6	3
	55	67	16	90

CHESSE CLUB REPORT

This year has been most encouraging, both from the point of view of school matches, and the interest shown by the School as a whole. I am glad to say that, thanks to the expert coaching of Mr. Hallows, almost half the School is now able to play chess. The response shown to the competitions was very gratifying, for eighty boys entered.

The School team has been most ably led by G. R. Tillotson, and under his consistently good leadership the team has had a fairly successful year, winning two matches out of five with one drawn. Worthy of special mention are two fourth-formers, Broadley and Nelson, who have shown considerable promise for the future in their matches for the School this year.

SCHOOL RESULTS

Huddersfield College	..	..	Lost	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Elland Grammar School	..	..	Won	4	—	2
Huddersfield College	..	..	Lost	$1\frac{1}{2}$	—	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Elland Grammar School	..	..	Drew	3	—	3
Calder High School	..	..	Won	6	—	0
				15	—	15

HOUSE COMPETITION

1, Queen's	..	..	25
2, School	..	..	20
3, Heath	..	..	15

D. S. ANDREW.

LIBRARY REPORT

Throughout the last month of this term, with much labour and confusion, and understandably little thanks from interrupted and long suffering masters, an attempt was made to check the catalogue system in all sections. This painful task, which we fondly and probably misguidedly expect will make the librarian's job of book checks and reference easier in the future, went at least to prove that the catalogue soon tends to become confused and anaemic, that many books, often of the most curious and unexpected nature, neglected over the years, disappear inexplicably, and lastly that all users of the library are sadly inefficient or short-sighted when returning books to the shelves. This latter point is continually made in successive "Heathens," and I can only repeat the plea to replace books in their correct order. The check, incidentally, showed that the Library now contains 2,542 books.

Following the welcome tendency noticeable during the past years to devote at least enough of the library grant to buy a few books outside the range of literature, fiction and the necessarily overpowering history sections, we acquired several books of more general interest, including

T. B. Vinycomb's "Electricity Today," "Flight Today" by T. L. Naylor and E. Ower, "Wireless for Beginners" by C. L. Boltz, Odd Brochman's "Good and Bad Taste," and "Modern Plywood" by T. D. Perry. The Headmaster kindly gave A. Evans' "Aquariums," as well as Sidney and Beatrice Webb's classic "Soviet Communism," "The Radio Amateurs Handbook," and "An Hundred Years of the Halifax Building Society." We also thank Mr. E. J. Peace for several donations to the Biography section, and those other few who in the past year have made gifts which we greatly appreciate.

To the History section have been added Sir Winston Churchill's "History of the English-speaking Peoples," volumes I, II and III, and "The History of the Second World War," Vols. I-VI, Woodward's "The Age of Reform," White and Hussey's "Government in Great Britain, the Empire and Commonwealth," Toynbee's "Study of History," Vol. II, and the seventh volume of the New Cambridge Modern History. Additions to the Poetry and Literature sections included Conan Doyle's "Sherlock Holmes long stories" and "Historical Romances," G. K. Chesterton's "Father Brown Stories," "The Hawk in the Rain" by Ted Hughes, a local poet, Samuel Beckett's "All that Fall," and the collected poems of Dylan Thomas, John Dryden, W. B. Yeats, and T. S. Eliot's "Four Quartets." The Travel section obtained Grimble's "A Pattern of Islands" and "Scott's Last Expedition"; the Religious section "The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church," and the Reference section "Who's Who" 1958, and the recent editions of the Directory of Opportunities for School Leavers.

C. J. BARLOW (Librarian).

SCIENCE LIBRARY REPORT

Unfortunately the annual book check has revealed the loss of several books during the year. This is a lamentable fact, especially since last year all books were accounted for, and it had been expected that borrowers would be more careful.

On the bright side, however, there have been a number of contributions by past and present members of the School, and these are much appreciated.

J. STANDEVEN (Librarian).

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC SOCIETIES

Christmas Concert

The various difficulties ensuing from the combination of building extensions, a flu epidemic and a depleted choir made it impossible to give the usual two concerts in the Autumn Term. However, as it was not wished to abandon these activities altogether, the Annual Concert and the Carol Service were combined and the result was a very enjoyable Christmas Concert.

By way of prologue to the carols, the evening was opened by a "Nativity Play with a difference," which proved a much happier choice than most of the Junior Plays of recent years. This vigorous medieval comedy was admirably suited to the talents of the players, who made the most of their material. Chief honours must go to Barlow and Gledhill for the best performances seen in a junior play for some while. The part of Mac offers great scope for a good comedian and D. R. Barlow made the most of it; he has an expressive face, a good voice and a strong sense of movement, and he brought out the humour of every line. It was not his fault that it took the audience some time to realize that this was meant to be a funny Nativity Play. Although in this type of part an actor with any talent is bound to be outstanding, he must have good support, and in this case he certainly got it, particularly from C. Gledhill in the smaller but equally rewarding part of Gill. Gledhill triumphed over a much too pretty make-up to give an extremely amusing characterization of the shrewish wife. He, too, has very expressive features and knows how to use them. All the other actors acquitted themselves well in the smaller parts and the future of the Dramatic Society looks bright. R. P. Bond as Mary and A. M. Webster as the Third Shepherd had pleasing voices and spoke with feeling and understanding. Webster's two companions were P. M. Newman and D. L. Thornton, who gave sound performances, and the contrasting characters of these three were well portrayed. As the Angel, A. C. Dawrant had little to do, but delivered his message clearly and looked effective.

The staging was excellent. The extremely simple décor, relying chiefly on lighting effects and the mime of the actors, made for smooth continuity and increased the resources of the small stage used by providing different levels and so allowing interesting variety in the grouping. The costumes were very pleasing and had sufficient medieval flavour. After the complaints of recent times it is very pleasant to be able to hand out unqualified congratulations to everyone concerned in presenting the best junior play for years.

The School Choir are never done justice in these reports because the writers of them are chosen for their knowledge of and interest in acting rather than in music. I fear this year is going to be no exception.

The concert was opened by the full choir singing a number of carols and an excerpt from Bach's "Christmas Oratorio." This fine work should have been placed later in the programme to form the climax which its stature deserves. The recitative was sung with an astonishing amount of understanding by J. F. R. Hopkinson, whose clear voice and declamatory technique are eminently suited to Bach's music; the Chorus continued the high standard set by him.

Next came the Adagio and Finale from Tortini's Clarinet Concerto played by G. Fogg. After a somewhat hesitant start this was well played, and well received.

The Madrigal Choir then sang two carols: "Up Good Christen Folk," a new one performed rather hesitantly, and the old favourite "In Dulci Jubilo," in which our new tenors sang well.

The next group included "As Joseph was a-walking" in which the distribution of voices by Mr. Haigh was especially commendable; "On Christmas Night," sung by the trebles alone, which provided a pleasant contrast and showed that there are good singers in every form; and "The Holly and the Ivy" in which, again, the soloists were very good.

A very lovely solo, "My Sweet Little Darling," by William Byrd, followed. A. H. Robertshaw's voice has the appropriate quality for this charming carol.

"Dormi Jesu" and "I saw a Maiden" accompanied a welcome revival of "Sing Lullaby" which, although marred by a too dramatic "Hush," was sung with feeling.

The full choir finished the evening with "Rocking," an old Czech carol; "To Redeem a Race Forlorn," a modern arrangement of a fourteenth-century German carol, and the favourite old English traditional "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." Despite the deliberate and unexpected rallentando of the final verse, the audience failed to realize that it was all over, so that the concert ended in a rather uncomfortable, and not altogether dignified silence.

I. D. EAST.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

"A NIGHT AT AN INN" and "THE RELUCTANT DOCTOR."

March 6th, 7th and 8th.

"A Night at an Inn," by the late Lord Dunsany, is without a doubt a well written play which makes very good theatre. Its characters are all finely drawn, and the plot, while being vaguely familiar and somewhat orthodox, remains as enthralling as ever. The play was written, however, for adult players, and while our fourth form troupe made a good—in certain cases excellent—job of the individual characters, we felt that from the play as a whole, something was lacking. The audience's interest never flagged, but perhaps they were not prepared to accept the play with the gravity it deserved. That could be the price one has to pay for presenting Victorian melodramas.

The set proved to be ideal—a remote and dilapidated pub, designed (suspiciously well) and painted by C. J. Barlow and V. L. Clarke. The central character on it, the Toff (a dilapidated gentleman) was taken by J. A. Farrar, who conveyed his social superiority across to the audience most successfully, although in doing this his acting tended once or twice to become stilted and mechanical.

The Toff's three crooked cronies, Sniggers, Bill and Albert, offered a complete contrast to their leader, as was intended, but they also maintained themselves as quite distinct characters, and never merged into an impersonal gang of thugs, as happens so often in "gangster" plays. J. C. Hartley portrayed Sniggers as a complete, modern age neurotic. His conscience-stricken pleas were delivered with a great gusto, which was on his part excellent, but which the others apparently ignored and accepted as part of his daily routine.

Bill Jones, on the other hand, was almost as calm as the Toff. J. S. Donohue played him as a murderer with a streak of decency in him, although one could sense that he derived a secret pleasure from his art. Not so Albert; he was the unassuming, down-to-earth member of the trio. J. P. C. Kenyon was good in this part; his acting was natural and uninhibited, and very satisfying.

D. R. Nelson, D. M. Sykes and S. Brierley were, we are told, priests of Klesh, although their garb (*Vive la France!*) was not what was expected of ecclesiastics, even Indian ones. Each entry was accompanied by an intense atmosphere of suspense, which culminated in the death of each priest in a most violent, horrible manner. It must be recorded that the audience, whether they realized it or not, uttered sighs of relief en masse when the suspense relaxed between deaths.

The Idol, Klesh, was played fiendishly well by M. J. Kingston, but the intrinsic beauty of the green fluorescent head with the huge red eye (created by Barlow, Clarke and Mr. George) was somewhat lost in the lighting of the set. R. S. Watmough supplied the eerie, supernatural voice, ably assisted by a drainpipe and a waste-paper basket.

The lighting effects by the electricians, K. M. Short and E. M. Fielden, were highly effective and very well executed; it will always remain a mystery why they never get their well deserved credits in the programme.

The play was produced by Mr. Mawson, a recent acquisition of the Society.

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The Dramatic Society, in the past, has attempted many and various types of play, from classical tragedy to twentieth-century comedy, but never, to our recollection, a play so completely farcical as this, "*Le Médecin Malgré Lui*" by Molière. Nor can we remember a play more dependent on one character than this; the actor who takes the part of Sganarelle, the woodcutter, takes with it the responsibility for the whole play. If he fails, the play fails with him.

This production offered us the combination of an extremely fine lead indeed, and a first-rate supporting cast; and we say, without reserve, that it was a complete success.

The curtains opened to reveal a cute little wood, consisting of six toy laminar fir trees in bright red laminar pots, overshadowed by a "*Défense de Fumer*" notice. This gave the first indication of what was to follow.

Sganarelle and Martine, his wife, were the first characters to be introduced to the audience, and between them they very quickly set the play moving swiftly along. I. D. East played Sganarelle with a cockney accent; it seemed not the least bit incongruous, in spite of the fact that his wife was obviously a Yorkshire woman living in France. Martine was played delightfully by D. W. Bradley, who took the part quite unassumingly and naturally. She excelled herself in her rib-tickling cameo with M. Robert, played by J. Davey. Davey showed at once that he was the only man for this part; no one could possibly have played it quite as he did. His facial expressions alone were enough to keep the audience merrily rolling in the aisles.

The first, and every subsequent entrance of V. L. Clarke as Lucas, was the signal for ripples of appreciative laughter from the audience, who half expected him to flop down onto all fours and grunt. He wielded his club with a certain primeval grace, almost succeeding in excommunicating the head of his crony Valère, and in flattening the wood to the ground. His bestial scratchings were a source of much atmosphere.

Valère, played by C. R. Wilkinson, was in perfect contrast. This sober young fob, who had a tell-tale difficulty with his "aitches," while making a fine stooge for Lucas, kept us happily amused by casting ridiculously infectious grins at the audience, from calculatedly nonchalant poses.

Act Two brought us a change of scene; we were transported to the drawing-room of Geronte. This scene was dominated by a remarkable portrait of Louis XIV and a very effective Baroque Mural, both executed by our heretofore mentioned honorary scenic artists.

Geronte was a likeable chap. J. R. Crossley played him rather cleverly, and very entertainingly, but there were odd times when he became a little unintelligible. Probably the brandy bottle on the table (loaned, and subsequently repaired, by Harrison Gibsons) had something to do with it.

Jacqueline, while appearing devoid of nursing instinct, made up for this deficiency with her feminine charm. She was, indeed, quite "an attractive little bit." R. I. Akroyd played her well, although his movement was sometimes stilted.

The lovers of the piece were both played with confident ease and calm by G. Fogg (Leandre) and C. N. E. Simpson (Lucinde). Leandre was in possession of a suave Franco-Italian moustache, which he brandished fearfully at all comers.

A second delightful cameo in the play was provided by G. P. Smith and B. Collins, who took their respective parts of Tibaut and Perrin, two local yokels, very expressively, and very entertainingly.

Just about the only complaint we could find in this play was one of audibility, which was not as good as in the fourth form play. Not the least defaulter in this respect was East himself; but we must forgive him this slight defect, for his performance will be remembered as one of the most outstanding ever given at Heath. His highly individual interpretation of the role of Sganarelle was quite excellent; his movement and expression showed beyond doubt that he has a natural, highly-developed sense of the theatre. He was more than worthy of the individual accolade which we were eager to give him.

Mr. Taylor, the producer, maintains that the cast more or less produced this play themselves. Be that as it may, we wondered what the result would have been had he not been there to guide and offer the benefits of his experience.

Congratulations, Mr. Taylor, on a truly excellent production.

J. ELLIOTT.

FAVOR-ITES

Other secretaries who have maintained their office for two precarious years have noticed that an ebullient first year is too often followed by a hangover. This year has been a hangover. The Society gathered only three times, including the inaugural meeting, and neither of the other two assemblies were worthy successors to last year's riotous, orgiastic, exuberant convocations of humour.

On Thursday, November 24th, four members were offered the purely hypothetical sum of one hundred pounds, provided that they could state their case convincingly enough to withstand the cross-examinations of other members. Mr. Smith wished to bring three rare pink camels from Syria to relieve world tension, or indirectly prevent a glut of the celery market. Mr. Fielden proved that he was incompetent to care for them adequately, and Mr. Smith did not get his money. Neither did Mr. Elliott, who proposed to give the money to the furtherance of Mr. Barlow's education. Mr. Barlow unselfishly and relentlessly talked him out of it. Mr. Collins wished to preserve a rare species of Siamese geese, but Mr. Mallinder persuaded us to let the poor freaks die in peace. Only Mr. Millward, who wished to build a playground for the prefects, won his money, and then only because the Head Prefect threatened to put on milk duty for the rest of the term anyone who voted against him.

On Thursday, March 26th, the Favor-ites again assembled to debate "That this house prefers work to play." This, perhaps, was not so much of a debate as a débâcle. Hypocrisy was a prominent characteristic, and enough slander, libel and defamation of character was uttered for one or two of the more victimised unfortunates to live

a comfortable life of excess off the damages. Not unexpectedly, Mr. Fielden and Mr. Smith were flogging a long dead horse in trying to get this particular Society to vote in favour of work, and the caustic combination of Messrs. B. Clarke and Payne cut their way to easy victory.

The Society functioned so inadequately this year because the supply of adaptable TV. panel games was exhausted, the already over-taxed initiative of the committee flagged and the general body could offer no suggestions. They would do well to remember that the committee are their representatives not their dictators. This year's epitaph is provided by a quotation from Johnson that the editor was determined to get somewhere in this magazine:

"Their manners were somewhat coarse, but their conversation was instructive, and their disputations acute, though sometimes too violent, and often continued till neither controvertist remembered upon what question they began. Some faults were almost general among them: everyone was desirous to dictate to the rest, and everyone was pleased to hear the genius or the knowledge of another depreciated."

May newer blood flow more vigorously next year.

V.L.C.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The Society began its activities rather later than usual this year, the Annual General Meeting being held just before half-term. This, however, did not dampen the enthusiasm of members, and a good average of ten meetings were held, including three visits out of Halifax. It was unfortunate that on several of these visits the party had to be rather severely restricted in number.

The first meeting took place soon after the General Meeting, and the prospect of an afternoon's looting at Mackintosh's drew a large attendance. Other activities during the term included visits to Nu-Swift fire extinguisher manufacturers, and the Chemistry Department of Leeds University. The latter outing proved very worthwhile.

Numerous films from Esso and I.C.I. were also shown at after-school meetings.

Early in the Spring Term a most interesting afternoon was spent at the works of Gledhill & Sons, Cash Till makers. The wide variety of work carried out, from cabinet making to case hardening, was quite surprising. The following week the manufacture of carpets was seen at the Dean Clough Mills of John Crossley & Sons Ltd.

The most ambitious meeting of the term, however, was a visit to the Stainless Steel Works of Samuel Fox at Stocksbridge. Luckily, or otherwise, nobody fell into any of the numerous furnaces, or was crushed in the jaws of the rolling mill.

Of the films shown during the term the most outstanding were "Discovery of a New Pigment" and "Point of New Departure." The latter dealt with artificial fibres and both were obtained for I.C.I.

The final meeting of the season was a visit to a colliery near Barnsley, which took place at the beginning of the Summer Term.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the members of the Staff who accompanied us on our visits and wish the Society many more successful years.

J. STANDEVEN, Secretary.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Society has had a quiet year, four general and three committee meetings, and one competition being held. A total of 25 boys were taught the use of the enlarger and developing equipment.

Although the School has now once more a suitable projector it was unfortunately put to very little use, and only one of the several unused Kodak film-strip lectures in the Society's possession was shown. The annual competition was held, for which there was a small but good quality entry. The judging was done by Mr. H. C. Morris and Mr. E. T. Frear of the Halifax Photographic Society. In the Open Section first prize was won by J. S. Freeman (U.6) and second prize by P. K. Jubb (5S.). The beginners' prize was won by A. M. Craven (4A), and J. M. Smith (4B) was commended. The dark room has been in regular use and it is a pity that this was not reflected in a larger entry for the competition.

In conclusion, I hope that this Society, which has the largest active membership of the School societies, will press forward with renewed vigour.

E.M.F.

ST. CHRISTOPHER CLUB

Nulla mentis incitatio permotiove:
Nulli conventus.

E.M.F.

CLASSICAL SOCIETY REPORT

1957-58 Season

The Classical Society again has had quite a successful year. Attendances have been very good with quite a large number of boys from the Lower School, a sign which portends well for the future well-being of the Society. There have been three lectures, one by Professor B. Hartley of Leeds University on Roman Britain, a second on Cyrene by Doctor Wilson of Leeds G.S., and a third by Miss Parry of Leeds University on Julius Caesar. There has also been a Senior and a Middle School Latin Reading Competition won by J. A. Elliott and D. R. Nelson respectively; whilst D. Stinton won the 1st and 2nd Forms model-making competition with a beautiful model of a

Roman villa. Without doubt the season's outstanding lecture was by Dr. Wilson, who fired everyone with the enthusiasm which he emitted about the excavations he had carried on at Cyrene. Indeed, the meeting threatened to go on all night without there being the slightest sign of any halt in the flow of questions, until at length the chairman had, very reluctantly, to bring the meeting to a close. Also the film, "Julius Caesar," is to be shown at the beginning of next term.

BRYAN HARTLEY.

SENIOR SCOUTS

This year has, I believe, been the busiest and most successful year in our history.

No fewer than six Queen's Scouts have had their certificates presented at the Chief Scout's reception in Gilwell Park, and four of them had the privilege of attending the St. George's Day Parade at Windsor.

October brought a midnight hike and half-term was spent pot-holing and hiking in Derbyshire, though we were rather disappointed in this trip.

Several hikes were held pending the holding of two winter camps at Overwood. The first one was blessed with clear but cold weather, although the inch of snow, added to the four which were already lying, rather cramped our style at the second camp.

Next half-term brought a spate of activity, each of the three patrols making a separate trip. One party went hiking and another set off for Bolton Abbey, but this had to be curtailed because of inclement weather conditions. The third party spent their time at Winterscales and we are grateful to Mr. Sutcliffe for the use of his hut. At this time our Troop had the formidable membership of twenty-two.

The climax of the year was the hike camp held in the Lake District at Easter, during which seventy miles were covered on foot. A suitable ending to this holiday was the rescue of two holiday-makers from Lake Windermere, after their dinghy had overturned.

Whitsuntide was not neglected and the trek cart ascended to Gaping Ghyll with the aid of much forced labour. Here we joined the Bradford Pot-hole Club Meet and several of the party camped 350 feet down.

Other minor activities included duties at the new flag presentation ceremony, the best Christmas Social in years, the gaining of proficiency badges, and the manning of G.B.3 M.D.W. during the Jamboree of the air.

We hope that our members camping in Denmark, Austria and Ireland this summer will have as enjoyable a time as they had at the Jubilee Jamboree in Sutton Park last summer. We also hope that the future generation of our troop will continue to

LOOK WIDE!

P. A. HAIGH.

THE HEATHEN IN HIS BLINDNESS WANTS TO KNOW

Isn't anyone interested in this circuit training?
Who was a perfect foil?
Why was he born so beautiful?
Did he exhibit the "ostentation of humility"?
Who is this Horrocks-Taylor chap?
Who are an idle and shiftless lot?
Who spent many happy hours fitting gas masks to old ladies?
Who is "that boy with glasses"?
Who has got verbal diarrhoea?
Is Quisquam just quis with quam on the end?
Did he really refuse a £1,000 marriage dowry?

WHO SAID?

"Isn't there a Darby and Joan meeting this afternoon, then?"
"You're on fire!"
"He wrote his best works before he died."
"There's nothing like blood for keeping you alive!"
"He had two brothers and two sisters, all older than themselves."
"Oh, you can't see them, except with your eyes!"
"Rowena was a tough dame, she was."
"Go home, feelthy workmen!"
"People who make bagatelle boards have no consideration for left-handed people."
"Splendid!"
"I'd take over the government while everybody was watching television."
"Answer the Epistle to Philemon."
"I said I didn't get here on time, I didn't say anything about being late."
"Sir, where do we change for the dental inspection?"
"You can't be sure of birth, you weren't here when you were born."

TEA AND TENNIS

or

WHAT WENT ON IN THE ART ROOM

(a guide to Sixth Form behaviour for the ignorant)

It was somebody's idea that we should have a tennis match with P.M. Perhaps chess, as well, to finish the day off. But apparently chess is a lost art among the blue-stockings of this town, so chess was abandoned. Tennis nearly went the same way when the gentleman who composes weather forecasts grimaced in our direction, and under a thick sky, a pile of food, a school club bill for twenty-four bob, and hours of practice to get on the team sagged guiltily before us. But, although the sun didn't honour us with its presence, at least the rain confined itself to an occasional dribble that did nothing more than allow the balls to spray the opposition under a devastating spin.



Over the tennis match, perhaps it is kindest to draw a discreet veil. Suffice it to say that our charming opponents, doubtless deterred by alternating periods of grim silence and determination, and scathing witticisms and acrobatic displays by a certain ungainly member of our team, won only one set out of eighteen, and despite the contrivances of a certain celebrated member of the fair sex to use all the rotten balls that wouldn't bounce for her service, and P.M.'s somewhat unfair tactics of displaying an array of sweet femininity to distract our attention from the game, your prefects did not let the School down.

Having invited the ladies to come and play tennis with us, we next invited them to make our tea. This was perhaps the most entertaining feature of a highly entertaining afternoon. In a few minutes a perfectly respectable lump of butter (best) was reduced and transmogrified into a shape that Picasso would have rejected even in his most inspired moments. Anyway, it tasted all right with the bread and salmon paste, so there were no complaints. Tea consisted of various varieties of sandwich? cakes, buns, fruit (out of tins opened with a fearsome tin-opener and difficulty), ice-cream, and deliciously witty repartee (which won't be found on the menu of any self-respecting restaurant). The unaccustomed presence of the other sex transformed a normally ditchwaterish set of prefects into paragons of courtesy and consideration (one even consented to wash his feet before having tea). The conversation could have been reprinted in full for the "Who Said" column of this magazine, but unfortunately the editor would not accept even an abridged version.

Needless to say, the ladies washed up. We did our bit by attempting to restore things to their natural order (although we are led to believe that Mr. Hewson is still searching feverishly for his kettle). Otherwise the School has recovered.

The night was yet young so the table-tennis table, veteran of a thousand free periods, was transported from its normal abode (which had apparently been converted into a boudoir for the occasion) to the library, where it was subjected to the rigours of mixed doubles, table donkey, and eventually, blow football with a ping-pong ball and straws. Mrs. Caretaker paid a social call under the impression that mice or burglars had got into the School and would only be comforted when told that the Headmaster knew all about it.

About nine o'clock we decided we had had enough. The table was returned, excess food was placed in some form of container where sulphuric acid had previously resided, and the School was left (doubtless to its great relief) to look after itself. Thanks are due to Mr. Hallows and the privy purse for subsidising the venture (now you know where your nine bob goes), to the team from P.M. for what was an enjoyable day's tennis and for the feminine touch that made the tea a tea, and to us for organizing it all. If there hasn't been a return match or similar occasion before this is published, next year's prefects are advised to emulate our performance. Believe you me, you'll have no end of a time.

VIC.

FIRST FORM PAGE

A hitherto untapped source of wit and wisdom has been discovered in the first forms. It was found impossible to exterminate it, so we have given it free expression. All these articles, readers must realize, are quite original.

MY PET HAMSTER

I have a pet hamster. His name is Orson. Mummy says I have to get rid of him because he smells. Sometimes I take him to bed with me at night. I smell as well.

MUSGRAVE MELLISH (1B).

There are fairies in our garden
Or so my mummy says,
But we mustn't be too hard on
Her—they're taking her away
Today.

A. CAPONE (1A).

MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

I felt a bit strange coming here the first day in my nice new hat and maroon blazer with my shiny new fountain pen in my pocket also a clean hanky and my valuables bag without any valuables in it nothing very much happened but I had my nice new hat taken from me and I was thrown into a holly bush with prickles I am thinking of leaving I do not like it very much.

M. Q. POTTS-WOTHERSPEUNE.

There was a first-former of Heath
With very protruding teeth
I got them kicked out yesterday.

Nor have the first forms been the only coven of inspiration. During the past year, spurred and inflamed by the many intense, profound, and wearying discussions on topics ranging from the most tortuous windings of philosophical enigmata to the equally immediate and perhaps more pressing demands of tea, tennis, and feminine sympathy, the budding Keats, Rimbauds and Eliots of the Upper School have blossomed out into pertinent and sometimes unprintable metre. With the most sincere apologies to all and sundry, and to anyone more obviously affected by the following blooms or bloomers than any other, we extend our heartiest condolences, and no excuses...

THE NICK OF TIME

"The time has come," the teacher said,
 "To talk of many things,
 Of birds and bees and gooseberry trees,
 The stork and what it brings."

And all at once they silent fell
 As those bold words he said.
 He coughed and sighed, his tongue was tied,
 He blushed a Kremlin red.

They sat them still and smirked a smirk
 T'was wormwood and t'was gall.
 "Say on," they plead, "We'll pay great heed,"
 Although they knew it all.

He took a book from off the shelf,
 He tried his nerves to quell.
 His fingers shook, he dropped the book,
 Then some fool rang the bell.

FAN AN' VIC.

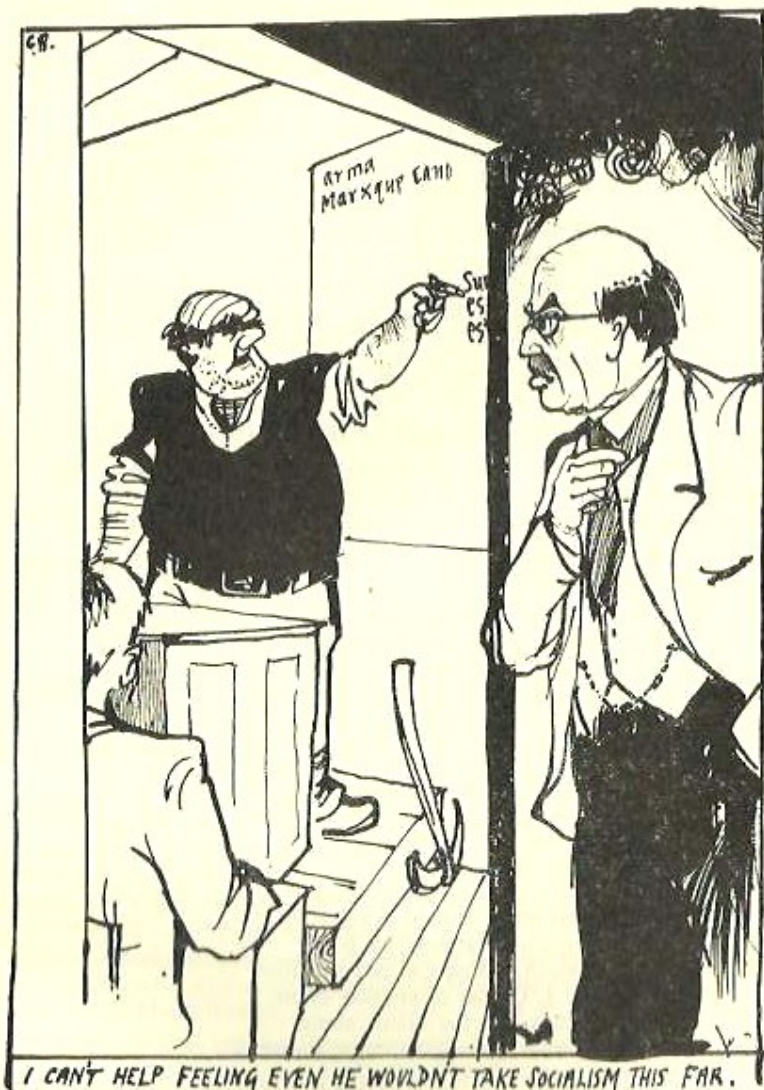
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ODE TO A MELANCHOLY COMRADE

What ails thee, Victor lad?
 This melancholy suits thee bad,
 Is it for love of maiden fair?
 We see thee in this deep despair.

Yet life its opportunity brings,
 A place at King's—
 Your praises sings,
 And yet we see despair.

But fear not, Victor lad,
 Though times are bad,
 And maids are far and few,
 (And those there are may not be true)
 Yet still we all love YEW.



I CAN'T HELP FEELING EVEN HE WOULDN'T TAKE SOCIALISM THIS FAR.

ODE TO FREEDOM

Free from strife!
The exams are o'er,
Let's live the life,
"Fling wide the door."

Table tennis, cards and dice,
These little things give life its spice,
We'll tough the lads and do no work,
Now all the day is one long shirk.

To heck with those in authority,
For they're against our liberty,
Arrive at ten and leave at three,
"This is the life for you and me."

FAN.

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CAESAR'S GALLIC WARS: BOOK VIII

In which he expresses his newly founded doubts in a letter to the Senate. The Senators' decision is recorded on a piece of paper torn from a perforated scroll. An illiterate translation by Fan.

VALETE SENATORS!

Do you really think it right
That I should have the Gauls a fight?
Or dig a ditch around their town?
And turn their pleas for mercy down,
And a signal having been given
Throw their leaders into prison?
And go on breaking countless hearts,
Throughout all Gaul with its three parts?
Nomine Scripto.

J. CAESAR.

THE DECISION:

When this letter had been read
Each Senator scratched his head,
And thought perhaps it was the time
To move J. Caesar to another clime
And so they left the Gauls alone
And asked J. Caesar to come home.

This was all that was found of the decision, the next sheet from the scroll having been removed [these participles grow on you!]. More original research may be done by excavating the floor of the Prefects' Room.

FAN.

WILL YOU GO?

For all those unfortunates who court a place at any of our honourable red brick seats of further learning, let alone at Oxford or Cambridge, for whatever reason, State supported, unsupported or just because there is nothing else to do, we quote a solemn and appropriate warning, written, believe it or not, in 1673, which should make the would-be-undergraduate and pupil the would-not-be-undergraduate-for-all the B.A's-and-B.Sc's-in-the-academic-world, have second thoughts on the subject:

"Do not go to CAMBRIDGE, Sir, there are ALE HOUSES, in which you will be drunk; and there are in those houses noteable prinking wenches, that will captivate you into Marriage, or somewhat like it. There are TENNIS-COURTS and BOWLING-GREENS that will heat you to an excess, and then you will drink cold small Beer and die. There is a River, too, in which you will be drowned, and you will study yourself into a Consumption, or break your BRAIN; and will you go to such a place?"

—Oh, I don't know, though.

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THE KNIFE

Beads of sweat formed on Jack's forehead above his mask. He glanced up at his Boss. The Boss nodded sharply to him. The knife glinted in his carefully gloved hands and somehow dazzled Jack.

"Well," grunted the Boss, "What are you waiting for?" Jack looked up at his Boss again for a moment. In that moment, his mind flashed back over the past events that had landed him in this situation.

"Don't you get mixed up with that crowd!" his mother had said. "Why you don't bother to learn the builder's trade, like your father, beats me. You should be out earning instead of reading them old books, and going out I don't know where at night."

"My pals are all right, and what's wrong with books, anyway?" he remembered answering angrily when his mother had discovered another book which he'd borrowed from his pals. This thought brought him back to reality. Pals! He almost spat out the word. One of them had put the night watchman out, and now the Boss and the rest were waiting for him to finish off the job on the old man.

He wished he hadn't to do it, but they had all been assigned their jobs previously. Groaning inwardly, Jack almost savagely used the knife. The blood flowed.

Suddenly the glaring lights swayed, and then came complete darkness. When Jack recovered, the first person he saw was his superior.

"Lucky I was there!" he commented curtly.

"Yes, sir, it was. Gosh! I do feel ashamed: my first operation as a qualified surgeon and I had to faint."

"KEN" (4A).

LOOK BLACK IN ANGER

a play for angry young people
by JOHN ORSBONE

Act I

The scene is the same.

A smutty garret. A cistern takes up two parts of the stage, and gurgles expressively throughout the performance. A lewd wall full of pin-ups. On an unrespectable sofa there sits an unrespectable young man without his trousers. The young man is angry. The skylight windows are open. That is why the young man is angry.

At the back of the stage a blowsy young woman is standing at an ironing board. She is ironing.

Another young man reclines on a bed without enthusiasm, gazing unexpressively at nothing (except perhaps the pin-ups). His sallow young face is potentially angry.

Nobody says anything.

The producer is angry.

The first young man shivers and silently counts his goose-pimples; the woman silently irons; the second young man continues to be silently potentially angry.

After five or ten minutes the second angry young man says:

SECOND ANGRY YOUNG MAN: Damn you. Damn you all.

The woman continues to iron.

The first angry young man puts his trousers on expressively.

There is another five minutes' silence.

The cistern gurgles expressively.

FIRST ANGRY YOUNG MAN: Oh, go and strangle yourself with your rollneck pullover.

The two young men fight expressively. They knock the ironing board over, and the young woman sits on the iron. She is angry.

YOUNG WOMAN (angrily): I'm going home to mother.

She goes home to mother, who is also angry.

SECOND ANGRY YOUNG MAN: Damn your mother.

He goes out and plays his trumpet.

The cistern gurgles angrily.

FIRST ANGRY YOUNG MAN: I'm sick, sick and tired of it.

His trousers fall down expressively.

The curtain follows them, and the audience find that on one point at least they and the author are agreed.

The audience go home. They are angry.

BRONX.

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Bradfordian, Centralian, Crossleyan (2), Danensis, Grovian (2), Hill and Dale, Keighleian (4), Leodiensian (2), Morleian (2), Rishworthian (2), Rochdalian, Silcoatian (2), Wheel (3), Whitcliffian, and the magazines of Princess Mary High School and Rothwell Grammar School. We apologize for any inadvertent omissions from the list.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

EXAMINATION RESULTS

OXFORD

J. K. C. Denerley, Literae Humaniores, Class III.

W. Brown, Final Honours School of History, Class II.

CAMBRIDGE

D. S. Ashworth, Mechanical Sciences Tripos II, Honours.

A. Stott, English Tripos II, Class II, Div. 2.

J. F. Horrocks-Taylor, Natural Sciences Tripos II (Metallurgy), Class III.

F. W. Normington, Natural Sciences Tripos II (Metallurgy), Class III.

DURHAM

A. Sykes, Physics and Chemistry, B.Sc.

LONDON

R. Knowles, Ph.D.

MANCHESTER

M. Roper, M.A.

R. A. Hallam, Chemical Engineering, Class I.

D. V. Williams, Engineering, Class II, Div. 1.

D. Crowther, Mathematics, Class II, Div. 2.

J. D. Redman, Physics, Class II, Div. 2.

LIVERPOOL

B. Cruddis, Mathematics, Class II, Div. 1.

LEEDS

D. Renton, German, Class II, Div. 2.

R. A. Hebblethwaite, Institute of Travel Agents, Intermediate.

APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Sir Eric Coates—Chairman Police Council.

G. Halliday—Headmaster, Montgomery Co. Sec. Mod. School, Blackpool.

A. Wade—Headmaster, Bentinck Co. Sec. Mod. School, Worksop.

I. S. Manson—Prosecuting Solicitor, Portsmouth.

K. E. Sowards-Shaw—called to the Bar, Middle Temple.

Noel Broome after four years at the Royal Manchester College of Music and two with the Hallé Orchestra is now a violinist in the Covent Garden Orchestra. We congratulate him on his marriage to a member of the B.B.C. Light Orchestra. His brother, Oliver C. Broome, also at the R.M.C.M., has studied under Heddle Nash, and is Musical Director of the Buxton Opera Group.

Douglas Pilcher (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) was awarded the professor's prize for the best all-round pupil at Kneller Hall, the Army's School of Music, the Cousins Memorial Certificate for instrumentation, two progress prizes for piano and oboe, and the Grade VI certificate of the Royal School of Music with distinction in theory and practice. He also captained the School's Cricket XI.

Bryan Wade, Director of Periodontology in the London School of Dental Surgery, was appointed visiting Professor to the University of Baghdad (March-May 1958). When he wrote he was anticipating an interesting journey there and proposed taking up photography for it. He has also started a practice as a private consultant in his subject and has written a text book on it for University students.

At Manchester University, M. Roper has held the Jones Research Scholarship in History, and R. A. Hallam has been awarded a Research Scholarship of the National Fuel Board. A. H. Jagger has been given a similar award by the Courtauld Scientific and Educational Trust Fund for research into the polymerisation of olefin oxides.

UNIVERSITY LETTERS

The Editor wishes to inform readers that, while he has removed the grosser errors and excised here and there an irrelevant, arid or tautologous sentence or two, these letters are essentially in the form in which he received them. He accepts no responsibility whatsoever for the sentiments, grammar, orthography, spelling or abbreviations of his correspondents. He would also like to point out once again that all contributions to the "Heathen" should be written on one side of the paper only.

OXFORD

Sir,

The man-in-the-street, or rather the man-in-front-of-his-telly, will tell you that this has been "a bad year for Oxford," on the basis of an incredibly boring half-hour one Saturday lunch-time in March. He may be pardoned for forgetting, if he ever knew, that it was Oxford in one form or another, that got the anti-H-bomb campaign under way, dismissed the New Zealanders for 43, sparked off Zeta, staged a four-and-a-quarter-hour "King Lear," threw flour at not a single Cabinet Minister, and beat Cambridge at tiddley winks, punting, and, let's face it, rugger.

If Old Heathens were not directly responsible for any of these feats, a certain 0.05 per cent of the undergraduate population has not been wasting its time. As usual, most of us are to be found at The Queen's College, otherwise known as Oxford's Residential Yorkshire Society. Keith Denerley, with something of an air of the elder statesman, awaits his Finals' results with admirable equanimity. In recent months he seems to have held every office of any importance in the University's several folk-dancing societies, and was one of the colourful band which thousands turned out to watch prancing its way up the High at six o'clock on May morning. Keith is about to move out to St. Stephen's House to read theology in company with David Sharpe, who has returned to his old haunts from North America. Mark Kirkbright and I have just completed our first year; for Mark it has been fraught with examinations, but he has still found time to establish himself as one of the best chess brains of the year. In this sphere he has been much more consistent than myself, though we have at least appeared together on the University team as far afield as London and Birmingham.

To anyone who has an aversion for exams I can personally recommend the Oxford Classics course. Although Honour Moderations are of mammoth proportions when they come, one is not confronted with them until the end of the fifth term. This provides a fine opportunity to get involved in activities such as College Dramatics. (We, too, did Molière, and even "The Times" liked it.) "Acting," says the Provost, "is the biggest time-waster in Oxford." The formation of the University Caving Club must have escaped his notice. Week-end excursions into the interior of the Mendip hills give welcome relief from the high pressure of Oxford life.

I am glad to be able to convey news of A. M. (Aussie) Holroyd, who finally arrived here via Skipton and Leeds. Now he mingles with the sons of the Great at Christ Church—reading medicine and talking philosophy.

It is a disturbing thought that there will be no familiar faces among next year's Freshmen, but David Carter and Donald Nestor will be all the more welcome when the Services turn them out next year, fit and eager for work. They will, incidentally, find themselves in rather

younger company, since by then the majority of newcomers will be direct from school. Whatever the opinion elsewhere, there is absolutely no question that by and large the student likes Oxford and Oxford likes the student far better if he has had the benefit of two years' break.

Whether scholarship candidates, visitors from other universities or simply sightseers, Heathens new and old who come up during term-time can always be assured of a warm welcome—that is, if they can penetrate the traffic jams.

Yours sincerely,
RUSSELL SUNDERLAND
(Queen's College).

CAMBRIDGE

Sir,

I quote :

"Work : this is the simplest thing in the University. If you're a Scientist you do, and if you're an Arts man you don't. If you're a Scientist and don't, you're a genius, and if you're an Arts man and do, you're reading the wrong subject."

(Var. H.B. 3 iii)

"Preferably something amusing"—those were my instructions from Oxford—trust an Arts man. I had better say this now while Cambridge still remains the domain of us scientists. With J. P. Horrocks-Taylor, D. S. Ashworth and F. W. Normington now departing and four Arts Freshmen joining us next term, it looks as though we are going to be in the minority for the first time in many years. K. W. Reynard remains to do his fourth year in Engineering, whilst Arthur Stott, our only Arts man, tells me he may stay on next year for a Dip. Ed. J. M. Hoyle and myself, this year's Freshmen, complete those remaining.

We must now extend our hearty congratulations to David Ashworth for another first class set of examination results, and also, of course, to J. P. Horrocks-Taylor for at last getting that Rugby Blue and England Cap—a fine performance of which both College and School are justly proud.

At one time this year it was proposed that we fill more than our usual space here with information about the many different subjects, apart from the standard trio of Maths., Physics and Chemistry, which Cambridge offers to the Science Freshman. Finals, however, have intervened and I have been unable, as your editor so ably puts it, to coerce or extract any further contributions along these lines. Obviously Cambridge social life has been pulling again. We certainly have plenty to suit every taste, as a glance at the 'Varsity Handbook will soon reveal. Let me just say that, if any Freshman does feel inclined to try some new half subject, let him do so. Nothing tried, nothing gained.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN A. WILSON
(St. Catharine's College).

DURHAM

Sir,

Unaccustomed as I am to public letter writing without prospect of financial enrichment, the present occasion justifies a departure from a now long ingrained practice. It has become almost instinctive among aspiring letter writers to laud the merits of their particular University or to record glumly that "Mr. Watmough is working hard but I have seen very little of him."

The change from school to university is devastating. The first few weeks did little to alter my initial sense of awe and insecurity. Answering a curt typewritten summons to attend my tutor, I found myself in a cheerless book-lined room along with a serious-looking young man who peered at me through thick lenses. I took him to be a companion in distress and cheerfully expressing my hope that our overdue lord and master would prove to be sinking towards a fogeyish senility, I was about to enlarge on the subject when my companion, interrupting, pointed out—rather apologetically, I thought—that he, in fact, was the gentleman in question. It was not an auspicious beginning. . . .

But now I am changed. No longer am I afraid. For I know that despite all appearances the black-gowned character who drones at the front of the lecture hall is human. The barrier has been broken and I'm actually looking forward to the next sherry party the old boy organizes.

Chacun chez soi.
Chacun pour soi.

Yours, etc.,
DONALD HALLETT
(St. Cuthbert's Society).

Sir,

On looking back through copies of the "Heathens" of the last decade, I found that no King's College letter had appeared; this is not at all surprising as very few Heathens have been here.

For those who don't know much about King's, it is a college of Durham University. It is unique in the fact that it is not in Durham itself, but in Newcastle. Its size is increasing yearly, and for the coming session there will be about 4,000 students, which is a larger number than that of the students at all the other colleges in Durham.

There are four Heathens here at the moment: Pete Benson, who is doing post-grad. work, and who also figures prominently in the College rugby side; Harold Illingworth was doing a Dip.-Ed., and could often be seen sporting his Old Boy's scarf round and about the College, but he seems to have left, and gone elsewhere.

Allan Sykes has just taken his finals, and hopes to start a Dip.-Ed. next term. I am reading Chemical Engineering, having just completed my first year.

I would advise more Heathens to come to King's, as it has quite a reputation (a good one incidentally) for Applied Science, Medicine and Fine Art. The College is expanding rapidly, and has a large scale building plan which is already well under way.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT C. AKROYD
(King's College).

LONDON

Dear Editor,

I am in a very different position from the other Old Heathens who write these letters in that I am the only one at London University and cannot therefore devote the space to lurid descriptions of the deeds and misdeeds of my fellows from Heath. I will, however, try to compensate by attracting Heathen scholars with a short description of the delights of life in the Metropolis.

The University, with its various schools and colleges, is widely scattered over the London area. The main block of University buildings, however, lies behind the British Museum, the show piece of this particular spot being our main building, the highest, and, since recently washed, the cleanest in London. Another building in this area of which we are also rightly proud is the University Union, where one retreats from the rigours of work and loses oneself in the swimming bath, or more likely in the bar.

23,000 students go to make up the human element of the University, these being occupied in studying anything from drainage to Central Tibetan inscriptions. Of these 23,000, very few live in University hostels or halls. These few, of which I am one, constitute an élite group upon whom woeful tales of bus strikes and tube congestion make no impression at all. The rest are dispersed far and wide in various types of lodgings under the eyes of as many landladies. For them the day begins and ends with the nightmare of London travel. They rise in the early hours in the vain hope of avoiding the six million or so other Londoners who also converge on the city. They do this by tube, train, car, or on foot. Unfortunately, for all concerned, most choose the tube, spending the journey in a semi-coma and propped up on all sides by masses of other bodies. Subject to availability, of course, some also use red vehicles known as buses.

Another aspect of London University life is the tremendous variety of race and colour, not to mention costume, which brightens the London scene. This is particularly so in my own college, the School of Oriental and African Studies, where one feels almost odd without a turban or a saffron robe. As if all this were insufficient to keep one happy, there

is, outside the sacred precincts of learning, London itself, the "High Life," the clubs, Soho, concerts, shops, sights, etc., etc., and, if all this proves too much, the river. At the time of writing most of us are either swotting or sweating in the new air-conditioned examination halls, feverishly trying to remember some Bulgarian subjunctive or the blood rate in a tadpole's tail.

So, as you see, the London student, in addition to being a scholar has also to be an economist in order to prevent himself from spending on one spree his annual allowance, and an internationalist capable at the same time of clinging to the idea that London is an English University.

Funnily enough, life is extremely pleasant here and only lacks a little more Heathen blood to give it the extra sparkle.

Yours sincerely,

R. W. J. AUSTIN.

MANCHESTER

Sir,

Life here in Manchester has been subject to the variety of the departments in which we are studying, mixed also with the pleasures and labours one expects from a University course.

It has been marred, however, with the knowledge that David Gillion and Russel Barker have had to postpone their studies for a year due to illness, but we all expect to see them back again in October.

Keith Hodgson and Malcolm Wharton are steadily increasing their knowledge about the human body in the Medical School, and I am across the way, so to speak, in the Dental Hospital, where I hope to start the practical side of the profession in the near future.

Keith Howker is still trying to convince us that $\partial^2 \phi = 0$, whilst "Minnie" Shearing is letting electronic computers do the work for him in the research side of the mathematics department. Halifax won't be seeing much of Keith now as he has moved to the tundra regions of Kendal.

The chemistry department is represented by Stephen Barret, and also by Tony Jagger who is doing research now in the labs. Peter Brier prefers "the ground-floor lab," so to speak, and is just sitting his physics exams at the moment.

Congratulations must be given to Trevor Gramson on his appointment to the post of Senior Student of Hulme Hall of Residence, and to his appearances in the Rugby world here at the University. Also to David Williams, who is doing engineering research.

Over in the Arts Building, Ian Copeland and George Harrison are keeping our flag flying, and are well on the way to graduating next year.

The loss of our school crest from the wall of one of the more popular lounges in the Union buildings has been noticed this term. Nevertheless, I think the presence of fourteen Old Boys gives sufficient merit to Heath, and any who intends to come next year will be sure of many worthwhile friendships to be made, and a few old friends to greet them too.

KEITH MITCHELL

(Dalton Hall).

SHEFFIELD

Sir,

This year has fallen to me the pleasure of reporting on the "condition" of the three Old Boys who have decided to take up residence in the red-brick University of this smoky city. Alas! my two colleagues and I meet only rarely; otherwise this would have been a joint effort.

As a mere fresher I must report favourably on my seniors in fear of being thrown headlong from the Applied Science Buildings where the Geological Department is situated. I hear rumours, idle or not, to the effect that the School of Technology is built around the geological collection, however big it may seem. It may even be true that the "little" department upstairs does really produce the finest and best!

Mr. White, who has successfully completed a year as Chemist (i.e. Quack) after serving as a Fuel Technologist (i.e. Coalman), is stumbled across usually when the writer is in a state of dreaminess (nine o'clock-ness) and as Mr. White is pushing his way through the sinuous carbylamine smelling corridors to the Chemistry labs. At great annual occasions such as the Chem. Soc. Social (everything here is abbreviated: one must get accustomed to being asked whether one enjoyed the SRC or the JOG), Mr. White is found enjoying himself. Mr. Buckley, who, after minor mishaps, hopes to face a third year as a Mechanical Engineer (i.e. Mechanic) is more elusive. One sometimes meets him either driving his landlady's Rolls-Royce about the Engineering Department or taking that odd, but so welcome, hour off for coffee with the lads. I myself have completed a year as a student of Botany (i.e. Jobbing Gardener). It is because of my almost uninterrupted habitation of the greenhouse tending my weeds that little time is spent bumping into my fellow school chums.

The University Fives team was delighted to entertain earlier this year the Old Boys' side. All the games were enjoyed—the more so when I discovered for which team I was playing; after playing with the latter I later gathered I should have played for the former. We look forward to matches next season with the most pleasant team we have played for a long time. The School IV also visited us and, it may be noted, contains some very keen young players.

Yours sincerely,

ROY WATLING.

LEICESTER

The step from school to university is an important one. It can also be an unsettling one if a student finds himself without a single contact in his particular University. I enjoy what I think must be an unusual state for an Old Heathen, which is that I am the first from the School to plunge into this particular establishment.

Fortunately my task was eased. Through my interest in Rugby I met quite a wide circle of people. In connection with Rugby, it was perhaps the reputation held by the School and also the name of Horrocks-Taylor which enabled me to gain my Rugby Colours here.

The University, which incidentally has held its charter for only fifteen months, is expanding rapidly. Our new Students' Union building was opened by the Queen on June 9th, and since this has been the first full session of the University's existence there is a conscious feeling of our birth and growth here.

In all, life here has been, if not extraordinary, satisfying, but one which might be enjoyed by a few more Heathens. Then, indeed, I could write something of interest.

T. R. SUTCLIFFE.

BIRMINGHAM

Sir,

It is with great pleasure that I pick up my pen to write the first Birmingham letter for several years and in it to tell of some of the deeds and misdeeds of the three Heathens who have been studying here during the past year. Next year there will be only two left, because Peter Furness has now completed his course and deserted us in favour of industry. We wish him every success and happiness in his work.

Left behind here will be Peter Rawling and myself both doing third year Civil Engineering. Peter will have an additional burden, as he has recently been elected secretary of the Railway Society in which he has taken an enthusiastic interest throughout the past year. I myself have spent quite some time at week-ends tramping around the local countryside with the University Wayfarers.

Apart from this there is very little to say except the foundations are at last being laid for the new Arts Building at Edgbaston. This, when completed, will replace the part of the University in the city centre—the part of which, I suspect, the Headmaster might have some recollections.

Finally, we would like to send our best wishes to everyone at Heath and to all Old Boys, wherever they may be.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN D. BROADLEY.

HEATH SCHOOL CLUB

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1956-57

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance br. fwd.	59	5	0	Fares : Football	50	18	6
Subscriptions :				Cricket	20	9	10
361 at 8s.				Other	7	6	4
3 at 6s.				Teas : Football	50	14	4
13 at 3s.	147	5	0	Cricket	13	16	0
L.E.A. Grant	43	3	7	Other	3	18	6
Parents' Assoc. Grant	10	0	0	Oranges	1	11	0
Sale of Sports Pro-				Football Jerseys	34	5	6
grammes	3	7	9	Football Sundries	1	6	0
Music Society	2	7	4	Photographs	16	8	9
Xmas Card Profit	3	0	9	Printing	12	0	0
Lost Property Sale	7	2	4	Sports Days	4	3	0
				L.G.S. Sports	18	19	0
				Fives Balls	2	12	0
				Half "Heathen"	36	15	0
				Science Society	1	16	6
				Other Societies	2	3	3
				Postage, Bank, etc.	3	7	9
				Balance car. fwd.	3	0	6
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